

# VILLAGE of MUNSTER NEWSLETTER

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## **COVID 19**

The Village of Munster has posted information regarding public health and safety in regards to the Covid 19 pandemic. Do call if you have any questions or require any assistance for picking up groceries or medications during self isolation. Please access news items posted on [villageofmunster.ca](http://villageofmunster.ca). To decrease the transmission of this virus please practice proper hand washing procedures, avoid touching your face, cough/sneeze into tissues, stay home as much as possible, stay 6 feet away from others. Payments for utilities and taxes can be received through our drop slot located at our office. The drop slot is open 24-7.

If you experience symptoms you may go online to determine your proper course of action by accessing the self assessment tool at: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-self-assessment>.

Free online mental health resources are available on our website.

## **WATER LINES**

Thank-you for your regard to the Precautionary Drinking Water

Advisory put out due to the unforeseeable water line break. Strict procedures are in place to ensure quality standards are met for consumable water. Do note that the section of Second Avenue will remain closed until land settling and proper road repairs can occur.

## **SAFETY**

As you are doing your spring cleaning and getting your home projects outlined for the summer you may want to consider the installation of fire extinguishers in your home and garage. A smoke detector is not commonly found in vehicle garages. Having access to fire extinguishers in the event of an unexpected fire can make the world of difference in the level of damage incurred as the result of a fire. Take a few minutes and learn how to use the extinguisher. Locate it in an area readily available. Let's hope you never have to use it!

## **RCMP Advice**

Local RCMP are aware of local thefts occurring in the area. They advise the public to ensure personal vehicles are locked. Do not leave personal items inside vehicles. They urge the public to call immediately upon noticing any crime or suspicious event. The sooner they get the information, the more opportunity they have to apprehend the suspect.

## **ANIMALS**

Thankyou to all residents who have purchased their yearly animal license. Remember your dogs need to be leashed when walking within Village limits. This includes areas at St. Peter's Abbey.

## **WEBSITE**

Please feel free to access the Village of Munster website at [villageofmunster.ca](http://villageofmunster.ca) for news, information and events relating to our community.

Village Office Hours  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Phone: 306-682-2794  
Email: [muenster@sasktel.net](mailto:muenster@sasktel.net)

## REMRANCE DAY BANNER PROJECT

The Village of Muenster is initiating a project which involves honouring men/women of service with banners which can be displayed throughout our community. We have initial groundwork completed and would like to invite members of the public to participate in the project. We are looking for people who are interested to serve on our Project Committee. We will be looking for people with knowledge of the community's past and present, people who may have photoshop skills that can assist with graphic cleanup, and individuals who have a respect for those who served in the military. Families in the area who have had members, past and present who are involved in service are welcome to contact the Village Office with information about their loved ones. The project is intended to be similar to Watson's Military Banner project initiated in 2019.

## E-MAIL CORRESPONDANCE

The Village of Muenster has upgraded options with emailing receipts, utility bills and emergency notifications. If you would like to add your email address to our system we ask that you complete the E-mail Authorization form which will be accompanying the April utility billing. Those already on email for receiving utility notices will see nothing change. However if you would like to add receipts to the correspondence you receive via email you will be required to sign the upcoming **E-Mail Authorization form**. We suggest you complete the form and check all correspondence you currently receive and wish to receive in the future via E-Mail to allow us to update our records comprehensively. We adhere to

the legislation in the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act and will never share your emails. We will only use emails for approved correspondence and emergency notifications.

## METHODS of PAYMENT

The Village of Muenster accepts bill payments made through your banking system if your bank/credit union is registered in our system. You can control how much and when your payments are made using your online bill payment options within your online banking setup.

Another convenient form of payment for monthly utility bills is to register for our CAFT payments. This is a monthly automatic withdrawal in the amount of your utility bill at the end of each month. You can set up this secure and automatic process by completing our Authorization of Automatic Payments form. This system will eliminate late payments and allow a secure withdrawal of funds on a scheduled monthly basis.

## TAXES

Just for your information: The Village of Muenster is heading into our budget season. We hold our regular open meeting of council every third Tuesday of the month.

Budgets, and mill rates are set in April/May based on projected expenses required within the Village. Muenster Tax notices for the year 2020 will come out the first week of June.

For those of you who make payments for your taxes to the Village of Muenster online, please note bank processing times can affect when our office

receives your payment. Please allow 5-8 business days to safely assure your payment is received by its due date. For example if you make your tax payment on June 28<sup>th</sup>, our office may not receive it until June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This payment would not receive the 5% discount for tax payments received in June. It would only receive the 2.5% discount for payments received in July.

Tax assessments of your properties are completed by Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency. There is a revaluation year scheduled every 4 years. 2021 is the next scheduled revaluation year. Property owners may see changes in their property taxes as a result of SAMA's revaluations. Multiple factors can have an effect on your property's assessed value such as economic factors, sale trends in the area, age of the home, size of the home, etc.

## FIRE RATES BYLAW

The Village of Muenster has experienced factors relating to insurance provisions and charging for fire response services. Our bylaw now reflects that residents WILL be charged the labour costs for the fire response crew who responds to any home/vehicle fires within Village limits. The important thing to note is that you have homeowner's insurance and that there is coverage in the event of fire emergencies to ensure coverage of costs.

## St. Peter's Abbey

Please remember the use of dirt bikes, snowmobiles and rec vehicles are discouraged for use within their property.