



NEWSLETTER

Village of Muenster Office
Located: 305 Railway Street
Village Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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DECEMBER 2025

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Village Office Holiday Hours



Mon Dec 22: OPEN 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Tues Dec 23 OPEN 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Wed Dec 24: OPEN 8:30 am – 12 pm
Thurs Dec 25 CLOSED
Friday Dec 26 CLOSED
Mon Dec 29 OPEN 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Tues Dec 30 OPEN 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Wed Dec 31: OPEN 8:30 am-12pm
Thurs Jan 1: CLOSED
Friday Jan 2: CLOSED



Council Meetings

Council meets monthly, and all meetings are open to the public. Meetings begin at **6:30 pm**.

If you would like to address Council, please ensure you are added to the agenda by submitting your request **no later than the Friday before the meeting**

The **next Council Meeting** is Dec. 17th, 2025.

Regular Council Meetings in 2026
NEW dates. Note, the following dates are changed from the typical 3rd Wednesday of each month:

- Jan. 14th, 2026
- Feb. 11th, 2026
- March 11th, 2026
- April 8th, 2026

Annual Budget Meeting is April 23rd, 2026



2025 Property Tax Deadline

The payment deadline for 2025 Taxes is December 31, 2025

To avoid a 10% interest penalty on 2026 taxes, please ensure your online payments are processed early.

Please note the following regarding payment processing times:

- **Online Payments:** 3-5 business days
- **E-transfers:** Deposits almost immediately
- **Affinity Tax Bill Payments:** May take up to 5 business day to process

- **Cheques/Cash:** Can be dropped off in person or in our 24/7 payment chute.

REACT 2026 Schedule

The **2026 REACT Schedule** for curbside pickup is now out. It is attached to the newsletter; it will also be posted on our website. If you have any questions, please contact **REACT Waste Management**, located in Humboldt at **(306) 682-1955** or email at react@sasktel.net



Annual Pet Licenses – Due January 31, 2026

Annual pet licenses are due by **January 31, 2026**. Licensing fees are **\$10 per dog and/or cat**.

If you have welcomed any new furry members into your home – or if a pet no longer resides with you – please contact the Village Office by phone or email so we can update our records.

Stay Connected with Village News

Keep up to date with Village news and upcoming events by visiting our **Facebook page** and our website at villageofmuenster.ca. You'll find important community updates, notices, and reminders posted regularly.

If you have a community event you would like us to share, please contact the Village Office – we are happy to help spread the word!

Farewell Nick

The Village of Muenster would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Village Public Works Foreman, **Nick Vanderveen**. We are grateful for his hard work, dedication, and the many ways he has supported our community. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



Employment Opportunity’s:

Village Public Works Foreman
The Village of Muenster is currently accepting resumes for the full-time Public Works position.

Full job posting details are available on the Village website, Facebook page, and SaskJobs.

Please submit resumes to muenster@sasktel.net

Branch Librarian for Muenster Public Library
Parkland Regional Library is seeking a part-time Librarian for the Muenster Public Library.

Full job posting details are available on the Muenster Library Parkland Region Saskatchewan Facebook page or on SaskJobs.

Please submit resumes to branchsupervisor@parklandlibrary.ca



Muenster Library
The library will remain open and continue to serve the community. We extend our sincere thanks to Nicole Von Doellen who has kindly stepped in as a temporary librarian until a permanent replacement is found.

Current operating hours, subject to change are:
Tuesday 3:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 3:30pm – 7:00pm
Friday 3:30pm – 7:00pm



Thank You Monica
As we begin this search, the Library Board and the Village of Muenster would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Monica Kiefer for her remarkable 27 years of service. Monica has been so much more than our Librarian – she has been a steady, welcoming presence in our community, a champion of reading, and a tireless volunteer whose influence has touched residents of all ages.

For nearly three decades, Monica has fostered a love of learning in our children, supported local families, collaborated closely with the school, and enriched the lives of everyone who walked through the library doors. Her dedication, kindness, and commitment to the community have made a lasting impact that will be felt for years to come.

Thank you, Monica, for your exceptional contributions to our community. We are deeply grateful for all you have given, and we wish you the very best in your next chapter.



Christmas Fun Day

Muenster Twinkle Tour
The Village of Muenster Twinkle Tour, hosted by Northland Recreation Supply and Hotel Muenster, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 14th.

Pick up ballots at Hotel Muenster and vote for the best decorated house. Prizes will be awarded for best displays.

Visit Santa and His Elf: 1pm – 3pm
Bring the kids to visit Santa and his Elf at the Muenster Community Centre!

For \$15/child, they will receive:

- ½ dozen sugar cookies with all the decorating fixings
- A treat bag donated by the Muenster Elks
- A chance to play Christmas Games
- A photo with Santa and his elf

To book a spot, please call or email (306) 231-9527 or mhengele@sasktel.net by Dec. 7th.

Afternoon & Evening Activities

- Sleigh rides begin in front of Hotel Muenster shortly after 3pm.
- A wiener and marshmallow roast will follow around 4:30pm (weather permitting)
- Hot chocolate will be available at Hotel Muenster from 3pm – 9pm.

For any questions, please contact (306) 682-2889

We hope to see you there for a festive and fun-filled community celebration!



Muenster Hall Board – Volunteer Opportunity
The Muenster Hall Board is seeking volunteers to join our team, with a particular need for someone to fill the Treasurer position. Training is arranged for the individual who steps into this role, so no prior experience is required.

Meetings are approximately 1.5 hours long and are scheduled for:

- December 11, 2025 – 7:00 PM
- March 12, 2026
- May 2026 Annual General Meeting – Date TBD
- June 11, 2026
- September 10, 2026
- December 10, 2026

If you’re interested in contributing to the community and supporting the ongoing success of the Muenster Hall, we’d love to have you on board!



Muenster & District Donors Choice 2025 – A Successful Year
Donors Choice had another successful year, raising a total of \$15,960.00, which has been distributed to 28 local organizations.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Muenster School students for delivering the canvass sheets within the village limits. Thank you as well to the dedicated volunteers who went door to door collecting donations and issuing receipts. We also appreciate the support of the Muenster Elks, who helped cover our expenses.

Most importantly, thank you to the many generous donors who contributed to our 2025 campaign. Your support continues to make a meaningful difference in our community.

Arena Schedule – Public Skating & Hockey

Want to know when there are public skating or scheduled hockey games? You can view all upcoming ice times on the **Muenster Arena Schedule** via the online calendar:

Google Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=muenstersports2022%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FRegina>



Muenster Seniors Club

The Muenster Seniors Club would like to acknowledge and thank **Affinity Credit Union** for their very generous donation this summer. With these funds, we will be able to improve the airflow in our building and keep up with the minor repairs that naturally come with an aging facility.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to **Marvin and Richard** for their handyman talents and their steady support throughout the year. We also extend our appreciation to **Roger Hofmann**, who helped spruce up our front entrance.

It has been a busy and enjoyable year, filled with **hall rentals, cards, coffee gatherings**, and our very popular **chair yoga program**. In October, we were pleased to welcome back the **Muenster Ceramics Club** for a new season.

We are always looking for new members and invite anyone **55+** to join the club. Membership is **\$25.00 per year**, and your support helps us keep the lights on and the furnace running.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very **Merry and Blessed Christmas**.



Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) – Volunteers Needed

The **Village of Muenster** is seeking **3–5 volunteers** to participate in the first phase of training for our **Emergency Measures Organization (EMO)**.

Under **Section 9 of the Emergency Planning Act (1989)**, all local authorities in Saskatchewan are required to establish an emergency planning committee to support community preparedness, emergency response coordination, and recovery planning. As a member of the **Humboldt Emergency Planning District (HEPD)**, our municipality is working to align with regional training, planning, and exercise initiatives in **2026 and 2027**.

Please note: We are not recruiting firefighters or police. We are looking for individuals who can stay calm under pressure, follow established procedures, access prepared resources, assist with communications, and help keep information and resources moving during an emergency. Existing plans and tools include clear checklists, duties, and reference materials.

Because all HEPD communities follow consistent procedures, trained volunteers may also be called upon to support neighbouring communities if a major incident occurs.

Why Your Involvement Matters

Your experience and insight contribute directly to:

- Protecting residents and infrastructure
- Ensuring continuity of essential services
- Supporting coordinated response decisions
- Managing risk during emergencies

Committee Responsibilities:

- Reviewing and supporting the municipal Emergency Response Plan
- Identifying local hazards and critical infrastructure
- Advising on resource needs and priorities
- Offering sector-specific expertise during activations
- Supporting community recovery efforts

Training & Participation Expectations:

- Attend **quarterly meetings** (60–90 minutes)

•Participate in **HEPD’s 2026 training sessions** understand the Local Planning Committee role (time commitments are minimal and scheduled in advance)

•Participate in **2027 district-wide validation exercises**, offering a low-stress opportunity to apply training in realistic scenarios

•Provide updates and recommendations within your area of responsibility

These activities help strengthen our community’s resilience *before* an incident occurs.

If you are **interested** in serving on this committee, please contact the **Village of Muenster** at **(306) 682-2794** or **muenster@sasktel.net**.

Recommendations for other potential volunteers are also welcome.

Your involvement directly enhances the **safety, resilience, and preparedness** of our community.



New Clients Welcome!
305 Railway St, Muenster SK
306- 320-1057
elevatemasagermt@gmail.com
Sydney Hilbert, Registered
Massage Therapist



Winter Safety & Snowfall Reminder- Helpful Practices

Thank You, Muenster!

Muenster residents are always incredibly helpful when snow falls in our community. **Thank you** to everyone who lends a hand-shoveling, helping neighbors, and pitching in wherever needed.

These acts of kindness are abundant in our village, and we are truly **blessed** to have such caring and supportive residents. **Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated.**



Water Meter Puck - Access Reminder

Please ensure there is a **clear path to your water meter puck** so it can be accessed for reading at the end of the month.

If access is not possible, please **take a photo of your water meter** and email it to **muenster@sasktel.net** by the **last day of the month**. This will allow us to complete an **actual reading** rather than an estimate.



Snow Clearing Tips for Residents

After heavy snowfall, residents can help the Village’s snow removal crew by following these best practices:

- Push snow well back into your yard when clearing your driveway.**
Ensure piles are set far enough back so they do not impede the grader. By pushing driveway snow deep into your yard rather toward the road, residents help prevent future hauling costs
- Avoid piling snow high along the road.**

When large, hardened piles develop, the grader cannot push through them. As winter progresses, there is limited room to move new snow off the street.

Your cooperation helps maintain **safe roads, reduces strain on equipment, and supports cost effective** snow management throughout the season.

Check Your Exterior Heat Vents

After a significant snowfall or cold snap, Muenster residents are strongly encouraged to **check exterior heat vents** for snow and ice buildup to ensure they are not blocked. A blocked vent can cause **carbon monoxide** to back up into your home, creating a serious safety risk.



For more information on smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, including the different types of alarms and recommended installation locations, please visit: **www.saskatchewan.ca/smoke-co-alarms**.

Stay safe this winter by taking a moment to clear vents and review your home’s safety equipment.

Snow Removal Policy

Please refrain from parking vehicles on streets **during/after snowfalls**. The grader will do a much better job if they can pass free of obstacles.

A **snow removal map** is attached and will identify **priority streets** and **removal responsibility**.




From twinkling lights to snowy sidewalks, this season brings joy and togetherness. Happy Holidays and best wishes for a bright and healthy New Year!



VILLAGE OF MUENSTER - AUTOMATED CURBSIDE PICKUP SCHEDULE

 = Garbage Pickup

 = Stat Holidays

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Note:

CARTS MUST BE PLACED TO THE FRONT STREET BY 7:00AM TO ENSURE PICKUP.

The transfer station will be closed on all statutory holidays.

For the most current and up to date information or changes, you can follow REACT on Facebook

@ REACT - Regional Authority of Carlton Trail

Village of Muenster — 2025 Snow Clearing Policy

As another busy winter approaches, the Village would like to remind residents of a few important practices that help keep snow-clearing operations safe, efficient, and cost-effective for everyone.

To help our community and snow-clearing crews:

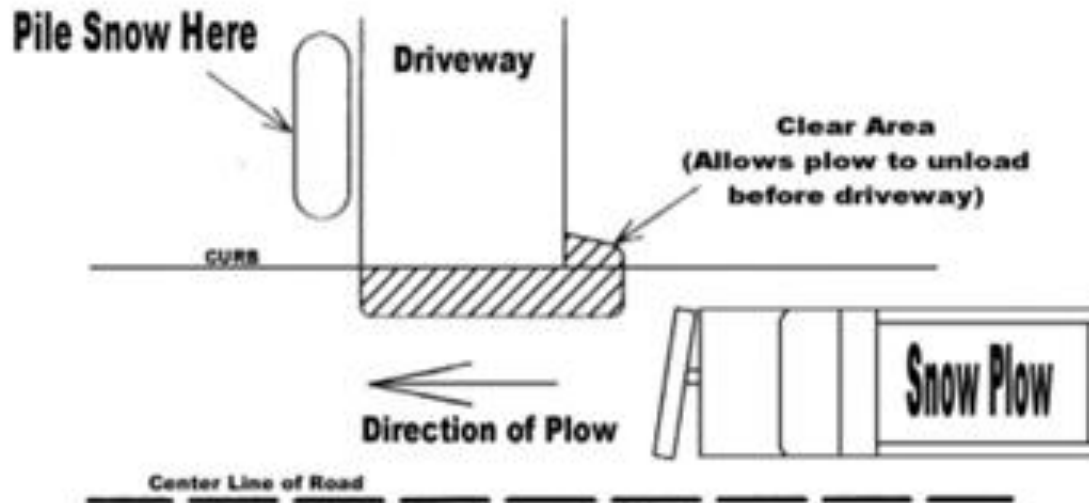
- **Pile snow as far onto your yard as possible.**
Space is limited during the winter months. Keeping snow well within your property ensures the grader has room to push up the banks.
- **Do not shovel or blow snow onto the road.**
Doing so creates hazards for your neighbours, the snow can freeze and damage municipal equipment, and slows down snow-clearing crews who must re-clear affected roads.
- **Wait to clear your driveway when possible.**
If the grader has not yet passed, you are more likely to be left with a ridge across the end of your driveway.
- **Pile snow on the correct (downstream) side of your driveway.**
The grader pushes snow in the direction of traffic flow. Placing your snow on the downstream side helps prevent the grader from pushing it back into your driveway.
- **Lend a hand to your neighbours.**
Small acts of kindness make a big difference during the long winter months.
- **Keep parked vehicles off the street when snow is expected.**
This allows crews to clear roads fully and safely.

Snow removal is completed in the following order of priority:

1. **Priority 1:** Rangeline Rd, Railway St, College Ave, EMS, Wolverine Heights
2. **Priority 2:** Main St, Taphorn St, Phillips St, Scott St, First Ave, Second Ave, Third Ave
3. **Priority 3:** Phillips Place, Main Bay, Scott Bay, Phillips Bay, Main Crescent
4. **Priority 4:** Ridges, Alley work, Bays parking
5. **Priority 5:** St. Peter's College and Abbey
6. **Priority 6:** St. Peter's Parish Rd

Thank you for helping keep our community safe, accessible, and welcoming throughout the winter season. Your efforts truly make a difference for your neighbours and for the crews working hard to keep Muenster moving.

Driveway Plowing Policies





Snow Removal Priorities
Village of Muenster

Grader can be deployed after ~15cm of snowfall pending conditions.
Grader will leave ridges pending quantity of snowfall and buildup of existing banks. Ridges can be removed but only after primary priorities are completed.



Priority 1		Range Road, Railway Street, College Avenue, EMS, Muenster School, and Wolverine Heights
Priority 2		Main Street, Taphorn Street, Phillips Street, Scott Street, First Avenue, Second Avenue, and Third Avenue
Priority 3		Phillips Place, Main Bay, Scott Bay, Phillips Bay, and Main Crescent
Priority 4		Ridges, Alley Work, and Bays Parking
Priority 5		St. Peter's College and Abbey
Priority 6		St. Peter's Parish Road