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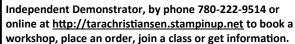
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# VILLAGE VOICE



Village of Ryley ~ 5005-50 St ~ Box 230 ~ Ryley ~ AB ~ ToB 4A0 Ph: (780)663-3653 ~ Fax: (780)663-3541 ~ Email: info@ryley.ca ~ Web: www.ryley.ca

Village Market Thursday, March 2nd. Lunch will be available by the Ryley School Grad Class.

#### **Sewer & Garbage Bills**

The sewer and garbage bills for 2017 have been mailed out. If you have not received one or have any questions about the utility bill please contact the Village Office at 780-663-3653.

#### Curling Club Bonspiel ~ March 3rd to 5th

Dale Winsnes Mixed Open March 3-5, 2017 ~ entries are full! <u>Potato cakes and pancake breakfast</u> Sunday, March 5 from 9am to noon. \$10 per person and 6 and under free. The proceeds go to support the junior curling program and to send young curlers to curling camp.

Come down to the Ryley Curling Rink, watch some curling and cheer on the teams. Concession open. Call 780-663-3960 for times.

#### **After School Curling:**

Tuesdays & Thursdays. All school age children are welcome, as well as adults who want some practice or instructions.

### **Employment Opportunity**

The Village Office is now accepting applications for the Summer Employment Personnel. Summer employment will be full time 30 to 40 hours per week, possible start date May 1 or later depending on applicant availability. You must be over the age of 16, preference will be given to students returning to school in the fall. Send resumes to Village office at Box 230, Ryley, AB, TOB 4A0, or drop off during office hours. Resumes will be accepted until a successful candidate is found. Office is located at 5005-50 St.



The village is thrilled to receive the 4th quarter hosting fee from Clean Harbors of \$80,502.28. This makes a total of \$252,609.60 for 2016.

# Some sidewalks are not being cleared of snow!

In some cases, the sidewalks are in disrepair and are unable to be cleared. Residents have come in and made arrangements with the village for an exception to these sidewalks. All other residents and business owners are responsible for clearing all public sidewalks adjacent to their property (front and side) within 48 hours of a snowfall; and maintaining them free from ice and other debris. The fine for failing to clear sidewalks is the cost of clearing by the Village. Please note you can not pile or spread snow from private property or public sidewalks onto the street. The exception to this is on Main Street, from 50 Ave. to 52 Ave. where businesses do not have a vacant area or a boulevard. We ask that if you see your street being cleared of snow to please move your vehicle so public works can effectively clear the roads. Your efforts in this are appreciated, especially by your neighbors who use the sidewalk. Thank you.

#### **Noise Bylaw**

We hope that residents will be considerate of units that are being used for snow removal. Every effort is made now to use snow removal units in the residential area, outside of the bylaw times. However, we would ask that on occasion, residents be considerate of the amount of time required for contractors to get all of the sidewalks cleaned for people's use. If you have any question or concerns please contact the office. Thank you.

Bylaw times: 7:00 am to 10:00 pm Mondays to Saturday, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm Sundays & Statutory Holidays.

# **Greetings from Village Council**

I would like to encourage us all to perhaps look towards healing the breach that is in our community. Regardless of which side of the current debate we find ourselves, I believe that we can agree that Ryley is a wonderful community to live in. We may have our challenges, but we have a lot in common as well. We value the clean air, friendly atmosphere, and the vibrant energy that is found in rural Alberta. As we navigate the next few months I hope that we can keep the lines of communication open and that we try to recognize shared aims rather than differences.

February 21, 2017

To the residents of the Village of Ryley We are solicitors for the Village of Ryley. Re: William Yarmovich



This letter is to inform the residents of the Village of Ryley concerning allegations that have been in the media and on social media sites regarding William Yarmovich.

In January of 2015, the Village of Ryley council signed a Peace Officer Service Agreement with the Town of Vegreville, to provide part time by-law enforcement for the Village of Ryley.

We can advise that in early 2015, the Village of Ryley Council updated the Community Standards By-law, which is a common by-law in most Alberta communities. In October, 2015, the Council further updated its by-law to be more in line with the Town of Vegreville by-law and the by-laws in the communities that Vegreville provides enforcement for. The regulations were based on the Municipal Government Act, and the process in the unsightly property section of the by-law, were based on sections 545, 546 and 550.

In 2015 and 2016, the Village of Ryley issued 244 Notices to Maintain Property. These notices went to people of various ages, financial situations and life styles. Of these notices, the Village of Ryley issued 29 Notices of Entry (notice that the Village of Ryley is coming in to do the work).

In several cases, the work was completed by the deadline given. Of the 29 notices, the Village contracted over 20 citations to have the work done.

We can further advise in Mr. Yarmovich's case, facts are as follows:

William Yarmovich was not FORCED out of his house, nor was William Yarmovich FORCED to sell his house. William Yarmovich had not lived in that house for over 5 years. Mr. Yarmovich was sent the first Notice to Maintain on April 24, 2015, when William Yarmovich was asked to paint his house and remove the trees that had grown out across the street and fully blocked the use of the sidewalk.

On May 19, 2015, William Yarmovich came to the Village Office to advise that he was unsure of what he would do with the house - William Yarmovich advised the Village that he might demolish it as it was in such poor condition.

On May 21, 2015 Mr. Yarmovich asked and was granted an extension to September 1, 2015 to give him time to paint or to demolish the house. Mr Yarmovich was advised that the Village of Ryley would give him a reasonable amount of time to heal from a rib injury, or to arrange to have the house painted or demolished. As stated in the media, William Yarmovich did not paint 1/3 of his house. He painted 8 or 10 boards on the east gable end.

No further action was taken until June 1, 2016, when William Yarmovich was again issued a Notice to Maintain.

William Yarmovich came into the Village office and advised that he was waiting on financing from the government which was never provided to the Village of Ryley. William Yarmovich was given a further extension and was asked to give the Village of Ryley something in writing.

On July 7, 2016 William Yarmovich was given a notice requesting that he cut the grass on the property. William Yarmovich was given yet another extension to do the painting or demolish the property. Continue on next page.

# BUSINESS BIZZ

# **Businesses Advertise Here!**

The Village Voice is now accepting business ads. Now that we are a two page paper with a business section, businesses can advertise at no charge. You can send your information to angel@ryley.ca or drop off at the village office during office hours. For information and cut off dates please contact Angel at 780-663-3653.

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AHS - Addictions Counsellor. Sherwin Ward Thursdays, by appointment only. Please call 780-672-1181 Ext. 3305

AHS - Child & Adolescent Therapist. Gary Campagnola - PhD, R. Psych. Tofield Mental Health Clinic 5024 - 51 Ave. 662-7061

Tofield/Ryley/Beaver

**County West** 

TIPS - Teaching Independence and Parent Support. Carol Maki - 780-918-1966(Cell) or email: <a href="mailto:cmaki@cafcl.org">cmaki@cafcl.org</a>

Child & Family Counsellor. Charlene Irvine, irvinecounsellingservices@mail.com. Cell (780) 281-0541. Office (780) 662-7067

Alcoholics Anonymous ~ Meeting in Tofield held at Bardo Lutheran Church, 5609-48 Street, Tofield. Use back door or call 780-424-5900 24 Hours, meeting lists are available at each meeting.

#### **Beaver County Community Adult Learning Program (CALP)**

Community Adult Learning Councils will be focusing on providing Literacy and Foundational Learning, Family Literacy and Community Capacity Building Programs (as directed by our funders Alberta Innovation and Advance Education). Our FOCUS is to be a resource centre to assist adults in navigating the various pathways, to reach their educational and career goals. Supporting the Communities of Tofield, Ryley, Holden, Bruce, Viking and Kinsella, Alberta.

St. John's Ambulance First Aid Courses - Joslien Wannechko Registration Deadline is February 27

Emergency First Aid - March 11 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm \$115

**Standard First Aid - March 11 & 12** from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm \$155

GED Preparation via Web Conference - April 11 to June 22, 2017 Register by April 1. Held in Ryley.

No Fee - Call for details and to register - space is limited, 780-663-3730. The GED (General High School Equivalency Diploma) Preparation Program provides the skills to challenge the GED Exam. Instruction is given in basic math, reading skills, and writing skills. Students receive a High School Equivalency Diploma from Alberta Education upon passing the GED Exam. (Instructions, Books, Calculator, Exam Included)

Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Personal Directives - April 22, 10 am to 12:30 pm \$15. Register by April 14.

Learn the essentials of will planning including the elements of will drafting, and what you can and can't do with a will. You will also learn the importance of creating an Enduring Power of Attorney and a Personal Directive.

#### **Beaver County Community Adult Learning Program (CALP)**

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(Made Possible By Funding From Aboriginal and Community Connections Branch, Advanced Education, Government of Alberta)

The new newsletter will be out the beginning of January. Watch for it or call CALP for information.

## **Apology to REDS** (Ryley Economic Development Society)

At the November 15, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, the CAO was directed to provide information on all moneys paid to REDS since 2013. The CAO prepared a report, back to 2007, of the cheques that had been written out to REDS.

An error was made in the office, and the December 6, 2016 Agenda Package (which included the confidential information about REDS) was posted on the website.

The cheques which were written to REDS, were predominantly refunds for expenses they had incurred while putting on functions for the village, business tax rebates (which all business owners had received) or prizes that REDS had won for their participation in various events.

As CAO, I apologize to REDS that this information became public and was misinterpreted by people who read it. Janet Winsnes

Want the Village Voice sent right to your email? Email angel@ryley.ca, we will send you a copy monthly.

On September 6, 2016, William Yarmovich was given a Notice of Entry advising the house would be painted the following day. Contractors were sent into the property and were surprised the house took 3 coats of paint to even get a reasonable cover up.

On September 16, 2016, William Yarmovich was sent an invoice for \$3,200.00 for paint, plus GST, plus an \$85.00 administration fee.

William Yarmovich came into the Village Office after receiving the invoice to advise the Village that he would not pay it. William Yarmovich was offered an opportunity to go on a payment program under terms that worked for him but William Yarmovich refused the offer.

It is the Village of Ryley's position that it has gone out of its way to help and assist Mr. Yarmovich in regards to the property in question. The Village has an obligation to enforce its bylaws equally and evenly on its residents and did so in this case. With regards to any allegation of elder abuse, the Village of Ryley strongly denies such a claim, rather the Village treated William Yarmovich with courtesy and compassion.

Best regards, KNAUT JOHNSON FRANCOEUR PER: DAVID FRANCOEUR DRF/slm

#### 2016 Year in Review - Bylaw Enforcement

Throughout the year, 118 property owners were issued cleanup orders in accordance with the Municipal Government Act or the Village of Ryley's Unsightly Premises Bylaw. Twelve (12) properties were cleaned up by Village staff or a contractor when they were available. All properties requiring maintenance for either grass cutting or property cleanups would have an additional \$82.00/lot in Administration Fees and will be added to the overall bill.

Traffic enforcement and education was done in the community after Bylaw complaints have been either followed up on, or the files concluded. Regular patrols are conducted throughout the community and along Secondary Highway #854 within the Corporate Limits of Ryley. Numerous patrols in school zones have been made resulting in numerous verbal warnings and charges being laid. To date, there have been no trials set for 2017.

Once again in 2016, considerable time has been spent talking and trying to educate young people in the community regarding the importance of wearing Bicycle Helmets and what the physical and financial ramifications could be. This year, Administration struggled to find local contrators who are interested in doing yard maintenance for the Village of Ryley when property owners have not maintained their properties to acceptable standards as outlined in our Municipal Bylaws. This is not a unique situation as this problem occurs in several other communities in which we patrol in. I have made recommendations.

We have enjoyed working with Village Council and staff this year. Staff should be commended for their patience and professionalism while dealing with some irate and abusive property owners. I would like to wish Council and staff success and prosperity in 2017.

Respectfully submitted, K.S.A. Podoborozny, senior Community Peace Officer

### **WECAN Food Basket Society**

March Fees due March 10. Pickup is Thursday, March 23rd. What do I get in a WECAN Food Basket Order? Fresh food is the staple of any healthy diet. Our food basket offers 3 cuts of frozen meat, 3 types of fresh vegetables and 3 kinds of seasonal fruit every month, along with helpful recipes to prepare healthy meals. Meat Orders are \$15 and produce orders are \$10. Membership is \$5 and lasts until March 2018. PLEASE NOTE: Food orders that are not picked up will not be refunded. WECAN reserves the right to sell unclaimed baskets or distribute them to families in need. For more information call: WECAN Food Basket Society of Alberta 780-413-4525 Website: www.wecanfood.com or email Tofield Depot at: TofieldWECAN@gmail.com

## Brimstone Sulphur Inc. 5101-50 St ~ Friday, March 3rd

Brimstone Sulphur Inc. which is located at 5101-50 St. (old village office) would like to open it's doors to the public on Friday, March 3 from 3 to 5 pm to anyone who wish to stop by and visit. Coffee and treats will be available.

#### COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

Each month I would like to highlight a community group, club or volunteer organization to inform and update the community on what great opportunities are available in Ryley.

Did you know...

Ryley History Book Committee in October of 2013, a group of residents from the Ryley community met to discuss the possibility of doing a follow – up publication of Beaver Tales, a History of Ryley and District. A committee consisting of Ruth Bekker, Marilyn Bruha, Theresa Manderson, Sharon Nimchuk, Mildred Stensrud, Anne Taylor, Fred and Lori Yachimec and Janet Winsnes was formed. Thanks to financial assistance from Andrukow Group Solutions, Beaver Municipal Solutions, Bethel Lutheran Church, Clean Harbors, Ryley Legion, Ryley Museum Society, and Ryley Sunshine Club, the committee was able to move forward with the project. The History Book Committee had initially asked Clean Harbors to loan them the money and they would give it back, however, Clean Harbors advised that if the committee made the money back from the sales of the book, the committee could choose who to give the funds to.

The history book was a success and the committee was able to refund the donations from all of the charitable organizations. A nice profit was realized, so the committee chose to spend almost half of the funds to purchase a much needed, new, sports clock for the Ryley School gymnasium. With the help of school staff, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Ioanidis, the clock was installed in the fall of 2016.

On February 23, 2017 a cheque for \$12,652.50 was donated to the school, thanks to Clean Harbors and the Ryley History Book Committee, to pay for the clock. Thanks to all of the students who were able to attend the cheque presentation in the gymnasium. Good Luck to all of the Ryley sports teams in the future. Enjoy the clock!!

#### **Animal License**

It's now that time of year when you should be coming into the Village Office to renew or get your animal license. Please note you can ONLY have up to 2 dogs and 3 cats.

Dogs: \$10/Fixed, \$25/Not Fixed Cats: Free/Fixed, \$15/Not Fixed

We ask that if you have a picture of your pet, bring it in for us to photocopy. This helps us find the owner, if a pet's tag has been lost or removed. Please note that if you have your pet registered in a different town or city, you are still required to get a Ryley Animal License. Please remember that dogs and cats are to be kept contained within the owners property, or possession, at all times. If you have any questions or concerns about the Animal Control bylaw please contact the Ryley Village Office at 780-663-3653.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Friday, March 3rd.

Sunshine Club Crib Tournament, 7pm at the Ryley Sunshine Club, 5124-50 St.

March 3rd to 5th.

**Dale Winsnes Bonspiel** at the Ryley Curling Rink. See ad on front for details.

Tuesday, March 7th.

Committee of the Whole Meeting, 6:45pm at the Ryley Municipal Office.

Thursday, March 9th.

Community Workshop at Legion Hall. See ad for details.

Tuesday, March 21st.

**Regular Council Meeting, 6:45pm** at the Ryley Municipal Office, 5005-50 St.

#### **McPherson Municipal Library**

Sunday CLOSED Monday 5pm to 8pm Tuesday 12pm to 8pm Wednesday & Thursday 5pm to 8pm Friday & Saturday 12pm to 4pm



Come into the library and see all the new books we have!!! There are new books for all genres, so there's something for everyone. Please come check it out! For information about any of our activities check our website at <a href="https://www.mcphersonlibrary.ab.ca">www.mcphersonlibrary.ab.ca</a> or contact the library at 780-663-3999.

# **Ryley Swimming Pool**

 Monday and Wednesday 7:00 am - 9:00 am
 Friday 7:30 am - 9:00 am

 Monday and Wednesday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Sunday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

For more information check for updates on Ryley Today and our Ryley Pool Facebook page or call us at 663-



# Ready....Set....Skate!

Ryley outdoor skating rink is open! **Skating Rink Fees: NONE!** For any questions please contact the Village Office at 780-663-3653.

Hours of operation of skating shack: Monday to Thursday - 4 to 6pm & 7 to 9pm Friday to Sunday - 1 to 6pm & 7 to 9pm

#### **Mystery Play**

Parents/Caregivers and children 0-6 years of age - FREE - Join trained facilitators with Beaver County Family Literacy and Parent Link Centre in a morning of fun! Come on out - activities, stories, crafts and songs. Open to all Beaver County Families. Held at the Ryley Good News Community Church from 10 to 11:30 am. Monday - Mar. 6, Apr. 3 For more information please contact Cheryl or Kim W. at 780-663-3730 or 1-866-663-1333.

# <u>Calling all Vegetarian's</u> ~ Saturday, April 1st

YOU ARE INVITED to join us for a vegetarian meal and visiting at 1:00 pm Saturday, April 1 at the Ryley Seventh-day Adventist Church. The main meal will be supplied and if you would like to bring a desert it would be appreciated, but not required.

# <u>Community Workshop</u> ~ Thursday, March 9th

A community workshop will be held on March 9/2017 in the Ryley Legion Hall starting at 7 PM, to solicit ideas and develop a plan which can be used by Village Council to improve the long term viability of Ryley. If you can work with others and wish to have input into the plan, please attend.

For more information please call Brian Strilchuk at 780-663-2344.

