THE SPOTLIGHT

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR THE TOWN OF STRASBOURG



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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS & BUSINESSES...

We want to hear from you!

Please send us your events, meeting dates, fundraisers, etc. We want to list everything that is going on in the community in one comprehensive place!

All volunteer organizations and not-for-profit businesses can submit their events to us for free to be added into the community calendar portion.

For profit businesses can advertise with us for a nominal fee. We are happy to post business cards, restaurant specials, retail sales, etc. The advertising fee helps to offset printing costs.

The Spotlight is printed and distributed to several Town businesses, available at the Town Office, as well as on Facebook and website. In the future, we will have the ability to email these out monthly for those who sign up to our mass notification system.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR WELCOME TO STRASBOURG BAGS?

We are looking for "swag" for our Welcome to Strasbourg bags. New residents to Town receive a welcome bag from the Town Office and we are looking for items to include in these bags. They can be pens, notepads, coupons, info on your business/organization - basically whatever you want to include to advertise yourself. Please help us welcome newcomers to our community!

2024 TOWN GENERAL ELECTION

TOWN OF STRASBOURG



Notice of Abandonment of Poll

Whereas a poll is not required pursuant to The Local Government Election Act, 2015 for the officials of

Mayor: Town of Strasbourg

I hereby give public notice that no voting for the said office(s) will take place and that the following person(s) are elected by acclamation:

Kelvin Schapansky

Dated at Strasbourg, this 11th day of October, 2024.

Jennifer Gritzfeld Returning Officer TOWN OF **STRASBOURG**



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Councillor: Town of Strasbourg

I hereby give public notice that no voting for the said office(s) will take place and that the following person(s) are elected by acclamation:

Peter Barry Sherry Burgess Vicki Cornwell Lorne Gottselig Rick Schulz Rodger Yauck

Dated at Strasbourg, this 11th day of October, 2024.

Jennifer Gritzfeld Returning Officer

The Town of Strasbourg will not be having an election, as all positions were acclaimed. Congratulations to all our new Council members Vicki Cornwell and Rick Schulz, and our incumbents Mayor Kelvin Schapansky and Councillors Peter Barry, Sherry Burgess, Lorne Gottselig and Rodger Yauck! Their first meeting of Council will be on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. where they will be sworn in to office. Council member terms are four years, so the next General Election will take place in November 2028.

Special thank you to both Bo Black and Bernie Josephson for their time served on Council. Bo sat on Council from 2020-2024. Bernie sat on Council from 2006-2008 and again from 2016-2024. We thank them both for their service to the community!



November Residential Garbage & Recycling Days

November 6 - Garbage
November 13 - Recycling

November 20 - Garbage November 27 - Recycling



Garbage & Recycle Cart Reminders: Please have your cart out prior to 7:00 a.m. on pick-up days, and remove your cart from the street within 24 hours of pick-up to not hinder snow removal or street sweeping. If your cart is damaged, please call the Town Office to arrange for a replacement cart through Loraas.





NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- **NOV 1 SENIOR DROP INN FRIDAY CARDS & GAMES**, 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Play Rook, 500, Crib, Rummy, Scrabble, Tile Rummy, Dominoes, etc. Followed by coffee and snacks. Every Friday. Birthday cake, strawberries, and ice cream served on the last Friday to celebrate monthly birthdays!
- **NOV 2 BRIDAL SHOWER HONOURING ALICE FULLER**, 2:00 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church. Everyone welcome. Registry available at www.theknot.com/registry/couplesearch.
- **NOV 2 DATE NIGHT RIB SUPPER**, 5:30 p.m., Strasbourg Alliance Church. Special guests Stephen & Sharon Vincent will briefly share their interesting marriage story with us. All are welcome to come to this fun, casual evening with great food! Cost is \$60/couple or \$30 for singles. Email office@strasbourgalliance.ca to register.
- **NOV 3 INDOOR PICKLEBALL**, Strasbourg School (WDS) Gym, 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Enter through the middle doors. \$50.00 for the season or \$5.00 drop-in. Please bring clean, non-marking shoes. Every Sunday. Everyone 18+ and new players are always welcome. For questions, please call Diane (306) 725-8101.
- **NOV 3 ADULT CO-ED REC VOLLEYBALL**, Strasbourg School (WDS) Gym, 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Enter through the middle doors. \$10.00 for Sept-Dec or \$5.00 drop-in. Please bring clean, non-marking shoes. Every Sunday. Everyone 18+ are welcome.
- **NOV 4 FOREVER IN MOTION (SENIOR FITNESS 50+)**, 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m., Strasbourg Memorial Lower Hall. Every Monday and Thursday. If you wish to walk ahead of time, please come at 9:30 a.m. Please bring clean runners, fitness band, and water bottle. All fitness levels are welcome. Free event but donations welcome. Note: this is a scent free activity. Any questions, please call Diane (306) 725-8101.
- **NOV 4 SENIOR DROP INN MONDAY BRIDGE**, 1:15 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Play, learn, teach, laugh, and have fun. Every Monday.
- **NOV 4 WELLNESS CLINIC**, 1:00 p.m., Strasbourg Branch Library. Presentation by Janelle Wilson who will be sharing her courageous journey with cancer. Foot care provided by Peggy Gwillim for \$15.00. To book foot care, call (639) 914-7088. For a free ride, call Sherry at (639) 914-7006.
- NOV 4 DUVAL OPTIMIST CLUB BINGO, Duval Hall. Speedos at 7:00 p.m. Regular games half an hour later.
- **NOV 5 AL-ANON**, 8:00 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church basement. For family and friends of alcoholics. Everyone is welcome to attend. Every Tuesday.
- NOV 6 WILLIAM DERBY SCHOOL REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRAM, 10:30 a.m., WDS Gym. Everyone is welcome.
- **NOV 6 SENIOR DROP INN WEDNESDAY QUIET TIME**, 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Do a jigsaw puzzle, play chess, or other "quiet" activity. Bring your own chess or checkers games, but there are many jigsaw puzzles at the Drop Inn. Every Wednesday. Meet your friends for a quiet afternoon.
- **NOV 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY**
- NOV 11 LAST MOUNTAIN PIONEER HOME AUXILIARY MEETING, 1:30 p.m., Last Mountain Pioneer Home.
- NOV 12 PLAY GROUP, 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m., Strasbourg Alliance Church. Meet other parents over a cup of coffee or tea while the kids play together.
- NOV 13 KNITTING CLASSES, 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m., Senior Drop Inn Centre. Knitting class led by Peggy Gwillim. To book please call or text (639) 914-7088.
- NOV 13 NO ONE EATS ALONE, 5:15 p.m., Come to the Hotel in Govan. Register with Ashley at (639) 914-7088 and let her know if you will need the bus. Bus pickup at 4:45 p.m. in the Memorial Hall parking lot. Enjoy a great meal and good company.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOV 14 - STORY TIME, 10:30 a.m., at the Strasbourg Library. All preschool children welcome.

NOV 14 - SENIOR DROP INN SPECIAL EVENT, 1:15 p.m. Come out and play crib with your friends. Coffee and cookies for lunch. No charge.

NOV 14 - FIRE TRAINING & MEETING, 7:00 p.m., Strasbourg Fire Hall.

NOV 16 - GREY CUP CURLING SPIEL, 7:00 p.m. Strasbourg Curling Rink.

NOV 18 - DUVAL OPTIMIST CLUB BINGO, Duval Hall. Speedos at 7:00 p.m. Regular games half an hour later.

NOV 19 - STRASBOURG AGE FRIENDLY RECREATION BOARD TOONIE LUNCH, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., William Derby School - enter at the middle doors. Menu: spaghetti and meat sauce. Call Sherry (639) 914-7006 for a free ride to the event. Everyone 55 and older. \$2.00 or donation.

NOV 20 - KNITTING CLASSES, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Senior Drop Inn Centre. Knitting class led by Peggy Gwillim. To book please call or text (639) 914-7088.

NOV 20 - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 p.m., Town Council Chambers.

NOV 27 - FIRE TRAINING & MEETING, 7:00 p.m., Strasbourg Fire Hall.

NOV 28 - PLAY GROUP, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Strasbourg Alliance Church. Meet other parents over a cup of coffee or tea while the kids play together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 1 - PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS, Strasbourg Memorial Hall, 2:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Silver Collection at the door for the local Christmas Food Hampers.

DEC 3-13 - UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DISPLAY, Strasbourg Library. Bring your sweater and leave for a display. Everyone visiting the Library during that time will be entered to win a Christmas Giveaway Hamper.

DEC 10 - TOONIE LUNCH, Strasbourg Memorial Hall.

DEC 10 & 19 - PLAY GROUP, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Strasbourg Alliance Church. Meet other parents over a cup of coffee or tea while the kids play together.

DEC 12 - STORY TIME, 10:30 a.m., at the Strasbourg Library. All preschool children welcome.

DEC 20 - BLUE CHRISTMAS, 7:00 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church.

DEC 26 - BOXING DAY CURLING SPIEL, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Strasbourg Curling Rink.

JAN 17 & 24 - SHARED MINISTRY CHRISTIAN UNITY LUNCHES. Watch for further information.





Our thanks go out to all of you who help with and who support our fundraisers.

The money is dedicated to the Activity Department where we hope to bring quality of life to as many residents as possible. The dollars pay for mileage and entertainment, bingo prizes, extras for birthdays and at Christmas, among other items. These areas are NOT government funded.

Our membership is dwindling and many of us are getting on in years ourselves. We feel our work for the residents is important and worthwhile. We need your involvement. Most of us have or have had family members in care at LMPH. Without a boost in membership the organization, which goes back to the 1960's, is in danger of folding. Respect and love for our elderly should motivate us all to champion a vibrant and happy way of life for them. One of these days someone we love (or maybe we, ourselves) may need long term care. Let's do our best to nurture some finer facets of life for them. Come to a meeting, bring your ideas and enthusiasm. We meet on the second Monday of the month at LMPH at 1:30 p.m. You will be so welcome.

Call Val at (306) 537-8405 or Bobbi at (306) 725-3357 for more information.



Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Thursday: 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday: 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



NOV 14 - STORY TIME, 10:30 a.m.
DEC 3-13 - UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DISPLAY
DEC 12 - STORY TIME, 10:30 a.m.

Any self-publishing local authors in the area? We would love to have your book on the shelves in the Library. Also looking for local authors to come out and read from their books.

Contact Angela to make arrangements.

All new readers welcome! FREE WI-FI available. The Library has DVDs and VHS tapes available to be signed out. Contact Angela at (306) 725-3239 for more details.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

In September, Council began meeting every three weeks instead of the second and fourth Wednesday. This change will eliminate three council meetings a year, plus improve efficiencies for payments, permit approvals, etc.

An updated Water & Sewer Management Bylaw was passed. To note, all utility deposits were refunded to residents that had one on file with the Town, as utility deposits are no longer required. The utility deposits showed up on the 4th quarter water bill as a credit.

September 30 is now recognized formally as an annually observed statutory holiday for the Town.

The Town passed a bylaw to increase some of the administrative fees within the office, including photocopying and faxing, as well as tax enforcement fees.

A donation was given to Strasbourg EMS towards the purchase of a LUCAS machine, an automatic chest compression machine to help the paramedics.

A bylaw was passed increasing the assessment appeal fee from \$100.00 per property to \$300.00 per property. The last time the assessment appeal fee was increased was 2001. This is in preparation for 2025 assessment year, where all properties will be receiving an assessment notice for revaluation.

ANNUAL SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

- Please refrain from blowing your property's snow onto the street, alley or neighbours property, especially after the streets have been cleaned. As per Snow Removal Bylaw 411/20, remediation amounts could be added to taxes if improper snow removal takes place.
- If you are concerned about your driveway being accidentally blocked with snow from the grader, please put up visible stakes at the end of your driveway so that the grader operator knows to lower the driveway wing and clear the snow. This is especially important for the first few snowfalls.
- Please keep your paths to your residence clear so that any emergency personnel (ambulance, fire, police, EMO volunteers) are able to reach you in your home.
- After a snowfall, please remove vehicles from the street so that the grader can clean the area effectively. Otherwise, the vehicles may become blocked with snow, and the Town will not be held responsible for this inconvenience

ADVERTISING RATES

We'd love to start advertising your business in the newsletter! Advertising will help with the copy and distribution costs. As the newsletter grows, so will the audience reach.

Contact the Town Office to advertise!

Business Card \$10/month or \$100/year 1/4 page \$15/month or \$150/year 1/2 page \$30/month or \$300/year Full page \$60/month or \$600/year

SENIOR DROP INN CENTRE

MONDAY BRIDGE - We would love a few more players to come and join us.

WEDNESDAY QUIET TIME - Do a jigsaw puzzle, play chess, or other "quiet" activity.

FRIDAY CARDS & GAMES - Cards, games, coffee and cookies. Ice cream and cake on the last Friday of the month to celebrate the month's birthdays.

NOV 14 - SPECIAL EVENT, 1:15 p.m. Come out and play crib with your friends. Coffee and cookies for lunch. No charge.

Why not join the Seniors Club? \$25.00 per year. Ages 55 & over. Everyone welcome.

The Seniors Drop Inn Centre is located in the Strasbourg Memorial Hall, which is accessible from the back alley behind Long Lake Insurance and Strasbourg Family Foods.

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Strasbourg Alliance Church

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 a.m. Youth Group every Friday 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Check out our website or Facebook for more info.

St. Rita Catholic Parish

Nov 2 - 5:00 p.m. Nov 10 - 9:00 a.m. Nov 16 - 7:00 p.m. Nov 24 - 11:00 a.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

Nov 3 - St. John 9:30 a.m. Nov 10 - St. John 9:30 a.m. Nov 17 - St. John 9:30 a.m. Nov 24 - St. John 9:30 a.m. Also, please visit http://stjohnnorrona.com for our services.

Strasbourg United Church

We continue to have services the first, second, and fourth Sundays of the month. Due to our church building being renovated to become the new home for Tiny Tots Daycare, our worship locations are on the move. For the location of a Sunday service, phone Darryl Kerr at (306) 725-7820.

Calvary Fellowship Strasbourg

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 a.m. East Shore Wildlife Hall. www.ccregina.ca/strasbourg





Senior Citizen's Taxi Service NOVEMBER DRIVERS

Donna Kelln

Glen Thompson (306) 725-7149 (306) 725-4508 Ross McKee (306) 725-7622 *LO Rita Kerr (306) 725-7819

All Local (Strasbourg) Trips: \$5.00 per trip (Suggested) Trips out of Town: \$0.55 per km Trips to Regina: \$85.00 per trip (Suggested) *LO denotes Local Only - These driver's only do in-town trips

Drivers driving the Last Mountain Pioneer Home Bus are not to be paid. This is a volunteer service. Fees paid for the use of the bus go to the LMPH Foundation Board. Taxi Service Coordinator Sherry Burgess (639) 914-7006 (will drive whenever needed)

STRASBOURG REC BOARD ONGOING EVENTS

FOREVER IN MOTION (SENIOR FITNESS 50+), 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Strasbourg Memorial Hall **Every Monday and Thursday**

INDOOR PICKLEBALL 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Strasbourg School (WDS) Gym **Every Sunday**

ADULT CO-ED REC VOLLEYBALL 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Strasbourg School (WDS) Gym **Every Sunday**

INDOOR WALKING TBA Strasbourg Memorial Hall

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LAST MOUNTAIN REGIONAL LANDFILL

Winter Hours of Operation: November 1 - April 30 Wednesday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Landfill Operator (306) 725-7010 Landfill Administrator (639) 914-7773 Located on Highway 220 one mile west of the Highway 322 & 220 junction

As Strasbourg is not a member of the Last Mountain Regional Landfill Authority, please note there will be a \$20.00 non-member surcharge required in addition to the cost per load to utilize the landfill. They can accept cash or cheque.



DID YOU KNOW?

November is the official month for banana pudding lovers. If you're not a big fan of pudding, don't worry. There are plenty of other things to celebrate this month, as November is also National Novel Writing Month, National Pomegranate Month, and National Adoption Month, among many others!

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TURKEY ANIMALS **BUFFALO HORSE** DUCK **BIRDS** DOG **GOAT** FISH CHICKEN CALF LLAMA DEER **GOOSE** SHEEP **BISON** HEN

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Strasbourg and District Museum Event Report

The season for 2024 began again with the Museum Garage Sale, on our opening weekend, May 18. The summer staff began a little earlier than that, with new staff coming in to help clean up for the opening. The count in the visitor logbooks at the Museum this season was 745 visitors. Donations and Museum Collections came to \$673.25. The May Long Garage Sale took in \$425.00. The annual BBQ took in \$2,071.90.

Several miscellaneous items were donated again this year, including more local business advertising items and household things. Some cookbooks in German were added to the kitchen. A large photo of the Strasbourg Band was found by a woman hired to clean out a residence, so she donated it to the Museum. A WWI uniform, medals, bayonet, miscellaneous soldier's information/books, spurs and pins were found by another agency hired to clean out a resident's home. They and the family donated to the Museum, and a display was set up by the military collection. An online search found his military records and those were included in the display.

The Recreation Board hosted several events at the Museum again this season. Yoga classes on Wednesday mornings were in the Old Schoolhouse, Kids Kamp ran through July-Aug, and the Plant Exchange was held again in early September. Larry Mikulcik presented about the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. It was, of course, an excellent presentation, well attended.

In June, the annual Ancestors Day took place again, with the intention of also visiting "One Eye" cemetery east of Strasbourg, but it rained a lot the day before and the road was impassable. We will try again next time! August 3 was the annual Car Show and Shine organized by the Exiles Car Club, on which day the BBQ takes place. It was really successful, and a gentleman from Southey who makes video tours of small town museums came and featured the Museum! The Exiles donated their registration fees to the Museum to the tune of \$700! Thanks very much to them.

The new student employees each chose an item they wanted to explore more and did a display with their research, one featured in July and the other in August. Really well done.

We held an autumn plant exchange in September for those cleaning out their gardens or hoping to find a couple perennials. Last year, the plants left at the end were planted at the Museum. They almost all came up this spring, so leftovers from this year went in the flower beds at the Museum as well, so here's hoping they come back too!

Several people interested in their family history contact myself or the Town Office now and again. Most of the time, we can find some information they are looking for, and it is a very enjoyable thing to meet these people and hear about their travels.



Please follow the Strasbourg & District Museum online on Facebook at www.facebook.com/strasbourganddistrictmuseum or contact me if you have any questions!

Jessica Dreger, Curator (306) 725-7677