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Corporation of the Village of South River

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What You Need To Know For Spring

Street Sweeping: Public Works will begin sweeping streets and sidewalks as weather permits. It's a good idea to close your windows when you see crews working in your neighbourhood. You might want to hold off on some of your spring cleaning; wait to wash your windows and hang your laundry until the sweeping is finished.

Spring Compost Pick-up: Public Works will pick up composting on **May 1st, 8th, 15th, 23rd and 29th**. Leaves and needles need to be bagged and branches must be bundled into manageable lengths. When bagging your leaves, please give consideration to using the more environmentally friendly option of paper leaf bags.

Large Item Pick-up The next Large Item Pick-up is **Monday, April 24th**. That means you have to register your items by contacting the municipal office no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19th. Please call 386-2573 to provide your list of items for pick-up. This service is meant for large bulky items, not a large quantity of small items. Remember no Hazardous Material items and no appliances or steel. This service is provided by an outside contractor, therefore we cannot register items for pick-up after April 19th, no exceptions. Additional dates for Large Item Pick-up are: **August 21st & November 6th**.

Hazmat drop offs are scheduled for Saturday, May 27th and Saturday, August 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Strong Landfill Site #1.

Water Main Flushing Schedule

Flushing of Water Mains for regular maintenance will begin **April 10th at 12:01 a.m.**

Water quantity and colour may fluctuate while this work is being completed. If you see public works staff working on the hydrants in your area, do not run your water.

It will take approximately **5 to 10 weekdays** to flush the whole system. Flushing is scheduled to happen through the night beginning at approximately

12 midnight to minimize the inconvenience to customers. Flushing may extend into daytime hours due to circumstances beyond the control of the village. Please plan your household tasks accordingly. For your convenience, it is suggested to store some water in advance to use in the event there is an interruption of water pressure or colour. It may also be advisable to shower in the evenings before flushing begins.

Once the flushing is complete, it is recommended to clean the screens on your taps and if necessary let a cold water tap run outside until any coloured water has cleared. You might also want to flush your hot water tank properly.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience while this necessary maintenance is completed.

2017 Tax & Water Due Dates

TAXES

- Friday, March 31, 2017
- Friday, June 30, 2017
- Friday, September 29, 2017
- Thursday, November 30, 2017

WATER

- Monday, January 16, 2017
- Wednesday, March 15, 2017
- Monday, May 15, 2017
- Monday, July 17, 2017
- Friday, September 15, 2017
- Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Interest is added monthly beginning on the first day of default.

**These dates are subject to change.*

Adopt A Planter

Spring has sprung and soon it will be time to plant flowers.

Council is looking for anyone who may be interested in watering one of the flower planters around our community. Tending to the flowers is needed particularly on the weekends. If you would like to adopt a planter in front of your business or residence, please contact the municipal office @ (705)386-2573.

Council would be pleased to receive your assistance in beautifying our community.





Code Red



Registration forms for the South River - Machar Day Camp are now available. You can get a copy at the municipal office or print one from our website.

Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis and must include payment to reserve your space.



The municipal office will be closed on Friday, April 14th, Monday, April 17th and Monday, May 22nd for public holidays.



The 2015 Annual Reports for the South River Water Treatment Plant are available for public viewing at the South River Municipal office.



If you haven't already done so, take a moment to sign up for Code Red.

Code Red is an automated system that can send a message to your home phone, cell phone, e-mail or text messaging; you choose how you want to receive the information.

Code Red can inform you about local emergency situations, water related priorities such as boil water advisories or water conservation requirements, etc.

When a Code Red message is sent, those who have signed up for the service receive the message instantly. In order to receive these messages, you

must sign-up for the service. Call the South River—Machar Fire Department @ (705)386-0066 for more information or to sign-up. You can also sign-up online at www.srmfd.com.

When you receive a Code Red message, it will come from an 1-855 phone number, don't mistake it for a telemarketer.

The South River - Machar Fire Department would like to remind residents to be safe around waterways this time of year. Lake and river ice is unpredictable and water levels are rising. Please use extreme caution.

Featuring Local Businesses

Are you a South River business owner? Would you like to have your business featured on our website?

Now that we have our new website, we would like to use it

to promote our local businesses.

If you are interested, please submit the details of your business including the history, success stories, details of service or product, etc.

For more information or to submit your business information please e-mail: info@southernriverontario.com

If you are hosting a community event, please let us know so we can include it on the Events Calendar on our new website. Email: info@southernriverontario.com.

2017 Pet Tags Available



2017 dog and cat tags are available at the municipal office.

Pet owners are also reminded

they are required to clean-up after their pets. Our Stoop and Scoop by-law is meant to keep our community clean for all to

enjoy, four legged friends included. Thank you for remembering to STOOPE & SCOOP!

Council would like to thank residents for their patience recently while we experienced more than normal coloured water that took longer to clear. This was unavoidable and is the result of natural changes in the river where we take our water for the water treatment plant. The colour has since improved and your patience has been appreciated. The municipal water supply is under constant monitoring and testing in order to comply with regulations.

Don't Forget To Pay Your Taxes & Water!

The due date for the first installment of the 2017 Interim Tax Bill is Friday, March 31 and the second installment is due on Friday, June 30th. Please keep a copy of all tax receipts, there is a fee of \$25.00 for duplicate copies of receipts, bills, etc.

If you are preparing your income

tax return and need your 2016 property tax values, please refer to your final 2016 Tax Bill. You can also find your 2016 Tax Levy at the top of your 2017 Interim Tax Bill. If your taxes are in arrears, don't procrastinate. Please contact the municipal office to make payment

arrangements to avoid additional interest being added to your account.

Water accounts that fall into arrears will receive a notice of arrears and according to by-law 5 -2014 are eligible to have the water service shut off.