

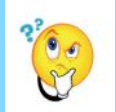


Village of Warfield

SCHOFIELD SCOOP

October 2020

◇ QUESTIONS?
ANSWERS!



**MUNICIPAL
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED:
Remembrance Day
Wednesday,
November 11th**

2020 certainly is not the year we ever expected. In fact, I think we are all ready for 2020 to be over. Despite the world in an upheaval and having to adapt to new ways and rules of surviving a pandemic, the Village staff continued with day to day municipal business.

That being said, here are just a few REMINDERS:



1. YARD AND WASTE COLLECTION—FINAL PICK-UP

Friday, November 20, 2020 last pick-up for garden waste and tree branches. Please ensure garden waste is placed in clear bags and tree branches/shrubs are cut in manageable pieces and tied together.



The Village of Warfield has an elite yard and garden waste pick-up schedule (compared to other municipalities within 15 km radius). However, once every two weeks does not appear to be enough for some of our residents and disposal of yard clippings has been dumped on vacant Village land. We ask residents to take pride in your community and dispose of yard and garden waste in clear bags and as per the schedule.

2. COMMUNITY GARBAGE CANS

The community garbage bins around the Village are being filled with residential garbage bags. The purpose of these bins is to keep our streets/boulevards free of litter and for disposal of dog waste bags. We ask residents to please refrain from disposing personal/residential garbage in these bins and to utilize the once/week garbage pick-up.

2. SNOW REMOVAL

Residents are reminded to move vehicles off the road to allow effective snow removal to take place. When possible, keep all streets and boulevards cleared and do not park within one meter of driveways.



The Village streets and laneways are narrow, thus making snow removal difficult if impeded by vehicles, utility trailers, and other recreational items.

3. HOME OWNER GRANTS / UTILITY PAYMENTS

If you have not claimed your 2019 and/or 2020 Home Owner's Grant, **you still have time**. Please complete the form at the bottom of your Property Tax Notice and return same to the Municipal Office by December 31, 2020.

Utility payments are also due by December 31. Any outstanding utility invoices will be rolled into your 2021 property taxes.


Reminder notices for outstanding property taxes and utility invoices will be issued in November.

YOUR QUESTIONS AND OUR ANSWERS:



- ⇒ The Municipal Staff often receive complaints regarding the unsightliness of properties and what steps are being taken to remediate this issue. We take these complaints seriously and all have been addressed. Residents who do not comply with the notice to tidy / clean-up their properties and bring them to the standards of the Village are issued a significant fine. All unpaid fines are charged against the respective property taxes.
- ⇒ *DEAD* Trees, *DISEASED* trees and *DANGEROUS* trees. The Triple D rule applies when determining if a tree may be removed from Village property (boulevards; parks etc.). Warfield has numerous trees that fall in this category and each are assessed and prioritized. This year to date, the Village has spent \$50,000.00 in tree removal.

Tips: Trees on residential property are the responsibility of the homeowner, trees impeding on FortisBC power lines and TELUS / Shaw communication lines are the responsibility of the respective utility companies, trees impeding on the highway (Highway 3B) are the responsibility of YRB, and trees within 50 ft of railways are the responsibility of CP Rail.

- ⇒ Japanese Knotweed - this invasive weed has infected the Village.  Knotweed has been found in the creek bed which makes removal difficult, both because of the creek restrictions and the destruction requirements for the removal of plant material. The Village contracted Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society, (with generous financial assistance from CBT) to complete an inventory and plan for destruction of this invasive plant. The field work was done over the summer season and the report which will entail a plan for removal and destruction will be completed by December
- ⇒ Projects Underway (no particular order): Beaver Bend Storm Drain; Burns Avenue Utility Separation; Water Treatment Plant/Clarifier Tank Assessment; Long-Term Water Distribution.



SPECIAL EVENTS:

LITTLE VILLAGE OF HORRORS

This Halloween, the Special Events Committee is putting together a map for local haunts! Ghouls and Ghosts looking to enjoy Halloween from a distance on October 30th and 31st can obtain a map on www.facebook.com/WarfieldSpecialEventsCommittee. If you would like to put your residence on the map, please send your name, address, and your Halloween decoration theme (optional) to volunteerwarfield@gmail.com by Oct 26th.

WARFIELD YOUTH ACTION NETWORK (WYAN):

The Warfield YAN is excited to re-start drop-in for youth aged 12-18. Every Friday 3:00 -5:00 pm, behind or inside Warfield Community Hall depending on weather. Hang out, have a snack, enjoy some arts and crafts or build with lego! Permission slips available on Warfield Youth Action Networks Facebook or via email at warfieldyan@gmail.com Welcome back!

SOUTH KOOTENAY SENIORS—FALL TEA AND VIRTUAL EVENTS

The regional age-friendly program 'South Kootenay Seniors' will be offering a variety of virtual events this fall using Zoom, from cooking classes to museum tours. There will also be an in-person Seniors Tea at the Warfield Hall on December 1st from 1:00-2:30pm. COVID safety procedures will be in place and everyone will be required to pre-register. Watch for more details in our November newsletter or contact Heather at phone: 250-368-1896 email: southkootenayseniors@rossland.ca website: rossland.ca/south-kootenay-seniors .



Have a Safe and Healthy Fall Season.