

Town of Imperial

Fall Newsletter
October, 2020



Covid Update

Keep up the good work, wash your hands, social distance. As community members we are the ones that will keep Covid at bay. The saying used to be Keep your friends close and your enemies closer, now Keep your friends close and your enemies at 6 feet!

What's New

Fire hydrants, fire hydrants, fire hydrants, 2 of the 4 hydrants that were replaced this year were budgeted for using Gas Tax money. Then the Provincial government reactivated the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP) which allotted our community \$51,742. Council then decided to submit two projects to receive this money. The first was to replace two more hydrants on King street. Then in 2021 the remainder of the money will be used to sand seal King and part of Queen Street. The new condenser has been installed at the community rink. Fundraising efforts throughout the year have seen a total so far of \$44,970 toward the cost of the condenser which was \$58,985. \$10,000 was received from the R.M. of Big Arm, \$25,000 from the Spruce up your Story through Red River Mutual Insurance, \$6,500 was raised during the Covid shut down by Imperial Family Restaurant, the remaining \$3,470 is personal donations made specifically towards the rink. This does not include the fundraising efforts held earlier in the year at the rink like, the rec tourney, ladies' bonspiel, minor hockey day or the bluespiel. Thank you for the tremendous support. As you are aware, a lot of digging has been going on these past few months from hydrants to sewer line replacements. All these things are being done so when sand sealing occurs we are building from the underground up.

Trees over the Sidewalks and back alleys

Just a reminder to please keep your trees and shrubs trimmed back and away from walkways, streets and back alleys around town. Any trees located in the back alleys are owned by the property owner not the town.

Halloween

With Halloween just a few short weeks away here are the Provincial guidelines that are set out for trick or treating. **The Town office will be supplying orange flag tape to residents that would like to notify trick or treaters that they will handing out candy. The flagging can be picked up from the town office between now and Oct 30.** Home owners can tie the flagging to a tree, gate, railing, or tape it to their door or any other visible spot outside your residence.

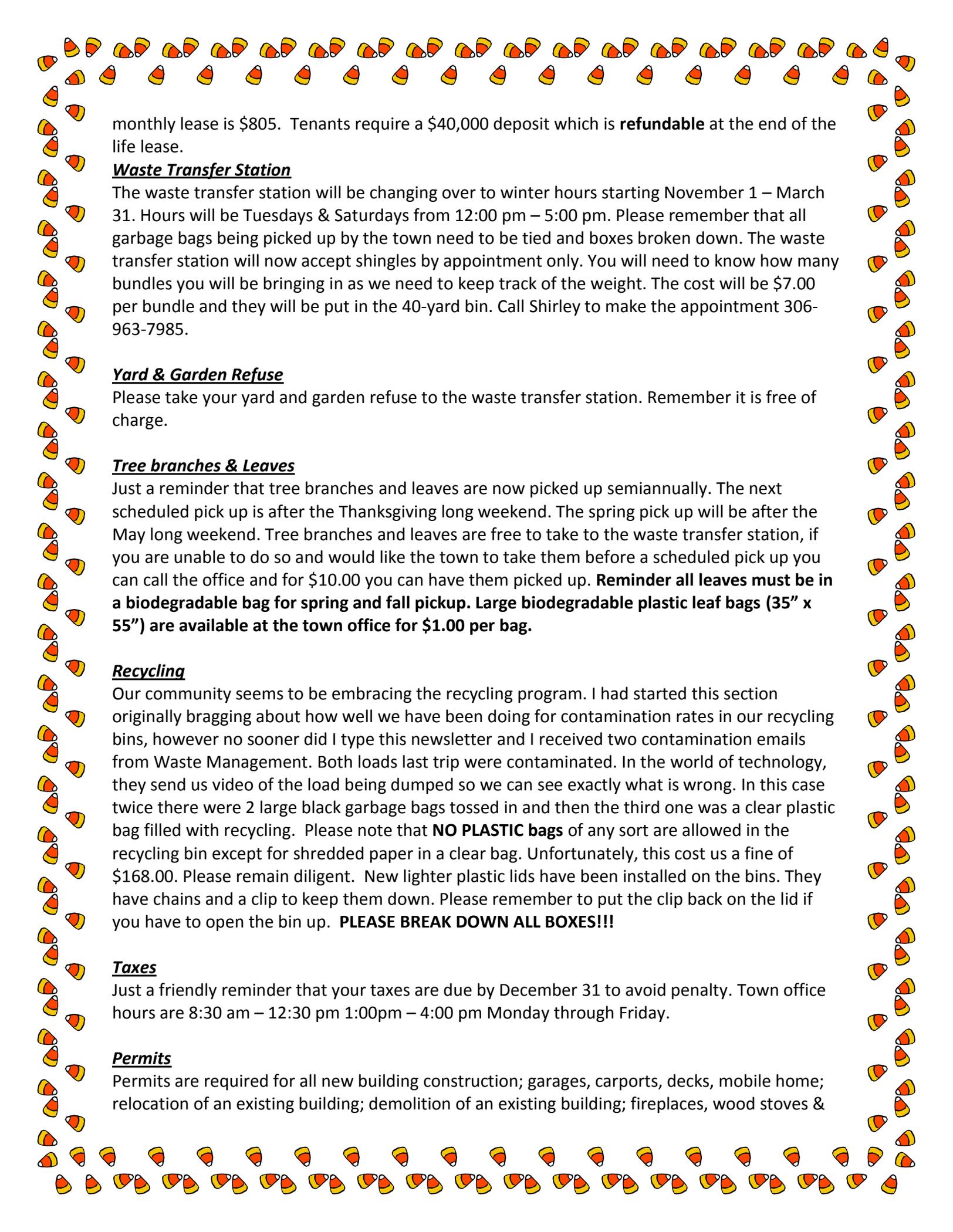
Council is recommending trick or treating hours from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Trick-or-treating is permitted with the following measures in place:

- 🦋 Two metres distance must be maintained between individuals who are not in the same household/extended household at all times.
- 🦋 No direct physical contact should occur between trick-or-treaters and people distributing Halloween treats.
- 🦋 Participants should consider using tools (e.g. tongs) to distribute candy at a distance.
- 🦋 Physical distancing must be used when approaching houses (i.e. wait until group ahead is gone, take turns). For houses or neighborhoods anticipating a high volume of trick-or-treaters, people distributing candy are encouraged to place tape markers every two metres between doorways and sidewalks/ driveways to promote physical distancing.
- 🦋 Due to the number of people potentially touching the treats prior to being handed out, consider cleaning candy wrappers with disinfectant wipes or holding the treats for 72 hours before consuming.
- 🦋 Only wrapped, store-bought treats should be distributed.
- 🦋 Common touch areas (e.g. handrails, doorbells, doorknobs, etc.) should be frequently cleaned and disinfected while distributing candy.
- 🦋 Trick-or-treaters should practice frequent hand hygiene by carrying portable hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number).
- 🦋 People distributing candy should practice frequent hand hygiene while handing out Halloween treats.
- 🦋 Trick-or-treaters should consider incorporating non-medical masks (e.g. cloth or other materials) into their costumes, while ensuring their eyes are not covered for safety reasons.
- 🦋 Individuals handing out candy should consider wearing non-medical masks (e.g. cloth or other materials) where two metres of physical distance cannot be maintained.
- 🦋 Where possible, only one household member should hand out candy.

Long Lake Valley Court

Anyone interested in putting their name on the waiting list is asked to contact the Town Office (963-2220) for more details. A \$1000.00 deposit is required to get your name on the list. The



monthly lease is \$805. Tenants require a \$40,000 deposit which is **refundable** at the end of the life lease.

Waste Transfer Station

The waste transfer station will be changing over to winter hours starting November 1 – March 31. Hours will be Tuesdays & Saturdays from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Please remember that all garbage bags being picked up by the town need to be tied and boxes broken down. The waste transfer station will now accept shingles by appointment only. You will need to know how many bundles you will be bringing in as we need to keep track of the weight. The cost will be \$7.00 per bundle and they will be put in the 40-yard bin. Call Shirley to make the appointment 306-963-7985.

Yard & Garden Refuse

Please take your yard and garden refuse to the waste transfer station. Remember it is free of charge.

Tree branches & Leaves

Just a reminder that tree branches and leaves are now picked up semiannually. The next scheduled pick up is after the Thanksgiving long weekend. The spring pick up will be after the May long weekend. Tree branches and leaves are free to take to the waste transfer station, if you are unable to do so and would like the town to take them before a scheduled pick up you can call the office and for \$10.00 you can have them picked up. **Reminder all leaves must be in a biodegradable bag for spring and fall pickup. Large biodegradable plastic leaf bags (35" x 55") are available at the town office for \$1.00 per bag.**

Recycling

Our community seems to be embracing the recycling program. I had started this section originally bragging about how well we have been doing for contamination rates in our recycling bins, however no sooner did I type this newsletter and I received two contamination emails from Waste Management. Both loads last trip were contaminated. In the world of technology, they send us video of the load being dumped so we can see exactly what is wrong. In this case twice there were 2 large black garbage bags tossed in and then the third one was a clear plastic bag filled with recycling. Please note that **NO PLASTIC bags** of any sort are allowed in the recycling bin except for shredded paper in a clear bag. Unfortunately, this cost us a fine of \$168.00. Please remain diligent. New lighter plastic lids have been installed on the bins. They have chains and a clip to keep them down. Please remember to put the clip back on the lid if you have to open the bin up. **PLEASE BREAK DOWN ALL BOXES!!!**

Taxes

Just a friendly reminder that your taxes are due by December 31 to avoid penalty. Town office hours are 8:30 am – 12:30 pm 1:00pm – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Permits

Permits are required for all new building construction; garages, carports, decks, mobile home; relocation of an existing building; demolition of an existing building; fireplaces, wood stoves &



heaters; retaining walls; temporary buildings; renovations, alterations & additions to an existing building; & basement development in a dwelling unit **prior** to any work being undertaken. Permits are not required for fences; driveways & parking lots; sidewalks; painting, decorating, laying carpet & general maintenance; replacement using the same materials & not affecting the structural, electrical or mechanical systems (roofing, siding, windows not including required egress windows); accessory buildings (garden sheds, tool sheds) not greater than 10m² in area; & swimming pools & hot tubs less than 600 mm in depth. Permit application forms can be obtained at the Town Office.

Pet Owners

Friendly reminder to please **pick up after your pet**. We have received several complaints in the office of people who are **seen not** cleaning up after their pet.

Budget 2021

What would you like to see in our town? Where would you like your tax dollars spent? Send us your feedback and thoughts by email to town.imperial@sasktel.net.

Election

There will be a municipal election for Mayor on November 9, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Advance poll will be November 2, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Both polling locations will be at the Town Office, 310 Royal Street.

The following Covid protocols will be in place;

- Social distancing will be enforced at all times.
- Masks are not mandatory but recommended and will be offered.
- Hand sanitizing will be enforced.
- Voters will enter the main door of the town hall on the east side of the hand rail.
- Voters will exit the main door of the town hall on the west side of the hand rail.
- Voters will be asked to sanitize, and offered a mask.
- Voters are asked to follow signs, arrows, floor markings at all times.
- Voters are asked to wait in vehicles in the case of inclement weather and will be signaled to enter when feasible.

ATV's, Dirt bikes, Skidoos

Reminder that Atv's, dirt bikes and skidoos are not allowed on town property including streets and parks. There have been complaints. We ask that everyone be respectful of fellow residents and to be a responsible rider. Any further complaints will be forwarded to the RCMP.

If you **Stumble**,
Make it part
of the
Dance