

Seasons Greetings

Behold the 1st quarterly edition of the Sedley Village News!

Dear Residents and Friends of Sedley & District,

It seems as every year passes the time gets shorter and shorter with more things needing to be done, yet with less time in which to do them. The year 2007 (our 100th Anniversary of incorporation as a Village) is fast coming to a close and what a year it was! The housing market in Sedley and indeed all of Saskatchewan has been extremely brisk and we have numerous new families who have become part of our community. To all of you whom I have already met and particularly to those of you whom I have not yet met, I extend a very warm and enthusiastic Welcome to the Village of Sedley. Our Provincial economy has been exceptionally strong and looks like it will continue to grow exponentially in the coming years. Likewise our community is poised for continued growth and prosperity. This is in large part due to the many community members who have volunteered their time to sit as board members or serve as committee members or work on specific projects within our community. So, to all of you who have donated your time and expertise to the Gym-Hall Board, the Rink Board, The New Horizon's Club, the Youth Centre, the School Community Council, the CWL, Parks & Rec, the Playground Committee, the Library Board, the Wellness Clinic, Youth Sports, School Groups, church groups, our Fire Department, our First Responders, Town Council and other boards, committees, groups or individuals who have volunteered time to make our community a great place to raise a family, to all of you, a great big Thank You for a job well done! To our newer residents and to those of you who have not yet chosen to become active in our community I invite and encourage you to volunteer your time and your expertise to the various boards or committees that most interest you. Your support will surely be most welcomed.

As we busily prepare for this Christmas season and we look forward to celebrations, fine food, gifts and good times with our families and friends, I ask you to spend a few moments of your time to think of those not as fortunate as you, those who are lonely, who have no family to celebrate Christmas with, those who have no homes or are sheltered in substandard housing, those who go to bed hungry and their children who have no toys with which to play; I ask you to take the time to lend them a hand, to show them a gesture of kindness and to add them to those for whom you pray. To all of you – friends, neighbours and to all of those who are close to you or are in your prayers may the benevolence and goodwill that is evident in your hearts this Christmas season carry on throughout 2008.

On behalf of your councilors and their families, your staff and their families, my wife, my family and myself, I wish all of you a very Merry and very Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, happiness, peace and prosperity for all.

David Mayer
Mayor, Village of Sedley

Village Hours over the Christmas Season will be as follows:

Closed December 24th, 25th and 26th

The Office will be open on December 28th and December 31st and closed again for New Year's Day on January 1st, 2008.

Village Clerk: Samantha English
Town Foreman: Ken Mildenberger
Fire Chief: Tim Hunter

Did you know the Village of Sedley has 65 street lights? This represents a cost of approximately \$8,500 per year to keep our Village lit.

We have 26 Christmas stars on Broadway Street. The two weeks prior to Christmas SaskPower pays the power for the street lights.

News from the Village:

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Monthly Property Tax and Utility Billing is now available. If you would prefer to pay your property taxes monthly you're able to submit post-dated cheques (or stop by the Office and pay in person each month). Keep in mind you're not able to take advantage of the 3% discount if your taxes aren't paid in full by July 31st.

If you wish to pay your utility bills monthly rather than quarterly, keep in mind you will pay a penalty on the 2nd and 3rd month.

Keep your eyes open for the announcement of a **new recycling centre** in Sedley...coming in the New Year.

Village Council is very pleased to advise the **Youth Centre** will be undergoing revitalization in the New Year. Those interested in being a member of the new Youth Centre Committee should contact the office at 885-2133. The new Committee will consist of 3 student members, 3 members of the Village and a member of Council.

The Village would like to remind those ATV and snow machine enthusiasts to ensure they do not operate their vehicles within the Village limits and please, drive carefully and use your helmet!

We have just received notification from Loraas Disposal they will no longer be accepting glass to recycle. Effective January 1st we will have a new recycle bin without glass recycling. Questions, please contact the Village Office.

There have been an increased number of dog complaints in the last few months. Villagers are reminded that all dogs **MUST BE LICENSED**. You can purchase a license from the Village Office for \$20 for each dog. The license must be purchased by March 31st of each calendar year. The fine for not having a license for your dog is \$50. Also when walking your dog within Village limits, please ensure he / she is on a leash. The fine for not having your dog on a leash is the same as running at large. If the Village Office received a complaint that your dog is running at large fines start at \$250.00 for each occurrence. And don't forget – clean up after your pet!!

Upcoming Events

The Village Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 12th this year. Festivities begin at 7 pm. See the Office bulletin board for additional information.

Sedley New Horizon's Christmas Pot Luck is taking place December 16th starting at 5:30 pm.

Do you have an upcoming event such as a wedding, social, anniversary tea?

Let the Village Office know and we will include it in the next newsletter. Newsletters are distributed quarterly in March, June, September and December.

Announcements

If you have news of a baby being born, someone graduating school or getting married, let us know and we'll include it in the newsletter.