

# VILLAGE NEWS

Village of Sedley Newsletter

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## Office Update

Effective June 1<sup>st</sup> the office will be open Monday – Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

From time to time there are circumstances which prevent the office being open such as conventions, workshops, vacation, sickness or just life. The best way to communicate with the Office is via e-mail or telephone. All requests, questions, etc. will be answered within 2 business days unless the office is closed for an extended period of time.

The Office will be closed June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> as the CAO will be attending the UMAAS convention.

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter water/sewer bills have been mailed with this newsletter; you may receive a copy in the mail and by e-mail. This is a one-off situation to ensure everyone receives their coupon for a free load to the transfer station (more about that later in this newsletter).

Tax notices will be sent out in the next couple weeks. At the 2022 budget meeting held February 23<sup>rd</sup>, council increased the base tax from \$950 to \$1,000. Additionally, the Province has also increased the school mill rate slightly from 4.46 to 4.54.

Taxes are due December 31<sup>st</sup> each year, however, if you pay by July 31<sup>st</sup>, you will receive a 2% discount. As July 31<sup>st</sup> is a Sunday this year, payments (other than electronic payments) received by 9:00 AM August 1<sup>st</sup> will be backdated to July 31<sup>st</sup> to ensure you receive the discount.

## **Backyard Fire Tips – a Message from Fire Chief, Chris Stevens**

It's summer! What better time to be outside enjoying your yard with a backyard fire! Please be aware of any fire bans that may be in effect. Do not have a fire if it is too windy to safely do so.

Only have fires in appropriate locations and in containers that will contain the fire preferably with a spark guard to keep sparks from escaping into unintended areas.



*Nesting robin in the tree in front of the office*



Make sure the area around the fire pit is free of any flammable materials such as leaves, grass, shrubs, etc. And is well clear of any buildings or other items that could be damaged by heat.

Always have a water source/fire extinguisher readily available to put out the fire in case of emergency.

Only burn untreated or unpainted wood that is free of glue or other bonding chemicals.

Always insure that small children and pets are kept a safe distance away from the fire.

Always extinguish any fire fully before leaving it unattended.

### **SAMA Reinspection**

By now you should have received a letter from SAMA regarding reinspection and seen the SAMA vehicle out and about.



SAMA is the assessment agency the Village has contracted to determine assessment values of property in Sedley. It has been a number of years since a physical, onsite inspection has been conducted in Sedley, as a result, one of the initiatives undertaken by Council in 2022 is an inspection.

You can expect a letter in the mail asking you to submit information regarding your property to SAMA. Please ensure you complete the form and return as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your assistance in completing this project.

### **Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

We'd like to remind everyone that it is a requirement under *The Construction Codes Act* that all homes, regardless of the age of your home have a working CO detector on every level where there is a bedroom. These are an inexpensive way to keep your family safe.



### **2022 Projects**

We are excited to kick off the summer with a number of projects around the Village.

We will be replacing two fire hydrants, replacing the sidewalks on Broadway Street from the library to Sedley Hotel as well as completing our ditch sculpting initiative by sculpting the 100 block of Broadway Street. We expect there may be limited access to the library, credit union and Village Office building, but will make every effort to ensure project does not cause a great inconvenience to access businesses on this block.

### **Let's Make a Splash!**

We are excited to turn on the water at the spray park this summer! Opening day will be June 18<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Wishing you a summer full of fun!



### **Making Payments**

There are a variety of payment methods to pay your water/sewer, property taxes, business and/or dog license:

- Cash
- Cheque
- Via your financial institutions online banking portal, or
- Interac e-transfer®

When paying by Interac e-transfer®, please ensure you indicate what your payment is for (i.e. water/sewer/taxes/business or dog license, etc.) so the funds can be allocated properly.

If you usually pay water/sewer or tax payments on or near the end of the month, please consider moving your payment date to no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Some financial institutions take 3-4 business days to advance the funds which results in the fund deposited in our account after the last day of the month. Going forward, payments will be receipted when the monies are received which may result in the payment being late, and interest will be charged accordingly.

### **Local Census**

In the coming weeks, you'll be receiving a letter from the Office asking you to respond with the number of people who were living in your home as of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as well as how many children are living in your home.

WHY?

We, along with several other municipalities feel the 2021 Census numbers may not be accurate. Because many of the government grants, such as Municipal Revenue Sharing are based on population, we want to ensure our population is accurate to ensure we are receiving all funding we are due.

Once received, we ask you to please complete this short, three question survey as soon as possible and return to the Office.

### **ATVs & Golf Carts**

This is a reminder that ATVs and golf carts are not to be ridden about the Village. You can fuel up your ATV at the store and take your fun out of town. Unlicensable vehicles are not permitted as per Sedley's ATV bylaw and *The All Terrain Vehicles Act*.



### **Campers, Trailers, etc.**

It's camping season!!! We'd like to remind everyone to not obstruct sidewalks when parking your camper in between camping trips. Also, please do not park on the street for an extended period of time as it may interfere with road and/or lawn maintenance. Please refrain from parking your camper in drainage ditches. Parking in the ditch when wet causes ruts and other damage which is costly to repair.

### **Rapid Tests**

Rapid tests are still available at the Village Office during business hours.

### **Transfer Station**

I'd like to take the time to welcome new Transfer Station Attendant, Nathan Hancock to our team. Welcome Nathan! We're glad you are working with us!

Effective May 21<sup>st</sup> the Transfer Station will be open during these hours:

Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Wednesday 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

- As summer wanes, and the sun starts setting earlier, the transfer station will close at dusk.

In the past we have hosted a 'Free Dump Day' on May long weekend. With the conversion to a transfer station we have had to change the program. Included with this newsletter is your coupon to take one free half ton load to the transfer station. This is not limited to May long weekend – you can use your coupon whenever you want!

### **Dogs & Cats Oh My!**

Just a couple friendly reminders about your pets. Please have your dogs (and cats) on a leash at all times. Neither cats or dogs should be roaming at large at any time.

Also, please clean up after your pet. There is a garbage can and poop bags available at the tennis court...please keep our tennis court clean.



### **All-Net Connect**

Want to receive information about water service interruptions, power outages or other emergencies in a timely manner? Sign up for our All-Net Connect. Go to the home page at [www.villageofsedley.com](http://www.villageofsedley.com), scroll down to the bottom of the page, enter your contact information and your preferred method of communication and that's it! You'll receive text, phone and/or e-mail notifications about emergent situations.

### **Fireworks**

Everyone loves fireworks – except when it's only one and late at night. That type of fireworks only wakes up babies and scares puppies. Please be considerate of your neighbours when setting off fireworks – maybe give a heads up...or better yet invite them over to watch!



### **Complaint Process**

Complaints are to be submitted to the Village Office, in writing using the form on the Bylaws & Policy page of our website. Complaint forms received without a signature will not be investigated. Administration will determine if council needs to be engaged to resolve the issue. Once the issue has been resolved, Administration will reply to the complainant with the result.

### **Dust Control**

We are once again offering dust control to residents this year. As in previous years, we will only apply dust control to individual blocks. Should you wish to take part in this initiative, please contact the office by **May 27<sup>th</sup>**.