



BERWYN & AREA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



January



From the staff and village council, we wish you a very happy, and prosperous 2019!

- Utility rate increase: \$2.00 per cubic meter for water usage and \$3.25 increase for recycling. These rate changes came into effect as of January 1, 2019
- Did you know.....It's that time of the year again to purchase a new **cat** or **dog** license. Tags are available at the Village Office and are priced as followed: Dog or cat spayed female or neutered male \$20.00, Dog or cat unspayed female or neutered male \$25.00

Please ensure your dogs or cats are licensed as a fine of \$50.00 plus impoundment fees will be charged if your pet is picked up. Having a tag on your beloved pet also ensures if lost and found he/she can be returned to the owner using the number on the tag.



Was getting healthier, or trying to hit a gym on your new years resolution list?

Need that extra little bit of incentive?

The Berwyn Tiger Taekwondo Gym is offering \$5 off all memberships this month!

All you have to do is take in this newsletter, talk to Cindy Hockley, and get your membership! It's that easy!



The Village of Berwyn Council is very concerned about the recent number of break-ins in the Village and hope if you follow the suggestions below it may help to deter thieves:

All locked up: RCMP suggest many opportunistic thieves take advantage of unlocked homes. Even if you are going out for a short time, lock-up your house and windows

Don't provide cover: Deter thieves from targeting your house by ensuring a clear line of sight from the street. Cut back trees and bushes that obscure your front door, look into installing movement sensor lights and report broken street lights straight away.

Monitor all targets: Garages and garden sheds are often targets for burglars who can then use your tools or ladders to gain access to the main house. An automatic light, for instance, fitted to the shed or garage can be a useful deterrent, along with keyed locks.

Mail: Ensure you pick up your mail every day. Due to recent break-ins at the Post Office an empty post office box will not be enticing to a thief.

Security doesn't take a holiday: If you are away, a neighbour parking in your driveway can help signal the house is not unoccupied. Other measures could include internal lights or a radio set on timers and or arranging for someone to mow your lawn or shovel your driveway.

Install an alarm or deter thieves with a dog:

Adding another layer of defense for your home is an alarm system. A barking dog can also provide effective security for your home. Even installing a "Beware of the Dog" sign can make thieves pause before targeting your home.

Make friends with your neighbours: As Berwyn is known to be a tightknit community, we look out for each other. Neighbours can report suspicious activity at your home.

I would like to take the time to Thank the **Secret Santa group**. I don't know who you are, but I know you brought a smile to many faces. This is the season for giving, and it is so nice to know that there are nice things happening in our small community. There are people that didn't have family at this time, and I'm sure a big thank you comes from all. Enjoy the festive season everyone!

- Ella Tremblay

A BIG Thank You to all the Volunteers who helped make this year's **Turkey Bingo** a success! Thanks to the many workers who contributed their time.

Proceeds from Turkey Bingo goes towards the operation of the Berwyn Elks Community Centre.

- Berwyn Elks Recreation Development Society



The BERWYN CHAMBER of COMMERCEwould like to thank everyone that made Berwyn's Super Saturday possible!

Robert Koch, Barry & Susan, Neil & Gail Sandboe, Daniel Fehr, Berds, Lee Wilson, Barry Dale, Berwyn Playschool, Golden Age Club, Berwyn Arena Society, Berwyn FCSS, MD of Peace 135, Trinity Repair, Twyla Lovas, April Weenik, Berwyn Library, Shear Beauty, Village of Berwyn & Public Works, Hitchin Post, The Store, Berwyn Fire Department, Berwyn Pharmacy, Berwyn Arts & Crafts, Berwyn Taekwondo, Ron, Brenda, Lindsay Cottrell, Thank You to all the hard working volunteers that helped to make it possible and to those that we may have missed.

We would also like to thank everyone that came out to enjoy and participate in the day's events.

ATB Berwyn Agency

Would like to thank all the companies and people who donated to our 2018 silent auction for the Stollery Children's Hospital. The grand total was raised was

\$1,676.70. Thank you to everyone who did the bidding. The Berwyn Agency raised the most money among all of the other agencies. Could not have done it without all of your support. We would also like to thank those who donated and helped with our Chili Lunch held on August 31, 2018. All proceeds will be going to the Stollery Children's Hospital. We were able to raise **\$688.00** for this great cause.!

The Village of Berwyn - 2018 The Year in Review

January 2018:

*Council attends a strategic planning session to identify their key values for the village. The major categories discussed were Governance and Leadership, Municipal Service and Infrastructure, Environmental Stewardship and Community Development.

A New Vision Statement for the Village was developed during the session: ["The Village of Berwyn strives to be a viable and sustainable community village, that is attractive to residents and businesses alike, has positive municipal infrastructure, and works with all stakeholders in promoting Berwyn as healthy community to reside in."](#)

A New Mission Statement was developed during the session: ["The Village of Berwyn will provide effective and transparent governance in providing services to its residents and businesses, while existing as an attractive and safe community."](#)

*Council advertises for a new Chief Administrative Officer

*The Public Viability review presentation from Municipal Affairs is held to provide the residents the valuable information they will require on deciding if the Village is viable and should remain a village or be dissolved into the MD and become a Hamlet

*A shared services meeting with the council of the MD of Peace 135 is held

February 2018

*The 2018 Capital Water Project (Reservoir Upgrades) is awarded to 1266581 Alberta Limited for a price of \$204,504.

*New Chief Administrative Officer Cathie Bailey is hired on a part-time basis.

*The Hitching Post, a small convenience store opens in the village

*Family Day Activities were a success with over 100 participants



March 2018

*Council receives a request from a resident inquiring about the keeping of backyard hens.

*Dan Dibbelt, Lac Cardinal Economic Development Coordinator attends the March 8th council meeting as a delegation to discuss: Retail profile, Industrial lands and Retail trends in the village.

*The Annual budget is being reviewed by council who are looking at ways to enhance it and cut unnecessary costs.

April 2018

*Berwyn Council and Chief Administrative Officer attend the Emergency Management Training session at the Elks Hall

*Our new Community Services Coordinator Kristy Rees commences employment with the Village.

*CAO and Bylaw Officer meet to discuss the urban hen pilot project for the village

*A very sad day in the village on April 30th as it is the day Autumn Lodge closes.

*The Berwyn Arena society holds a free barbeque at the Fire Hall to recognize the village's valuable volunteers



May 2018:

*Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

*Berwyn's annual village clean-up is held on the 14,15 and 16th

*A second community presentation is provided by Municipal Affairs to the Village of Berwyn residents to discuss viability

*The official viability vote is held on May 15th at the Elk's Hall and the ballots have been counted.....80% of the Village of Berwyn residents vote to remain a village!!

*Council attends planning and development seminar

*Council announces a balanced budget

*Combined tax assessment and property notices are mailed out

*A one-year urban hen pilot project commences

June 2018

*A Pubic Participation Policy is passed by council; this policy establishes guidelines to facilitate communication to the public that is coordinated and consistent as well as open and responsive.

*Work on the reservoir upgrades commences

*Village of Berwyn's Water Wells #1 and #2 are decommissioned (abandoned)



July 2018

*Council attends an economic development strategic planning session with Dan Dibbelt, Lac Cardinal Economic Development Officer

*Cannabis survey is sent out to the residents of the village for feedback

*Eve Perreault is appointed by council as the member at large for the Lac Cardinal Regional Economic Development Board

*Council approves guidelines for residents of the village to use oil as a dust suppressant

*FCSS runs the Summer Spectacular Program

*Drop in softball starts up



August 2018

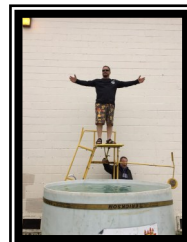
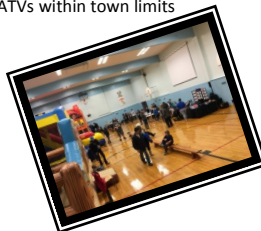
*Council approves providing permits, with strict guidelines, to residents requesting to operate ATVs within town limits

*Cannabis bylaw public hearing is held

*2018 Hydrant Upgrade Project starts (12 hydrants were replaced)

*FCSS runs the Summer Spectacular program

*FCSS holds a very successful community potluck



September 2018

*Council reviews current Atco Gas and Atco Electric Franchise fees

*2018 Main Valve Upgrade Project starts (29 main valves were replaced)

*Public Auction Tax Sale was held with only one property for sale, no bids were received

*Deputy Mayor Johnson, Council Yampolsky and CAO, Cathie Bailey attend the AUMA conference, sessions: Community Development Through Citizen Engagement, Legal Seminar, Enterprise Risk Management, Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance, AHS, A Road Map to Alberta's Health)

*2018 Water Upgrades (Loop 1, 2) projects commence

*The Big Community Day celebration was held with a great turnout and thanks to the Lloyd Garrison School we were warm and dry so we could enjoy the wonderful festivities.

October 2018

*The Asset Management Policy is approved by council as per the direction of Municipal Affairs. This policy sets the direction for the village of Berwyn for the next several years to ensure administration begins developing an

Asset Management Strategy and Plan

*Annual Council Organizational Meeting was held with Mayor Montie and Deputy Mayor Johnson staying in their positions

*The Oktoberfest dinner and dance is held....the event was sold out a month in advance...what great community spirit and support we have!!!



November 2018

*Council approves 2019 Capital Budget

*Preparation begins on the 2019 annual operating budget

*Council meets with MD 135 Council to discuss their shared service agreement



December 2018

*Berwyn Super Saturday – The parade, the arena opens, turkey bingo...a great day!!!

*Village of Berwyn Community Christmas Potluck Turkey Dinner hosted by FCSS

*Council approves a balanced 2019 operating budget

*Council signs new Animal Control Enforcement and Water Operator Services with the Town of Grimshaw

*Utility rate increase approved by council as follows: \$2.00 per cubic meter for water usage and \$3.25 increase for recycling. These rate changes came into effect as of January 1, 2019

