

Colonsay's:

May 2020 Newsletter

May 2020 – There are no dates for the month of May to report because of COVID-19 – Stay safe!

Please note the next Colonsay newsletter deadline will be

*****MAY 25, 2020*****

Please contact Sandy Veldhoen – 255-9996

OR Fax the Town Office – 255-2291

OR e-mail to sandyhdixon@hotmail.com

OR you may drop off items at the R.M./Town Office.

Colonsay website: www.colonsay.ca

Controlled burns please contact: Control burn line – **1-866-404-4911**

Child Health Clinics, Colonsay Hall ~ phone toll free 1-877-817-9336

Public Health Nurse – Marni Hicks & Jill Tarasoff**

**Crystal Frayne is now in charge of bookings for
the Colonsay Community Hall.**

Please call 306-269-7221 or email crystalnordick@gmail.com

Colonsay Community Catering

For Meals: Contact person – Tracy Fitzsimmons at 1-306-255-2751

For Funerals: Contact person – Michelle Brochu at 1-306-255-2764

AA meetings Monday @ 8:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church basement will be cancelled due to COVID-19 until further notice. We will be conducting meeting via video conference.
Call or text (306) 231-9672, 270-2589 or 946-7805 if you would like to join us.

Colonsay Transfer Station Hours: Wednesdays 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. AND Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CHURCH TIMES

St. Mary's Catholic Church

You may follow streaming of Mass
on saskatoonmass.com

Colonsay United Church – 11:00 a.m.

A streaming service online is available

WHEATLAND LIBRARY NEWS

Our library unfortunately is **CLOSED until further notice. Any material out will not be charged over dues as of March 16th and please keep your material at home until further notice. I had to tape our drop off bin **CLOSED** for now. Sorry for the inconvenience. Online reading is available by going to the Wheatland website. Watch for updates. Stay safe all.

NOTICES:

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***** Town Council would like to remind its residents to refrain from flushing paper towels, wipes and feminine hygiene products down the sewer. Placing these items in the sewer system has caused sewer blockages in Town resulting in added expense to taxpayers when service calls are required to remove the blockages.

*****The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency is encouraging people to download the SaskAlert App so they can receive critical COVID-19 information in a timely manner. The app allows people to choose how and when to hear the emergency alerts. The more people that have the app, the more efficient the Agency can be with targeting people in a specific area that might require emergency information.

*****Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the RM of Colonsay No 342 for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection. To view in person, please call the RM office to book an appointment.

***** The following public buildings will remain closed until further notice:

Town/RM Office – administrative staff will remain at the office during regular office hours and they will do their best to assist you by telephone (306) 255-2313 or email (town.colonsay@sasktel.net)

Fitness Centre – any unused membership fees will be applied to future fees due once the gym reopens

Sports Centre – closed to the public

Community Hall – closed to the public

Colonsay Swimming Pool – closed to the public

Town Council would like to thank the residents, business owners and employees in the Town of Colonsay for their cooperation in keeping our community safe by following provincial recommendations/orders of social distancing, frequent hand washing, etc during the pandemic state of emergency. Your efforts are working to flatten the curve. Thank you also for your patience as we adjust to a new way of administering and providing services of municipal government.

*****The Colts at Play committee would like to thank everyone who supported us through our Vacation of the Month raffle. Congratulations to our monthly winners!

January 15th - Toronto Baseball Weekend - Quinton Hobman

February 15th - Las Vegas - Alice McLaughlin

March 15th - \$1000 Marlin Travel Voucher - Ed Hobman

April 15th - Minneapolis Shopping Trip - Angie Anderson and Kalea Anderson

Follow our Facebook page (**Colts at Play**) for our live draws! We continue to raise money for a new playground for this Colonsay. A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated their time and money towards our efforts. The Colonsay Lions is matching donations up to \$4000 at the Affinity Credit Union for our Colonsay Playground Fund.

*****The Colonsay Cemetery requires a caretaker for the 2020 season. Duties to include grounds keeping and maintenance, lawn mowing, whipper snipping. For further information and submission of applications please contact: Blair Holland at 306-255-2826. Deadline May 10th, 2020.

*****Due to the provincial state of emergency a ministerial order has been issued for assessment appeals. Under the order the government has provided for an extension of the assessment appeal period by an additional 30 days. The last day to appeal your assessment for properties in the Town of Colonsay is June 18, 2020. To make an appointment to view the assessment roll please call the Town Office at 306-255-2313.

*****A special thanks to all local front line workers who continue to make sure the rest of us have access to the goods and service we need to move past COVID-19.

If you did not receive the recently mailed out Federal Government brochure, entitled “Help Reduce the Spread of COVID-19”, the following is a repeat of the information.

TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

- Follow the advice of your local public health authority
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and practice social distancing
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve and not your hands
- Avoid non-essential travel outside Canada and consult travel health notices

SYMPTOMS

- Symptoms of COVID-19 may be very mild or more serious and may take up to 14 days to appear after exposure to the virus
- FEVER (greater or equal to 38 degrees Celsius)
- COUGH
- DIFFICULTY BREATHING

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OR HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELLED OUTSIDE CANADA

- Isolate at home to avoid spreading illness to others
- Avoid visits with older adults, or those with medical conditions. They are at higher risk of developing serious illness
- Call ahead before you visit a health care professional or call your local public health authority
- If your symptoms get worse, contact your health care provider or public health authority right away and follow their instructions

*******Here is some information from our Local Community Emergency Plan which will be important to local pet owners.**

If you are forced to leave your home, it's important to remember to take your pet(s) with you. Leaving pets behind, even if you try to make a safe place for them, is not the best option. Unfortunately, *most emergency shelters can't accept pets*, except for service animals such as dogs for visually impaired, so you must plan ahead.

Start with relatives or friends outside your area, boarding kennels and vet clinics (remember that vaccination records may be required) that could shelter your animals during an emergency. Some motels and campgrounds allow pets too.

Once you have compiled a list remember to put a copy in your emergency kit. While you're at it, include pet supplies (leash, portable kennel, food, and water).

If you have advance warning of a possible event or severe storm, keep your pets inside with you so you won't have to look for them if you are forced to leave your home.

Make sure your pets are wearing collars and identification tags.