

VILLAGE OF CHASE NEWSLETTER ~ MAY 2016

WATER WISELY!

Ever wonder where all the water goes in a typical home? Most of it goes down the toilet.

Toilets 26% Clothes Washers 21% Showers 17% Faucets 16% Leaks 14%

Baths 2% Dishwashers 2% Other 2%

Watering Tips:

- Your lawn can become "addicted" to water. The more frequently you water it the more it requires;
- Your lawn requires only 15mm (½ inch) every 2-3 days. You can measure any moisture with a Frisbee, pie plates or empty cans and only top up if required;
- Watering during the heat of the day is wasteful as the significant majority of the water evaporates before soaking in!

KUDOS TO:

Dori Cirjack and Lisa Dunphy for hosting a hot dog and hamburger fundraiser with the permission of Safety Mart. They raised \$986 which will go to aid the Fort McMurray recovery efforts!

PROPERTY TAXES

It's time to pay your Property Tax and claim your Home Owners Grant.

Find out if you are eligible, claim your Home Owners Grant and reduce the amount of property tax you pay. You can claim the grant without making a payment! There are three convenient ways to apply for the Home Owner Grant. Online - by visiting www.chasebc.ca, you will need the folio number and access code (PIN #). By Mail – complete the application form at the bottom of your tax notice, detach, and mail it to us. At the Village office – 826 Okanagan Ave, 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Completed application form can also be submitted via a drop-box located at the main entrance, available 24/7. All payments and Grant applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, July 4, 2016 to avoid a 10% penalty.

BACKYARD BURNING

The number of **escaped fires resulting from backyard burning** can be reduced by adhering to safe burning practices. People doing backyard burning must have hand tools, water and enough people on hand to keep the fire in check. Fires must not be lit or allowed to continue to burn when the wind is strong enough to cause sparks to be carried to other combustible material or when a notice banning or restricting the use of open fire is in effect.

From the Office of the Fire Chief

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

June 14
June 28
July 12
July 26
August 9
August 23

Meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise advertised

The public will be able to speak on current Agenda items at the beginning of each Council meeting. The opportunity to speak on municipal matters (formerly held at Committee of the Whole meetings) will be provided at the end of the Council meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

The Acting Mayor will chair the Council meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. If required Special meetings will be convened with appropriate notice as per the *Community Charter* and Council policy. All 2016 meeting dates can be found on our website at www.chasebc.ca

MEMORIAL PARK WASHROOMS

The washrooms at Memorial Park are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. 7 days a week until June 30, 2016, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. 7 days a week in July and August, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. 7 days a week from September 1 through October 3, 2016.

If you are looking at holding an event at the Park it may be possible to extend these times by contacting the Village office.

RAIN BARREL PRE-SALE

Contact the Village office to order a 55 gallon capacity rain barrel. It's a great deal at \$60 plus tax and is excellent for watering your lawn and garden.

Orders taken until 105 units are sold!

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

MAY 15 – SEPTEMBER 30 NO WATERING ALLOWED BETWEEN 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Effective May 15th the Village moved to Level 1 of the watering restrictions. This applies to both AUTOMATED AND NON-AUTOMATED irrigation systems within the Village of Chase. You may use an irrigation system or sprinkler as follows:

ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES - ONLY WATER ON ODD NUMBERED DAYS EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES - ONLY WATER ON EVEN NUMBERED DAYS

Automated irrigation systems need the timing mechanisms of the system adjusted to ensure compliance. Hand watering of flower and vegetable gardens is permitted at anytime on any day.

BIKE TO WORK

Join CSS and their Green Team in promoting the healthy living initiative "Ride your bike to work week". Take part from May 30 – June 5, 2016 and register to win a top prize of a cycling adventure in Vietnam!

For more details or to Register visit www.biketowork.ca.

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