

MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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Next Council Meeting

Monday, March 19, 2018

Monday, April 3, 2018

Agendas close at noon

If you would like to appear as a delegation, or have an item added to the agenda, please contact the Village office prior to noon on the following dates for the upcoming meetings:

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Contact the Council

Councillor Schierbeck can be contacted at gschierbeck@shaw.ca

ICBC & Motor Vehicles

The Village of Midway Office offers all of your ICBC Autoplan and Drivers Services needs.

When will our street be plowed? - The streets are prioritized based on the Snow Removal & Sanding Policy No. 310. Emergency routes, school bus routes and main roads are given priority after a snowfall, and per Risk Management Policy No. 310 - Snow Removal & Sanding Policy - the Village will provide residential plowing and sanding when there is an accumulation of a minimum of 2 inches of snow on the streets. The Public Works crew works hard to ensure the roads are cleared and sanded as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

To view a copy of the Snow Removal & Sanding Policy please visit our website at www.midwaybc.ca for further information.

New Midway Residents - Welcome to Midway! New residents are asked to contact the Village Office to ensure we have your correct mailing address on file. Please phone 250-449-2222.

Dog Tags - 2018 dog tags are now available at the Village Office. \$15 for spayed or neutered, or \$30 for un-spayed or un-neutered. Cash, cheque or debit.

Dog owners are reminded to ensure dogs do not bark constantly during the day and night as it is a disturbance to the public and neighbours.



Council Meeting News.

- The Midway Hall Renovation Committee & Midway Community Association met with Council to discuss the expediter proposal of raffle funds. The funds need to be spent by July 1, 2018
- Council approved to form a spray park committee consisting of one Councillor and a select number of community members to inquire and report its findings to Council related to a spray park proposal
- Results from the Fire Truck Committee were brought forward to Council.
- The on-site portion of the annual audit is completed and went well.

Feeding Deer and Wildlife - Residents are reminded to not feed deer and other wildlife within the Village of Midway. The Conservation Officer encourages everyone to remember that deer have an ample food supply in the wild, and supplementing this natural food supply not only attracts and holds deer in the community but can trigger an unsustainable population increase, and can also attract other predators into the community.

Fire Permits - Residents are reminded that burning permits are required for all burning within the Village and can be purchased for \$1 at the Village Office. This includes campfire, and open burn piles not exceeding one metre in height and one metre in width. No person shall ignite or cause to be ignited any household waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, plastic, or styrofoam, industrial or commercial waste.

******Please note that there are Open Burn restrictions: there will be no open burning allowed during the peak hours of 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. This restriction applies to all new and previously issued burn permits.******

Any person who contravenes or violates any provision of this Bylaw could be liable to a minimum fine of \$500.00 and should the Midway Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Responder be required, the Permittee shall be liable for the total cost of the fire call per Bylaw #451, Part 10, Sec. 51 (2) (3).

Landfill Hours of Operation:

Rock Creek - Monday, Thursday, Saturday - 10 am - 3 pm

Sunday 10 am - 5 pm

Greenwood - Tuesday, Friday & Saturday - 9 am - 4 pm

Daylight Savings - Don't forget to "spring" your clocks ahead an hour Sunday March 11, 2018

Unfortunately once again Public Works are having issues with the sewer system as a result of foreign objects being flushed into the system. Residents are reminded not to flush any foreign objects (clothing, towels, toys, etc.), chemicals, or toxic substances down toilets and into the sewer system. Public Works have had to deal with a couple of issues related to this in the past month costing taxpayers unnecessary staff time and expense.

Here are the top 10 things not to flush down your toilet.

#1. Dental floss

It may look small and harmless, but dental floss is not biodegradable, in addition, by virtue of its nature, it can easily get tangled and wrap itself around pipes, thus contributing to a clog.

#2. Grease, oil, fat and food

A lot of people think dumping grease down the toilet is better than dumping it down the kitchen drain, but that's a dangerous fallacy.

The thing about grease is that it goes down like a liquid, but it will eventually cool and once it does, it congeals and builds up on the sides of pipes. Over time, that pipe opening will get smaller and smaller until nothing passes through it anymore.

#3. Band-aids

Simply put, they're made from plastic and are not biodegradable.

#4. Disposable wipes (and paper towels)

The fibres that make up the disposable wipe are considerably thicker than toilet paper. Even three-ply paper breaks down very easily in water, but the wipes won't break down. The same principles apply for paper towels.

#5. Tampons and maxi pads

These products are designed to be absorbent and they'll expand past the point of where they can pass through the pipes. In addition, the fabric is not designed to be biodegradable. The same applies to cotton pads and swabs.

#6. Condoms

Much like the aforementioned products, condoms do not biodegrade and they can act like a balloon. If it isn't tied off, the condom can fill with water and get stuck in the waterways.

#7. Hair

It may be a natural fibre that comes from our bodies, but hair can wreak havoc on your pipes. Not only can it clog drains, but it can also trap other things leading to unpleasant odours and slow drains.

#8. Medications/Chemicals

This isn't about clogging pipes, but contaminating the water supply. As mentioned above, the sewer system isn't equipped to weed out all toxins. If you're throwing prescription medication or chemicals down the toilet, these products will make their way into the sewer treatment plant killing the natural process of the plant and will eventually be distributed back into the Kettle River.

#9. Kitty litter

It's just like the other absorbent items on this list, it will expand with water and potentially clog pipes.

#10. Clothes/Cloth Rags

Not only do clothes and rags clog the pipes they also get tangled up in the sewer lift stations. When this happens the pump stops working causing the lift stations to fill and this will result in the system backing up into residents basements. The pump needs to be pulled so all foreign objects can be removed. The pump could burnout in the process and this is a costly expense.