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Next Council Meeting

Monday, October 1, 2018

Monday, October 15, 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, September 27, 2018

Thursday, October 11, 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.

<u>Campfire Ban Rescinded</u> - Effective noon, Tuesday, September 25, 2018 the campfire ban within the boundaries of the Village of Midway, has been rescinded.

This **<u>DOES NOT</u>** include open fires of any type and size which remain prohibited.

Campfires are to be used for cooking, warmth, or ceremonial purposes only and must not be larger than 0.5 metres by 0.5 metres in size - a valid burn permit is required.

PLEASE NOTE: The burning of slash, waste, grass, building materials, household waste, refuse, rubbish, garbage, plastic, styrofoam, industrial/commercial waste, and other products is prohibited in a campfire pit. The landfill key is available for residents to bring garden/yard waste and grass clippings - do not burn these materials in a campfire.

Anyone caught burning prohibited materials in a campfire will be fined a minimum of \$500 per

Bylaw #451.

Residents are reminded that burning of household garbage and refuse is strictly prohibited at <u>ALL</u> <u>TIMES</u> and in <u>ANYTYPE</u> of incinerator.



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

Midway Tree Recycling

The Tree Recycling facility is open. The only acceptable materials are **grass clippings**, **noxious weeds and tree branches**. The key can be picked up from the Village Office when you have paid the fee.

Battery Recycling

Drop off your dead household batteries in the red box at the Village Office parking lot.

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.

Local Elections - The election for the office of Mayor for Midway will be held October 20, 2018 from 8am to 8pm at the Village Office. Advance voting will be held October 10, 2018, 8am to 8pm in the municipal office Council Chambers at 661 Eighth Ave.

Boundary Expo Recreation Centre - Will be opening this weekend! There is a free public skate on Sunday, September 30 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

The Midway Men's first home game will be Friday October 12 at 8pm. Come out and support the team this season as they look to repeat as league champs in the Boundary Adult Hockey League.

They also have home games on: Sunday October 21 @ 6pm Friday October 26 @ 8pm

Minor hockey scheduling is still being finalized.

Hunting - Residents are reminded that hunting within the boundaries of the Village of Midway is strictly prohibited as per the Discharge of Firearms Regulation Bylaw 207 and amending Bylaw 462. More information regarding the bylaws can be found on our website: www.midwaybc.ca/bylaws-policies/

Be Bear Aware - Bear season is approaching. Please be cautious and aware when you are out walking in the Village, on the



trails, or in your yard. To prevent bears from entering your property it is important to put garbage & green bins away nightly, cover compost piles, clean BBQs, and to remove fruit from and around all fruit trees.

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.

FALL FUN AND CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Your Midway Community Club has a busy fall planned and our small crew of volunteers would sure welcome your help!

First up is our Hallowe'en warm up station at the Hall on October 31st. Bonfire, hot dogs & hot chocolate for all Midway's little goblins and ghosts. If you can spare a couple of hours to help dish up the goodies, please contact us!

Coming Saturday, November 3rd is our second "Coffee and Music Night". The first was a roaring success, with several of the Boundary's incredibly talented musicians taking turns on stage to bring us a night of fabulous music. Hope you'll join us in November for great music, delicious treats & speciality coffees (bring your own mug, please.). And if you can spend a little time helping our small team of volunteers set up tables and chairs, decorate and dish out treats, we'd sure be glad to have you!

Take advantage of our highly qualified instructors and join us for Yoga, starting in October (watch for posters and more info – coming soon). Children's dance lessons are well underway, and the Midway and Beyond Little Theatre is already rehearsing their next play. Mark your calendars for Nov. 29 through Dec. 1 and come see "The Christmas Princess", a fun, light-hearted play suitable for all ages. Also in December, our family Christmas party, including a visit from Santa, is always a favourite. It's all hands on deck for these events – and the Community Club could sure use more helping hands.

If you can spare a couple of hours here and there to help with Hallowe'en, the play, the wonderful music night or the Christmas party, please give us a call or let us know by email.

Contact John Hibberson, Martin or Elaine Fromme or Catherine Stewart or phone Christine Hinks @ 1-250-808-6449.

Or email us at: midwaycommunityassociation@gmail.com

Thanks! We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and welcome your help.

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