

The Village of
Midway
 MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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Next Council Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2021

Monday, January 18, 2021

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, December 31, 2020

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Contact the Council

Mayor Fromme:
mfvillage@shaw.ca or
 250-449-1978

ICBC & Motor Vehicles

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

THANK YOU - As we take time to reflect on this past year, and the challenges the pandemic has brought, we want to say THANK YOU to EVERYONE for all of your hard work with helping to keep our community healthy and safe while gracefully clearing all the unexpected hurdles this year has thrown our way.

Village of Midway Holiday Hours -

Thursday December 24 -
 CLOSED

Friday December 25 -
 CLOSED

Monday December 28 -
 CLOSED

Tuesday December 29 &
 Wednesday December 30 -
 Regular Hours

Thursday December 31 -
8:30am to 12pm

Friday January 1 - CLOSED
 Return to regular hours on
 January 4.



The Staff and Council of the Village of Midway wish you a very Merry Christmas, the Happiest of Holidays, and a healthy and happy New Year!



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

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.

Council Meeting Minutes

Are available on our website at: www.midwaybc.ca/minutes-newsletters/

If you do not have access to the online version, please contact the Village Office for a hard copy.

Village of Midway

2021 Business Licences - The \$50 annual fee is due in January for businesses operating in the Village of Midway. Fees can be paid at the Village Office.

Dog Tags - 2021 dog tags are now available at the Village Office. \$15 for spayed or neutered, or \$30 for un-spayed or un-neutered. Cash & cheque until 2021 then we can accept debit as well in 2021

Boundary Expo Recreation Centre - Attached to this newsletter is the 2020 Christmas schedule.

Midway Community Garden - Would like to thank the residents of Midway for their bottle donations. All the proceeds go directly to the improvements of the Garden. Anyone wishing to reserve their current garden plot at the Midway Community Garden for the 2021 growing season is encouraged to stop by the office as soon as possible. Gardeners who currently rent a plot will have until December 31, 2020 at noon to reserve the same plot for next year. After this date all un-claimed garden plots, regardless of whether something has been planted in said plot, will become available to the public on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please note we will not be accepting payment at this time.

Slippery roads, parking lots, and sidewalks -

Please be cautious when walking in the Village as roads, sidewalks, and parking lots may be icy, especially after a fresh snowfall. Take precautions and wear appropriate foot wear when out enjoying the fresh air.



Walter Osellame, Ret. Fire Chief / Midway Volunteer Fire and Rescue

As most of you already know, Walt Osellame retired as Fire Chief for Midway Fire and Rescue on November 15, 2020, after completing more than 30 years of volunteer service to this community and to the boundary area.

Of his 41 total years in the fire service, Walter has served 30 of those as volunteer Fire Chief for the Midway Fire and Rescue service. This role comes with enormous responsibility, and Walt's proven leadership skills and professionalism, providing direction and the resources to his members has enabled them to do the great job that they do, he has given them the respect and the credit they deserve, and in return he not only received the respect, credit, and 110 percent from his members, he also got to see the positive results of all of his dedication, commitment and hard work.

In his career as Midway's Fire Chief, Walt has been instrumental in facilitating the development of this communities' fire service to what it is today, an active and exceptionally well run emergency fire and rescue service. Over the years constantly recruiting membership, ensuring the members receive the education, training and skills needed to be able to respond safely and with confidence to fire and rescue events. Establishment of up-to-date inventory of apparatus and fire equipment, instrumental in the expansion of a fire protection service into the Regional District Kootenay Boundary area of Kettle Valley and Rock Creek, and establishment of a road rescue service for inclusion into the department, another essential service critical to this area. This is an accomplishment to be proud of for sure.

While every Fire Chief deserves to be recognized for their dedication and commitment, Walt especially needs to be recognized and thanked for *volunteering 30+ years* of service, from November 5, 1990 to November 15, 2020 for the Village of Midway. This equates to 10,969 days or 263,256 hours of exemplary volunteer service to public safety, with no monetary remuneration ever requested nor accepted, all for the safety of our community, the surrounding area and the public.

This year, Walt was nominated for the 2020 Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year Award sponsored by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) and the Fire Underwriter's Survey of Canada (FUS) for his volunteer dedication and commitment to public safety. While he was not the Fire Chief award recipient, the CAFC and FUS recognized him for this dedication to service at their CAFC's Celebration of Excellence Ceremony held in September, 2020.

Michael Currie, Vice President of the Fire Underwriters Survey forwarded the following words: *"It has been an absolute pleasure working with you over the years and I can't thank you enough for the tremendous work you have done for the fire service in your community, zone and across the province. You have improved the lives of many and improved the quality and access to emergency services throughout the area. The insurance industry and property owners that benefit from this thank you for your extraordinary efforts and dedication."*

In October, 2020, the Fire Chief's Association of BC (FCABC) awarded and presented the Meritorious Achievement Award to Walt. *"In recognition for countless hours contributing to the training and education of firefighters in BC. Developing the minimum standards that guide the education of members, and for tirelessly organizing his Zone's training and education weekend."* This award is the highest award of recognition that can be bestowed upon an active or retired member of the FCABC.

We are grateful to Walt for the many years of dedication and commitment to this service, and we are also grateful to his family for their dedication and support all of these years.

Walt is one of a kind, we give special thanks and wish him all the best in his retirement!



November 30, 2020

Walter Osellame, Ret. Fire Chief/MVFR
PO Box 46
Midway, BC V0H 1M0

Dear Walt,

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart

On your retirement, we would like to acknowledge your 41 years of dedication to *volunteering* your time to the emergency fire and rescue services, such a significant milestone in your career. We also honour your 30 years of exemplary service during which you have made an impressive contribution to our community and to the communities of the surrounding area serving as Chief Officer for the Midway Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department.

Since your appointment as Midway's Fire Chief in 1990, you have shown nothing but excellence in both areas of management and fire service. We recognize that it takes a very special type of person with the desire to do something significant and important for a community, someone with courage and dedication, who isn't afraid of hard work, and is willing to accept the challenge of a difficult job. Your ability to organize and direct while ensuring no injury or loss to life or property is outstanding, a real testament to your proven leadership skills and professionalism.

We know that success doesn't come without hard work and commitment, and due to your hard work and commitment, we now have a well-trained professional and respected department, and we now have up-to-date equipment and apparatus that meets the NFPA and FUS standards. This hard work and commitment has saved our community thousands of dollars, in training, and in apparatus and equipment procurements. And in bringing the department from its previous state to these current standards, you have helped to establish a respectable Dwelling Protection Grade level allowing for affordable property insurance to both residential and commercial properties within our community and within the Kettle Valley Fire Protection Service area.

Over your 30 years with the Midway Fire Department, you have had to make many personal sacrifices. You have contributed thousands of hours dedicating volunteer time to an important service to ensure the safety of your members, our residents, this community and the surrounding area, all with no monetary remuneration ever requested nor accepted. For this we are forever in your debt and truly humbled by your amazing generosity.

To your family, Lil, Leah and Chris, there are not enough words to express our gratitude for the many sacrifices they have had to make. We thank them for their unwavering support of your efforts and contributions to this community; we also recognize and gratefully appreciate their volunteer contributions to the fire service and to our community over all these years.

We are very proud of the job you have done, and you should be proud knowing *your hard work and dedication have really made a difference for so many.*

Enjoy your retirement, you have earned it!

On behalf of the Council, Staff and the residents of the Village of Midway.

Martin Fromme, Mayor
Village of Midway

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From the Office of the Fire Chief

December 16, 2020

As everyone is aware, 2020 has presented new and unusual challenges in all aspects of our lives. As the residents in the Midway and Rock Creek areas have had to adapt to a new way of doing things, so has Midway Fire and Rescue.

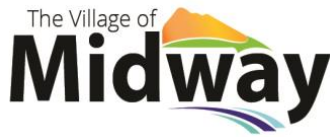
The department's annual candy cane run, with the support of Santa himself, is just one of the things that has felt the impact of the worldwide pandemic. This year Santa will not be able to travel around on the fire engine to make his usual visit on Christmas Eve. In an effort to keep up the tradition he has worked with the fire department members to get the candy canes delivered to as many people as possible using a slightly different, and safe, method.

This year Santa has delivered the candy canes through Canada Post, in the mail boxes!!

On behalf of Santa, and from all members of Midway Fire and Rescue, we would like to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

PS, We look forward to returning to our traditional holiday delivery in 2021.

Don't train until you get it right, train until you can't get it wrong



Dear residents,

Since taking on the position of bylaw enforcement officer in June of 2019, I have gotten to know many of you in the community. We have achieved a great deal of voluntary compliance in 2020 and look to 2021 to continue. Bylaw enforcement in smaller communities is different than in bigger cities. First, I have seen how education rather than direct enforcement achieves voluntary compliance much more effectively. Secondly, listening to the residents of Midway on their concerns and community standards expectations. Third, I have enjoyed getting to know who I have met so far and the challenges that have come within the community and our ability to work together to create positive outcomes.

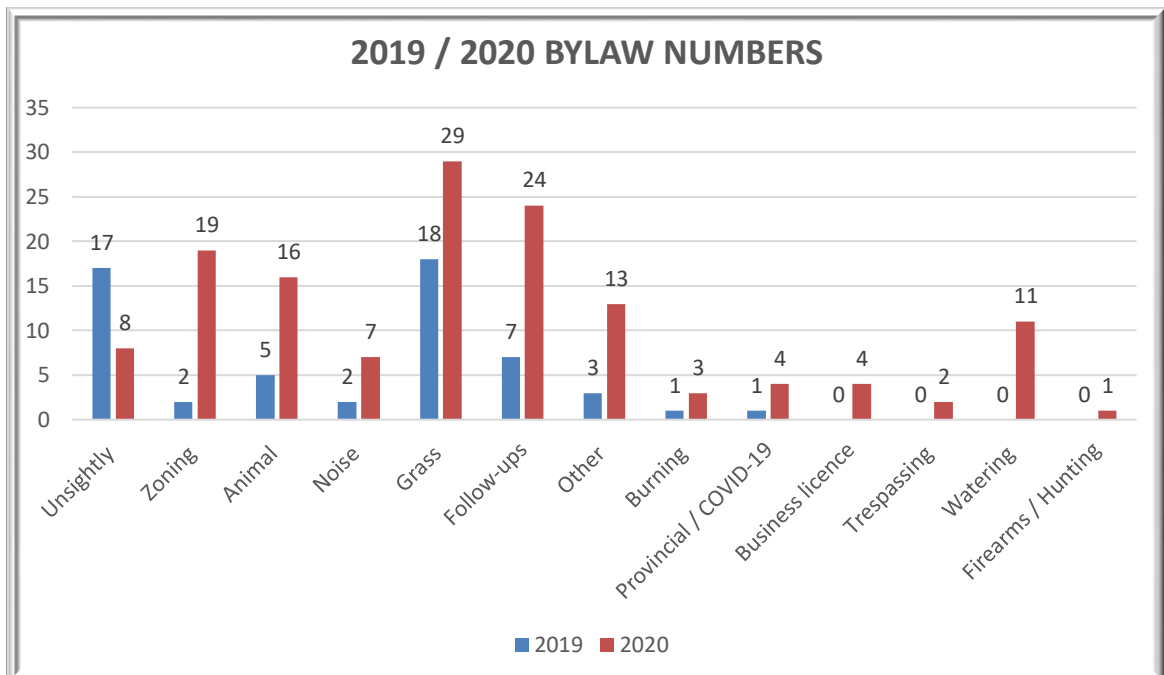
We all strive for the embetterment of Midway and the boundary area. We must continue for all who live in the community and who visit.

If you see me out in the community, come say hi! Or give me a wave (all 5 fingers hopefully). If you need to contact me, call the Village office at (250)-449-2222 or midwaybylawenforcement@shaw.ca




Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and safe happy holiday.

Stephen Lanegraff, Bylaw Enforcement Officer

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MIDWAY ARENA
2020 - 2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SUN DEC 20	MON DEC 21	TUE DEC 22	WED DEC 23	THUR DEC 24	FRI DEC 25	SAT DEC 26
STICKS & PUCKS 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	PARENTS & TOTS 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM PUBLIC SKATE 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM	SENIOR SKATE 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM PUBLIC SKATE 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	PUBLIC SKATE 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	STICKS & PUCKS 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	 PUBLIC SKATE 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	STICKS & PUCKS 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
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