

The Village of  
**Midway**  
MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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## Next Council Meeting

Monday, March 1, 2021

Monday, March 15, 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, February 25, 2021

Thursday, March 11, 2021

## Contact the Council

Mayor Fromme:  
[mfvillage@shaw.ca](mailto: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.

**ICBC/Motor Vehicles** - ICBC Autoplan and Driver Services transactions are available at the Village Office. At this time, there is no need to book an appointment (except for Driver's Knowledge Tests); however, the office's occupancy limit restricts us to allow one person (two if assistance is required) at a time. The door will be locked in order for us to regulate how many customers are inside at a time, so please knock on either the door or side window for assistance and someone will help you as soon as possible.

**Centralization of the Homeowner Grants** - Effective 2021 all homeowner grant applications must be submitted directly to the BC Provincial Government using a secure online application. Please see the attached sheet for more information.

**Utility Billing** - We have issued the Water and Sewer Utility billing for 2021. Please remember, like property taxes, these are not due until July 2, 2021, after then a 10% penalty will be applied to any unpaid balance. Everyone is welcome to pay at their convenience to avoid having to pay both at the same time. Property Tax notices should be issued in May.

**Road Conditions** - You can report poor road conditions directly to YRB through their 24/7 toll free report line. **1-888-630-1420** It is the fastest way to get a message to YRB crews so they can respond as soon as possible.



## 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/](http://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

**Statistics Canada** - Looking for work? Statistics Canada is now hiring candidates to help conduct the 2021 Census in May. For more info, visit: [census.gc.ca/jobs2021](https://census.gc.ca/jobs2021)

**Midway Public Library** - Is looking for a volunteer Treasurer to join their Board. A full job description can be found by contacting the Library: 250-449-2620 or [midwaypubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:midwaypubliclibrary@gmail.com). Information is also available on the Village website and Facebook page.

**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 and debit are accepted.

**Midway Community Garden** - There are a handful of unclaimed spaces available that are up for grabs. Please call or visit the Village Office if you are interested in a raised bed or plot for the 2021 season. \$5 per space.

**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.





### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2021 TAXES**

The Property Tax Due Date is July 2, 2021. Property Tax notices will be mailed in late May 2021. If you have not received your 2021 property tax notice by early June, please contact the Municipal Office at 250 449 2222 or email [midwayreception@shaw.ca](mailto:midwayreception@shaw.ca). Postmarks are not accepted as proof of payment. A 10% penalty will be added to current taxes that are not paid on or before Friday, July 2, 2021.

### **B.C.'s HOMEOWNER GRANT CENTRALIZATION**

Effective 2021 all homeowner grant applications must be submitted directly to the B.C. provincial government through a secure online application.

#### **When can B.C. homeowners apply?**

As of February 16<sup>th</sup>, homeowners can apply for their current year or their retroactive homeowner grants online at [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant)

If the homeowner would prefer to apply over the phone, they can call the contact centre toll free at 1-888-355-2700 to speak with an agent. The contact centre will begin taking applications over the phone as of February 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Municipalities can no longer accept any homeowner grant applications**

#### **Where to go if you should have questions?**

Starting immediately, homeowners can find this information about this change at [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) or they can call toll free: 1-888-355-2700 to speak with an agent.

- The Province will start to accept current year and retroactive grants online starting February 16, 2021
- Their call centre and ServiceBC staff will also accept applications on February 16, 2021
- Note that while a homeowner can apply for their current year grant, the application will not be approved until taxes are levied in May; they will remain in a hold status
- Homeowners can subscribe to receive updates at [www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant)

#### **Ready to apply?**

**The best time to apply is after you receive your property tax notice** in the mail and before your property tax due date.

1. Wait to receive your property tax notice in the mail.
2. Keep your property tax notice on hand. It has important numbers you'll need to apply.
3. You can apply quickly and easily online
4. If you're unable to apply online, call the Province at 1-888-355-2700

By centralizing this program within B.C. government reports this will:

- Ensure homeowners receive the grant amount they are eligible for, such as the additional grant for seniors or persons with disability
- Automate the approval process for grants resulting in quicker application processing – this will help prevent homeowners from being penalized for late property tax payments.

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**Don't miss your chance to recognize a deserving citizen in your community!**

"In a global pandemic that has turned our lives upside down, so many people in our province have gone above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of others. Now more than ever, I hope you'll take the opportunity to recognize and celebrate some extraordinary contributions and achievements by British Columbians."

-Premier John Horgan

The call for nominations for the Order of British Columbia is now open! The Order recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, excellence or distinction in a field of endeavour benefiting the people of the province or elsewhere. We encourage you to nominate someone for this prestigious honour.

Please visit this website to submit your nomination:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/celebrating-british-columbia/honours-and-awards/medal-good-citizenship>

Due to the current pandemic, the nomination deadline has been extended to **Friday, April 9, 2021**. Submissions received after this date will be considered in 2022.

For information on the province's other honour, the Medal of Good Citizenship (MGC), please visit our website. This honour recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the well-being of their communities. There is no nomination deadline for the MGC.

We would appreciate your assistance in nominating individuals you feel may meet the criteria for one or both honours. Please forward this information to others in your organization and/or community. A brief promotional video is also available for sharing.

Thank you in advance for your time and support in nominating exceptional citizens for these prestigious honours!

