

The Village of  
**Midway**  
 MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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## Next Council Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2023

Monday, April 17, 2023

## 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 30, 2023

Thursday, April 13, 2023

## Contact the Council

Mayor McMynn:

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## ICBC & Motor Vehicles

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

**Guns n' Hoses Charity Hockey Game** - Thank you again to everyone that supported the Guns and Hoses Charity Game. A cheque for \$5189.16 has been presented to the Boundary Women's Coalition to go towards their programs.



**Midway Partnership Fund** - Will be accepting Letters of Intent for 2023 grant funding until April 30, 2023. Information and forms can be picked up from the Village Office.

**Dog Tags** - 2023 dog tags are now available at the Village Office. \$15 for spayed or neutered, or \$30 for un-spayed or un-neutered.

**Responsible Pet Owners** - Pet owners are reminded they are responsible for their pet's excrement as per Bylaw 438 Part 7.



## 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 (Box #) 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.

**Utility Billing** - We have issued the Water and Sewer Utility billing for 2023. Please remember, like property taxes, these are not due until July 4, 2023, 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 will be issued in May.

**Tree Recycling Facility** - The Tree Recycling Facility is not open at this time it will re-open as soon as all the snow and mud has dried up in order to prevent patrons from becoming stuck. This usually takes a bit longer than the snow in town as it is protected by the mountain.

**Sewer System Issues** - 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 multiple issues related to this in the past month costing taxpayers unnecessary staff time and expense. Please see the attached page to this newsletter regarding items that are commonly flushed that should not be.



A list of the 10 most common items that are flushed that shouldn't be:

**#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.

The intent of this reminder is to avoid any disruption to sewer system operations, damage to infrastructure, downtime for removal of impactions, safety of wastewater workers and inconvenience to the public.

We thank you for your cooperation.



