

Town of Vermilion



Talk of the Town

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Town of Vermilion Recycling Program

Green Bin

The Town of Vermilion would like to encourage everyone to use the Green Bins that are placed around Town. The Green Bins are for compostable material only; which includes garden waste, grass clippings, and leaves. These items should be dumped into the bins in their natural state – **not in plastic bags**. Please take your plastic bags home and re-use them or put them in your own garbage dumpster. In order for the compost program to be successful do not place **plastic bags and other non-biodegradable garbage** in the green bins.

In the last couple of years we have seen a considerable amount of trees, tree stumps, and plastic bags placed in and beside the bins. These items are not acceptable and jeopardizes the success of the program. Please respect the area, the citizens who live in the area, and help keep our Town clean.

Please take the larger yard waste (trees, tree stumps, etc.) directly to the Vermilion Regional Transfer Station. The Transfer Station is located 1½ kilometers north of Vermilion on Pare Drive, phone # 780-853-4572 (Open 9-5 pm, closed on Sundays and Statutory Holidays). There is no charge or fees for Town of Vermilion residents.

Recycle Bins

There are large recycle bins located at the Lakeland Mall Parking Lot for plastic, paper, newsprint, and cardboard recycling. In addition, there are smaller rollout containers for glass and tin can recycling. Please be courteous and place your recycled material in the appropriate container.

The cardboard recycling bins have been a concern lately as most citizens are not flattening their cardboard boxes before recycling. It only takes 6 large boxes to fill up the bin. Please do not leave loose cardboard by the bins, as it ends up blowing away onto private property. Please respect the area and those who live in the area, by taking the time to properly recycle your items and maximize the use of the bins placed there.

The recycle bins are for the specified recyclable material only. Please take hazardous waste, paint, yard waste, or appliances directly to the Recycle Centre or Transfer Station. If the bins are full, please take your items directly to the Recycle Centre. The Vermilion Recycling Centre is located 1 km North of Vermilion on Pare Drive (South of the Vermilion Regional Transfer Station), phone # 780-853-1894 (Open Mon – Fri 9 am - 5 pm (Closed for lunch), Saturday 9 am – 12 pm, closed Sunday and Statutory Holidays).

Recycle Bin Regular Pickup Schedule

Monday (am)	Cardboard Recycle Bin
Tuesday (am)	Plastic & Newsprint Recycle Bins
Wednesday (am)	Cardboard Recycle Bin
Thursday (am)	Plastic & Newsprint Recycle Bins
Friday (am)	Cardboard Recycle Bin



Mayor Bruce Marriott
invites you to the annual

Seniors Tea

Tuesday June 8, 2010

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Vermilion Senior
Citizen's Centre

*Spend a delightful afternoon of
music and fellowship.*

Refreshments will be served.
*Entertainment supplied by the
VES Handbell Choir.*

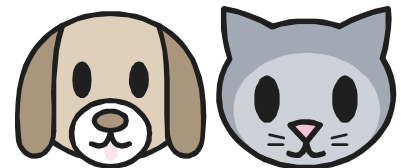
For more information contact
Shirley McRobert
780-581-2414



TAGS HELP YOU AND YOUR PET!

Are you new to Vermilion or have you recently acquired a new pet??

Please come to the Town Office to register your animals. Lost or wandering pets may be injured, or find a new home! A tag identifies your pet so Town staff can contact the registered owner. All owners of cats/dogs over six months of age must purchase a 2010 Animal License from the Town Office. 2010 Animal Tags are \$20 for altered animals and \$50 for unaltered animals. "Free" Junior License's for pets under six months are also available.



The Vermilion Environment Committee would like to congratulate the winners of the Earth Machine Composters that were given away at the recent Home, Garden & More Show.

Free Composter



Benefits from using a composter:

- Provides a nutrient rich "soil" to add to your garden & lawn.
- Reduces the need for artificial fertilizers & pesticides
- Reduces the amount of garbage going into landfills.
- Reduces the need for supplemental watering.
- Improves soil texture & water holding capacity
- Takes as little as 10 minutes a week

Garage/Yard Sale Sign Facts:

- Garage/yard sale signs or event notices are items that are not permitted on Town property (such as boulevards, buildings, posts, or trees).
- Garage/yard sale signs or event notices are to be posted on the premises upon which such sales will be or are being conducted.
- Garage/yard sale signs shall not be illuminated and shall be constructed of paper, canvass, or other light materials and intended to be displayed for a short period of time only.
- Garage/yard sale signs are not to create a pedestrian or vehicular hazard or hindrance.

If you require additional information or clarification on garage or yard sale signs you are welcome to call our Municipal Enforcement Officer, Shane Ashdown 780-581-2407, or Planner/Development Officer, Allan Wilson 780-581-2404.



Canadian Firefighter Statue



One person's idea to recognize firefighters has ignited into a community effort to have a life-size firefighter statue located in Town.

This statue will be a tribute to both past and present firefighters in recognition of their efforts to make communities safer.

Vermilion is a perfect location for the statue as the Town is home to Lakeland College's Emergency Training Centre. This training facility has provided firefighter training for 50 years.

Please consider donating to help make this landmark a reality for our community. Donations will be graciously accepted at the Town Office and a tax deductible receipt will be issued.



The Town of Vermilion would like to welcome the following summer staff.

Administrative Assistant:

Amanda Dery

Summer Program Coordinator:

Reanne Harasiuk

Parks, Recreation & Culture:

Taylor Felt, Janelle Batt, Eric Lundy, Logan Roth, Adam Mathison

Public Works & Utilities:

Kurt McLean, Zane Beddow, Justin Matters

SUMMER JOB

Community Summer Fun Program Assistant (2 positions)
July 2— August 20
\$10/hr.—40hours/week

This is an exciting summer position for a student currently attending high school or post secondary education. Assistants will help present and run the program under the supervision of the current Summer Fun Program Coordinator. The Summer Fun Program is designed for children ages 5-11 years. Applicants must have organizational and leadership skills and a desire to work with children. A criminal record check and first aid training are conditions of employment.

Application Deadline: June 7, 2010
Please send resume and cover letter to:

Attention: Reanne Harasiuk
Town of Vermilion
5021-49th Avenue
Vermilion, AB T9X 1X1

E-mail: sstudent@vermilion.ca Fax: 780-853-4910

Only those receiving an interview will be notified. All applicants are thanked for their interest.

SUMMER JOB

Reminder

For camping registration, or booking the CN Station for an event, call Mike at 780-853-4372 or visit Alberta Parks website.

Reminder!

2010 Spring Clean Up Program

Beginning May 3, 2010

The Town of Vermilion will be holding the annual Spring Clean Up Program from May 3 – June 1, 2010. Please note that this program is only available to properties within the Town of Vermilion municipal boundary. In the spring and the fall, as a part of the Town's annual cleanup, Town crews will be providing extra garbage pickup for unwanted material.

What To Do:

- Put your items in the back alley or if you have roll out bins, please place your items in the front of your property
- Regular garbage collection will take place as usual.

Unacceptable Items for Collection:

- Appliances
- Batteries
- Propane tanks
- Hazardous waste & chemicals

Unacceptable items and items placed at the curb after the Spring Clean Up dates will not be collected, please take these items to the Vermilion Regional Transfer Station. Phone 780-853-4572 (Open 9-5 pm, closed on Sundays and Statutory Holidays). There are no charges or fees at the Transfer Station for Vermilion Residents.

If you have any questions regarding your household items, please call the Transportation & Utilities Department at 780-853-2258. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to helping you with your spring clean up.



Starting or Growing a Business?

Mary Lee Prior, Community Economic Development Coordinator

If you are thinking of starting or growing a business BizPal is a great tool to help you through the process. BizPal is an online service that walks you through the comprehensive process of permits and licenses that you will require from all levels of government – local, provincial, and federal.

Easy and convenient, BizPal uses a question and answer wizard to help you create a customized list of permits and licenses your business will require. Streamlining this process saves you time. There is also less confusion and frustration with the administrative requirements at multiple levels of government. BizPal also includes basic information about each permit and license including, frequency of renewal, contact information, and links to additional information available on Municipal, Provincial, or Federal websites.

Earlier this year, Vermilion launched the BizPal tool on our website and is very proud to offer BizPal to our residents. Please visit our website at www.vermilion.ca and link to BizPal from our homepage.



Summer Fun Program

The Summer Fun Program is a week-day camp for children ages 5 to 11. Our goal is to provide fun, meaningful and exciting learning opportunities to children throughout the summer months. We focus on reading, physical activity, healthy lifestyles and more. Watch for dates to register in the local newspapers or visit www.vermilion.ca or call Reanne at 780-581-2416. Summer Fun registration packages will be available at the Town Office and the Public Library.

Library Bits 'n Bytes
Geraldine Collins,
Vermilion Public Library

May will see us finish up our spring sessions of **Kids Connection** (May 5, 12 and 19th; new families are always welcome), and **Computers for Novices**. The **Genealogy Interest Group** has finished up another successful year of camaraderie, sharing, and learning, and will start up again in September. Also, it's not too early to begin thinking about writing the story of your life. Dorothy Tovell will be back in September to lead another **Guided Autobiography Group** and we are now taking registrations. Finally, our community club displays for May and June will feature the Speech and Hearing department of Vermilion Public Health, and the Princess Ann Women's Institute, respectively.

We will once again be setting up an **interactive exhibit from Science Alberta** in the basement, and teachers and home schooling parents are welcome to bring their kids to try it out. This year's exhibit, "Pirates of the Loadstone", fits into the grade two curriculum and centers around the theme of magnetism. We have been very impressed by the different activities in these kits over the past few years and look forward to another successful exhibit. Dates run from May 26th to June 8th; please phone to register.

iPhone or iTouch users can now access the library catalogue with a **new App from TRACpac**. With it, you can search or browse for titles, check your account, place holds, and much more. Get started by searching for "TRACpac" in the App Store.

Finally, we wish to thank Sarah Lynn Kennedy and the Vermilion Outreach School for displaying some fabulous art at the library over the past month and to the students of the Interior Design program at Lakeland College who put together some outstanding renovation proposals for our staff work area. Anyone wishing to see their design boards is welcome to view them at the back of the library.

Community Services Report

Our Communities in Bloom Committee is once again in full swing. Our judging date is Thursday, July 29th. Our committee is looking at a number of initiatives to keep our 5 bloom status and compete against many other municipalities from across Canada. If you are interested in joining the CIB Committee please contact Kim at 853-4128.

For a second straight year we will not be spraying for dandelions in our parks, playgrounds, and sports fields. The staff will be monitoring playgrounds routinely but if there are issues or safety concerns please do not hesitate to let us know.

The Stadium renovations are well ahead of schedule with the lobby slated for completion by the end of May and the ice surface by the end of June. The new boards and higher glass are installed and look great giving the stadium a fresh look. We would like to thank all the events and user groups that have altered their schedules and plans to ensure the renovation could move ahead as planned.

If you have any questions or concerns about the parks or facilities please feel free to contact the **Community Services Department** at 780-853-5358.

Senior News

The Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy (new plan)
New drug program for seniors delayed

Existing drug coverage for seniors will remain available to all Albertans 65 years and older. Seniors with this coverage will continue to pay a co-payment of 30 percent of each prescription's cost to a maximum of \$25 per prescription. The existing program will continue to provide coverage for prescription drugs, ambulance services, clinical psychological services, and home nursing care.

Proposed changes to Alberta's seniors' drug plan scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2010, have **been delayed** in order to address necessary legislative and regulatory changes and align with other government programs for seniors.



What are the Regulations for Parking my Recreational Vehicle?

Residents may park their RV on the street for a period of 48 consecutive hours.

- You can park your RV on the street Wednesday, Thursday in preparation to leave and go camping Friday. However, you cannot park the RV on the Street Sunday night expecting to be allowed to keep it there all week so you can go camping the following weekend.
- The RV cannot be parked in a manner which constitutes an obstruction, presents a safety concern, or impedes the progress of other users of the roadway, highway or highway right of way. An example of this would be an RV which obstructs a sidewalk or protrudes into a traffic lane.
- An RV can be parked in a residential driveway providing it does not overhang into the sidewalk.
- RV power cords must be suspended 2.4m above the sidewalk and be supported by sturdy poles on the residents property



**VERMILION AGRICULTURE
FAIR & TRADE SHOW
JULY 29, 30, & 31
2010 THEME
"CELEBRATING
COMMUNITY SPIRIT"**

