

GLENWOOD



GLEANINGS

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glenwood.ca/resident/community-calendar/
Click on any item to see all the details for that item.

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COVID19 Update

As a municipality, our key role is to ensure the operation of essential infrastructure and services...water, sewer and irrigation. Our top priority is health, safety and the well-being of the residents and our employees. The village will continue to provide information on our website, at the Post Office, on the bulletin board kiosk and via Facebook. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the village office. *Our office hours remain the same: Mon-Thurs 8-4,* however, **we would appreciate your call or email rather than**

WELCOME BACK GLENWOOD GLEANINGS NEWSLETTER

With the final issue of the Glenwood Neighbourly News printed earlier this month, we are bringing back the Glenwood Gleanings, written by Marilee Campbell at the village office, until such time as someone else volunteers to take over the publication. We hope you are all doing well and that you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times around the globe.

GLENWOOD GLEANINGS ADS & SUBMISSIONS

Please feel free to email glenwoodgleanings@gmail.com to make submissions, calendar entries or announcements in this newsletter. Or just drop a hand-written note in the mailbox beside the door of the village office – just remember to add your name and phone number should we have any questions regarding the submission. Business card sized ads can be purchased for \$12 per year and double size for \$24 per year at the Village Office.

DAMAGED HEADSTONE - GLENWOOD CEMETERY

A headstone close to the entrance of the Glenwood Cemetery was damaged when a vehicle struck it on September 20, 2019. Insurance does not cover this type of loss and we don't know who struck the headstone. The cost to replace the damaged headstone is close to \$3,000. Please consider making a donation to the Glenwood Cemetery to help replace this damaged headstone.

TO FLUSH, OR NOT TO FLUSH – THAT IS THE QUESTION...

At this time of year, between melting snow and storm drainage, our sewer lagoons get pretty full. Please refrain from rinsing excessive chemicals down the drain – that kills the bacteria that biodegrade all that waste. Also, the items below must be manually removed from the screens (YUCK), as they do not biodegrade...

Please **do not flush**:

- Diapers
- Used paper towels
- Wet wipes (not even if the package says they are flushable)
- Sanitary products
- Condoms
- Disinfectant or Clorox wipes

EMERGENCY CALL LIST

We are establishing a current list of **emergency only** contact phone numbers. Please call the Village Office to provide at least one emergency number for your household.

**visiting us in person
whenever possible.**

Emergency Operations Center

As the Glenwood Village Office has been designated as our Emergency Operations Center for this event, you may also contact Marilee on her cell phone during non-office hours at (587) 370-3296.

Social Distancing

The most important measures that Albertans can take to prevent COVID19 is to practice food hygiene. When out in public, practicing social distancing can help you reduce your risk by minimizing contact with others in the community.

Grocery Shopping:

- Order online and get delivered, if you can.
- If not, try to shop at times when there are fewer shoppers in the store.
- Wipe down handle of grocery carts and baskets as well as your hands before entering and after leaving the store.
- Use self-check-out, if available.

Small Social

Gatherings:

- Family visits or house parties – postpone, if possible or hold virtually.
- Cancel if any participants are senior citizens or

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

The Glenwood Cemetery Committee has tentatively scheduled a cemetery cleanup day on Saturday May 9 or May 23 (depending on weather and COVID19) from 9 AM to 1 PM.

This is not going to be your average cemetery cleanup day. We would like to invite your family to attend ~ aunts, uncles' cousins, grandparents, kids, teenagers... There will be respectful, learning activities for the children, such as:

- Stories in the Stones (learn about the area forefathers & mothers)
- Scavenger Hunt (such as, who is the oldest person buried in our cemetery, who was buried first, etc)

After all the work is done, the event will end with a potluck barbeque – Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. More info to follow...

PERSONAL INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Tamara Sloboda has recently retired from working for Municipal Affairs and she helped to train me as a new CAO last year. She emailed me recently to make this offer to our residents.

"I would like to extend my volunteer services to help your community members (low and modest-income families) with e-filing their individual taxes.

In order to provide greater flexibility to Canadians who may be experiencing hardships during the COVID-19 outbreak, the CRA will defer the filing due date for 2019 tax returns of individuals, including certain trusts, until June 1, 2020. However, the CRA encourages individuals who expect to receive benefits under the Goods and Services Tax credit (GSTC), or the Canada Child Benefit, or the Senior Benefit not to delay filing of their return to ensure their entitlements for the 2020-21 benefit year are properly determined.

For low and modest-income families, the Government will provide a one-time special payment by early May 2020 through the GSTC. This will double the maximum annual GSTC payment amounts for the 2019-20 benefit year. The average boost to income for those benefitting from this measure will be close to \$400 for single individuals and close to \$600 for couples.

If you have low and modest-income families in your community that needs help filling their 2019 taxes via E-File please let me know."

TAMARA SLOBODA CPA, CGA

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THE NEW LAND USE BYLAW #192-2019

At the March Regular Village Council meeting, the new Land Use Bylaw received third and final reading and become law.

What is a land use bylaw and why do we need one?

- The land use bylaw establishes rules and regulations for land development and the process for making decisions for development permits within a municipality.
- It also divides a municipality into land use districts or zones to separate different kinds of land usage within that municipality, shown on the land use bylaw (LUB) map.
- Different land use zones may have different development rules.

have high –risk medical conditions.

- Do not go to any gathering if you have a fever or a cough, even if symptoms appear to be mild or resembling a mild cold.

Glenwood Municipal Library

The library is temporarily closed due to COVID19.

Glenwood Community Hall

The Glenwood Community Hall is closed to all public events. It is currently being cleaned & disinfected, in preparation for use as an emergency center, should the need arise. Future Village Council Meetings will be held there at regularly scheduled dates and times, as it is large enough to facilitate the required social distancing requirements. **The next Village Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 PM.**

Property Assessments

Property assessments will be mailed out to residents during the first week of May. Be sure to let us know if you have any questions or concerns about your assessment. Subsequent tax notices will be mailed about six weeks later.

- Whenever you plan to do any kind of development on your property, you should be referring to the rules outlined in the land use bylaw. The current one is found on our website – www.glenwood.ca.

What kind of information can I find in the land use bylaw?

- Permitted uses (developments that can be approved by the development officer (CAO)).
- Discretionary uses (developments that need to be approved by either the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) or Village Council.
- Accessory buildings (i.e. garage, shed) height, size, placement, design, etc.
- Parking and landscaping requirements
- What kind of developments do not need a development permit application.
- Sign and fence regulations, etc.

THE ROOTS OF THE GLENWOOD GLEANINGS

The original Glenwood Gleanings began in June 1972. This excerpt, written by LaRue Olsen in 1983, is taken from 100 Years Between the Rivers (page 382):

The story of the Gleanings is like a small seed planted in a fertile field. It is weak at first, but as time passes, it gets stronger and brings much pleasure to those who first planted it.

The idea of a small town paper came from a home town boy and his mother – Vance and Gretta Leavitt.

The Village Council promised full support. They met every Tuesday morning in the Village office and Dawn Archibald did the typing. Gretta Leavitt came up with the name “Glenwood Gleanings”. Senior citizens were asked to help; Dora Law as the editor and Hurshel Shipley operated the hand driven Gestetner.

The papers were given out free. Some donations came in but it soon became evident that they had to have money and eventually they charged \$5.00 for a year's subscription. Histories of the early pioneers, Glenwood, village, M.D. and Cheese Factory news, special church functions and, of course, all the travels of most everyone were printed.

The Gleanings received a New Horizon's grant of \$4,800.00. It was used for the Senior Citizen's Community Club. This made it possible for them to buy new equipment; an automatic Gestetner copier and cooker as well as two new typewriters. They moved into a room in the Post Office building in May of 1973. They had eight reporters and a roving reporter. Karl Williams went out of town for news to Hill Spring and the Blood Reserve. In 1983, they only had one reporter, Alice Leavitt, and she does an excellent job. She is also the 'hello' girl on the telephone. The Gleanings advanced to three typists.

Ruth Olsen was President at the time that the Gleanings moved to the Lion's Hall in September of 1980. She received a \$3,000.00 utility grant from the government. This had to be matched with an equal amount of work. The Lions did the work, and the Senior Citizen's Group furnished the money through the grant and made it possible to upgrade the building.

Among the typists have been: LaRee Mowers, Connie McCuaig, Twylla Oviatt, Bonnie Law and Theo Niessen. Special Mention goes out to Annie Read, Lucille Bohne, Theresa Michel, all deceased and to Maria Kutsch, now unable to come and to Gretta Leavitt who started it all.

Other workers have been Edra Olsen, Sheila Ross, Lucile and George Stewart, May Archibald, Grace Cosens, Laura Smith, Mary Alexandrovich, Anna Eggebrecht, Don Zieffle, the weatherman; Sam Law, Tom Leavitt, Alice Reed, Helen Leavitt, Fern Williams, Jean Allred.

The present (1983) staff consists of: President Jean Lybbert; Vice-President Louise Shipley; Secretary Hurshel Shipley; Editor Doreen Leavitt; Reporter-phone girl Alice Leavitt; Clarence Cosens runs the large Gestetner; LaRue Olsen operates the two small machines. Irene Bennion and Pearl Thomas sort headings for the paper. All the Staff help with the sorting, labelling and stapling.



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