



# NEWSLETTER

**Village Office Hours**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
**8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
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## Municipal Council Nov 2024 - 2028

Congratulations, welcome and thank-you to our new village council members! We are excited to have you in this vital role. Your unique perspectives and experiences will greatly contribute to our community's growth and well-being over the next four years!

**Mayor:** Shauna Ilg



**Deputy Mayor:** Karl Senko



**Councilor:** Kim Fetter



**Councilor:** Benji Szautner



**Councilor:** Shane Haeusler



## Council Meetings

Council meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. These meetings are open to the public. Anyone wishing to address council during a council meeting is required to be on the agenda.

Upcoming meeting agendas are posted 24 hours prior to the current council meeting and minutes are posted on the post office bulletin board, once approved.

## Career Opportunity Village Public Works Foreman

The Village of Muenster is currently accepting resumes for the Public Works Foreman position.

Please see the village website or Facebook page for the full job posting details.

Submit resumes to the Village of Muenster at [muenster@sasktel.net](mailto:muenster@sasktel.net) or call 306-682-2794.

*We would like to extend a huge thankyou to Mark Davis for all that he achieved during his time as our Village Foreman. Good luck in your future endeavors Mark!*



## Letters to Santa

Wondering how to get your letters to Santa with the mail strike on? Word has it that Monica at the Muenster Library has an "in" with some of Santa's elves! Drop your letter off in the library drop box by December 13<sup>th</sup>, the elves will pick them up and try their best to return Santa's replies by after school on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Word has it that Mrs.Claus will be responding with a treat from her kitchen too!

## 2024 Property Tax Deadline

The payment deadline for 2024 Taxes is December 31, 2024

To avoid a 10% interest penalty on 2024 taxes, *please ensure your online payments are processed early.*

A reminder that any online payments typically require *three to five business days* to be processed.

E-transfers are automatic deposit and are almost immediate. However paying through Affinity Tax bill payments method may take up to 5 business days.

Cheques/cash can be dropped off in person or in our 24/7 hr chute.



## Village Office Christmas Hours



Mon Dec 16	CLOSED
Tue Dec 17	OPEN 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Wed Dec 18	OPEN 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Thu Dec 19	OPEN 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Fri Dec 20	CLOSED
Mon Dec 23	CLOSED
Tue Dec 24	OPEN 8:30 am– NOON
Wed Dec 25	CLOSED
Thu Dec 26	CLOSED
Fri Dec 27	CLOSED as usual
Mon Dec 30	CLOSED as usual
Tues Dec 31	OPEN 8:30 am – NOON
Wed Jan 1	CLOSED
Thu Jan 2	OPEN 8:30 am–3:30 pm

## Canada Post Strike

We are unable to mail correspondence, including water bills and newsletters due to the strike. If you don't already receive bills and receipts by email but would like to, please contact the Village Office to obtain an email consent form.

### Additional Options:

- Call us at 306-682-2794 for any balances owed
- Stop by the office during regular business hours for your current water bill copy



## Muenster Post Office Closure

We have been notified that as of March 2025, the contract will be terminated between Eastside Liquidation and Canada Post. In order to continue with postal service in Muenster a new **retail** location is required.

### How Canada Post Selects Retailers:

Retail postal offices may be opened based on customers' needs. Some of the deciding factors considered by Canada Post are:

- Retail store location and hours
- Accessibility
- Local management and network requirements.

### Three ways to partner with Canada Post:

1. Full service post office
2. Parcel pickup only
3. Sell stamps only

For more information on requirements, or to apply for a retail outlet, visit: [www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/become-an-authorized-retailer.page](http://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/become-an-authorized-retailer.page)



## REACT News

At the Nov 19/2024 regular meeting of the Village of Muenster, council resolved to switch to curbside bin pickup for garbage collection services within Muenster.

April 1, 2025 is the planned date to implement the new curbside garbage bin system.

### Details:

- The curbside bin system will be mandatory for each residential tax title property within Muenster. Commercial properties will have the *option* of adopting the bin system
- Muenster will no longer receive weekly pickup as we do with the "tag-a-bag". Bin garbage pickup will be on a bi-weekly basis (bins are tipped every 2 weeks)
- The monthly fee to residents will be approximately **\$13.60/month**. This charge may change based on React's monthly fuel surcharge.
- This fee will be included on your April 1, 2025 utility bill and each monthly bill thereafter.
- Each cart holds 4 – 6 large bags depending on how full the bags are. We ask that garbage is bagged so litter does not blow around
- As part of the Automated Curbside Service, REACT will provide a brochure that will be handed out with each cart delivered so you know how to use the cart, what can go in the cart, and how to place the cart on the street
- Each household will receive a cart with their address marked on it. The cart stays with that residence; if the house is sold or a new tenant moves in, the cart remains for the new resident's use.
- Snowbirds, people who head south for winter, keep their cart and continue to be charged monthly. It is not feasible for REACT to move carts back and forth for people on holidays.
- REACT retains ownership of the carts. Each cart has a value of \$100.00. REACT keeps track

of the carts with serial numbers to help prevent them from going missing. The homeowner is responsible for taking care of the cart, should one become damaged, lost or stolen. This \$100.00 charge would be the responsibility of the resident.

- If REACT causes damage to the cart while tipping it, they will replace the bin at no charge.
- If a household would like more than one cart, an additional monthly fee would be required.
- Carts will be delivered by REACT. The Village is not responsible for, or involved in, the cart placement or removal; REACT takes care of all the planning and execution of getting the Automated Curbside Service up and running.

## REACT Recycle Blue Bins and Holidays

Reminder: Christmas wrap is ***not*** to be recycled in the blue bins but treated as waste. Please flatten all boxes before putting into recycle bins.



## REACT Holiday Schedule

Keep a lookout on our Facebook page, website and bulletin boards around town for the REACT holiday schedule. The Garbage Pickup for Muenster is not affected. Normal pickup times shall take place on Dec 24 and Jan 31. See the React Schedule on the Village Website, Facebook and Post Office. React website:

[www. https://www.reactsask.ca/](http://www.https://www.reactsask.ca/)

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Twinkle Tour

On Sunday, December 15, 2024, starting at 6:00 p.m., residents are invited to head out on their "S"elf guided tours of the Village of Muenster.

The Muenster Fire Department will start off the evening off when they hit the streets with lights flashing and siren blaring. Word has it, Santa will be making an appearance.

Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor firepit in the Community Centre parking lot for residents to stop by and warm up. The outdoor rink beside the curling rink will be fully operational thanks to Councilor Karl.



We encourage you to start your tour by picking up a ballot from the **Muenster Hotel**. At the end of your walk, drop your vote for best light display down the Village Office drop chute.

No registration is required. Residents are encouraged to turn on their lights to get in the running for winning a nice prize and the honor of the title of Best Light Display of 2024!



**Pub Works in Review 2024**

- Rangeline 5’ excavation, culvert replacement, ditch rebuilding and surface gravel. \$200,000.00
- Village wide road crowning , drainage, culverts and surface gravel \$260,000.00
- Dust Suppressant \$22,400.00
- Ford Ranger Stolen and Shop Break In \$18,000.00
- New water turbidity meter purchased \$2,600.00
- Grader repairs/maintenance \$10,000.00

**Muenster Library**

306-682-5252  
Regular Hours:  
Monday        Closed  
Tuesday        10:30 – 4:30  
Wednesday    2:00 – 7:00  
Thursday      3:00 – 6:30  
Friday         3:00 – 6:30  
Sat/Sun        Closed

**Holiday Closure:** The library will be **closed** December 22 through to January 1, 2025.

**Dates to Note in December:**

- Story Hour** – Tuesdays at 9AM (Dec 3, 10 & 17)  
**Chess Club** – Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (Dec 4, 11 & 18)  
**Ladies Stitch & Visit** – Thursdays 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm (Dec 5, 12 and 19)  
**Lego Nights** – Fri Dec 6 & Fri Dec 20 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
**Over 40 Kaiser Tournament** – Dec 13, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

**Social Media**

Keep up do date with Village news by visiting our Facebook page and website at VillageofMuenster.ca for important community updates, notices, and reminders.  
We also post updates at the post office, Co-op, library and Knight Archer bulletin boards.



**Pet Licenses**

Annual Pet Licenses are due January 30, 2025. License fees are \$10 per dog and/or cat.  
Please call or email the Village Office to advise us of any new furry family members in your home, as well as any that no longer reside with you.

**Carbon Monoxide**

After a significant snowfall or cold snap, Muenster residents are strongly advised to check their heat vents for snow and ice pile

up ensuring they are not completely blocked off. Carbon monoxide can get trapped and head back into your house.



The Village encourages residents to visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/smoke-co-alarms](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/smoke-co-alarms) to learn about different types of alarms and where to install them in your homes.

**Arena Schedule Online**

Want to know when there is public skating or scheduled hockey games?  
Please access details on the Arena Schedule via the online calendar at: <https://calendar.google.com/calenda r/embed?src=muenstersports2022%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FRegina>

**Outdoor Skating Rink**

The outdoor rink beside curling rink is now open for use. Thankyou to the volunteer who has spent so much time making this a phenomenal surface for outdoor fun.

**Volunteer Snow Removal**

Muenster residents are very helpful when snow falls on our community! **Thank You** to all those who help out their neighbors, clear the sidewalks and offer assistance wherever possible. These people are very abundant within our community – we are blessed! Your efforts are not going unnoticed.

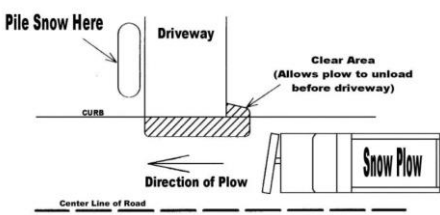
**Push Snow onto Yards**

When pushing snow after a large snowfall, these practices can help minimize money spent on municipal snow clearing :

- ❖ Push snow from your driveways well back into your yard. Ensure it is far enough back so as not to add to or impede the efforts of the grader.
- ❖ With large quantities of heavy snow, the space to pile snow in residential areas will ultimately run out. Pushing snow back onto yards as far as possible from the street is required.
- ❖ If snow is not pushed back far enough onto yards, the Village will be **unable to avoid costs associated with hauling snow away**.
- ❖ Graders are powerful machines, but not powerful enough to push through large piles that have set up “hard as a rock”. When the grader has to make more passes as the winter proceeds, it can only push it so far off the street before it runs into the hard banks created from the last snow

removal. The new snow becomes impossible to wing off any further and room runs out.

**Driveway Plowing Policies**



- ❖ As residents, if we can push our driveway snow well back onto our yards, rather than pile it high beside the road, we can contribute to minimizing any future hauling **costs** throughout this long winter. Space is at a premium when we see large amounts of snow falling in short periods of time!

**Spring will come again!**

- ❖ Any large quantities of snow left in our yards in the spring can be pushed out and spread out to allow it to melt. The **issue of** snow melt causing water concerns in homes may be avoided by spring diligence in breaking the large piles up at the warmer time of the year and allowing melting and drainage to work. This can be viewed as a cost savings method of dealing with excessive snow accumaltion.

**Snow Removal Policy**

Please refrain from parking vehicles on streets during/after snowfalls. The grader will do a much better job if they can pass free of obstacles.  
A snow removal map is **attached** and will identify priority streets and removal responsibility.  
\*The Village has plans to try alternative equipment to increase snow removal efforts in the residential sections/bays where the grader can not turn around easily.

*See attached snow removal policy.*





Snow Removal Priorities  
Village of Muenster

Grader can be deployed after ~15cm of snowfall pending conditions.  
Grader will leave ridges pending quantity of snowfall and buildup of existing banks. Ridges can be removed but only after primary priorities are completed.



Priority 1	<div></div>	Range Road, Railway Street, College Avenue, EMS, Muenster School, and Wolverine Heights
Priority 2	<div></div>	Main Street, Taphorn Street, Phillips Street, Scott Street, First Avenue, Second Avenue, and Third Avenue
Priority 3	<div></div>	Phillips Place, Main Bay, Scott Bay, Phillips Bay, and Main Crescent
Priority 4	<div></div>	Ridges, Alley Work, and Bays Parking
Priority 5	<div></div>	St. Peter's College and Abbey
Priority 6	<div></div>	St. Peter's Parish Road