



NEWSLETTER

Village Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
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September 2024

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REACT Curbside Pickup – No Changes for now

REACT fees for garbage tags are \$4.50 per bag. Tags can be purchased at the village office.
Deliberations have been halted for the time being.. After the November Municipal Elections, council may decide to re-consider a switch to curbside pickup.

Public Works - Roads

July and August marked major upgrades within Muenster’s roadways and drainage systems. Improvements to the overall surface water drainage system were completed village wide - improving drainage from the North East corner of Muenster towards the South West.

Rangeline Road improvements were completed with the assistance of Kirsch Construction out of Humboldt. As the soft section of Rangeline was excavated, workers found infill of various sorts including organic, saturated soil, old culverts and a few cow bones (just to name a few things)! The road section was reconstructed with proper infill, packing and geogrid fabric. The initial planned scope of work was expanded upon once the sub par subsurface material was exposed. The extra work and extra infill material, along with the adjustment of the culverts along Rangeline should greatly improve our ability to maintain the Rangeline Road to higher service level expectations going forward.

All the improvements will facilitate drainage away from this concentrated area along Rangeline where the water table has presented as very high. Engineered reports and the insights from our hands on Public Works Foreman, Mark Davis, have guided us through this major infrastructure work this summer.

We wish to thank the residents adjacent to the work zones who had equipment, dust and noise to put up with. Thanks to the Muenster Sports Club and Marty Yeager for the time they spent to adjust to the drainage changes and how they affected the ball diamonds. We also wish to thank the residents who have given feedback on the process and assisted us in adjusting things as the drainage needed small adjustments throughout the process. Thank you to Glenn Korte and Murray Loehr who have generously provided expertise and feedback throughout the tasks performed this summer. Thanks to the councillors who also contributed hands on assistance in clearing culverts.

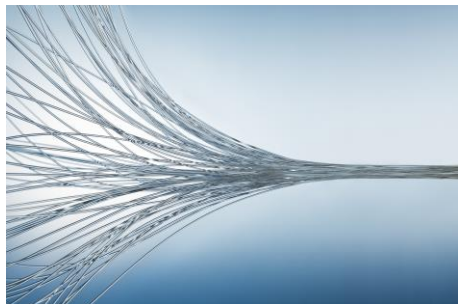
The work continues. Dust suppression and road maintenance schedules will be outlined. The sale of the remaining seven residential lots will trigger where and how to subdivide future residential lots. Aged water meter replacements and flow meters at the water treatment plant will be considered as a phased in expense going forward. There are many areas of focus and we welcome resident’s feedback as we progress.

Project Title	Description	Source of Funds	Total Cost to Village
Village wide drainage, road shaping, culverts and gravel laid	~\$215,000 + tax = \$240,000.00	Paid for using Roadwork Reserve and Capital Reserve funds the Village had saved.	\$235,000.00
Rangeline Improvement Project	Cost of Rangeline Road improvement including excavating, , geogrid fabric, shape ditches, reset culverts ~\$100,000.00 + tax = \$110,000.00 -unanticipated yet required quantity of base gravel fill and hauling ~\$80,000.00 + tax = \$85,000.00	Loan to be acquired and /or some reserve funds	\$195,000.00
Rangeline Surface Gravel	Surface gravel and packing yet to complete Sept 2024 ~ \$50,000.00	Loan to be acquired and /or reserve funds	\$50,000.00
		Total Capital Cost	~\$480,000.00

Sasktel Bringing Fibre Optic Lines to Muenster

SaskTel has contracted workers from **Axis Vac** and **HDD** (Hydrovac & Directional Drilling Contractor). They will be visible in Muenster throughout September. You may see workers in your alleys and at times, at the backs of your properties. The crews are responsible for boring fibre optic lines in to replace the traditional, less efficient, copper lines in the Sasktel telecommunications networks. Once the lines are installed, residents will have access to infiNET which is a faster internet connection.

Some digging and construction work will be necessary, but SaskTel is confident that the benefits will outweigh any inconvenience. After the ground is displaced, it can take a bit to settle.



Once construction is completed, the crew will come back and assist in reclaiming dig sites that may have settled, leaving uneven ground.

For more information about infiNET and the construction process, visit: www.sasktel.com/infinet

Farewell Summer Students

We would like to thank our two summer students, **Chase** Cheslock and **Charlie** Hogemann for all of their hard work around town this summer!! Good luck with your future endeavors Charlie & Chase!



**ELEVATE
MASSAGE**
New Clients Welcome!
305 Railway St, Muenster SK
306-320-1057
elevatemassagermt@gmail.com
Sydney Hilbert, Registered
Massage Therapist



Social Media/Web Update

News: The Village of Muenster has contracted Brandon Engele of Caracal to assist us in reformatting our Village website. We anticipate the new site to be completed in the next few months.

Visit our Village of Muenster Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/VillageofMuenster> and website at: <https://www.villageofmuenster.ca> for important community updates, notices, and reminders.

2024 Municipal Election

The Village Office will begin accepting nominations for mayor and council on September 23, 2024, until October 9 at 4:00 PM for the office(s) of:

Mayor: Village of Muenster
to be elected – 1

Councillors: Village of Muenster
to be elected – 4

Nomination forms may be obtained at the Muenster Village office

Eligibility Requirements to Serve on Council:

- 18 yrs of age.
- Canadian Citizen
- Saskatchewan resident** for at least 6 months.
- Muenster resident** for at least 3 months.

Upcoming Election Deadlines:

Oct 9th – Nominations due

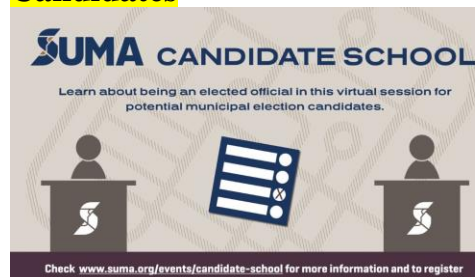
Oct 9th – **Criminal Record Check and Public Disclosure Statements due**

Tues Nov 5th – Advance Poll

Wed Nov 13th – Election Day

Nominees must submit a recent Criminal Record check AND a Public Disclosure Statement with nomination forms. ****This means if you are thinking about running for council please make arrangements to have your criminal record checks complete with enough time to allow completion prior to Oct 9th for the nomination deadline.***

Information for Potential Candidates



Information for potential candidates can also be found by visiting www.saskatchewan.ca

This includes:

- The purpose of a municipality and role of council

- Considerations before running for council
- Responsibilities and responsible conduct of council members
- How to run for council
- Key documents after you are elected
- Additional municipal election resources



2024 Tax Payments

The 2024 levy was issued June 1, with taxes due by December 31, 2024. Payments are accepted via etransfer, cash, cheque or online tax bill payments.

2025 Property Revaluations

The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) is responsible for the governance of Saskatchewan's property Assessment System. Every four years there is a revaluation of all properties in the province. A revaluation does not include a physical inspection. It is strictly an update to the assessed value as of the market base date, which can also be thought of as the valuation date.

For the 2025 Revaluation, assessed values will be updated to reflect a new valuation base date of January 1, 2023. The legislated base date means that 2025 values reflect a property's value as of January 1, 2023.



What this means for the Property Owner:

There may be changes to the assessed value of your home and businesses. The 2025 property values will be available to the public via the Muenster Assessment Roll which is OPEN to VIEWING in the early spring of 2025. Please watch for information next March as to the date of the opening of the roll.

Muenster Library News

Library Hours:

Tuesday 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Wednesday 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Thursday 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Friday 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Call the library, or check the calendar for more information!
PH: 306-682-5252

Lots for Sale

-Residential lot prices range from \$34,000 to \$45,000 in Phillips Bay.
-Five Village commercial lots are for sale listed at \$35,000 each.
-Council is looking towards the next future residential subdivision plans and how this will impact our community. There are only seven open residential lots available in Muenster to date.

Baseball/Softball News:

Congrats to all the players, coaches, volunteers, umpires and families who participated in another season of Muenster Baseball and Softball competitions! You continue to put us on the map with your athleticism, sportsmanship and hard work. Thank you for all your efforts and making our community proud. Best of luck to all the graduating players in their future pursuits whether it is ball related or other. Make sure you pop in and keep us updated on your pursuits. Remember players...
“There is No Place Like Home!”

Village Communication

Have you checked out the new municipal bulletin board at the post office yet? The billboard contains agendas and minutes of council meetings, public works information, public notices, and much more as we strive to keep residents informed and up to date with current information. Let us know what you think!

Thankyou to Brandy and Craig at Eastside Liquidation for allowing us space to post our municipal bulletin board.

Rental Properties

The village office has been receiving quite a few calls lately from individuals looking to rent homes in Muenster.
If you are a property owner interested in renting out accommodations or property and would like to be added to the Muenster Landlord List, please call or email the Village Office and we will add your contact info to our Landlord List.

Saskatchewan Secondary Suite Incentive Grant Program

This program was designed to increase the availability of rental units in Saskatchewan communities, improve housing affordability and generate supplementary income for homeowners. The grant program will provide 35 per cent of the total price to construct a new secondary suite at an owner’s primary residence, to a maximum of 35,000 for a qualifying suite.
For more information visit:
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/taxes-and-investments/tax-credits/saskatchewan-secondary-suite-incentive-grant-program>

School News

We would like to wish all the staff and students of Muenster School a happy, successful new school year! Classes resume on September 3, 2024 for grades 1 – 12, and September 4, 2024 for Kindergarten...

Welcome Back to School Pancake Breakfast

The Muenster School Community Council (SCC) will be hosting the Welcome Back breakfast:

- Friday September 6
- 8AM to 9AM
- All Welcome
- Silver Collection

Help Wanted: Muenster Before and After School Program

If you have a few hours a week to spare, and enjoy working with children, this could be the job for you!

The Muenster Before and after School Program is looking for adults, to supervise the babysitters and help with some of the younger children.
The program operates weekdays from 7:30am – 8:40am and 3:20 pm to 5:30 pm.

This is a paid *or* volunteer position.
If you are interested in one day, a few days, or all shifts/week, give Monica a call at 306-231-6801.

Identity Theft and Fraud Prevention Workshop

Save the Date:
September 24, 2024
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
305 Railway Street – Muenster Village Office
All community members are invited to this *free* information session presented by Joanne Grywacheski from Affinity Credit Union regarding safeguarding your

personal safety and financial well being online. Joanne is returning as a follow up to her initial presentation this spring to Muenster residents. Residents in attendance found her information useful and requested her return to further their understanding and discussion on the topics presented.

Save the Date Dec 6th.

Muenster Cooperative Childcare Center is hosting Quick Dick McDick! Save the Date for your Christmas Party or gather a group of friends to attend.
Dec 6, 2024 located at the Muenster Hall
Doors open at 6 pm
Supper at 7 pm
Quick Dick McDick 8:30 pm

Muenster Trivia

Did you know that Muenster was originally called St. Peters Colony? The name was changed to Muenster, after the German city, before the Post Office opened on January 1, 1904. Muenster was declared the Village of Muenster on August 31, 1908, the date of incorporation.

