

## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

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## NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL	
Reeve:	
Walter Amerongen	204-348-7745
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Tim Honke	204-348-2896
Councillors:	
Duncan McDougald	204-348-3136
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Regular council meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, meetings are open to the public.

#### <u>Council Meetings - start time 1:00pm</u> February 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

**OFFICE CLOSED** FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, LOUIS RIEL DAY



#### SNOW REMOVAL

Be advised that "any party who deposits snow upon a highway or the shoulders thereof," may be in contravention of Section 217 (2) of the Highway Traffic Act, which reads as follows: "A person who drops, throws or deposits upon a highway any substance or thing likely to injure a person, animal, or vehicle shall immediately remove it or cause it to be removed." As the practice of cleaning private lanes and driveways and leaving snow on the road and/or shoulders creates hazardous driving conditions, the Rural Municipality of Whitemouth would expect that all residents will comply with the above-mentioned section of the Act. The objective of the winter snow removal and sanding policy is to provide uniform service to the public throughout the Municipality during a normal winter. For unusual or very difficult conditions, the Municipality will restore normal service as soon as available resources permit.

#### E-TRANSFER EMAIL ADDRESS

assistant cao@rmwhitemouth.com

#### TAX AND UTILITY RECEIPTS

Please note, receipts will only be mailed or emailed upon request.

ANY OUTSTANDING 2023 & PRIOR PROPERTY TAXES WILL BE SUBJECT TO TAX SALE FEES

Website: www.rmwhitemouth.com

**Public Works:** Monday to Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm **Phone:** (204) 348-2815

### February/March 2025

#### WHITEMOUTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

#### TIPS FOR WINTER PROTECTION

Winter was quite pleasant in the beginning of the season. Things have turned nasty of late. Snow storms, high winds, extreme colds have made the last couple of weeks unpleasant. While outdoor winter activities can be fun, but an enjoyable time can turn dangerous quickly if you are not dressed appropriately. Recognizing and preventing frostbite and hypothermia is crucial to ensuring your outdoor activities are safe!

**Frostbite**-affects the skin often in extremities like fingers, toes, ears and nose. It is recognized by numbness & hard pale skin. Treat by using extra clothing and blankets to warm the affected area or if more severe, soak the area in warm tepid water for about 15 minutes. AVOID, direct heat sources such as heating pads.

Hypothermia-occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce it. Symptoms are shivering, confusion, slurred speech and loss of coordination. Treat by taking the individual to a warm area, remove any wet clothing and wrap in blankets. Prevent both winter dangers by dressing in layers with a base layer that fits snuggly against your skin, a middle layer to retain body heat and an outer layer to protect against the elements. Remember to wear a hat, mittens, and scarf as well limiting outdoor activities during extreme cold spells. Stay informed about weather conditions to be prepared for a safer winter season.

#### WHITEMOUTH-REYNOLDS NORTH WHITESHELL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

WINTER HOURS - CLOSED MONDAYS Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday-8:00 am to 4:30 pm Wednesdays – 11:30 am to 8:00 pm

ILLEGAL DUMPING AT THE GATE? SMILE! YOU ARE ON CAMERA!! YOU WILL BE PROSECUTED.

# Community Events

#### <u>SEVEN SISTERS COMMUNITY</u> <u>CLUB</u>

**SUPPER CLUB & GAME EVENING** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month February 18<sup>th</sup> & March 18<sup>th</sup>. Doors open-5:00pm, dinner served-6:00pm Games & shuffleboard following dinner

Monthly executive meetings-7:00pm Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> & Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### CHASE THE ACE

Fridays at the Seven Sisters Hotel. Tickets sold from 5:00pm to 6:45pm Draw at 7:00pm

#### **STEPPIN' UP with Grit**

Fridays - 10:00am- 10:45am Contact Grit @204-213-0882

#### WHITEMOUTH RECREATION ASSOCIATION JUNIOR CURLING PROGRAM

Every Monday at 5:30pm Clean shoes and helmets required. Contact Gareth @345-3161 or Kyla @297-5217

#### STICK CURLING BONSPIEL

February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> Entry-\$70.00 per team, includes Saturday evening supper. Contact Lorraine @345-3862 Deadline to enter-February 21<sup>st</sup> Come out for a weekend of fun!

#### **OUTDOOR SKATING RINK IS OPEN!**

#### CHASE THE ACE

Saturdays at the Whitemouth Hotel, Tickets sold from 3:00pm to 5:15pm Draw at 5:30pm

#### HALL AND CURLING RINK BOOKINGS Contact: Arleen @348-2196 or email <u>lhr@mymts.net</u>

#### WHITEMOUTH MUSEUM

Museum is updating their website and are looking for pictures of some unique items from the past. Email: <u>museum.whitemouth@gmail.com</u> Memberships - \$10.00 Contact Corene @ 348-2337

#### WHITEMOUTH LIBRARY

Open: Thursdays - 2:00pm - 4:00pm Saturdays - 11:00am - 1:00pm From April to December we are also open Thursday evenings from 7:00pm-8:30pm

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 25th, 7:00pm

Reminder- we have partnered with the Dolly Parton Library. Children up to their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday can receive a book in the mail every month.

Must live in the RM of Whitemouth or Rennie.

Dolly Parton Foundation pays for books, while the Library is responsible for paying the cost of mailing, we have received generous donations but will need more as the program keeps growing. So far 77 children have enjoyed receiving books in the mail!

#### WHITEMOUTH HAPPY HOURS

Soup and Sandwich -Thursdays, Noon to 1:00 pm, Whitemouth Hall Memberships \$15.00 for the year Cost-\$7.00 for members,\$9.00 nonmembers Games to follow lunch and periodic informative presentations. Contact Sheila @348-2942

#### JAM SESSIONS

Every 3<sup>RD</sup> Friday of the month 6:00pm-9:00pm February 21<sup>st</sup> & March 21<sup>st</sup> Lunch provided. Everyone welcome.

#### **STEPPIN' UP**

Whitemouth Community Centre Wednesdays – 10:30am-11:15am Contact Lois at 431-777-0020 or Debbie @348-2608

#### **<u>TWO RIVERS SERVICE TO SENIORS</u>** SAFE & HEALTHY HOME GRANT

If you are 65 or older and have mobility issues, you may be eligible to apply for a Grant to purchase devices(modular ramps, stair lifts, grab bars, etc) or make adaptions to your home, for up to \$5,000.00. If you would like assistance with the application process or any questions, contact Sandra @348-4610 Helping More Seniors Age at Home!

#### INDOOR WALKING GROUP

Starting February 4<sup>th</sup>, every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00pm-8:00pm Whitemouth School-enter at Main Entrance

Please bring indoor non-marking shoes. Two styles of walking poles available upon request. Contact Sandra @348-4610 for info

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Whitemouth Redeemer Lutheran Church, 135 Henderson Ave. 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month - 2:00pm-4:00pm Seven Sisters Falls -74147 Brookfield Rd 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month – 10:00am-Noon To register or for more info contact Sandra @348-4610 or email whitemouthtworivers@gmail.com

#### HEALTHY BABY DROP IN

**FREE** Program for expecting & new parents of children under one year of age. Connect with other parents, share info & receive support and resources on prenatal & postnatal nutrition.

Held at Mrs. Lucci's in Lac du Bonnet Contact: <u>Robin @345-0284/rcyr@ierha.ca</u> or the Public Health Nurse @348-4613

#### **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, Lutheran Church, 135 Henderson Ave 6:00 pm to 7:00pm Contact Samantha Holland @268-4752

## INFORMATION

Flushing of Hot Water Tanks Did you know you should be flushing your hot water tanks once per year? Whether you are on a well or municipal water, it is recommended, as there may be mineral deposits, dirt, sand, pipe shavings or other things caught up in your hot water tank. Why should I do this? Over the lifetime of a hot water tank you may lose efficiency. Proper operation of heating elements and tanks rotting out prematurely, and a funny or rotten egg smell. Experiencing a foul smell emanating from a water heater can be pretty off-putting, affecting cooking and showering. While it may not be harmful for consumption it can lead to an additional strain on your plumbing, higher water bills and an unpleasant sensory experience.

