

VILLAGE OF HILL SPRING COUNCIL

JUNE 2022



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Newsletter

TAX INFORMATION: It is that time of year again when tax notices/assessments have been mailed out. Please note that the taxes are due by July 31, 2022. Any taxes that remain unpaid after the due and payable date shall receive a 12% penalty on Aug.1, 2022. A 1.5 % penalty will be imposed on the total unpaid balance of the tax accounts and applied the 1st day of each calendar month. Such penalties will become part of taxes owing. This penalty does not apply to the tax levy amounts being paid under the Tax Installment Program. Please note that if you are on the tax installment program the payment adjustment is shown on your tax notice and will take affect June 15, 2022 and it will also show you what your adjustment will be starting January 2022. Even if your taxes are being paid by a mortgage company/financial institution, the owner is responsible to make certain that the taxes are paid on time. Any property on which the taxes are in arrears are liable to the recovery process as outlined in the Municipal Government Act.

If for whatever reason you have misplaced your tax notice or believe you did not receive it please contact the office.

All village utility or tax bills may be paid in the following manner:

- in person by cash, cheque or debit, or via the drop box on the outside of the building
- E transfers sent to office@hillspring.ca
- Internet banking through ATB

Assessment complaint must be received in writing on or before July 28, 2022. An assessment complaint does not exempt you from paying taxes on time or from late payment penalties. If a complaint is successful, the adjustment will be made to the tax account.

Please note that due to processing delays at Land Titles, if you received a tax notice of property that you no longer own, please call the Village Office @ 403-626-3876

IRRIGATION: The irrigation is up and running thanks to some local volunteers. The time and effort of volunteers is much appreciated.

BOULEVARDS: The Village wishes to remind everyone that 'boulevards are to be kept mowed and in a tidy condition by the owners of the adjoining property. If you contravene this bylaw you may receive a fine and it will be added to your taxes. The Village also has a 'Long grass and Boulevard' bylaw 2018-297. "Tidy" condition means that no vehicles, objects, or structures are allowed to remain on the boulevard. Occasional parking of currently licensed vehicles is allowed for a period of not more than 72 consecutive hours.' "Boulevard" means the land between the property line and travelled portion of the adjoining roadway.' 'Property owners are to maintain mature grass (grass which has actively stopped growing and is losing or has lost much of its moisture content) on their lots at a length of no more than 15cm/6 inches or less.'

SPECIAL MEETING: Village Council held a special informational meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Staff from Oldman River Planning Commission made a power point presentation explaining the governance of development and other related land issues. Municipal governance was also discussed. There was good participation from those that attended and good information provided. If you would like to view a pdf copy of the power point presentation, it is available at the village office.

CEMETERY: A word of thanks from the cemetery committee. "Thank you to everyone who helped with the Hill Spring cemetery cleanup on May 28th. The cemetery grounds look very nice."

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EVENTS

18 June—Annual Street Market and Quilt Show

20 June Cultural Society “Picnic in the park.”

27 June - Town Hall meeting with RCMP Time to be determined

July 1—Celebration - information to be forthcoming

Office Closed—Thursday, July 1



VILLAGE NOTES

Village Office Hours:

Mon. 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Tue. 1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Wed. 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Closed 12:00—1:00 for lunch

Council Meetings will always be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office on 2nd Ave South, unless otherwise posted.

The next council meeting will be June 21, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

ABOUT PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

A property assessment is the estimate of a property's market value. The Alberta Government has mandated that property assessments with the province:

- Are reflective of the market value of property as of July 1 of the previous year, and
- Must reflect the characteristics and physical condition of the property on Dec. 31 of the year prior to the year in which the tax was imposed, and
- That the assessments must be kept current by being updated on an annual basis.

Market value is the most probable price which would be paid for a property in a competitive and open market. The assessor's office doesn't create the market value of your property. It is created by the real estate market place. The Assessor's office measures it.

Hill Spring Cultural Society will be joining Glenwood Aged Cheese Club for a “picnic in the park” on Monday, June 20, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m. at Spring Glen Park. Hill Spring is providing the main meal and Glenwood will bring salads and desserts. Please bring a lawn chair. If you have any questions you may call Sandy Noble 403-391-1623

July 1 Celebrations are being held on Friday, July 1, 2022. The Hill Spring Recreation Board is finalizing details so watch for forthcoming posters and information.

Hill Spring welcomes the return of Katianna Hegedus as the summer maintenance employee. Kati is the village employee so if you have any concerns please direct them to the office and not to her.