September/October 2022

TOWN OF MILLET BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER



The Prettiest Little Town in Alberta..... Come Play in Our Backyard!

Town Administration Office 4528 - 51 Street, P.O Box 270, Millet , Alberta T0C 1Z0 Phone 780-387-4554 Fax 780-387-4459 Open Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm Website: www.millet.ca Email: admin@millet.ca

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday September 14th & 28th, 2022 Wednesday October 12th & 26th, 2022

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENTS

You do not need to reapply if you were on the pre-authorized payment plan last year. If you would like to sign up for the plan, all taxes must be paid up-to-date and you must sign up prior to December 10, 2022.

ORGANICS SCHEDULE

Reminder: Organics pick-up changes to every other week starting November 7, 2022. Please refer to the GFL pick up schedule posted on our website at www.millet.ca

SPLASH PARK—CLOSING FOR SEASON

The Splash Park will be closed as of September 11th at 9pm for the season, to allow time for repairs.

LAGOON SITE—CLOSING FOR SEASON

Open every second Saturday from 8am—12pm, September 17th is the last day the lagoon site will be open for the season. Please note the ONLY items accepted are tress and branches.

<u>AGRIPLEX</u>

The ice will be in and ready for use as of September 16th. Rental enquiries are welcome! The public skating & shinny schedules for the 2022/2023 season will soon be available. Please visit the Events Calendar on the Town website at www.millet.ca for up-to-date times.

SENIORS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



The annual Seniors Appreciation Luncheon will be held on October 5, 2022 at noon at the Millet Civic Centre Community Hall. Please

contact the Town Office 780-387-4554 to register prior to September 23, 2022.



Thank you to everyone that came to our Resident Appreciation BBQ! The winning guesses of the jelly bean jars were Amy, Grace & Jayden. All winners have been contacted.

Thank you to the Millet Rec & Ag Society, the Millet & District Lions Club and to all the volunteers (too many to name) that made the Harvest Fair weekend a great success! The winning jelly bean jar guess from our Town of Millet booth was Paisley. The winner of the Wellness Committee \$50 Fresh Market gift card was Robyn. Both winners have been contacted.



DEPARTMENTS 24 HOUR ON-CALL 825-303-0095 PUBLIC WORKS publicworks@millet.ca

COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER 24 HOUR DISPATCH 780-387-4224 enforcement@millet.ca

FIRE DEPT milletfire@millet.ca EMERGENCY - Call 911

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE The office will be closed:

Monday, September 5th for Labour Day

Friday, September 30th for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Monday, October 10th for Thanksgiving



Mayor: Doug Peel

Councillors:

Mike Bennett Rebecca Frost Gerdie Hogstead Susie Petrisor Mathew Starky Charlene Van de Kraats

Chief Administrative Officer: Lisa Schoening



2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR PARKING CHANGES

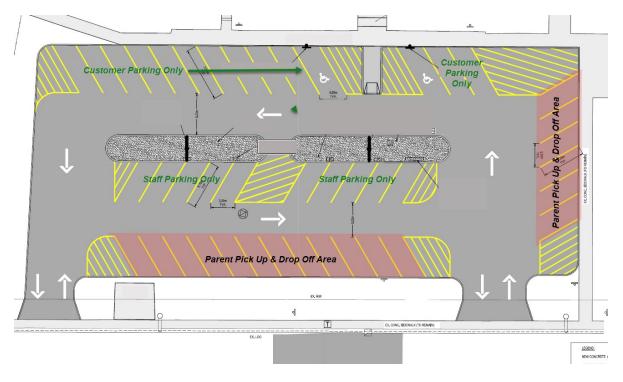
The Town of Millet is excited to announce a new Kiss and Go zone on 51st Street in front of the Griffiths-Scott School. This is a designated area for parents to quickly pick up or drop off their children without leaving the car in two minutes or less.





Parents not using the Kiss and Go zone are encouraged to park on the streets adjacent to the school for pick up and drop off.

The parking lot at the Millet Civic Centre has been resurfaced this summer so there will be some parking changes there as well. Parent drop off and pick up parking will be permitted only in the areas highlighted in red on the map below.



Have an exciting and safe school year!



As school doors open, traffic gets a little heavier on our streets. People are back from holidays, school buses are back on their regular routes, and more people are walking, cycling or driving to school. To help with the transition and share the roads safely, read our safety tips and help everyone stay safe this school year!

- 1) Observe School Zone and Playground Speeds: Although you should always obey posted speed limits, it is especially important during the school year. Children crossing the road on their way to and from school can easily get distracted and step into harm's way/ Slowing down and being vigilant is crucial to keeping kids safe. Children are often out throughout the day at recess, lunch, and for certain classes, so it's important to drive slowly throughout the day. Remember Millet's school zones are in effect from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Playground zones which include highway 616 are in effect year round from 8:00am to 1 hour after sunset.
- 2) Watch for Darting Children: Kids are small and easily distracted, and for drivers, this can create dangerous situations on the roads. Be vigilant and alert behind the wheel. You never know when a small child might step out from between parked cars of off a sidewalk. Your fast reflexes might be needed to prevent an accident.
- 3) School Buses: Most mishaps take place outside the bus. Make sure children don't arrive too early at the bus stop where they can wander or get into mischief. Make sure children wait well away from the road and stay back until the school bus makes a full stop and the doors open. Explain that they must walk at least three metres (10 feet) away when crossing in front of the bus so the driver can see them. When driving your car near a school bus, please note that extra caution is needed. You shouldn't pass a school bus when the signal lights are flashing (as children are often crossing the road at that time) and drive slowly as a general precaution.

The following information is useful for school bus passengers and their parents

Rules for getting on the bus safely

1. Be at the bus stop on time. Never run to or from the bus.

- 2. Wait at the designated stop in a safe place well back from the side of the road.
- 3. Remember the danger zone around the bus. The danger zone is anywhere close enough to touch the bus and the driver can't see you.
- 4. If you cross the street to get on the bus: when the bus comes, wait until it has come to a complete stop. The bus driver will make sure all the traffic stops. The sop arm will be out and the red lights will be flashing. Watch the driver. When the driver knows it is safe, they will signal you to cross, but watch for traffic yourself. Walk, don't run.

Rules for on the bus

- 1. Take your seat as quickly as possible and sit properly, facing forward at all times.
- 2. Hold bags and parcels in your lap. Do not put your feet into the aisle: someone might trip.
- 3. Keep your head, arms and everything else inside the bus. Don't throw anything out the windows or around in the bus.
- 4. Talk quietly. The driver must concentrate to drive the bus safely.
- 5. Save snacks for snack time at school or for when you get home. They may spill or you may choke if the bus goes over a big bump.
- 6. No fighting, shouting or paying in or around the bus.
- 7. Always follow the bus driver's instructions.

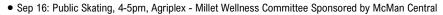
Rules for leaving the bus safely

- 1. When you leave the bus, hold the handrail and step away from the bus.
- 2. To cross the street in front of the bus, walk ahead to least 10 giant steps (3 metres). Cross only when the driver gives a signal in single file.
- 3. If you drop something near the bus, don't pick it up. Tell the driver or another adult first.
- 4. If everyone is getting off the bus, the people at the front leave first. Do not push.



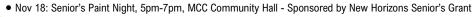
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

- Mondays: 'Learn & Play' (0-6yr), 10:30am-12pm, MCC Community Hall Sponsored by McMan Central
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- Tuesdays: Cultural Facilitation, 10:30am-12pm, MCC Community Hall Sponsored by McMan Central
 - Wednesdays: Story Time, 11am-11:30am, Library Sponsored by Millet Public Library



Sep 17: Fall Night Market, 5-8pm, 50th Ave (between Hwy 2A & 51 ST) - Presented by Millet Business Association
Sep 19: Career Fair, 3:45pm-6:00pm, MCC Community Hall - Wellness Committee Community Event

- Sep 23: Public Shinny, 4-5pm, Agriplex Millet Wellness Committee Sponsored by McMan Central
- Sep 23: Senior's Paint Night, 5pm-7pm, MCC Community Hall Sponsored by New Horizons Senior's Grant
- Sep 30: Public Skating, 4-5pm, Agriplex Wear orange for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Millet Wellness Committee Sponsored by McMan Central
- Oct 5: Seniors Appreciation Luncheon, 12:00pm, MCC Community Hall, Call 780-387-4554 to register Town of Millet
- Oct TBD: Halloween Fest, MCC Community Hall Millet Wellness Community Event
- Oct 7: Public Shinny, 4-5pm, Agriplex Millet Wellness Committee Sponsored by McMan Central
- Oct 14: Public Skating, 4-5pm, Agriplex Millet Wellness Committee Sponsored by McMan Central
- Oct 21: Public Shinny, 4-5pm, Agriplex Millet Wellness Committee Sponsored by McMan Central
 - Oct 21: Senior's Paint Night, 5pm-7pm, MCC Community Hall Sponsored by New Horizons Senior's Grant
 - Oct 28 & 29: Millet Legion Haunted House, 7-9:30pm, Admission \$2 per person, For more info call 387-1827
 - Nov 1: Movie Night, 5:00pm, MCC Community Hall Millet Wellness Committee Community Event



For McMan Central Programs, Visit the Family Resource Network McMan Spoke Services WET, PKA, RMBY Facebook Page for dates, times & additional info









Museum Update

We are excited to work with Support Mental Illness Lives Everyday Society (SMILES) Nonprofit Society on a mental health display at the museum, thanks to a Rural Mental Health Project Community Grants.

Welcome to the Young Canada Works - Building Careers in Heritage interns, Leah and Emma for 2022.

Millet Museum Fall Programs

- <u>Street Market</u> by the Millet Business Network– Saturday September 17 from 5 8 pm on 50 Avenue. The museum and Red wagon Gifts will be open to the public that evening.
- <u>Chair Yoga</u> Join us for chair yoga, led by Lotus Massage and Wellness- Amy Phelps. Tuesdays and/or Thursday 9:00-10:00 AM, starting Sept 27. nominal fee.
- <u>Life in a Digital World: Tablets/Laptops</u> This 12 week course is available to anyone looking to learn to use or get better use out of their tablet or laptop. We'll start with basics and cover a wide range of topics, like Facebook, photo storage, online banking and more. This course will be offered in two potential timeslots: Tuesdays from 10:00AM-12:00PM and Thursdays from 2:00-4:00PM, beginning September 27 and 29th. Tablets are available for use with a deposit.
- Life in a Digital World: Smartphones This 12 week course is available to anyone looking to learn to use or get better use out of their smartphone (any brand of cellphone with a touch screen and internet access). We'll start with basics and cover a wide range of topics, like Facebook, photo storage, banking apps, and more. This course will be offered in two potential timeslots: Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 PM and Wednesdays from 10:00AM-12:00PM, beginning September 27 and 28th.
- <u>Canada Program for Preschoolers</u> Join us each Thursday from 10:00-11:00AM for games, crafts, and activities on each of Canada's provinces and territories. This FREE 13 week program begins September 29th.
- <u>Preservation 101</u> Interested in learning how to preserve your photos, items, and memories? Or in how a museum or archive operates? Join us Fridays from 10:00AM-12:00PM, starting September 30th.
- <u>Knitting and Crocheting:</u> first Tuesdays (Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1) at 1pm. An after school class will be created if enough interest.

See www.milletmuseum.ca for more information.

From September 27-December 16, we will be open potentially to the public Tuesday-Friday, 10:00AM-5:00PM. Contact us by phone (780-387-5558), email (<u>info@milletmuseum.ca</u>), website (<u>www.milletmuseum.ca</u>), Facebook/ Instagram (Visit Millet), or visit us at 5120 50St.

Exhibit Opening

Join us on Saturday October 19 at 1:00PM for the opening of our two fall exhibits:

Life and Letters, highlighting the life of Millet local, Bob Maynard, and

Life in a Digital World, a display created in partnership will participants from the summer smartphone course, provided by the Millet Seniors Club. Join us for refreshments and entertainment by donation.

<u>Toddler Halloween</u> Thursday Oct 27 Must register for spots at the Museum as will be limited. Activities

Legion Haunted House - October 28 & 29, 7:00-9:00PM, at the Millet Legion (5156 50 Ave) \$2 per person.

Remembrance Day - Friday, November 11 Millet Legion Branch #229 Service starts at 10:30 am. Location TBA.



Newsletter Summer & Fall 2022

Congratulations!

To the winners of the of the Local Beautification Contest. For the list of winners and photos go to our website milletinbloom.ca.

We also wish to thank everyone who entered. The judges were very impressed with the efforts and pride shown by all those who entered. Colour combinations, types of plants, tidiness, environmental consideration and care of trees, shrubs and lawn as well as landscaping ideas made for interesting and difficult decisions.

Millet in Bloom volunteers have been busy reducing the size of the Cemetery Garden. Heritage Plants remain at the garden. Extra plants that were added have been transplanted to other garden areas. Work is still ongoing.

We are also in the process of changing the look of the Wagon Wheel Garden to become more manageable.

There are many more beds and planters that we take care of as well.

Volunteers are the heart of Millet in Bloom. We would love to have more of you. Would you consider us for a couple of hours a week?

Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 pm are our work bees. This is a time of not only working in the beds but also a bit like a social gathering. Call Carol at 780-216-1378.

Millet in Bloom will be once again holding the Fresh Christmas Wreaths fundraiser. Wreaths are \$35.00 each prepaid. We will begin taking orders in September. Delivery of wreaths is early December. Order Forms will be available at the Town Office or through any of our committee members.

Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday monthly from February to November at 7:00 pm. Location is the old council chambers at the Millet Museum unless advised of new location. Many of you have skills and great ideas so think about becoming a committee member.

One of the beautiful things about our friendships is that we share them. That is how we feel about the efforts put into the beds and planters throughout Millet.