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**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

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**November 2015 NEWSLETTER**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Thursday from

9:00am to 4:00pm

(Closed from 12 noon to

1:00pm for lunch)

Closed on Fridays.

**2015 Council Meeting Schedule**

**~~June 8~~ ~~August 10~~ ~~October 13 (Tues)~~ December 14**

**~~July 13~~ ~~September~~ ~~14~~ ~~November 9~~**

* **Live Music Every Sunday afternoon at the Legion – Open Music Jam. Come enjoy live music from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm every week. Listen or join in and have fun!**
* **Sunday, November 24th from 10am – 3pm. Annual Christmas Craft Fair at the Legion! Santa from 11am – 12pm.**
* **Saturday, November 30th – 6:30pm Sharp! TEXAS HOLD’EM**

**Buy-In $30.00 at Mountain Valley Station.**

* **Sunday, December 8th – 1:00pm, TURKEY BINGO at the Legion Hall. $2.00/card.**

**REMINDER:**

**ON JANUARY 1ST, 2016 ALL OUTSTANDING UTILITY BILLS**

**WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO ARREARS TAXES.**

UTILITIES (Water and Garbage): Billing – DECEMBER 2015 **Due: February 15, 2016**.

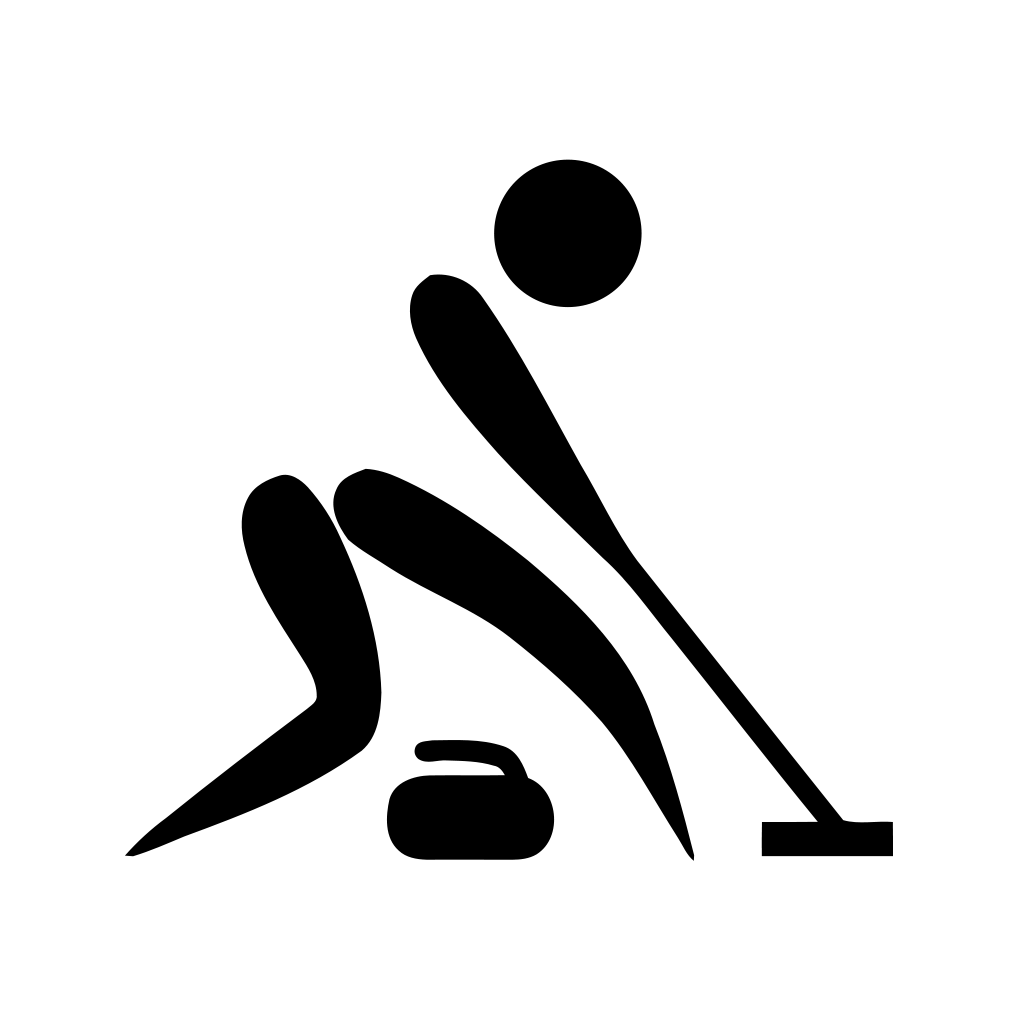
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BUSINESS LICENSES: Billing – DECEMBER 15, 2015 **Due: January 31st, 2016**.

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DOG LICENSES: Billing – DECEMBER 15, 2015 **Due: January 31st, 2016**.

**SLOCAN CURLING CLUB**



**Registration is now open for the 2015/16 curling season.**

**No experience necessary, new members always welcome.**

**Call Randy 250-505-3296 or**

**Arlene 250-226-7970 to register.**

**SPIRIT OF SLOCAN**

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT-UP**

**WILL BE HELD ON:**

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Sunday, November 29th at 6pm, in front

of the Wellness Centre. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this time together to bring in the Christmas Holiday. There will be carolling and Santa will stop in for a visit. You are also invited to make

a decoration for the tree. Cookies and Hot Chocolate will be available for everyone!

Hey kids, make sure you bring your letters for Santa with the address:

**Santa Claus**

**North Pole**

**HO HO HO**

Sign up, at the tree lighting, for this year’s Holiday Yard Display Contest and take part in a beautiful way to decorate your property. Judging will be done on the evening of December 20th, 2015 from the carolling wagon. The carolling wagon will leave from the Legion and tour the town, bringing their harmonious holiday with melodies to your door!



** HELP YOUR LOCAL FOOD CUPBOARD!
 The Slocan Valley Food Cupboard is currently accepting donations for the 2013 
 Christmas Hamper Project. Last year, our organization supplied 75 households
 with a hamper. We are able to provide these hampers because of amazing local
 businesses, individuals and organizations, who contribute in so many ways. We
 are grateful for all contributions/donations that we receive, and for the time
 and manpower provided by volunteers. We accept financial contributions, as 
 well as food items or gifts to place in the hampers. We do offer charitable
 donation receipts upon request. If you and/or your organization or business
 would like to contribute to this project, donations for the Slocan Valley Food
 Cupboard can be made to the below address. We will arrange to pick up items
 if delivery is not an option.
 WE Graham Community Service Society
 Open the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 11am – 3pm
 1001 Harold Street, Box 10, Slocan BC, V0G 2C0
 Ph: 250-355-2484 | E: officemanager@wegcss.org
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**Winter is on its way and the Village of Slocan would like to remind residents to keep boulevards clear of unlicensed and/or uninsured vehicles and debris. You cooperation with this is much appreciated throughout the year.**

**ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS**

We are pleased to announce that residents can now pay their property tax and utility bills through online banking!

The service is not yet available through

some financial institutions but those

who bank with a credit union or BMO will have full access immediately.

When creating the Village as a vendor, please do not include the zeros with the account numbers. For any assistance with electronic payments, feel free to contact the Heritage Credit Union at **250-226-7212.**



The Village Office is now accepting registration for **SENIORS** and **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**, for clearance of driveway furrows. Furrow clearing does not include the clearing of driveways. Please be mindful that this is a FREE service and that it is not a required service or Bylaw. Streets and commercial areas will take priority and will be cleared before furrows; your patience is greatly appreciated. If you have registered in prior years, please call the office at **250-355-2277** to be added to the list for 2015. New registration forms are available at the office.

**ATTENTION BOATERS:**

Please remember that moorage is NOT PERMITTED at the Slocan Beach and boats are not to be stored at the wharf overnight. Pursuant to the *Village of Slocan Wharf Regulation Bylaw,* the Village has authority to tow boats that are non-compliant. The Village may also impose penalties for towing and storing watercraft. Please visit [www.slocancity.com](http://www.slocancity.com) and click on the Bylaws page for more information.

**ART THERAPY OPEN STUDIO DROP-IN   
FOR ADULTS**

The after school open studio is an art therapy group open to adults. All are welcome to drop in for a relaxed, supportive atmosphere for expression in various artistic mediums, social connection and an opportunity to share creativity, inspiration and conversation.

Every **FRIDAY** from 3:30 – 5:00 at the Slocan Youth Center

250-355-2484

**Please note; Adult Art Therapy has moved to Fridays with the same hours.**

**One-To-One Reading Program**

**Volunteers Needed**

Would you like to help promote literacy in your community?

If you have 1.5 hours a week, donating your time, and an interest in reading, you can help children at Winlaw Elementary School who are struggling with their literacy skills and would love your assistance. There is free tutor training provided, on a variety of reading strategies, from Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy.

**Please call Penny at 250-226-7605**

**Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy – Slocan Valley**

**FLU SHOT – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

**1:00 – 2:30PM AT THE MEDICAL CLINIC**

**FREE, NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

* Pat Ashton, Slocan Legion President, presented Mayor Lunn with the first Poppy as part of the Remembrance Day Poppy Campaign
* A year-end report was received from Helma Rainey, Campground Operator, reporting on the 2015 season, including recommendations for the 2016 season. Rainey’s contract will be renewed for another year.
* Council once again awarded the Slocan Volunteer Fire Department with $500 for their annual Christmas party along with a complimentary annual Fitness Center pass to each member.
* Council confirmed the following as regular Council meeting dates for 2016:

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| Monday, January 11th | Tuesday, February 9th \*\*\* | Monday, March 14th |
| Monday, April 11th | Monday, May 9th | Monday, June 13th |
| Monday, July 11th | Monday, August 8th | Monday, September 12th |
| Tuesday, October 11th \*\*\* | Monday, November 14th | Monday, December 12th |

* Council resolved to coordinate and host stakeholder meetings in 2016 to engage with community groups, organizations and businesses.
* Staff were directed to sign an Agreement with BizPaL; a collaboration between the Province and the Government of Canada, to provide a free online tool for permit and licencing information for businesses. The tool can be used by current licence holders or those exploring potential business ventures. Users can identify the location, type of business and activity, plus have access to current business licence fees and bylaws.
* Council approved the proposed Christmas holiday office closure:  
  The Office will be closed from 4pm on Wednesday, December 23rd until 9am on Monday, January 4th, excluding December 28th.
* Correspondence was received from the Slocan Valley Outrider’s Association regarding a Spring clean-up of the Rail Trail access just south of Slocan. The Association will be contacting the RDCK to request the tipping fees be waived.
* The October JCP Report was received for information; thank you letters will be given to all participants and project manager upon completion of the project.
* The Financial Plan Amendment (2014-2018) Bylaw No. 643, 2015 was adopted as presented.

**VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

**MEETING NOTES: NOVEMBER 9th, 2015**

**Board of Variance**

The Village of Slocan is still looking for an applicant to fill the last vacancy

on the Board of Variance. Applications for this Volunteer position will

be accepted at the Village Office.

Please call the Village Office for more information

250-355-2277.

**Slocan Community Library  
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Website: slocanlibrary.ca  
Facebook  
Email: [info@slocanlibrary.ca](mailto:info@slocanlibrary.ca)

**Library Hours**Monday and Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: 10 am – 1 pm   
Storytime 10:30 – 11:15 am  
Thursday: 1 – 5 pm  
Friday: 7 – 9 pm  
Saturday: 1 – 4 pm  
Sunday: 11 am – 3 pm

**NEXT AUTHOR READING:**

**Amanda Bath - Sunday, November 19th at 1:00 pm**

**New Acquisitions**

Check out the website, slocanlibrary.ca for a listing of new acquisitions which are arriving now!

**LEGAL MATTERS - ADVICE FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS**

A great opportunity to bring your small business legal topics to a lawyer for discussion.

The following free sessions are presented by Leon Pigott, Corporate and Commercial Lawyer (questions for Leon can be submitted to him in advance through this email contact)

\* **New Denver**: Thursday, November 19, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Knox Hall

\* **Mid-Valley**: Friday, November 20, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Threads Guild

\* **Crescent Valley**: Friday, November 20, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Crescent Valley Hall

Sponsored by the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission and the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce.

