



# GOPHER BITES



*Town of Eston Newsletter*

*Buy local. Sell local. Keep our Community Alive!*

## Civic Address Bylaw - January 2024


**Coming into effect January 2024** - All houses and building will require a number. A uniform system of numbering houses and buildings is established and is shown on the tax roll. Each house or building shall bear the number assigned to the frontage on which the front entrance is situated.

House/building numbers will assist emergency personnel, service and delivery companies in locating a property.

**Violation of this bylaw will be subject to \$150 fine.**

If you are unsure of your house/building address, please contact the Town Office.

## Upcoming Events: SAVE THE DATE

- Sat Nov 4 - Bizarre Bazaar Craft Show & Sale - Legion Hall
- Sat Nov 4 - Gallery of Glory Banquet
- Sun Nov 5 - Swift Current Legionnaires - 2:45 pm
- Sat Nov 11 - Remembrance Day Service - Legion Hall 
- Sat Nov 18 - Christmas in November (tickets at Town Office)
- Sat Nov 25 - Epic Dinner Theatre (tickets at RM Office)
- Sun Nov 26 - Epic Dessert Matinee (tickets at RM Office)
- Sat Dec 2 - Santa Claus Day

## Santa Claus Day - Sat Dec 2

Enjoy a Day with your Family at

AGT Community Centre

Full day of hockey games planned

Christmas Market

Santa photos

\*\*\* Stay tuned for more info and times of events\*\*\*

## Apply to be a Vendor at the Merry Christmas Market

10 am- 3 pm Eston Curling Rink Lobby Sat Dec 2  
Home-based businesses, crafting, canning, baking, etc., we would love to have you. Apply at the Town Office or online at: [eston.ca/2023-santa-claus-day-market](http://eston.ca/2023-santa-claus-day-market)

**CLOSED**

**The Town Office and Library will be closed Monday, November 13 for Remembrance Day.**

## Gopher Bites

Gopher Bites was started as a town newsletter however it has evolved into information that might be of interest to those in the RM and surrounding communities. If you know someone who might be interested in receiving Gopher Bites by email, they can contact the office, & we will be sure to add them to our email list.

## Overdue Accounts

**Coming into effect January 2024** - All overdue accounts receivable (recreation, landfill, etc.) will be charged 2% interest monthly. Anything outstanding end of the year will go on taxes or will be sent to collections.

## The Town of Eston has a plan for SNOW...

The Town of Eston has assigned sites for snow dumping this year to avoid issues with drainage and congestion. We ask that you don't pile snow on property other than your own, this includes back alleys and streets. **See the back of this newsletter for approved sites for piling snow.** We appreciate your cooperation with this.

## Little Free Pantry

The Little Free Pantry located at the Eston Wheatland Regional Library now has a freezer. Donations of frozen food need to be made to the Library directly. Non-perishable food items are being accepted at the Eston Coop or the Library. Library hours are listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

## Tree Pruners

The tree pruning crew is running behind but we are expecting them at the beginning of November. If you wish for them to visit your yard, you can let us know and we will add you to a list. The company will advise you directly regarding their prices.

## Communities in Bloom

Congratulations to the Communities in Bloom volunteers who were recognized with 4 Blooms with special mention for Beautiful and Diverse Floral Displays!

### Town Office

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-12 & 1-5 pm; Fri: 10 am-12 & 1-5pm

### Library

Mon-Tue & Thur: 2-5:30 pm; Wed: 2-8 pm; Fri: 10-noon & 3-5:30 pm

### Landfill \*note: winter hours

Mon 9 am-4 pm; Tue 12-4 pm; Sat 9 am-4 pm



# Council & Committee Highlights

## Eston Council:

### Pavement

In 2017 a decision was made to allocate \$250 from each households' base tax. Since then, we have undertaken pavement projects in multiple areas around the town. In 2021, we allocated \$105,082, and in 2023, we designated \$354,000 for these projects. As of now, the Town's paving reserves hold a balance of \$450,668. The initial plan by the current Council was to allocate \$100,000 annually, but the actual allocation varies based on factors such as scheduling paving crews, leading to fluctuation in the original plan.

### Christmas Hamper

Council will contribute \$2000 to support the Eston 95 Lions Christmas Hamper.

### Health Beds

Council will move forward with the allocation of funds for 8 health beds at Jubilee Lodge each at a cost of \$7695.46 funded from reserves .

## Recreation:

### AGT Community Centre Boilers

Eston & District Recreation Committee and Council agree to proceed with the recommendation on the proposal to proceed with the acquisition of a new boiler rather than pursuing the option of obtaining a new board for the existing boiler.

### Public Skate & Shinny Times

Mon & Wed - noon - 2 pm

Tue & Thurs - noon - 3 pm

Sat/Sun - Availability is dependent on hockey games/tournaments. Please view the calendar on the website for updated weekend public skate time, [www.eston.ca](http://www.eston.ca).

## Minor Sports Transparency

All teams shall manage their affairs in an appropriate and accountable manner and ensure the proper handling of team finances. A receipt should evidence all cash transactions. Team fundraising is to be done through providing a service and not by soliciting donations. Excess money at the end of the year should not include purchase of clothing, gift certificates, or be given back as cash value.

Teams are required to keep a finance spreadsheet of their incoming and outgoing finances. At the end of each month this is to be provided to the Recreation Director, or upon request.

Teams are required to have TWO signing authorities on ALL team bank transactions. Teams that encounter excess funds in their bank accounts at the end of the season should be dealt with in the following manner and priority:

- Replenish the bank account as it was at the beginning of the year
- Host a team wind-up \$25 per player to a maximum of \$500 per team.
- Any extra funds shall be donated back to the Eston & District Recreation Committee or to an association-wide fundraiser.

## Gallery of Glory

Congratulations to the 2023 Inductees to the Gallery of Glory:

Margaret & Cliff Olorenshaw  
and Communities in Bloom (Public Service)  
and Blyth Stevenson (Athletics).

## Public Works:

### Approved Snow Dumping Sites:

- Gatenby - 116 3rd St NE (beside sewer lift station)
- 1st St West (southeast of the school)
- Fairgrounds (far west end)
- Town lot (west side of Olorenshaw Farm Services)
- Main St (far south end/beside sewer lift station)