



Village of Theodore Newsletter

This is our monthly recap newsletter to help keep yourself and all the residents of Theodore updated on the past month's activities. You can download this PDF anytime, through the link on the website or Facebook page.



Message from Mayor, Council & Administration staff

Hello Residents of Theodore and area:

It has been a chaotic month to say the least. To go from the promise of spring to a worldwide health pandemic in the blink of an eye was something none of us could possibly foresee. At this time, and until the Federal & Provincial governments says it is safe to get back to a normal life:

- **All Public facilities in Theodore are closed – (Community Hall /Remax Arena / Museum)**

There will be no bookings taken for the community hall until this situation has alleviated.

- **The Village Office is closed to the public until further notice.** If you have an issue / concern please contact the office during regular business hours. We will still be staffing the office.

Call 306-647-2315 Mon/ Tues / Thurs / Fri : 9am – 5pm

- **The Village Town Hall is on hold until everything improves and the government has stated it is safe to resume public meetings/gatherings.**

- Please check the Provincial government website for any/all updates on the COVID – 19 situation.

www.saskatchewan.ca The site is updated on a continual basis as this progresses and it will inform you of any /all changes or regulations/laws you will need to adhere to.

- Our local businesses have initiated their own precautionary measures as they try to serve the public - please do as they ask as they try doing their best to continue serving Theodore and area with delivery services / special hours or other measures. There has never been a more important time than now to support our local businesses as they try to weather this storm. Every little bit we as customers can do to help them stay in business is vital to the community and surrounding area.

Above all – To Everyone; be sure to take of yourself, your family, and relatives. Don't be shy to check in on your neighbor to make sure they are okay and please practice the 'Social Distancing' that is being recommended in all areas of society. If you are not sure about what that is, the poster below explains it more.

If any important information regarding Theodore and area needs to be shared - check our Facebook page or the Village website: **www.villageoftheodore.com**

Hopefully this will pass soon enough and we can get back to our regular lives, but until then adhere to the recommended precautions, and be safe. If you are unsure about symptoms or anything COVID-19 related, again, please check the Saskatchewan government website at: **www.saskatchewan.ca**

Sincerely,

Mayor Kevin Urbanoski, Village council, Administration and staff.

What is Social Distancing?

Social distancing means avoiding close contact with others to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Keep a minimum distance of 2 metres from others when shopping or walking in the community.



Avoid non-essential trips in community



Limit or postpone gatherings



Keep kids at home away from group settings



Work from home wherever possible



Visits to long-term care homes are restricted to immediate family for compassionate reasons



Conduct meetings virtually

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*Council is working with a consultant to determine what upgrades we are going to be needing at the water treatment plant in the next few years. This is due process in order to attain gov't funding/grants for these upgrades: The Consultants initial report gave us details on what was in the water from both wells: Here is what we have at this point -

The Village of Theodore uses groundwater as its raw water supply via one or both of its supply wells. This raw water is pumped to the treatment plant using an aeration tower to drive off gases. The water then has the iron and manganese removed via green sand filters. The partially treated water is then disinfected using sodium hypochlorite and stored in an underground reservoir which supplies the treated water to the residents. This groundwater also has elevated concentrations of dissolved solids which the current treatment process is not designed to remove.

In addition - recently there has been elevated levels of ammonia in the supply water, that when not removed from the water can create additional issues with disinfection. For this reason, Village of Theodore Council contracted the services of ECO ENGINEERING LTD to perform a pre-design study for a proper water treatment that will meet Saskatchewan Drinking Water Quality Guidelines. We are expecting a pre-design study report in the next week or two. The water treatment options will then be made available to the village for consideration. Once the report arrives, the village will be applying to the Investment in Canada Infrastructure Program for assist in funding. This program involves cost sharing between Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments. It is too early to estimate this cost, but the report will help us properly calculate what those amounts will look like.

At the Town Hall whenever we are allowed to have it - We'll have a far more detailed report at our disposal to share with the village residents. We'll keep you updated as we go until then.

*Council held its regular meeting on March 18th, while practicing social distancing as we held our mtg at the Hall this go around. We reviewed a number of different topics/ issues and you can catch up on our council minutes anytime through the village website. Our next council meeting is on April 15th

**The Village has applied to two Grants regarding the Museum as we get set to open the facility to the public this summer. Hopefully we'll get one of these to help with hiring a student/person for the summer months! We are looking at a 'Grand Opening' of sorts later in June(Provided the COVID-19 has abated)

* The Village has applied for a grant for 'Traffic Upgrades', with our project "School Zone Safety Upgrades". If we receive this grant we'll be looking at upgrading the signage for our school zones in the village. We had a visit from a traffic officer who informed of us what we needed / required to be properly signed in the vicinity of the school.

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* Spring has sprung, technically anyway. Snow is being pushed away from problem areas and will continue to be done as the thaw goes. If there is an area near you that concerns yourself or your neighbors, call the office and we'll make arrangements to get the ice and snow cleared away.

*We will be contracting the "Commisionaires" this spring to enforce our bylaws within the community. Council is currently going through old bylaws and will be adjusting, updating accordingly to bring everything up to today's standards/recommendations.

* **The Theodore branch of the Parkland Regional Library is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

*With the COVID-19 situation at its current state, the RCMP have assured everyone that they will continue to be serving the village and surrounding areas.

They have a warning regarding COVID-19 Scammers that have surfaced:

"Don't fall for COVID-19 Scams! Scammers are targeting people in self-isolation.

For more information on COVID-19 fraud: <https://canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/services/covid-19-managing-financial-health.html#toc71> #FlattentheCurve #FPM2020 #kNOwfraud "

COVID-19 Preventative Measures:

You can protect yourself and help prevent spreading the virus to others if you:

Do

- ***Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub***
- ***Cover your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue or flexed elbow when you cough or sneeze***
- ***Avoid close contact (1 meter or 3 feet) with people who are unwell***
- ***Stay home and self-isolate from others in the household if you feel unwell***

Don't

- ***Touch your eyes, nose, or mouth if your hands are not clean***

The Theodore Landfill station is closed at all times - If you need to dump any refuse, drop into the village office during business hours and make arrangements for the landfill site to be opened for you. The Town employees will gladly open up the site for you at the requested time.

**VISIT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE
ANYTIME:
www.villageoftheodore.com**



**Drop in online to
'Village of Theodore'
Facebook Page**

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WITH THE VILLAGE OFFICE CURRENTLY CLOSED - Paying your utility bill online is an easy and convenient solution:

If you bank with any of these institutions:

- Scotiabank -Bank of Montreal -TD Canada Trust
- Cornerstone Credit Union



****Set up your bills through your BANKING APP.** Choose “Village of Theodore” and then choose the ‘Utility Option’. Put in your account number and you will be set to pay online! Follow the steps on your APP and then this will help you avoid missing payment before the deadline. Now you can simply pay online and you’re done! Water Bills are due on these months over the course of the year:

Due by: January 31st - April 30th - July 31st & Oct. 31st

If you would like to arrange a payment plan with the Village Office - Call during business hours. 306-647-2315

LOCAL BIZ NOTES

Mainstreet Meats remains open for business with elevated measures to protect you, your families and ours. We made the difficult decision to lock the front door and we did not make this decision lightly. Please see ordering instructions below. We will do our best to communicate what products are available via social media, so please watch for updates.

HOW TO PLACE AN ORDER:

- * Call the shop at 647-2320 to speak with us to find most current inventory. You may place your order. We will ask you how you plan to pay. This may be Tap(debit or credit card) if your order is under \$100, credit card over the phone or e-transfer to mainstreetmeatsinc@gmail.com
- * We will prepare your order as quickly as we can and let you know when it is ready for pickup. If you are waiting in your vehicle we will do our best to prepare your order as we would if you were in our store. If you are paying via phone or e-transfer we will let you know your total and process payment.
- * We will bring your order to your vehicle and place it in your trunk or vehicle. If you are paying by tap we present our machine for you to tap.

You may also place an order through messenger or email as well but it may take a little longer to prepare. Deliveries are available for Theodore area Wednesday and Friday, Springside and Yorkton on Thursday’s and if there is interest we may also make deliveries to Sheho and Foam Lake. If you are self isolating we will deliver to you. Custom cut and wrap services will continue with extra precautions to socially distance at drop off and pick up times.

This is the right decision so we can remain safe, transparent and trustworthy while serving our customers and our community. Please understand that our phone is experiencing higher call volume than normal so if you receive a busy signal please try again or if you receive our answering machine please leave a message. Stay safe, be well and thank you for your continued support.

- The Team at Main Street Meats -



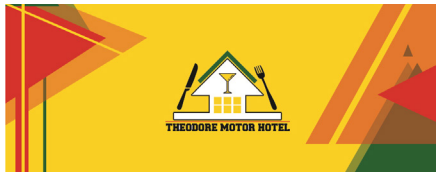
LOCAL BIZ NOTES

LATEST UPDATE REGARDING CURRENT SITUATION AND OFF SALE/ LIQUOR DELIVERY LICENSE

- As per the instructions of the government, all VLT's in the province are being disabled. There will be no dine-in from now on until further notice. However, we will be open as per regular business hours. You can still come in for pick up which includes food, off sale, liquor e.t.c. Anyone coming for a pick-up order from Theodore will be provided with drop-off service.

We have obtained our off sale/liquor delivery license today. We will be delivering to all the surrounding villages and towns which include farms! The minimum order will be 45\$ + delivery charges. For Theodore that will be 2\$. Rest all will follow the same charges as food delivery however if an order is above a certain amount, delivery will be free. Please call us to further assist you and answer your questions. Now you can enjoy food and drinks delivered right to you in the comfort of your home! Call us at 306-647-2166.

Management,
Theodore Motor Hotel



To Our Valued Customers:

Due to the spread of Covid 19 effective immediately please note the following:
To maintain social distancing please do not come to the store in groups.
Please stay home if you're sick. Get a family member or neighbor to get your groceries.
There may be limits on some products.

PLEASE DON'T HOARD

We have implemented these measures because it is vital to our community to have continued service during this public health crisis.

We will do our utmost to provide continued service. Thank you for your co-operation.

Deb & Kurt

Village Variety
GENERAL STORE

That's your recap for the month of March, for current updates drop in our Facebook Page anytime, or the Village Website. If there is ever anything you would like to know, drop us a line or visit us at the Village Office and we'll do our best to get you the answers to your questions - The door is always open! Information is free, and helps alleviate rumours that are always out there.

Sincerely,
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Council,
Adminstrator &
Staff



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