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## Canada Day Celebrations

The South River Lions Club have been hosting Canada Day celebrations in our community for several years now, while we are still dealing with Covid-19, this year the Lions Club are running a contest for South River, Machar & Joly .

### DECORATE YOUR FRONT PORCH

Prizes 3rd \$25, 2nd \$50, 1st \$100.

### DECORATE YOUR BIKE(Kids 14 and under)

Prizes 3rd \$ 5, 2nd \$10, 1st \$15.

Pre-registration required by June 28th @Women's Own Resource Centre 705-386-9672 with your name and address.

Judging June 30(residence drive by) and announcing the winners July 1st!! Come Celebrate with us!!

### South River Skate Park

Grand Opening July 1st, it will be streamed live on our Facebook page.

There will be brief speakers, and a skateboard demonstration from Zachery Wilson!!!!

A reminder to everyone, that helmets are required to be worn when using the skate park....Safety is important , we would like everyone to stay safe and enjoy the park!



## Got a Complaint???

Have you got a comment or a complaint, about something in the community,? A comment/complaint form is required in writing before any action can be done. Our By-Law officer CANNOT follow up on any complaints unless it is in writing signed and delivered to the office. Forms are available at the office or online at southriver.ca.

## What's Happening during Covid-19

Be sure to check our website and Facebook for ongoing updates about Covid-19 in our community.

The Municipal office is currently closed to the public. However we look forward to being able to see you again soon. In the meantime call the office to book an appointment if you

need us in person. 705-386-2573.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, online, e-transfer and debit.

Please make sure all cheques are payable to "Village of South River" .

E-transfers can be done through our website Southriver.ca

Please check the South River - Machar Fire Department website for up to date information about current fire ratings if your family plans include a campfire or fireworks.

**Municipal Office Summer Hours** are in effect until July 1st to September 15th:  
 Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

While the office is not open to the public, these hours will affect your ability to contact us by phone or e-mail.

## How Can We Contact You

From time to time, we may need to contact you regarding items such as your water meter or an error on a cheque you have written for your tax or water payment, etc. In instances such as these, it is most efficient to reach you by telephone. When making your next payment or during your next call to the office, please confirm we have your current phone number on file. You can simply write your phone number on your payment stub before mailing it or dropping it in the drop box. Please make your best effort to update your phone number if you don't have a land line and use only a cell phone.

*It is your responsibility to **Call Before You Dig** when doing work on your property. Be sure to call 1-800-400-2255.*

## Be Bear Wise



Please remember to practice good 'Bear Wise' habits for us and the bears.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has lots of good information on their website regarding bears, be sure to visit [www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-](http://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise)

encounters-bear-wise. When bears pick up a scent with their keen noses, they will investigate it. If they find bird food, garbage or pet food they will return as long as the food source is available.

Here are a few reminders: put garbage out only on the morning of

garbage day, not the night before; put garbage in containers that have tight-fitting lids and store it in a bear-proof location such as your basement or a sturdy garage; spray garbage cans and lids with bleach or another strong disinfectant; do not leave pet food outdoors, in screened-in areas or porches.

Please **support local businesses** when you can. They support our community year round and now would be a great time to return the favour when you have the opportunity.



## More News And Business As Usual...

The next **Large Item Pick-up** is Monday, August 16th. You must register for this service no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 by calling the South River Municipal Office (705)386-2573.

Depending on the progress of COVID-19, the next **Hazmat Drop-off** is tentatively scheduled at the Strong Landfill site #1, 483 Forest Lake Road on Saturday, August 21st. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please check online to confirm this service.

The **Community Garden** still has a few spaces available on a first come, first served basis. Please call the municipal office if you would like to use one.



**Statutory Holiday Hours:** Municipal staff will not be answering inquires on Thursday, July 1st and Monday, August 2nd.

**Final tax bills** will be sent out near the end of August.

Keep **all receipts** issued by the municipality. There is a fee of \$25 to provide duplicate copies.

Council has begun **budget** discussions and will continue during regular meetings of Council until the 2021 Budget is passed by Council.

We are pleased to **welcome** Janet Wedseltoft as our new Administrative Assistant!!

### Summer Day Camp

It is with great disappointment that we are unable to operate the South River Machar Day camp this year..

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Everyone has seen people working along the streets in the Village and wondering what they are doing, they are installing the lines for Fibre Optic internet to be available in the Village this fall.

**CodeRED** mass notification service is available to South River residents. Anyone who is not already signed up for this service is encouraged to visit the South River-Machar Fire Department website for information about how you can begin receiving important notices affecting our community. You can also sign up to be notified of unplanned adverse water conditions. You can choose the method in which you want to be notified and you can even download the app.