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**September/October
2020**

Good To Know...



Fall compost pick-up will take place on Mondays for the month of October, except for the holiday Monday. Pick-up will be offered on Tuesday, October 13th in lieu of Thanksgiving Monday. Please use paper leaf bags instead of plastic bags. Plastic bags will NOT be picked up. When putting out branches, please bundle them into manageable lengths.

The next **Large Item Pick-up** will take place on Monday, November 2nd. Remember no automotive, steel or hazmat items. All items must be registered by calling the municipal office no later than 4 p.m. on

Wednesday, October 28th @ 386-2573.

Refer to the 2020 Waste & Recycling Calendar for more information. Copies of the calendar are available at the municipal office or online at www.southernriverontario.com.

Final tax bills have been mailed. The first installment of this bill will be due by September 30, 2020 and the second installment will be due by November 30, 2020. Keep all receipts issued by the municipality. There is a fee of \$25 to provide duplicate copies.

Fall flushing of the water mains for general maintenance will take place September 21 to October 2, 2020

South River is working towards a new skate park

It is with great pleasure that we announce that with the help of the South River Lions Club, Zachery Wilson and Council are all working together to make the dream of many young folks come true and creating a skate Park.. A location has been found, plans are under way and fundraising is much needed, the cost for such a project will be approximately \$50,000. a Gofundme page has been set up, or if you would like to make a donation directly to the South River Lions Club, you can mail them a cheque payable to South River Lions Club, Box 220 South River, ON P0A 1X0.

A big Thank you to Zachery Wilson who has been working very hard to research this project and bring it forward to Council and work on making his dream and many others come true with a Skate Park.

New Water Rates

More info at www.southernriverontario.com

Please see the insert enclosed in your water bill in regards to the new water rates, with cost of operating the water treatment plant increasing significantly in the past years the water department is running a deficit. In particular, the process to oxidize iron and manganese to reduce colour issues added considerable ongoing

operational cost. In addition the aging infrastructure of the distribution system often leads to leaks which are expensive to repair. The Village is proactively seeking grants with Ontario and Canada to rehabilitate sections of our distribution system to reduce this problem. The proposed rate increases will assist in financing capital

purchases to continuously improve the system over the coming years and ensure safe high quality drinking water for the future.

The new rates will be reflected on the bill for September /October 2020. As part of a multi-year plan to eliminate deficits and build for the future rates will also rise 6% on Jan 1, 2021 and Jan 1, 2022.

The Municipal Office will be closed for Labour Day on Monday, September 7th, 2020

Municipal Office **Summer Hours** are in effect until 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.

Winter Hours resume September 16th to June 30th: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Preparing For The Coming Seasons

This is a good time to ensure your outdoor faucet is in good working order or if you don't have one, perhaps you should consider installing one. In recent years, some residents have experienced frozen water pipes. A properly working outdoor faucet can be used when necessary to maintain a steady flow of water to prevent water pipes from freezing.

Residents are responsible for their own plumbing which includes the line from the curb stop to your house.

Additional seasonal suggestions include:

- ◆ Clean and inspect your chimney each year.
- ◆ Heating systems should be inspected annually by a qualified technician.

- ◆ Install a carbon monoxide alarm in your home.
- ◆ Give heaters space, keep them away from anything flammable.
- ◆ Use a fire screen around a fire place.
- ◆ Allow ashes to cool from a woodstove before putting them in a steel container with a tight fitting lid.
- ◆ Change the batteries in your smoke alarms when you change your clocks.

The South River Machar Fall Fair that is normally held the second weekend in September is cancelled this year due to Covid-19.....They look forward to seeing everyone next year!

Be Bear Wise



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has lots of good information on their website regarding bears. Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise> for a variety of information such as how to remove bear attractants. For

emergencies call 911 or non-emergency sightings call Bear wise 1-866-514-2327.

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.

Be sure to take a moment to check your emergency kit which should be stocked properly to sustain your family for a minimum of 72 hours in the event of an emergency. Visit Emergency Management Ontario website for tips www.emergencymanagementontario.ca.

Have you gotten your 2020-2021 Dog tags

In accordance with our By-law 30-2015 All cats and dogs within the Village must have current tags, which are available at the municipal office. You can check out this by-law on our website.

Tags are \$11.30 for the first 2.

No person living in a single unit dwelling within the Village of South River shall own or keep more than two (2) dogs.

If you feel any animal is being neglected or abused contact the SPCA at 1-833-926-4625.

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

CodeRED mass notification service is available to South River residents. Please visit the South River-Machar Fire Department website for information about how you can sign up for this service. You can also sign up to be notified of unplanned adverse water conditions. You are able to choose the method in which you want to be notified and can even download the app.