



# Ripples

Corporation of the Village of South River



March/April 2021

## What You Need To Know For Spring

**Large Item Pick-up** The next Large Item Pick-up is Monday, April 26th. That means you have to register your items by contacting the municipal office no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21st. Please call 386-2573 to provide your list of items for pick-up. This service is meant for large bulky items, not a large quantity of small items. Remember no Hazardous Material items and no appliances or steel. Additional dates for Large Item Pick-up are: Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 1st.

**Hazmat Drop-Off** This service will be available at Strong Township Landfill #1 on May 29, 2021 and August 28, 2021 10am – 2pm.

**Street Sweeping:** Public Works will begin sweeping streets and sidewalks as weather permits. It's a good idea to close your windows when you see crews working in your neighbourhood. You might want to hold off on some of your spring cleaning; wait to wash your windows and hang your laundry until the sweeping is finished.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Happening in May, this is a good time to check your 72 hour emergency kit. Watch for more information in the next edition of 'Ripples'.

**The municipal office remains closed to the public during the lockdown. Payments can be made online, at the front entrance mail slot, regular mail or interact e-transfer on our website. We can still be reached by phone at (705)386-2573.**

## Water Main Flushing Schedule

Flushing of water mains for regular maintenance is scheduled to take place **April 19th to 23rd, 2021 weather permitting.**

Water pressure and colour may fluctuate while this work is being completed.

If you see public works staff working on the hydrants in your area, do not run your water.

It usually takes approximately **5 to 10**

**weekdays** to flush the whole system. Flushing is normally scheduled to take place from 3 pm. To 11 p.m. Flushing may extend beyond these hours due to circumstances beyond the control of the village. Please plan your household tasks accordingly. For your convenience, it is suggested to store some water in advance to use in the event there is an interruption of water

pressure or colour. It may also be advisable to shower in the evenings before flushing begins. Once the flushing is complete, it is recommended to clean the screens on your taps and if necessary let a cold water tap run outside until any coloured water has cleared. You might also want to flush your hot water tank properly.

## 2021 Tax & Water Due Dates Remaining

### TAXES

- Wednesday, March 31, 2021
- Wednesday, June 30, 2021
- Thursday, September 30, 2021
- Tuesday November 30, 2021

### WATER

- Friday January 15, 2021
- Monday, March 15, 2021
- Monday May 17, 2021
- Thursday, July 15, 2021
- Wednesday September 15, 2021
- Monday, November 15, 2021

*Interest is added monthly beginning on the first day of default.*

\*These dates are subject to change.

There is a fee of \$25.00 for duplicate copies of receipts, bills, etc.

*The 2020 Annual Reports for the South River Water Treatment Plant are available for public viewing at the South River Municipal office or online <https://www.southernriverontario.com/community-services/water-department>*

The South River - Machar Fire Department would like to remind residents to be safe around waterways this time of year. Lake and river ice is unpredictable and water levels are rising. Please use extreme caution.



## Thank You Local Businesses & Front Line Workers

Many thanks to the local businesses and their staff who have been providing much appreciated goods and services during this past year. Thank you also to those who

have been supporting these small businesses during such a difficult economic time in history. Pulling together as a community benefits everyone.

Please keep up the small town spirit so many of you have been demonstrating and continue to support our local businesses and the staff they employ.



*Please take a moment to make sure we have your current mailing address and phone number.*



## What Can You do To Avoid Frozen Water Lines?

- ◆ Shut off and drain all outdoor faucets;
- ◆ Make sure all outdoor faucets are in working order and easily accessible;
- ◆ Insulate all exposed outside water pipes with specially designed foam pipe covers available at building supply or home improvement stores;
- ◆ Seal air leaks throughout your home and garage;
- ◆ Open kitchen, bathroom and laundry cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. If piping is located next to exterior walls, leave the cupboard doors under your kitchen and bathroom sinks open. Please
- take care to remove household cleaners and other items that could harm children or pets while the cupboard doors are open;
- ◆ Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage;
- ◆ Check your water every hour or so. If it starts to appear coloured or changes in pressure occur, let the tap run until it returns to normal, then turn off the tap again;
- ◆ Do not plow snow off the area where the water lines or the septic system is buried. Snow can act as an insulator;
- ◆ Contact your insurance provider for information on

how to protect your home from damage following frozen water service, whether the issue is related to household plumbing or service lines. Every insurance plan could be different so your agent is the best person to provide you with advice on what to do to ensure you will be covered should any damage occur as a result of frozen water impacts;

- ◆ Sign up for **CodeRed** for improved notification service.

Visit our website and see the full 'Guide To Frozen Water Services'.



## Code Red

If you haven't already done so, take a moment to sign up for *Code Red*.

Code Red can inform you about local emergency situations, water related priorities such as boil water advisories or water conservation requirements, etc.

When a Code Red message is sent, those who have signed up for the service receive the message instantly. In order to receive these messages, you must sign-up for the service. Call the South River—Machar Fire Department @ (705)386-

0066 for more information or to sign-up. You can also sign-up online at [www.srmfd.com](http://www.srmfd.com). When you receive a Code Red message, it will come from a 1-855 phone number, don't mistake it for a telemarketer.

## Don't Forget To Pay Your Taxes & Water!



The due date for the first installment of the 2021 Interim Tax Bill is Wednesday, March 31st and the second installment is due on Wednesday, June 30th. Please keep a copy of all tax receipts, there is a fee of \$25.00 for

duplicate copies of receipts, bills, etc.

If you are preparing your income tax return and need your 2020 property tax values, please refer to your 2020 Final Tax Bill. You can also find your



2020 Tax Levy at the top of your 2021 Interim Tax Bill. If your taxes are in arrears, don't procrastinate. Please contact the municipal office to make payment arrangements to avoid additional interest being added to your account.

**Fire Permits** are required year round in the Village of South River and are available at the South River Municipal office during regular business hours.

