



Village of South River

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2026 Municipal Election



The 2026 Municipal Election will take place on **Monday, October 26, 2026**, with voting available from **10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the **South River-Machar Community Centre, 1A Lincoln Avenue, South River.** For those who would like to vote in advance, **advance voting** will be available on **Saturday, October 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, October 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at South River-Machar Community Centre, 1A Lincoln Avenue, South River.**

Accessibility: An elevator is available at the South River-Machar Community Centre for those who require accessible access.



Not on the Voters List? If you need to be added to the Voters List, please visit southriver.ca for information and instructions on how to register.

Important Reminder:

Please ensure that the office has your most recent phone number and email address plus your PO BOX on file. This will help us stay in touch with you more efficiently for any updates or important communications.



Good to Know

Fall compost pick-up will take place on Mondays for the month of October, except for the holiday Monday. Pickup will be offered on Tuesday, October 14th 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.

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 last **Large Item Pick-up** for the year will take place on Friday November 6. Remember no automotive, steel or hazmat items. All items must be registered by calling the municipal office no later than 4 p.m. on Friday October 30 at 705-386-2573. Refer to the 2026 Waste & Recycling Calendar for more information. Copies of the calendar are available at the municipal office or online at www.southriver.ca

Fall flushing of the water mains for general maintenance is scheduled to take place **September 28 - October 2.**

Final tax bills have been mailed and available online.

The first installment of this bill will be due by September 29, 2026 and the second installment will be due by November 30, 2026. Keep all receipts issued by the municipality. There is a fee of \$30 to provide duplicate copies.

IMPORTANT:

As of January 1 2027 any property with outstanding 2025 property taxes can be registered for a tax sale. If you need a payment plan please reach out immediately.

Anyone with water bills 3 billing cycles behind can have the water disconnect without notice and subject to a disconnection and reconnection fee with a deposit plus paying the water bill in full to have your water reconnected.

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Another Fantastic Soccer Season!

What an incredible year we've had on the field!

With 68 players and great

weather throughout the season, it's been a memorable

one. A huge thank you to our Economic Development

Officer and Recreation Director Tanvir for his outstanding dedication and hard work to organize a successful season.

A massive thank you to our amazing volunteers who helped make it all possible. Thank you to the South River Machar Fire Department for the Emergency Challenge Match, and

Thank you to South River Scoops

for the Pizza and Ice Cream and to Jacob Wilkinson for generously covering the cost of the ice cream.

Here's to more great games and teamwork in the future!

Economic Development

Tom Thomson Park is taking exciting steps toward becoming a nationally recognized Urban Dark Sky Park, creating new opportunities for tourism, astronomy education, and year-round economic growth while preserving our beautiful night skies.

Don't forget to stay connected for upcoming stargazing events at Tom Thomson Park! Follow the Village of South River on Facebook, visit our website, and search "Village of South River" on YouTube for event announcements, registration information, and community updates.

Local businesses can also increase their community visibility by advertising at the South River-Machar Arena. Wall advertising boards and rink board advertising are available for \$130 + HST per year, with spaces offered on a first-come, first-served basis.



South River Machar Fall Fair – Sept 11-13 2026



Not too late to start getting your hall class entries ready! Check out books 1 and 2 plus our 2026 Specials Book at the library or on our website southrivermacharagsociety.ca. There is something for everyone with ribbons and cash prizes for the winners. Entries can be handed in Thursday Sept 10 at the arena from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm or Friday morning Sept 11 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Saturday September 12th is the big day! Our theme this year is "Pioneer Days to Modern Ways".

Horse show starts at 9:00 am and vendors are at the fairgrounds.

Parade entries meet at Tebbly Park at 10:30 am. Prizes for costumes, floats etc. Contact Jeniese at srmasff@gmail.com. Parade starts at 11:00 am. Please come out and show support to our participants who will make their way to the fairgrounds.

The fun begins at 12:00. There are Bouncies for the kids, bumper car rides, a wheel chair accessible train for those with mobility issues or just want to have a fun ride, "Speaking of Wildlife" wild animal display, local music and dancing, Penny sale, Poultry and small animal show, livestock display, light horse show and heavy horse pull, chainsaw wood carving demonstration, lumberjack competition, BBQ, Vendors, Community Living food booth, Kid's activities, educational display.

***Entry to the fair is by donation. Donations pay for the children's activities to make it equitable and inclusive to all children in our area.

Sunday September 13th is our mutt show sponsored by Yori's Pet Store in Sundridge. Categories for everyone. Check out our Facebook page - South River Machar Ag Society or website southrivermacharagsociety.ca for more details.



Train Safety Reminder

With the return of the Ontario Northlander to the Village of South River, it's a great time to refresh our knowledge of railway safety. Always obey railway crossing signs and signals, never drive around lowered crossing gates, and only cross the tracks at designated crossings. Stay alert, avoid distractions near railway tracks, and remember that trains can approach quickly and require a long distance to stop. Let's work together to keep our community safe as passenger rail service returns to South River.

By-Law

If you have a comment/complaint about anything happening around the Village, you must fill out a comment/complaint form and submit it to the office either by email or bring it in, without a written copy nothing can be done to rectify a situation, if it's not in writing it didn't happen! Forms can be found on our website or by coming into the office. It is up to the owners of pets, dogs, cats, and chickens, within the Village to abide by the noise by-law and not disturb your neighbours. Hen license is required to have hens. Roosters are not allowed in the Village of South River. All dogs within the Village of South River, must be tagged, and on a leash at all times. Clean up after your dogs! Let's keep our Village Clean!! Any questions contact MLEO Dave Turkington 705-358-6230 or by email almaguinbylaw@southriver.ca

Back to School Time School returns to in-class learning on Tuesday September 8, 2026. Our Crossing guards will be at the lights and the public school from 8:15 to 8:45 am. Please do not send your child too early for school, as the principal has informed us that children are not permitted on school property until 8:25 am. School starts at 8:40 am. Watch for children going to and from school, and let's do our part to keep our future generation safe!