

# The Craik Chronicles

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## Town Welcomes New Councillor Spencer

Council welcomes Ernie Spencer elected by acclamation.

Spencer graduated from Craik High School in 1961 before attending the University of Saskatchewan to obtain a Bachelor of Agriculture with Distinction in 1965. He later obtained a Masters of Science in Ruminant and Nutrition in 1973, also from the University of Saskatchewan.

Spencer was employed by the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture for a number of years and farmed full time at Raymore for approximately 15 years.

Not lacking in experience, Spencer also served as Councillor and Reeve for the RM of Kutawa for two terms in each role.

After retiring from the department of Agriculture, he operated a small farm near Qu'Appelle.

He has a son that still resides near Qu'Appelle and a daughter that lives on a farm near Watrous.

Along with his partner, Nancy, Ernie is enjoying living in Craik and looks forward to involving themselves in the community.

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## Summer Activities Abound

With summer rapidly approaching, community groups are coming together to help keep everyone busy, entertained, and refreshed.

On the 8th, from 10am to 2pm, The Craik and District Lion's Club will be hosting their annual 'Jail and Bail' at Cornerstone Park.

People with a fun attitude, and a friend they want jailed, can show up and make a small donation to the Dog Guides program.

The offenders will then be arrested by a Lion's member (and quite likely an RCMP officer) where they have to raise their bail.

On the 9th, the Lion's club as they are hosting a Calvacade to raise awareness for diabetes. A guest will be speaking at 1pm at the Legion.

Piggy-backing on the calvacade, the Lion's are also hosting a Ride for Guide Dogs. Expect at least 15 motorcycles to join the parade.

Anyone wishing to join the parade, simply show up before 10am at the school.

Burgers and hotdogs will be available on both days on the lawn.

The Oral History and Craik Museum will be open from 11am to 3pm on the Saturday.

## Community Garage Sale Reboot

Clean out your basement, open your garage, and let others in the community discover new life for abandoned items.

Jennifer Ackland is working hard to organize a day where everyone can get out, meet new faces, and perhaps find that perfect treasure.

Ackland enthusiastically said, "Craik used to have a garage sale day where everyone held their sales on the same day. It was a fun way where everyone came out and I just wanted to bring that back to the community."

Maps will be posted at various businesses and public areas.

People wishing to be included in the list are advised to contact Ackland at (306) 734-7897 or contact her on Facebook.

This event will surely help everyone have a break and get a fresh start as summer is rapidly about to begin.

Sale date: June 9th starting at 11am. Bring out your offerings and have fun.

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## Waterworks

Throughout the month of June, the Craik staff will be doing their annual water meter reads as well as performing bi-annual hydrant/sewer flushing activities.

During this period, town staff will be going door-to-door requesting access to inspect the water meter and record a manual reading.

Amid this process, staff will be exercising curb stops to ensure their functionality and schedule possible replacements.

Since many people will be working during normal 'office' hours, people are encouraged to schedule a time for their meter inspection by emailing [news@craik.ca](mailto:news@craik.ca) or contacting the Town Office at (306) 734-2250.

While hydrant flushing, customers are to expect reduced pressure and possibly cloudy water for a few minutes afterwards.

It is advised to run water to waste for a minute after flushing has been performed in your area.

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## Extra Cleanup Days

The participation of the community in the extra clean-up days has surpassed expectations.

To date, we've diverted roughly 80 yards of leaves, branches, and grass trimmings.

Household goods took in another 40 yards that would otherwise have sat rusting in peoples yards or cluttering ones basements.

Personnel were very impressed in how the vast majority of those using this program were responsible with their disposal.

Out of many, many, trailer loads of material hauled off the streets, only two bags contained unacceptable materials.

Keep up the good work, Craik!

## Staffing Changes

There have been some significant staff changes for the Town of Craik.

Kevin Gilby acquires his level Two Water Treatment and Distribution Operator licenses this month which means we will no longer have to pay for the cost of a Regional Operator to oversee our water system.

As of June 1, Gilby has been appointed Water Supervisor with responsibility for ensuring adherence to our Water Plant Operating Permit.

This will become an increasingly important role as we commission our new water system.

Gilby will have responsibility for the entire water distribution system as well as facilitating all aspects of the operation of the waste water treatment.

Councillor Ernie Spencer has agreed to take on the portfolio of Councillor responsible for Infrastructure on Town Council and will be working with Gilby to develop a long term Water Infrastructure Maintenance and Enhancement Plan.

Gilby will remain responsible for updating and

maintaining communications, via the Craik Chronicles newsletter, website, social media (Facebook), and the television display located at the Co-Op grocery store.

As of June 1, 2018, Nathan Heinen takes over the position of Maintenance Foreman.

Heinen will be responsible for all maintenance duties with the exception of those related to the water treatment, distribution and waste water disposal.

Heinen's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, road maintenance, snow removal, landscape maintenance, including grass cutting, ensuring that all facilities and machinery owned by the Town of Craik are properly maintained and that service records are complete.

Heinen will supervise maintenance staff including casual and seasonal employees. He will also be working with Councillor Spencer to develop a long term General Infrastructure Maintenance Plan.

Drayden Selinger will continue in his current role as a Maintenance Assistant throughout the summer months.

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## Communities In Bloom Update

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM (CiB) -- After kicking off the 2018 season with a general cleanup work bee, and later, a barbeque and plant exchange, the Craik CiB committee, with the help of additional volunteers, recently completed planting the downtown pots.

Attention has now been turned to the enhancement of Cornerstone Park and the renovation of Waterway Park. These two projects are partially funded through the Town of Craik's Community Enhancement Fund and in-kind donations from local businesses.

# June 2018

- 3 United Church - Jennifer Yasinowski
- 6 Tree Pickup
- 7 Recycling pickup
- 8 Craik and District Lion's Club Jail and Bail -Cornerstone Park
- 10 United Church - David Ashdown  
Catholic Church - 11am
- 12 Garbage pickup
- 13 Co-Op Equity Days - Grade 11 fundraiser  
Garden/lawn Pickup
- 16 Catholic Church - 7pm
- 17 United Church - Ann Marie Francis - Interface Service at Corner-  
stone Park with free lunch afterwards
- 20 Extra household pickup
- 21 Recycling Pickup
- 24 United Church - Jennifer Yasinowski
- 25 Catholic Church - 9am
- 26 Garbage Pickup
- 27 Garden/lawn Pickup
- 29 Craik 2018 Graduation Services - 7pm Craik School

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