



## Village of Duchess May 2017

*On August 5th.....there is an entire day of fun and activities planned in the Village of Duchess for Duchess Days. The Duchess Mennonite Church will also be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a weekend (August 4-6) full of events that will work in conjunction with the Duchess Days planning. The Duchess Library will join in the fun with their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration....plans will be finalized soon. And to add fun and excitement to the entire weekend, it is also Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year, so it should be a fantastic birthday weekend in the Village of Duchess.*

*The organizers are planning a great weekend of activities...some old and a lot of new ones. If you'd like to be involved...please call Tina 793-0847- Duchess Days, Duchess Mennonite Church 378-4966 or the Duchess Library 378-4369. Please watch the LED sign, posters, facebook posts and check our website for updates and a schedule of events.*

Information and applications regarding the Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program are available in the Village Office. More information can be accessed through Alberta Supports Contact Centre 1-877-644-9992 or 780-644-9992 or visit the Alberta Seniors website @ [www.SeniorsPTDP.alberta.ca](http://www.SeniorsPTDP.alberta.ca)



Trailers...Please remember that trailers cannot be left on the street unhooked. A 72 hour time limit for trailers hooked to a vehicle is in effect and tickets will be issued for violations. Trailers may not be parked on your lawn. They must be in an obvious designated parking area. This means either a driveway or a gravel area on your property, designed for parking.

*The alley cleanup will start on Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> and run until Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>. Public Works will work their way through the Village all week and take items by category...so don't worry if they only take a portion of your items, they will come back for the rest. If you have any questions, call the office 378-4452. Please remember, it is not permissible to store garbage or other items in the alley other than during our cleanup week.*

The walking trails around the Village have been very busy...Please remember that these trails are not for motorized vehicles....and a reminder to pet owners: please pick up after your pet.

*Please check out the Duchess Recreation Centre's facebook page or give Sara a call. She has a great summer full of events planned. 378-3311*

Financial Statements are complete for 2016 and available for viewing. If you are interested in having a look, please let us know and we will book a time to go through them with you.

We have a couple summer projects coming up....

*Margaret Avenue is next on the list for improvements....We will start with lighting, move on to sidewalks and curbs and maybe finish up with pavement...We will be doing multiple smaller projects as time permits.*

We have a few drainage projects that will continue to improve drainage around the Village.

*A few new small pieces of equipment are coming.*

All our plantings this year will be themed to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

*Our bird, bats, bees and butterfly project is continuing to expand with the addition of many new homes.*

We have 2 new summer staff to help with all the mowing and maintenance and we hope everyone will welcome Dawson and Brent.