The Village of Duchess Public Works Crew will once again be offering a week long Alley Cleanup event. This will run from May 21 – 24th and finish up on May 27th. Our crew will check the alleys every day and pick up items in batches... this means that they may leave some of your stuff behind for another day, but don't worry, they will come back for it.

A few quidelines for items... Please keep your items to a reasonable amount...No Large household appliances – No dangerous items or items too heavy to lift – bundle branches and tie them together - if you have many things, please give us a call and book a time when you can help load your items.

PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL ITEMS THAT YOU WISH TO KEEP! Otherwise we may assume anything left in the alley is intended for the landfill.

During the same week as the Alley Cleanup we are offering an area at the Village of Duchess shop yard for E-waste and a paint Roundup. During this week, please bring tvs, computers, printers, etc along will cans of paint to the shop yard and we will have bins set up to collect these items.

For those of you that are looking for the spot to dump your grass clippings and leaves: Because of the upset in our shopyard, we are leaving the dump trailer close to the edge of the yard for people to dump their yard waste in. If it is missing or you are unsure, please just give stop in or give us a call and we will make arrangements for you.

The Duchess Parade of Garage sales is scheduled for May 24 § 25. An ad will go in the Brooks Bulletin and we will have an ad on the LED sign.

Our new Administration Building is coming along and will hopefully be open in June or July.

We will keep you updated as to when you can come for a tour / visit.

Fortis streetlight outages can be reported by telephone 310-WIRE (9473, on the Fortis website fortisalberta.com, and there is a downloadable app that you can get on your phone.

If you find a dog or cat that isn't yours...please give us a call at 403-378-4452 or bring the animal to the Village office. We will keep these strays for 72 hours and do our best to find their families. Animal licenses are due and any animals that are unlicensed may be levied an additional fine if they find their way to the kennel

Planning is already underway for Duchess Days. If you are interested in helping, contributing or just have some questions....

Give Tina a call @ 403-793-0847 or Tony 403-501-8240

Business licenses are long overdue. Please come into the office to pick these up. .

If you have a <u>community event</u> you would like to see on the LED sign, please email the details to <u>duchesssign@gmail.com</u> and we will do our best to get it on the LED sign.

There will be a garbage rate increase of \$4.68 per 2 month billing cycle that will be implemented on July 1 st. This will bring the total Residential garbage charge up to \$28.06 for the 2 month billing cycle. Council has implemented this increase to address cost increases in the garbage function.

Tax notices will be coming out very soon...So please watch for yours in the mail. Taxes are due by the end of June every year. If you don't receive a tax notice, please call the office and we can reprint one for you.

Village of Duchess Office

103 2nd Street East 403-378-4452

We are open Monday through Friday from 8am to 4:30pm closing for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 Public Works 403-378-4118