



Hedley Improvement District November/December 2022 News Letter

Just to let you know the HID office will be closed from December 26th, 2022 to January 3, 2023

From the Fire Department

A big Thank you to the Department for all their Efforts and Time in keeping our TOWN safe – Especially, Bill Rube and Michael South (Spends hours!)

To start, there are currently 9 active members and 3 **New** Recruits. Thus, the department is seeking more **NEW** recruits to be part of the crew. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable work and life skills as well as being a positive member of a **Respected** organization. It would be great to have **NEW** People in town join, especially **Young-Adults**. There is also a small **monetary** benefit as well, after probation. Still, this is mostly **Volunteer**.

Also, the Department/HID is in **need** of Certified First Responders. At present, we are so fortunate to have Volunteer Extraordinaire - **Della Bird, take on the challenge, but we still require 2 to 3 more people**. This is an excellent career opportunity – Firefighter, Ambulance Personnel, First Aid for forestry or city crew members, and other possibilities for future endeavors. Moreover, your training costs would be covered by the HID/FD and you would be a **Valued and Honored** member of our community. If you are interested please contact the HID office or Fire Department for more information.

Next is the subject of **FIRES**. As you have heard on the news of late, Wildfires are still happening and are human caused. As such, the HID/FD are asking citizens to think about the use of fires and consult the **Fire Permit Provisions**. **PLEASE GET A FREE FIRE PERMIT FROM THE HID OFFICE FOR YOUR PROPERTY**. Just for your information, there is garbage/recycling/and yard waste pick-up on Fridays. With that, the Keremeos dump is free for recycling and \$5.00 or a little more for garbage.

PLEASE COME INTO THE OFFICE AND GET YOUR 2023 BURN PERMIT.

From the Water Department – September/October/November will be in the December Monthly Meeting – A GREAT Thank you to Gary Ross for Volunteering and helping Terry out while he has been away. Last reading for Arsenic was October 24th at **0.00874**.

Update – Daly Avenue Phase 2 has been completed – Just waiting for the on-site inspection.

Cladding of HID/FD has been done – UBCM will be sending grant money soon.

In Other News

For another thing, Parcel Tax increased from \$240 to \$300 and was due **November 1st, 2022** for **2023**. Please pay as soon as possible to avoid interest and penalties. The money maintains and **UPGRADES** the existing water system. Just a reminder, every property owner with water access regardless of his/her use – be it for consumption, bathing, or lawn care is subject to this levy. This Tax covers the **WATER SYSTEM** – the reservoir, piping structure and infrastructure, pumps, and hydrants. .
Just to remind you, the **Water Tolls** will be due **April 1st** and they are at \$600 for the year 2023 an small increase of \$30 from \$570.

Both of these taxes can be paid by CASH, Cheque, Debit, or Certified Cheque in person or by E-transfer – HID825@telus.net or via the mail. In addition, you can pre-pay or pay a little at a time depending on what you can afford. An official notice will be sent out in **February, 2023**, after the certification by the government. These invoices will be EMAILED to all who have given their addresses in order to save paper. Thank you.

Events and News

First, the **Country Market** is accepting Food, Pet Food, & Monetary Donations for the Annual Christmas Hamper – Please Give whatever you can afford. If you need help, please contact the store. Thank you.

Next, **Pub Nights** at the **Community Club** – These evenings are Volunteer run – There is a small liquor cost. Also, the **Community Club** offers the following: 1)Monday Night Football 2)Tuesday Night Pool 3)Wednesday Night Crib/Game Night 4)Thursday Night Darts/Pool – All of these are **BYOB! Everyone is WELCOME** – A small donation would be appreciated.

Then, on **December 24** both **Community Club** and **Hedley Centre (Senior's)** Volunteers are working together to bring joy to Everyone with a **Hedley Community Christmas!** This a **FREE** and Festive Sit-down, Christmas dinner with all the trimmings starting at 4 pm and will be at the **Community Club Hall**. Please bring a side-dish, dessert, and a Food Hamper donation. There will also be a Gift exchange, so please come with a small present of \$15.00 or less if you would like to participate.

Also, the **Community Club** will be hosting a **FORMAL** New Year's Eve dance, December 31, 2022. This will be from 8 pm to 1 am, with a Bar, DJ – Jodel, Appies, Champagne, and more.

Grace Hedley Church is having a Christmas Eve Carol and Candlelight Service at 5:30 pm on December 24th. Everyone is Welcome to come and join.

The Hedley Centre (Senior's) just had its' annual Christmas Craft Fair and it was a great success. On that note, on December 11 there will be another wonderful Pancake Breakfast. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast.

The Hedley Museum: Christmas Sippin' Shop – December 10 and 11, 10 am to 3pm – Tea and Shop – \$5.00 for teas and treats as well as gifts and goodies for sale. Please come by, warm-up, and see the history of our beautiful town.

Community Spirit – "Cheers to 125 Years!" This year the community elves are putting on a Christmas Cheer Lighting Challenge! Deck the Doors, House, Yard, Windows, and more. Prizes for Most Traditional, Festive, and Creative!!!

Finally, a **HUGE THANKS** to all the **VOLUNTEERS** in Hedley – Especially all the Trustees, Mike and Victoria – Store, Terry & Cindy Regier, Ralph & Lynne McKay, and Della Bird, as well as those who help at the Community Club, Hedley Centre, Museum, and Cemetery Group. All involved make the town a Community.