

January 2023

Town of Watson

Small Town Today...

Your Town Tomorrow!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Volunteer Fire Department – We are still looking for volunteers for our fire department, please call Mike Brost at 306-287-7786 or the town office if you are interested!

EMERGENCY PLANNING: In the event of a major emergency an evacuation or shelter in place order may be issued. If you are advised to shelter in place;

- Get inside as quickly as possible
- Turn off all heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.
- Close all doors windows, fireplace flues, vents and other openings. If there are any gaps in the weather stripping, use duct tape, plastic wrap, and/or aluminum foil to seal the leaks
- Turn on the radio or television for information. You will be advised what the hazardous material is and what the signs and symptoms of overexposure are
- Use telephone only if you need immediate emergency assistance. You will be directed how to seek medical help outside the evacuation area

Please add this information to you emergency plan. If we know our roles in advance, we will be able handle the situation more effectively. Would you or a family member require assistance? Please call the town office so we can add you to our emergency planning.

Are you willing to help out at the Emergency Operations Center? Please call Lani at the Town Office!!

Watson Community Cash Lottery: Congratulations Barry Wilson of Spalding, winner of the \$2500.00 early bird draw!!

Tickets available for sale at the Town Office, Watson Arena, Watson Pharmasave, NAPA, and Affinity Credit Union. With 17 chances left to win, the odds are definitely in your favor!!! Main Ticket is \$100 with the option to add on as many 50/50 tickets as you want for \$10 each. Proceeds towards The Quill Plains Health Care Foundation, McNab Regional Park AND the Watson & District Arena Association. Only 1000 tickets will be sold. **50/50 Payout is over \$4785.00, get your tickets now!!**

TOWN OF WATSON

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OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

ADMINISTRATION

Lani Best
Connie Dickson
Kim Mitchell

MAINTENANCE

Jim Garman
James Dominey
Lloyd ven der Buhs
Chase Nordick

TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR

Norma Weber

COUNCILORS

Mike Brost
Aron Friesen
Glenn Pastl
Rebecca Paszt
Lindsey Sobchyshyn
Jeff Turchyn

COUNCIL MEETINGS

2nd Wednesday
of each month at 7:00 pm

MAYOR HOURS

2nd Monday
of each month at 1:30 pm

SNOW REMOVAL: When shovelling snow off your driveway (manually or with a machine) put the snow on your own property. If you don't it is *trespassing* and you can be fined. Your neighbor has their own snow to remove. It doesn't have to stay on your lawn forever, I promise it will melt in the spring.

Museum – Santa Claus day was a great success with well over 100 people visiting the museum. Our Wreath Auction sold out, a big THANK YOU to all who donated and purchased items. With the donations we receive from fundraisers like these, we will soon be able to make our wish come true – connect the main museum building to the machinery shed and give us wheel chair access to the museum. Thank you to everyone who has helped out! We are always looking for volunteers, so if you have an interest in history and want to help, we would like to have you with us!

Concert January 14, 2023 – Gordy Tentrees – get your tickets now and continue to support your local museum!! Limited number of tickets will be sold.

What's Up Watson??

Hard to believe another year has come to an end. I know we have accomplished a lot this year, but when I look back, I only see the list of things still needing to be done! It can seem overwhelming, but we know we will get there!!

Our staff has been working to build Standard Operating Procedures for the various activities and duties that we perform. This helps with succession planning, new employees will have a guide to work with, build on and continue to improve. Council is working hard to do the same, reviewing and updating bylaws, policies and procedures. These are a never ending job as we grow and learn, we need to constantly adapt.

At our public meeting we discussed Automated Curbside Garbage collection, and we will be signing up for it early in 2023. The bins will cost \$100.00 per house hold and then \$10.00 per month will be added to water and sewer bills for bi-weekly garbage collection. We also discussed the rising costs of road repairs and maintenance. Due to the rising costs moving forward we will be increasing base taxes to allow us to continue to improve Watson. We are currently working to repair Saddles, curb stops, and service lines before we do any road surface work. While there are not any guarantees with Water leaks we are doing our best to mitigate damage to our new road surfaces.

We are looking at a borrowing bylaw to assist with equipment replacements at our January 11, 2023 Meeting. If you have any questions or concerns contact Lani at the office before the meeting date.

The Chamber hosted a successful Supper and Casino Night for Business Christmas Parties. Which brought up the use for poker chips... Do you have a set of poker chips that is just collecting dust? We would be happy to take them at the Town Office for use with community events. Drop them off any time!!

Did you know that the Town Office offers both Notary Public and Commissioner of Oaths services? Give us a call or stop by and we are happy to help you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Librarian
Val McLean

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

306.287.3642

REACT

306.682.1955

LANDFILL

Winter Hours:

Monday (May-Oct)

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Garbage Pick Up
Wednesday's 7:00 am

Used Christmas Pudding and Sauce jars can be returned to the Town Office for next years project. All proceeds from this fundraiser goes to local community projects.

New to Watson? Want to meet people and get involved??

Call the Office if you would like to volunteer your time and talents, we will help you find a group that meets your interests!

Watson & District Heritage Museum

Closed for the Season

For a tour or a special booking please call Judy Schmid to arrange

306-287-9401