

## Highlights from the Mayor



Hard to believe two weeks ago the fall colours were in full bloom and people were still golfing. I'm afraid winter is here, so hopefully you all stay warm, safe and healthy.

As you may know on November 3 we are having another Tele-Townhall, this time on the rollout of the garbage bin program. At that time, we will discuss how this will happen, but it brings to mind for me the related issue of garbage separation.

When they are building the large cells (the pits where our garbage ends up), at Evergreen Waste Management site out in Lafond, they build two types of cells. There are cells for wet garbage, and cells for dry garbage. For clarification, wet garbage is food based garbage, dry waste is just that dry (cleaned and dried laundry jugs, Styrofoam and plastic clam shells all can be considered). The cells for wet garbage are much more expensive to build because they have to incorporate a collection system for leachate. Leachate is the concentrated liquid that forms when wet garbage starts to breakdown due to bacterial activity. Leachate can be of different strengths and is considered a contaminant that needs to be captured for proper disposal.

On the other hand, dry cells do not require this collection system as no leachate is formed from dry garbage. Separating your garbage between dry and wet and only putting your wet garbage out for collection means that amount of garbage that goes into the wet cell is less and wet cells need to be developed less often. This is good for the environment and helps minimize the capital costs needed to build new cells.

If there is a downside to those who choose to take on this way of handling residential garbage, it's that you have to take the dry waste the short drive to the transfer station ourselves. At our home we keep the dry waste in a separate can, in the garage until there is enough to make the drive worthwhile. It's light and because it's clean it doesn't have an odor so it really isn't an inconvenience at all.

I also want to address the question of recycling. I am often asked why we don't have a plastics or glass recycling program. The answer is, true recycling programs are very limited and can only handle a fraction of the plastic and glass waste we produce. Many communities will pick up recycling such as plastics and glass, but the majority end up either in someone else's landfill and we get charged a premium to have it picked up, or it gets shipped off to another country for storage, which is quickly disappearing. Ultimately it ends up in a landfill somewhere in the world.

The best way to deal with plastics is for us as consumers to stop buying products that come in plastic containers. Laundry products have alternatives. Dairy products don't have to be bought in plastic jugs, though admittedly for large families that's the most likely container, but we have to start somewhere. If we stop buying products that come in heavy plastic containers, producers will be forced to find an alternative. It's definitely a long term vision, but one that can get traction if we all do what we can, when we can.

Don't forget our Tele-Townhall on Nov. 3rd to discuss our waste bin program. Register here: <https://tthm.wufoo.com/forms/trashtalk-st-paul-waste-management-tele-town-hall/> or if unable to register online, call 780-645-1765.

## HALLOWEEN



### HALLOWEEN HOURS 5PM - 8PM

This year we are asking residents to have their front doorstep light on to indicate if they are handing out treats.

We also encourage everyone to be respectful towards those not participating in Halloween this year as well as wear masks and follow social distancing protocols while Trick or Treating.

## SAFE & SWEET



## HALLOWEEN

**OUTDOOR DÉCOR CONTEST**  
**OCTOBER 31**  
**TOWN OF ST PAUL**

Decorate your home for all to enjoy your Halloween spirit. Submit a photo, with your name and contact number to: [bbillo@town.stpaul.ab.ca](mailto:bbillo@town.stpaul.ab.ca) by **October 28th**. Pictures will be posted online (Oct 30th) and in paper copy (Oct 31st, available for pickup at the Scavenger Hunt) for community members to vote "Best Decorated Halloween 2020"!

**SPOOKY SCAVENGER HUNT**  
**OCTOBER 31 5-8PM**  
**REC CENTER**

Join us for a Spooky Scavenger Hunt Oct 31st from 5-8 starting at the Rec Centre. Halloween elements will be hidden around town, in business' windows or on stakes in the ground. Use the photograph hints supplied to help find their location. Once found, write the element in the blank space provided on the Spooky Scavenger Hunt sheet. Return your completed scavenger hunt list to the Rec Centre for a **Halloween Treat**. (Scavenger hunt sheets can be downloaded on line or picked up at the rec center on Oct 31st).

### FREE MOVIES OCT 30, 31 & NOV 1

MAGIC LANTERN ELITE THEATRE, 4938-50 AVE

**Fri & Sat**  
**The Conjuring**  
9:30 PM Fri & Sat (Rated R)  
**LIMITED SEATING**  
Please pick up your ticket in **ADVANCE** at the TOWN FCSS.



**Sat & Sun**  
**Hotel Transylvania**  
11 AM Saturday  
11 AM & 4PM Sunday  
(Rated PG)  
**NO tickets required.**

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