

Sylvan Springs Newsletter

“Growing into the Future”

Fall 2017

(205) 491-3210

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Mayor

Dr. Stevan Parsons

Council Members

Dennis Brand
Karen DeLuca
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Town Clerk

Peggy Shadix

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - Noon
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m. - Noon

Meeting Times

1st & 3rd Tuesday
7:00 p.m.

Fire Department

Fire Chief

Rusty Johnson

Emergency

911

Non-Emergency

491-7637

Village Post Office

(VPO) Hours

Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday
7:30 a.m. - Noon

From the Mayor

Summer is officially over and the fall season has begun. There is a little crispness in the air at night and of course football season is off to a great start. With the change of the seasons we seem to have a sense of newness about our lives. We gain a little energy and have a desire to accomplish new things.

Very soon, we will be shopping for just the right gift for our loved ones and eating too much food as we fellowship together. Yes, before you know it Christmas will be here. As I write this, we have 12 Mondays until Christmas Day. We plan to kick off the celebration with Open House and Tree Lighting with Santa on Friday, December 1, 2017. I hope that everyone will mark their calendars and not miss this annual event. It is a great time of fellowship and good food.

On Thursday, December 14, the Beautification Board will go out to select the most beautifully decorated homes in our community. I am sure that they will have a very difficult time (as always) selecting the homes that “shine a little brighter”. Each year more of you decorate and it transforms our town into a winter wonderland. Thank you in advance for making a difference during the Christmas season.

Last but not least, the council continues to work hard to insure that our citizens have every opportunity to conduct business within our Town. Therefore, it is with pleasure that I tell you that you can apply for a passport at our Town Hall. We made a decision to set up and train for the processing of passports due to the limited number of processing centers in western Jefferson County. There is more information about the process in this newsletter.

I hope to see everyone at the events that we have planned, be sure and check our website and the town sign for more information about our Town. It is so nice to live in a Town that puts family first.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Mayor Stev

From the Fire Chief

Emergency: 911 Non-emergencies: 497-7637

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home you may have as little as two minutes to escape? During a fire, early warning from a working smoke alarm plus a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives. Learn what else to do to keep your loved ones safe! The American Red Cross recommends the following fire safety precautions:

1. Install the right number of smoke alarms. Test them once a month and replace batteries at least once a year.
2. Teach children what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.
3. Ensure that all household members know two ways to escape from every room of your home and know the family meeting spot outside of your home.
4. Establish a family emergency communications plan and ensure that all household members know who to contact if they cannot find one another
5. Practice escaping from your home at least twice a year. Press the smoke alarm test button or yell "Fire" to alert everyone that they must get out.
6. Make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1.
7. Teach household members to STOP, DROP and ROLL if their clothes should catch on fire.

Develop Fire Safe Habits

- Keep items that can catch on fire at least three feet away from anything that gets hot.
- Smoking materials are the leading cause of residential fire deaths in the U.S. If you smoke, take special precautions: Smoke outside, choose fire-safe cigarettes, never smoke in bed, when drowsy or medicated, never smoke if someone in the home uses oxygen.
- Use deep, sturdy ashtrays and douse cigarette and cigar butts with water before disposal.
- Talk to your children about the dangers of fire, matches and lighters. Keep them out of reach of children.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended, even for a minute.

Please call us if we can be of assistance,
Rusty Johnson, Fire Chief



Change smoke alarm batteries!

"Free" Landfill Days

You must have this newsletter to use free days

The landfill owners provide a free day for Sylvan Springs' residents only. If you are a resident, you can use the landfill for free on the following days:

Wednesday, October 18

Wednesday, November 15

(No free landfill day in December)

Remember, you can use the landfill any day for a minimal fee, but these days are "free" to the residents of Sylvan Springs. **This newsletter is your proof of residency.**

Senior Adult Corner

Monday - Friday
8:00 - 1:00

The “Gang” at the Senior Citizen Center would like to extend a warm hand of friendship to each person 60 years and up and invite you to come and join us. We have many opportunities each day for fun and companionship. Every day you will find multiple card games, dominos, puzzles, a senior friendly exercise room and loads of fellowship and fun.

This last quarter we had National Night Out, weapon safety training and the EMA. We are excited about Tai Chi beginning soon. We are now planning our Halloween and Christmas parties. This next year we are going to add many new adventures, parties, theme days and ways to celebrate life and our friends.

Valley Food brings in a hot meal each day for \$1.50. Please take a minute to think about coming to join us - a great way to spend a long fall and winter.

Hope to see y'all real soon,

Lynn Parsons, Director
491-2841

“We don't need easy, we just need possible”

Passport Processing at Sylvan Springs Town Hall

Applications for a passport can now be submitted at Sylvan Springs Town Hall. If you need to renew your passport or obtain a passport for the first time, come and let us assist you with the process. You can complete an application online at travel.state.gov. **Bring the printed application, a certified birth certificate and driver's license.** We do have applications available if you do not have computer access.

The passport fees are:

Passport Card (for travel by land or sea to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean) - \$30.00

Passport Book - \$110.00

(Must be paid by check or money order to send with application)

The photo (\$15.00) and the **execution fee** (\$25.00) are paid separately by check, credit, debit or cash. If you have any questions, please call 491-3210

Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Town Tidbits

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❖ **Fall Back on Sunday, November 5, 2017** – Move clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday evening.



❖ **Christmas Open House & Tree Lighting with Santa** – Friday, December 1, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

❖ **Christmas Light Judging** – Thursday, December 14, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.