



VILLAGE NEWS

MARCH 2025

Office Hours Monday—Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00 pm-5:00pm (closed for lunch)

SPRING THAW & WATER FLOW

With fluctuating temperatures, the freeze-thaw cycle can cause culverts and ditches to freeze overnight and then thaw during the day, leading to draining issues. Our Public Works crew is actively monitoring problem areas and addressing concerns as needed.

If you notice anything that could pose an immediate risk to property, please contact the office – we're here to help!

Thanks for staying alert and enjoying the arrival of spring with us!

ICE FISHING SEASON SOON COMING TO AN END

It's almost time to remove your ice shacks. Make sure to follow all regulations and deadlines to avoid fines.

Remove your shack by March 15

Clean up your site—leave no trace behind & enjoy the last days of the season responsibly!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Looking for fun activities in the community?

Follow Last Mountain Lake Cultural Centre's Facebook or website to stay in the know on all the exciting showcases, concerts and more!

Follow Regina Beach Public Library on Facebook for all their programming for kids, families & adults!

Regina Beach United Church Soup Lunch March 27 from 11:30—1:00. Enjoy a delicious homemade soup & connect with friends & neighbours.

Visit Regina Beach's website for Parks & Recreation programming at www.reginabeach.ca/parks-rec-programs

Stay active, get involved & have fun!

COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 11th & 25th 7 pm at the village office.

Meetings are always open to the public.

2025 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

It's a revaluation year and your 2025 Property Assessment Notices were sent on February 21—so they're probably in your hands by now.

The Assessment Roll, which is a listing of all properties in Buena Vista, is available for public inspection from February 21 to May 20 by visiting the office Monday-Friday from 9-12 & 1-5 or online at www.buenavista.ca > 'Resident Information' > 'Property Taxes & Assessments'.

Your assessment impacts your property taxes, so make sure everything looks right!

Questions? Contact our office for clarification.

If you wish to appeal, the deadline to file with the Board of Revision is May 20. *Please note the only time of year you can make an assessment appeal is while the roll is open.*

The assessed value of your property is calculated for taxation purposes only. It's an estimate based on sold properties in your market area as of the legislated base date of January 1, 2023. Sales that occurred after this valuation date cannot be considered in the 2025 reassessment as per legislation. Provincial legislation states that properties in Saskatchewan are reassessed every four years.



Get the Information You Need, When You Need It

The Village has chosen the Voyent Alert! service to communicate important & day-to-day information to our residents.

The service is free & easy to use. We encourage you to register to receive these important alerts. You can choose to receive alerts on the Voyent Alert! app, by email, text message or phone call. Register today!



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Bylaw BUZZ

Stay in the Know!

What are Bylaws & Why do They Matter?

Bylaws are the rules that help keep the Village safe, clean, & running smoothly, & make our community a better place for all. They're put in place by your local Council & apply to everyone in the community. Please note that the Village is currently reviewing & will be updating bylaws to ensure they remain fair, effective and relevant to our community's needs. This process will help keep our regulations up to date with provincial legislation, best practices, and evolving local priorities. As our community grows & changes, so do the issues we face. Updated bylaws will help address emerging concerns.

**Ignoring bylaws can lead to fines – or worse, unsafe & unpleasant conditions for everyone.
If you're unsure about a rule, check with the office or visit our website at
www.buenavista.ca/bylaws—list/**

**With the melt starting (and hopefully the arrival of spring!),
it's the perfect time to talk drainage – because all that water needs somewhere to go!**

Did you know the Village has a Drainage Bylaw to help regulate surface drainage on public and private land?

Be a Good Neighbour – All drainage shall be directed towards natural water runs and shall not affect neighbouring properties.

Check Your Gutters & Downspouts – Make sure they're clear and direct water away from foundations.

Changing Your Property's Drainage?- Check the rules first to avoid causing issues for your neighbours.

Thinking of Landscaping or Building – Altering your yard's grading or adding hard surfaces? Make sure water still drains properly. Every development shall be graded and leveled to provide for adequate surface drainage that does not adversely affect adjacent properties, or the stability of the land.

Sump Pumps – Sump pumps, eavestroughs, weeping tiles, and such shall not be allowed into the group holding tank in Edgewood.

A property owner shall not permit roof drainage, foundation drainage or sump pump drainage from a building or property on the premises to be discharged:

- ⇒ Directly onto a pervious ground surface within one metre of the building;
- ⇒ Within one metre of an adjacent lot;
- ⇒ To a location where the water has the potential to adversely impact:
 - The stability of a slope;
 - A Village roadway; or
 - A portion of the ground surface where there exists a risk of instability; or
- ⇒ To a location, or in such a manner, that the discharge causes or has the potential to cause nuisance, hazard or damage during the winter months.

Every owner of a property must contact the Village Office before discharging onto Village property. *

Bylaw No 4/16 A Bylaw of the Village of Buena Vista to Regulate Drainage

Bylaw No. 1/16 Zoning Bylaw (Section 4.10)

Bylaw No. 02/24 Edgewood Group Holding Tank