



## Newsletter December 2014



**Hague Town Office** will be closed on:  
Wed. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve  
Thurs. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day  
Fri. Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> – Boxing Day  
Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – New Years



### Recycling Plastics for Hague Residents Only!

Plastics can be placed in the blue bin located north of the Canada Post on Main Street. Do not dispose any other kinds of material or garbage. *Thank you!*



### Holiday garbage & recycling Pick-up changes:

#### Garbage:

All carts normally scheduled for:

- Thurs, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> will be emptied Sat. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>
- Thurs, Jan. 1 will be emptied Sat. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Recycling:

Normally picked up:

- Thurs, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> will be picked up Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>
- Thurs, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> will be picked up Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

Landfill: Closed on Thurs. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>



**2014 Taxes:** Taxes for 2014 are due Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. A 10% penalty will be applied to all unpaid taxes after this date.



**Municipal Hall:** Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, the rental rates for the Hague Municipal Hall will be \$170 for a full day and \$130 for half a day.



We ask residents to clear a path to their water meters to ensure safe access for our Public Works Dept. to record their readings.

*We appreciate your efforts!*



### Parking / Snow Clearing:

Trailers, campers and unlicensed vehicles **MUST** be removed from the streets and alleys to enable town personnel to adequately remove snow. As per Bylaw No. 2007-08 no vehicle may be parked at one place for more than 48 consecutive hours.

#### ***Extension cords are your own responsibility.***

It is difficult for public works to see the cords while they are blowing snow. Piling snow in the alleys is not allowed due to emergency reasons and preventing spring thaw problems for yourselves and others. Do not pile snow on the streets due to liability issues: obstruction for drivers. Attraction of kids to play in dangerous locations!



**Performance Bond Policy:** Council has passed a policy forcing a Performance Bond of \$1,000 associated with all new building permit applications. Additionally, applications fees will be doubled, up to \$500, if an application is not submitted and approved before construction begins. For additional information, please contact the Hague Town Office at 306-225-2155.



### 2014 Annual Yard Decorating Contest:

Have your lights and scene ready for judging by dusk on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014! Prizes awarded for:

- Best Tree/Trees
- Best Scene
- Best Lights
- Most Original



**Food Safety Level 1 Course** being offered in Jan 2015 @ Hague Municipal Hall. Cost will be \$45. If we have enough participants, 8 hours either one day or split into two days. Contact Hague Town Office to register: 306-225-2155.



**In Need of a Board Member:** Hague Senior Citizen Housing Corp is currently seeking a volunteer to sit on the board. Anyone with interest or questions is asked to contact the Hague Town Office.



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# Hague Royals

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Prairie Outlaw: **Tues. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** @ 8:30pm  
Shellbrooke Elks: **Fri. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** @ 8:30pm

## Hague Arena




Calling all over 55's or those young in heart if not so much in body! Our November supper evening was very well attended with over 40 folk coming out to enjoy friendship, a good meal and a wonderful talk by Erna & Henry Funk about their recent trip to the Holy Land where they worked as volunteers. It was so interesting to get a close up view, not only of the places, but the long standing issues that create the difficulties, thank you!

Our December meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. We will enjoy a festive meal and entertainment: *The Girls Four*. A much enjoyed group from Rosthern who are making a return visit to us. Save the date and make your reservation: contact Dave & Justina Derksen 306-225-4570  
*See you there!*



### Curling Invitation

Hague Curling Club will be hosting open curling on Monday evenings @ 7pm  
\$5.00/person  
Open to all ages and skill levels.  
*Great family entertainment!*




### December Tanning Special!

Going on a Winter Vacation?  
Come & Pre-tan at Shades Hair Studio.

December Specials

Buy 200 minutes, get 50 free minutes.  
Enhance your tan with a lotion @ ½ price!  
Nettie: 306-225-5808 or cell#: 306-290-9523



# Happy Holidays!



To advertise in the *January Newsletter*:  
please submit your ad to the Hague Town Office on or before: **Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**  
206 Main Street, Ph: 225-2155 Fax: 225-4410  
E-mail: [town.hague@sasktel.net](mailto:town.hague@sasktel.net), Website: [www.townofhague.com](http://www.townofhague.com)  
Cost for advertising in newsletter: \$2.00 plus GST per 30 words

## Have A Fire-Safe Holiday Season

### **Christmas Trees**

- Select a dark green, fresh-cut tree with a strong evergreen smell.
- Make sure the base of the tree is immersed in water at all times – check the reservoir frequently.
- Use only CSA approved lights – throw damaged light strings away.
- If the tree starts to turn brown – remove it immediately.
- Don't leave the tree up too long – safely dispose of trees right after the holiday. Trees that are not watered regularly or are left up too long can dry out and become a fire hazard.

### **Space Heaters**

- Place all space heaters at least one meter (three feet) away from anything that can burn: wallpaper, bedding & clothing.
- Turn off/unplug space heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Don't leave children/pets unattended in a room with space heaters.
- Check electric space heaters for frayed cords or overheating.
- Use only the recommended fuel for liquid-fuelled heaters. Never use gasoline. Always turn the heater off and let it cool before refueling.
- An un-vented fuel-fired heater can produce deadly amounts of carbon monoxide. Ensure combustion gases are vented outdoors.

### **Fireplace Safety**

- Burn small amount of wood at frequent intervals.
- Don't burn paper, wrapping paper or pine boughs in the chimney. This can cause sparks to drift out of your chimney and ignite your roof.
- Have your chimney checked and cleaned by a professional each winter.
- Use a screen in front of the fireplace to keep sparks in.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable liquids to light a fire. The vapors may explode.
- Dispose of ashes in a metal container which is stored outside and away from combustibles.

### **Using Candles**

- Never use lit candles to decorate a Christmas tree
- Keep lit candles away from paper decorations and other flammable materials.
- Do not leave candles within the reach of children or pets.
- Put candles in non-tip candleholders and place them on a firm surface where they won't be knocked over.
- Snuff Candles out when the festivities are over. Never let the candles burn down to the bottom.

### **Supervise Children**

- Fascination and curiosity about fire can lead a child to play with matches, lighters or flames within easy reach which may result in a fire.

## Christmas Tree Safety

**As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart.  
A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.**

### **Picking the Tree**

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

### **Placing the tree:**

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away for any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

### **Lighting the tree:**

- Use the lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

### **After Christmas:**

- Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

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Tips

# Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote built-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
- We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. *(Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)*



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