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Water Rate Increase and Billing Change

As residents were advised last year, effective January 1, 2013, your water and sewer rates changed. The rate will now be \$45.00 per month and bills will be issued every 2 months (February 28, April 30, June 30, August 31, October 31 and December 31).

Public Meeting for Canwood North Cemetery Upgrades

The Village of Canwood will be holding a public meeting in regards to cemetery upgrades for the Canwood North Cemetery. If you have family members interred there, are interested in helping out or just looking for information please plan to attend.

The meeting will be held:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2013

AT 7:30 PM

SENIOR'S ROOM, ELK'S HALL

We hope to have a great turnout so we can get started on improvements to have the Cemetery looking great for the 100th Anniversary in 2016!



CAFT Pre-Authorized Payments

Worried about forgetting to pay your water bill? Want to set up paying your taxes in monthly installments? The Village of Canwood is now able to offer pre-authorized payments for utility bills and taxes!

If you are interested in this, please come see Lisa at the Village Office and bring a void cheque.

72 Hours – Are you Prepared?

As we have all heard time and time again, individuals MUST be prepared in the event of an emergency to be responsible for their households/family for 72 HOURS. This means having adequate supplies on hand (drinking water, dry/canned food, etc) to sustain for a three day period.

There is a publication available to assist you in getting your emergency preparedness kit ready and a plan in place for an emergency titled "Your Emergency Preparedness Guide". The Village has ordered copies of this that will be available at the office or you can visit the website www.getprepared.ca for more information.

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Flood Bulletin 2013

The Provincial Government has stated that they will be assessing the risk for floods in the coming weeks and will be advising Municipalities at that time on the risks of Flood in their areas.

As we all learnt in 2011, and by the never ending (it seems) snowfall, it is never too early to be prepared. By preparing for possible flooding this spring, you can reduce the potential for property damage and loss – and increase the safety of you and your family.

Some simple precautions you can take to protect your property and belongings from spring melt are:

- Clear additional snow from rooftops
- Remove snow from around the foundation of your home to at least 2 meters
- Install the drainage for downspouts a sufficient distance from the building
- Remove all debris from gutters and drains
- Ensure there is proper drainage away from your property
- Install a sump pump and zero revers flow valves
- Use weather protection sealant on basement windows and ground level doors
- If needed, build a berm around your property
- Store important documents and valuables away from the basement.

Once we hear more from the Province regarding the flood risk and their plan to mitigate it (if any), we will pass any pertinent information on to residents.

Emergency Management How does it work?

Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility. While governments at all levels are working hard to keep Canada safe, individual Canadians also have an important role to play in preparing for emergencies. Emergency preparedness experts consistently say that by taking a few simple steps, such as knowing the risks specific to your community, making a plan to help you and your family know what to do, and getting an emergency kit that includes some basic supplies to be self-sufficient for at least **72 hours** in an emergency, you are taking a responsible and necessary step to protect yourself and your family from all types of emergencies.

Emergency management in Canada is a shared responsibility. That means everyone has an important role to play, including individuals, communities, governments, the private sector and volunteer organizations.

Basic emergency preparedness starts with each individual. If an individual cannot cope, emergency first responders such as police, fire and ambulance services will provide help. If the municipality needs additional assistance or resources, they can call on provincial/territorial emergency management organizations, who can in turn seek assistance from the federal government if the emergency escalates beyond their resource capabilities. Depending on the situation, federal assistance could include policing, national defense and border security, and environmental and health protection.



