

# Town of Elrose NEWSLETTER

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### **March 2020**

### **Communities in Bloom Program**

We are currently looking for volunteers interested in forming a Communities in Bloom Group here in Elrose and participating in the program. There are Communities in Bloom workshops available in Saskatchewan on May 9, 2020 in Assiniboia or May 30, 2020 in Melfort, where participants can learn more about what the program is, the benefits of participating, community project ideas etc...

Additional information can be found on the reverse of the newsletter and the full information package can be picked up at the Town Office, which include information on getting registered, possible grants available and so on.

#### Just a reminder:

- Annual Business Licenses and Pet Licenses are due, please stop by the Town Office to renew your license.
- **eNotices** if you wish to receive your Tax Notice or Utility Bill by email instead of by mail please contact the Town Office for a consent form to get it all set up.
- Wheatland Regional Library Elrose Branch news:
  - NEW Hours Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00 pm 6:00 pm
     Thursday & Friday 10:00 am 2:00 pm
  - Annual General Board Meeting will be held on Monday, April 6th at 7:00pm at the Town Office.
  - **Learn To Crochet Class** being held on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Scout Hut, contact the Library to sign up.
- Elrose Monet Recreation Board Auction will be held on Saturday, March 28th at the Elrose Memorial Hall.

## An invitation to Saskatchewan Communities

Communities that look successful are most likely to be successful. Whether a community's specific goals are to increase tourism, generate new economic development or simply to build civic pride, the face presented to citizens and to others is a key factor in achieving those goals.

Communities in Bloom is a program offered by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) that inspires communities to enhance and sustain the visual appeal of neighbourhoods, public spaces, parks and streetscapes through the imaginative use of appropriate flowers, plants, trees and land-scaping, through the preservation of heritage and cultural assets with attention to environmental stewardship.

An integral component of this very popular program is the friendly competition between communities, engaging citizens of all ages, service groups, businesses and associations in a public-spirited effort to succeed and be recognized.

It has been the experience of Communities in Bloom that participants tend to be more successful when they have a broader and deeper 'grassroots' involvement, including:

- A true desire to participate based on an appreciation for municipal parks and residential landscapes
- A strong desire to better their community
- A strong environmental consciousness
- A sense of heritage and civic pride
- An understanding that economic benefit is likely to follow
- Support of the Municipal Government

SPRA invites communities of all sizes and from every region of Saskatchewan, to participate in the provincial Communities in Bloom program and reap the many social and economic benefits that can result.

To obtain more information on the Communities in Bloom program, contact SPRA at 1-800-563-2555.

More than Planting Flowers...
It's About Building Communities!

