

Lodgepole Update

September 26, 2023

Halloween Fun

Calling all organizations, families, individuals, churches and businesses — Do you have ideas for a Halloween event at the PAC? Bring your ideas to the planning meeting, Monday, 10/2, at 6 p.m., in the PAC.

Time to license?

Don't forget to license your dogs and your utility vehicles. Tags are available at the Village office.

News from the Village Board

Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the PAC, 630 Orchard St. Meetings include time for citizen comments.

If you have an item that you'd like the board to consider, please don't hesitate to submit it. You can do so conveniently through email or in person to the Village Clerks by the 18th of the month.

Exciting news! The Village board is currently exploring the possibility of transferring the support and maintenance of our electrical grid to the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) through either an operations and maintenance agreement or a lease agreement. For further details or inquiries, please reach out to board member Brenda Parsons at bparsons236@yahoo.com.

In addition, we'll be discussing potential adjustments to the Village's sewer and water rates, slated to take effect in January 2024. Join us on October 3 at the Village board meeting to share your thoughts on this matter.

Is it time for some property maintenance? We encourage all residents to keep their properties in good shape, and our municipal code (§6-313, §6-314, and §6-315) addresses various aspects like weeds, litter, stagnant water, abandoned vehicles, and unlicensed or inoperable vehicles. Please be aware that properties found in violation may incur fines of \$100 per day for each violation. For easy online access to the municipal code, visit lodgepole.com/government.

A **BIG** thank you to Matt Lofton, Ethan Krause, and all the volunteers who help make the 2023 Old Settlers Weekend a big success.

Village Hours and Emergency Information

If you prefer face-to-face interactions, whether it's for a friendly chat with our clerks, registering your dog, or handling your utility bill, our office doors are open Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Or, if you'd like to schedule an appointment outside those hours, simply send an email to lpclerk@daltontel.net.

In case of any urgent electric or water emergencies, we've introduced a new emergency number for the Village: 970-458-5305.

Christmas Cards for Veterans

Every year, the Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library sends Christmas cards to veterans at the Cheyenne VA Hospital and others in need. Donations of Christmas cards to the library would be greatly appreciated. Join us during November's open hours to sign cards and help make veterans and others feel remembered during the holidays. Thank you for your support.



The Panther Activity Center Has New Signage

When you are traveling through Lodgepole be sure and swing by the Panther Activity Center and take a look at their new signage. Trinity Oliverius, a member of the Lodgepole Community Fund Advisory Committee, volunteered to design a couple options while the Lodgepole Visions group also provided an option. The Village of Lodgepole narrowed the options down to two designs and then the public voted. The sign pictured was the winner and it was recently installed by Laurie and Kyle Abrams, Terry and Rick Christensen and Jerry Dickinson. The Lodgepole Community Fund covered the cost of the new sign.

The Panther Activity Center (PAC) is the former Lodgepole High School. The Village of Lodgepole purchased the building a few years ago and moved the village offices to its new location in 2022. The PAC is used extensively by the community. The Lodgepole Community Fund has an account set up specifically for the upkeep and maintenance of the PAC. Individuals that wish to donate to this account can receive a charitable tax receipt. Contact the Village office or a Lodgepole Community Fund committee member if you are interested in learning more.

Pictured with the new Panther Activity Center sign are Janet Fox, Dana Hill, Toni Bruns, Terry Christensen, Laurie Abrams, Trinity Oliverius, and Waylon Oliverius.

— *from the Lodgepole Community Fund*

Tips for preventing cross-connections to help keep your drinking water safe

1. Check your faucets to be sure that all faucet endpoints are above the flood level of the sink, tub, basin, or other apparatus they supply.
2. Protect faucet extensions by installing proper backflow prevention devices (i.e. hose bib vacuum breakers) on all faucets capable of having a hose or other extension attached.
3. Check drain lines (refrigerator drink dispensers, water softeners, heat exchangers, etc.) to be sure there is an adequate air gap between the drain line and the floor drain or sewer line into which they discharge.
4. Never use unprotected faucets to fill non-drinking water containers (i.e. water beds, wading pools, stock tanks, hot tubs, etc.)

— *from the Nebraska Rural Water Association*