

MONTMAURIN VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Dear Residents of Montmaurin,

In many villages which have a town planning document (a PLU, a carte communale ...) fiscal law is being applied by increasing the rateable value of properties as yet undeveloped but which are designated as potential building land ... To free up land in order to remedy the housing shortage ? Or to compensate for the state withdrawal of funds to communes? Thus, whether it be a garden which becomes potential building land ... or a vegetable garden with a shed which becomes as it were a second home ... taxes, particularly the land tax on undeveloped properties, are taking off and becoming exorbitant ... and have been denounced regularly in these last few weeks by the media and by tax payers complaining to their elected representatives.

We have escaped that in Montmaurin by cancelling the carte communale, even if the previous council didn't like it.

From that follows the cancellation of the conversion tax which would have applied in our village from 2015.

It is a relief for all tax payers in Montmaurin!!!!

The new majority on the council, in office for less than a year, is working with those locally involved to set up a tourism and cultural policy. This year we concentrated on emergencies: the village swimming pool and the camp site.

When he saw the file concerning the work necessary to bring up to standard the electrical installations at the camp site Senator Claude RAYNAL granted us, from his parliamentary reserve, 50% of the cost of the work (4.200€) which has been a relief for the village budget, faced with the accumulation of problems which we are now discovering, particularly in village buildings.

We thank him warmly for his valuable help which allows us to provide a safer environment for our visitors.

Sincerely,

Silvia Belair
Mayor

VILLAGE NEWS

Inspection of individual sewage disposal installations : something else inherited from the former council which needs to be sorted...

You have received, or are going to receive, a letter giving details of a visit by a technician from the water company, Syndicat des Eaux Barousse Comminges Save, to inspect the working of your SPANC (individual sewage disposal systems: septic tanks, grease traps, drainage).

In 2006 the previous council, under the Water Law, set up an inspection of individual sewage systems in the village of Montmaurin, delegating this responsibility to the Syndicat. Following the inspection it turns out that the following judgments were made:

- 5% acceptable
- 37% acceptable with reservations
- 24% suspected of pollution
- 35% unacceptable (particularly in the village centre).

It seems too that 23 homes were not inspected, either because of absence or because of the owner's refusal of the inspection.

Today the Syndicat is asking us to authorise visits by a technician and a schedule circulated by a standard letter drawn up by the Syndicat. The Council is not prepared to validate this procedure nor the unilaterally fixed tariffs.

Why? Because many amongst us are in the following situations:

- totally unable to pay for this second visit, at the same price as the first inspection, in the context of stifling taxation
- Because their installation conforms no more today than it did last time and by paying 73.70€ nobody will learn anything new or achieve any ecological improvement. The only interest will be financial gain by the Syndicat.
- The inspection requires written proof impossible to produce for old houses and this is causing confusion amongst customers threatened by this inquisitorial procedure.
- For most residents the huge expense for the rehabilitation of their systems where this is possible is beyond their means, particularly since the criteria for supposed grants coming from Adour Garonne remains "confidential".
- Other residents say that no written report was given to them immediately after the inspection yet their signature was required to validate the visit so that they could be charged.

What must we do in such circumstances?

The council has a duty to raise these difficulties with the Syndicat. A meeting was requested with the M.P.Y. Duclos, its president.

Sadly up till now, after this meeting, we are still unsure whether to authorise the SPANC inspections or not.

At our meeting on 1st October with M. Duclos, president of the Syndicat, we had some clarification on the points raised above and request the following:

- A written report on the inspection visit, a copy of which will be left immediately with the customer
- A reduction in the cost of the second visit if it is an inspection of the functioning of a SPANC installation
- Inspections of non-conforming systems which have not been altered since the last inspection should be cancelled because there has been no change since 2006. ... thus preventing the customers from being called polluters

We are awaiting the good will of the Syndicat and, as M Duclos suggested to us, we are considering whether we should renew the agreement made by the former council in 1999 giving the Syndicat responsibility for our sewage disposal.

The SDIS 31 (departmental fire and rescue service) and the village

Following the visit to Montmaurin of representatives of the canton's rescue services the council has undertaken improvements to fire hydrants, specifically for the areas of Courrèges and Las Peyrades/Samadet-Le Ber. We are looking into the possibilities and what can be allocated from the start of the 2016 budget for everyone's safety. Recommendations have also been made about access to water points and we will very shortly be carrying out work: pruning around the Bacuran site and the opening of a gate to give firemen access to the municipal swimming pool.

Montmaurin's CCAS (the Village Social Action Group)

The CCAS is available in Montmaurin to help you

- With personal administrative formalities
- With claims for help with ACS (complementary health aid) which, depending on income, can be up to 550€ per year
- With group purchases ... particularly for fuel, given the approach of winter.

Contacts : Alain BAQUE : 06 07 77 98 47 Françoise DARENGOSSE : 06 80 45 67 20

The first Senior Citizens Tea Party brought people together at a pancake party with cider and home made jam.

The next **Senior Citizens Tea Party** will be in the village hall on **MONDAY 26 OCTOBER** starting at 3.00 p.m.

Contact and information from: Françoise - 06 80 45 67 20

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ROAD WORKS 2015

Aurélien CEP, in charge of technical services in the Boulogne sur Gesse Communauté de Communes sent us the programme of works needing to be carried out by Colas Sud-Ouest / Zubiarte in our commune. Based on estimates obtained in March 2015 work is being undertaken using funds still available from the end of 2015 from the inter communal highways budget.

Work will be carried out between 4 and 17 November on VC no. 2 (Samadet), village VC (Le Tuco), Coumadous, Labroquère, the bottom of the hill (from the D9 to the D633) and Camias. These roads have been needing attention for a number of years.

ATTENDANCE AT MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS

Boulogne sur Gesse welcomed 6,900 people to its pool in the summer. We think that Montmaurin achieved well by welcoming to its pool 3,480 regulars who appreciate the friendly family atmosphere.



OPENING HOURS AT THE MAIRIE : Tuesday : 14h-17h – Wednesday and Friday : 14h-17h30

The mayor and her deputies may also be seen by appointment

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OCTOBER MEETINGS...

PESTICIDES : our health is in danger

The newly elected Montmaurin council decided not to use pesticides any longer on village roads, starting on 1 January 2015. We must be concerned not only for the health of municipal employees but also for the health of the population (because of the spread in air and water).

These chemical products pollute and are responsible for illnesses emerging.

At the Gallo Roman villa pesticides have not been used for some years...

We are going back to the hoe...

This is why, on the council's initiative, we will meet at a conference/debate to be held in the village hall to get information.

Those taking part will be The Zero-Pesticide Group, those contributing to the prevention of professional risks, the Comminges Nature Association...

These various community contributors and those connected with medicine at work will tackle legislation, the overall health risks and the emergence of illnesses, the impact on the environment and the alternatives suggested up to the present.

PESTICIDES...
NOTRE SANTÉ EST EN DANGER
COLLECTIVITÉS, AGRICULTEURS ET PARTICULIERS
Agissons ensemble et maintenant !

LE SAMEDI 10 OCTOBRE 2015
à partir de 15h
à la Salle des fêtes de Montmaurin (31350)

INFORMATIONS - DÉBAT
PROJECTION - EXPOSITION

Avec

- ◇ la commune de Montmaurin,
- ◇ le Collectif Zéro-Pesticide,
- ◇ Intervenants en prévention des risques professionnels,
- ◇ Nature Comminges, ...

TOUT PUBLIC
ENTRÉE LIBRE

Dangers pour la santé

- Je nuís gravement à la santé
- J'altère la santé
- Je tue
- Je ronge
- Je suis sous pression

Dangers physiques

- Je fais flamber
- Je flambe
- J'explose

Dangers pour l'environnement

- Je pollue

De nouveaux pictogrammes pour l'étiquetage des produits dangereux (source INRS)

Studio Color - Boulogne-sur-Èsne

Let's meet on

Saturday 10 october 2015

Starting at 3.00 pm in the village hall

For this event we call too on the various groups :

This event will allow councillors, farmers and individuals to meet around a table - because all are involved - to establish the disastrous impact which underlies the uncontrolled use of chemical products such as pesticides.

A stance in favour of the reduction or suppression of the use of pesticides taken by local groups is essential and will lead inevitably to a collective awareness.