

Summer Village of South View

May 2019 Newsletter

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Mayor's Message,

Another season has passed and thoughts of green grass, flowers, birds and bees and many other spring/summer plans are on our minds. April 4th, I saw a flock of Robins and shortly after several other species arrived. The Hummingbirds usually arrive around the middle of May. For those that are interested in feeding them, the solution is: 1 part sugar to 4 parts boiling water. Do not use any colouring as it may damage their kidneys. The ice was completely off the lake on the 22nd of April.

I have been on Council for almost twenty years and for the most part, I have really enjoyed it. Time certainly sneaks up on you. This was really proven to me last week while at the eye doctor. I have been using off-the-shelf glasses for years. According to the doctor, my eyes are now on a geriatric journey of their own, his kind way of saying I'm getting old(er). It makes me feel better knowing that if I'm getting older ... so are you!

July 1st, the Summer Village's Annual Potluck/BBQ will be held at the playground. Hamburgers, pop and water will be supplied. The festivities will begin at 4:00 p.m. Council looks forward to visiting with you!

It is difficult to find a date that agrees with everyone regarding the Large Bin Garbage Cleanup. It will be held on the 24th of August from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to get rid of that item that has out-lived its usefulness. While there, feel free to do some shopping. After all, one person's junk is another person's treasure. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call 587-873-5765, if there is no answer, please leave a message. I encourage you to visit our web page as there is a vast array of information on it.

Enjoy your summer and remember to relax, take a breath and enjoy the time you spend here.

Mayor, Sandi Benford

Starting in 2018 and continuing on in 2019, your Council and Administration have been working on various municipal projects and regional initiatives including: Emergency Management (must be in place by 2020), proposed Regional Sewer Line, potential to join Regional Water Line, Municipal Accountability Program (as per Municipal Affairs), Safety Codes accreditation and annual reporting requirements, establishment of an Integrity Commissioner, establishment of a 3-year operating and 5-year capital plan (as mandated by Municipal Affairs), a bylaw and policy review project, development or revision of our Municipal Development Plan, establishment of an Intermunicipal Development Plan, establishment of Inter-municipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF's), mutual aid fire services, and regional recreation opportunities.

Public Notifications and Important Information

The Summer Village would like to get information out to our citizens quickly and efficiently in case of emergency, road closure, garbage pickup disruption, snow removal, tax payment deadlines, election dates, information meetings etc. We are proposing to set up an email notification process. If you are interested in being included in this email notification, please email the Summer Village office at administration@wildwillowenterprises.com.



ASSESSMENT: Property assessment services are contracted to Municipal Assessment Services Group.

What is a Property Assessment?

Each year, the Assessor will inspect certain properties within the Municipality. The property assessment is the estimated market value of your property. The market determines this value and is the basis for the assessment and is then used to calculate your property taxes.

What If I Disagree with My Assessment?

Remember, you can only make a complaint against your assessed value, not your tax dollars or rates and you must have grounds for your complaint. New legislation allows you 60 days from the date of your assessment notice to make an assessment complaint.

The assessment complaint deadline is Monday, July 22, 2019. There is a fee of \$50.00 that must accompany a completed assessment complaint form which is available on the website www.summervillageofsouthview.com or by contacting the office at 587-873-5765. Prior to completing the assessment complaint form, please contact the assessor to first discuss the matter of your assessment (not your tax dollars) – Dan Kanuka – 780-939-3310.

PROPERTY TAXES: The Summer Village collects taxes annually to meet the projected costs of providing services to the community. These revenues are received through grants, a minimum municipal tax, and the municipal portion of the property taxes. Other amounts collected on your annual tax bill are collected on behalf of the Lac Ste. Anne Seniors Foundation and the Alberta School Foundation Fund.

If paying by mail:

Please make cheque payable to the Summer Village of South View and mail to:

Box 8

Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

If paying online:

You are required to set the Summer Village of South View up as a "Bill Payment", the account number will be your "tax roll number" as shown on your 2019 Combined Tax and Assessment Notice.

The Summer Village is currently registered with the following financial institutions for on-line payments:

ATB FINANCIAL

BMO

CIBC

TD CANADA TRUST

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

SIMPLII FINANCIAL

SCOTIA BANK

TANGERINE

You are now able to send an e-transfer to the Summer Village for payment of property taxes. Please contact the administration office to set up an email and password.

Reminder: Property taxes are due June 30, 2019

Encroachments onto Road Right of Ways & Use of Municipal Reserves: It is the responsibility of every property owner to understand and know where their property lines are. If you are unsure of your property boundaries, it is your responsibility to have your lot surveyed. If there happens to be items encroaching on Summer Village property they will need to be moved to within your property. These items are not permitted on any public property, including municipal reserves, leased land, parks, utility right of ways, streets or any other property owned by the Summer Village unless strictly allowed by the Municipality.

Household Garbage Bins: A reminder that garbage pickup is on a weekly schedule over the summer. Do NOT put furniture, BBQ's, tree limbs, shingles etc. or any renovation materials in the bins or you may be responsible for the cost of emptying the bin if you do so. These types of items are to be taken to the Regional Landfill Site located on Highway 43 and RR35. The disposal fee at the landfill site is \$57.50 per tonne. There is also a recycle depot which residents are encouraged to use. You can contact the site directly if you require further information at 780-967-3466. To help save space in the Summer Village bins, please cut apart boxes, break apart larger items and dump grass clippings and leaves from their bags. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Large Bin Clean Up

Saturday, August 24, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Boat Launch

Please note: The Summer Village has the right to refuse any item.

Bins will be available for:

-Mixed household waste

-Metal & White Metal (freon items will be charged \$20)

-Clean wood (NO painted or treated wood)

-Spring Items (\$20 per item)

Speed Limits in the Summer Village: Adherence to the Summer Village speed limits are imperative for the safety of everyone. Speeding along Oscar Wikstrom Drive is especially a concern. **The speed limit throughout the Summer Village is 30km/hour and lanes/alleys are 15km/hour.**

Bylaw Enforcement/ Community Peace Officer/ Animal Control/ RCMP: The Summer Village currently contracts Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement & Animal Control services through a joint agreement with the Town of Mayerthorpe. Residents can contact this office directly at 1-844-786-4650 or by email at bylaw@mayerthorpe.ca. A reminder that if you have an emergency pertaining to Police, Fire or Ambulance, you must dial

9-1-1 (the non-emergency RCMP line is 780-727-4446).

Animal Control Bylaw

Animal Control Bylaw No.143 will be strictly enforced. In accordance with this bylaw:

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times,
- Dogs must be picked up after,
- Dogs must not be allowed to excessively howl and bark,
- Owners must not harbor more than two small pets of one kind.

A few reminders that all dogs within the boundaries of the Summer Village must be controlled and on a leash at all times including when in the park and reserve areas. There is currently no off-leash area for dogs. Please take responsibility for your animal's waste as we have many residents who enjoy walking throughout the Summer Village. Please try to feed your own animals inside as leaving pet food outside can bring unwanted wildlife into the Summer Village.

Check out our Bylaws online at www.summervillageofsouthview.com

Fires can happen! **ARE YOU COVERED?**

Did you know that the cost of fire suppression by the fire department is payable by the **property owner**? In our area we have seen the cost of fire suppression for a structure fire as high as \$28,000 and for a wildland (grass fire) as high as \$12,000.

Be sure to check your home insurance policy or talk to your insurance agent about what exactly your policy covers and how much it covers. Besides inquiring about your home structure fire insurance, we encourage you to inquire about wildland insurance (for a grass fire that happens but never reaches a structure).

ALSO, please be advised that should the fire department be dispatched by 9-1-1 to your residence for any reason (house alarms including false alarms, campfire, downed utility line, etc) you, as the property owner, will receive an invoice. The only exception is for medical response calls (assisting Alberta Health Services) – there is no charge for these calls.

FIRE PITS

Within the corporate limits of the Summer Village of South View, fire pits must:

- Be at least 3 metres (10 feet) from buildings, property lines and anything else that could catch fire.
- Be less than 0.6 metres (2 feet) high / Be less than 1 metre (3 feet) wide.
- Have enclosed sides made from bricks, concrete or heavy-gauge metal.
- Have a mesh screen on top to stop sparks (spark-arrestor) with openings smaller than 1.25 centimetres (1/2 inch).



DO YOU THINK YOU'VE SPOTTED A QUAGGA OR ZEBRA MUSSEL?

Report it to Alberta's invasive species hotline at 1 855 336 BOAT (2628).

Clean. Drain. Dry Your Boat!

Clean

- -Clean and inspect watercraft, trailer and gear
- -Remove all plants, animals, and mud at the access area or dock
- -At home, soak your gear in a bleach solution for at least one minute
- -Rinse, scrub or pressure wash your boat away from storm drains, ditches or waterways

Drain

- On land, before leaving the waterbody, drain all water from:
 - Bait buckets
 - Ballast
 - Coolers
 - Internal compartments
 - Livewells
 - Bilges

Dry

- -Dry the watercraft and gear completely between trips and allow the wet areas of your boat to air dry.
- Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water.

Please help keep our aquatic animals and plants healthy.. DO NOT wash vehicles, ATV's or boats in the lake!



Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society

www.LILSA.ca

Did you know that LILSA:

- ✓ Advocates for the health of our lakes;
- ✓ Is working hard to slow and prevent the spread of **FLOWERING RUSH**, an invasive species that is taking over Lake Isle and making its way to Lac Ste Anne;
- ✓ Completed a State of the Watershed Report and is working with other organizations to develop a Watershed Management plan;
- ✓ Partners with municipal and provincial governments to apply for grants and improve the quality of our lakes;
- ✓ Is working on short and long-term solutions to improve our lakes and keep them healthy and useable for generations to come;
- ✓ Needs more members to keep doing their important work!

Become a LILSA Member today!

There is no time commitment required. You can do as little or as much as you choose.

By becoming a member you will:

- ✓ Help support the health of our lakes;
- ✓ Be able to vote at our AGM;
- ✓ Be eligible to run for the board;
- ✓ Be a part of the solution!

Join us at our AGM

Aug 10, 2019 at 9:30am
Alberta Beach Agliplex
4811-47Ave Alberta Beach



Annual Memberships are \$20 (individual or family) & can be purchased at:

Alberta Beach Village Office (4935-50Ave)

Lac Ste Anne County Building (56521 Rge Rd 65)

Onoway Town Office (4812-51St)

SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFO

General

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General Office Phone	587-873-5765
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Administration

Chief Administrative Officer	Wendy Wildman/Heather Luhtala
General Administration Office	587-873-5765
Assessor, Dan Kanuka	780-939-3310
Development Officer, Diane Burtnick	780-284-0410
	development@wildwillowenterprises.com

Building/Electrical/Gas/Plumbing/Private Sewage Permits:

The Inspections Group Inc. – (Tarla Degroot)	1-780-732-4645
Call Before You Dig	1-800-242-3447

RCMP Drug Tip Line	780-968-7212
RCMP Non-Emergency (Evansburg)	780-727-4446
Peace Officer/Animal Control/Bylaw Enforcement	1-844-786-4650
Environment Hotline	1-800-222-6514

Council Members

Mayor	Sandi Benford	780-892-4603
Deputy Mayor	Brian Johnson	780-984-0079
Councillor	Garth Ward	780-266-3971

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 30 – Tax Payment Deadline
- July 1 – 18% Tax Penalty (Current Year Unpaid Taxes)
- July 1 – Canada Day Family Potluck/BBQ (Summer Village to provide the hot dogs & pop!)
- July 22 – Assessment Complaint Deadline
- August 24 – Large Bin Cleanup at the Boat Launch
- January 1 – 18% Tax Penalty (Total Tax Arrears)

Flowering Rush is a prohibited, noxious weed that has been introduced into several Alberta water bodies. It is an aquatic plant that grows as an emergent plant along shorelines of both lakes and rivers. Flowering Rush was brought to North America from Europe as a garden plant. This variety will form dense stands which will interfere with recreational lake use. Flowering Rush crowds out our native plants and has the potential to fill in an entire lake if left uncontrolled.



The invasive species known as Flowering Rush continues to threaten Lake Isle and surrounding watersheds. With the support of many other regional partners, the Summer Village of Silver Sands submitted an application under the Alberta Community Partnership - Collaborative Grant Program to help stakeholders build an effective Flowering Rush abatement strategy to address the issue. This application requested \$198,500 in funding to help with research, mapping, method testing and finalizing an implementation strategy

We are excited to report that the application was approved. Together with our regional stakeholders, including Lac Ste. Anne County, Alexis First Nation, the Summer Villages of South View and West Cove and the Lac Isle Lac Ste. Anne Watershed Quality Management Society (LILSA), we have assembled a sub-committee and are preparing for some busy months, and years, ahead as we work to understand and address the Flowering Rush issue in Lake Isle. If you are interested in helping out, LILSA will be coordinating volunteers to support the field activities of the project and we encourage you to be in contact with them.