

Summer Village of South View

May 2022 Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

When reminded that it was time for another newsletter, there was only one topic that came to the forefront. On April 25th, South View was in dire need for fire services. We were involved in what became a five-structure fire, a large garage and four homes. At this time, a huge debt of gratitude must go out to the following people, I hope I don't forget anyone. To Emile for spotting and notifying us of the fire. Our Director of Emergency Management, Colleen and Deputy Director of Emergency Management, Garth, their training was truly put to the test, this was their first actual event, super job!!! Jim, Michelle and Curtis who called 911 and went door to door to get everyone out and to safety. They also assisted with supporting community members in their time of need. Wendy, for making sure that needs were being met. Thank you, to those residents that stayed out of the way so that the fire crews could do their jobs. Thanks to those who directed traffic, provided food and handled media. The Mayor of Silver Sands provided some of the breakfast to the crew at seven the following day.

Absolutely not last or least, the fire crews from Northwest Fire and Rescue, Lac Ste. Anne County and Parkland County Fire Departments. This was a horrific occurrence that has taught us many things and will change the way our safety standards are made and enforced. To those affected by this, we are here to support you. Words can not erase what you are dealing with.

Your community cares!

One question for everyone...Do you have a 72-hour emergency kit ready to go for you and for your animals in the event of an emergency? Need some help with what to start gathering, visit the Summer Village's Emergency Management website page for further information:

www.summervillageofsouthview.com/emergency-management.html

Your Mayor,

Sandi Benford

Property Assessment

Each year, the Assessor will inspect certain properties within the Municipality. The property assessment is the estimated market value of your property as of December 31st of the prior year which is used to calculate property taxes. If you disagree with your assessed value, you have 60 days from the date of your assessment notice to make an assessment complaint. The assessment complaint deadline is **Monday, July 25, 2022**. There is a fee of \$50.00 that must accompany a completed assessment complaint form which is available on the Summer Village website or by contacting the office. 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 revenue annually to meet the projected costs of providing services to the community. These revenues are received through grants and through municipal property taxes. Other amounts collected on your annual tax bill are collected on behalf of the Lac Ste. Anne Seniors Foundation which is seeing a 3% increase from last year, the Alberta School Foundation Fund which is seeing an 11% increase from last year and the Provincial Policing Fund which will increase to \$3,252.00 this year from \$2,434.00 last year. This year, the minimum municipal tax payable has been set at \$1,075.00 per property which is up from \$1,050.00 last year with an overall increase to municipal taxes collected of 3.6%. Property taxes are due **Thursday, June 30, 2022**. The Summer Village has a monthly tax payment plan that runs from January to December, if you are interested in joining the plan, please contact the Summer Village Office – 587-873-5765.

Property Tax Payments

If paying your taxes 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 your taxes through telephone banking or online banking:

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 Combined Tax and Assessment Notice.

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

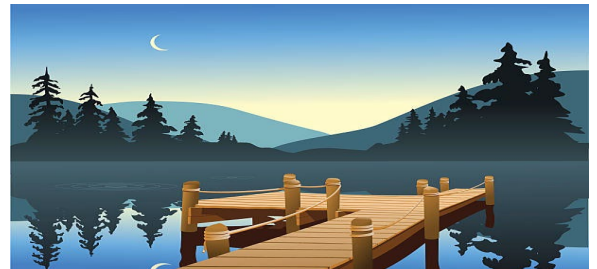
ATB FINANCIAL	BMO	CIBC	TD CANADA TRUST
SERVUS CREDIT UNION	SIMPLII FINANCIAL	SCOTIA BANK	TANGERINE

If paying your taxes through e-transfer:

Please contact the administration office to set up an email and a password.

Docks & Mooring Structures

There are new requirements in place by the Province for placing docks and mooring structures in Alberta Lakes! Alberta Environment & Parks has compiled a set of documents that outlines the requirements and process for an individual to obtain an authorization to place a temporary, seasonal dock for personal recreational use in Alberta's water bodies. This information can be found on the Alberta Environment & Parks website at www.alberta.ca/lakeshores.aspx or on the Summer Village's website at www.summervillageofsouthview.com/docks---a-user-guide.html.



Speed Limits in the Summer Village

Adherence to the Summer Village speed limits is 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.**

Tree Removal

Trees that are dead or appear dangerous will be removed on municipal property throughout the Summer Village. A reminder that trees on private property are the responsibility of the property owner.

Community Watch

Please be aware of suspicious activity throughout the Summer Village. If you see something out of the ordinary that could be a potential crime, record any details and report the situation to the RCMP as soon as possible.

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 cpodawn@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 always be on a leash,
- 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.

Household Waste Bins

There are large waste bins throughout the Summer Village for residential waste. 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. Please ensure all household waste is bagged.

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 within your property. These items are not permitted on any public property, including municipal reserves, lease land, parks, utility right of ways, streets or any other property owned by the Summer Village unless strictly allowed by the Municipality.

Fires 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). Should the fire department be dispatched by 9-1-1 to your residence for any reason (house alarms including false alarms, campfires during a fire ban or fires deemed out of control or unattended, 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

A reminder that all fire pits in the Summer Village of South View 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).



Emergency Management

Included in this mailout is an Emergency Management brochure prepared by our Ste. Anne Summer Villages Emergency Management Partnership. **Please take the time to read this brochure.**

GET PREPARED!

Emergencies can happen at any time and without warning. Be ready. With a little preparation, you can respond quickly to help yourself and others. Understand the risks in your area, create a household emergency plan and build an emergency kit.

www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-en.aspx

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 the AGM;
- ✓ Be eligible to run for the Board;
- ✓ Be a part of the solution!

Annual Memberships are \$20 (individual or family) & can be purchased at:
Alberta Beach Village Office (4935-50 Avenue Alberta Beach)
Lac Ste. Anne County Building (56521 Rge Rd 65 Lac Ste. Anne County)
Summer Village Administration Office (4808-51 Street Onoway)



Flowering Rush

Do You Think You've Spotted A Quagga Or Zebra Mussel?

If you have spotted a quagga or zebra mussel, report it to Alberta's invasive species hotline at **1-855-336 BOAT (2628)**.

Help Prevent the Spread - 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
 - Live wells
 - 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 to keep our aquatic animals and plants healthy –

Do not wash Vehicles, ATV's, Boats etc. in the lake!!



Quagga & Zebra Mussels

SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFORMATION

General

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Administration

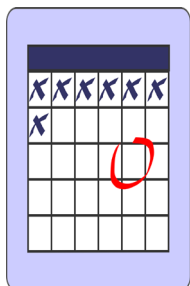
Chief Administrative Officer / General Admin Office	Wendy Wildman/Heather Luhtala 587-873-5765 780-939-3310 780-718-5479
Assessor, Dan Kanuka	
Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner	pcm1@telusplanet.net
Building/Electrical/Gas/Plumbing/Private Sewage Permits: The Inspections Group Inc.	1-780-732-4645
Call Before You Dig	1-800-242-3447
RCMP Non-Emergency (Evansburg)	780-727-4446
Peace Officer/Animal Control/Bylaw Enforcement	1-844-786-4650
Environmental Hotline	1-800-222-6514

Council Members

Mayor	Sandi Benford	780-892-4603
Deputy Mayor	Brian Johnson	780-984-0079
Councillor	James Woslyng	780-995-0505

New Development Officer and Contact Information

Prior to any construction, property owners must obtain, when applicable, a development permit from the Development Officer. The Summer Village's new Development Officer is Tony Sonnleitner who can be contacted at 780-718-5479 or by email at pcm1@telusplanet.net.



Important Dates to Remember

May 17th – Tax & Assessment Notices are mailed
June 30th – Property taxes due
July 1st – 2% Penalty on current taxes
July 25th – Assessment Complaint Deadline
August 1st – 4% Penalty on current taxes
September 1st – 6% Penalty on current taxes
October 1st – 6% Penalty on current taxes
January 1st – 18% Penalty on outstanding taxes



Council Meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom (*Council meetings are not scheduled in May*) – be sure to check the Summer Village's website for any updates.