

Summer Village of South View

May 2023 Annual Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

Another season in our back pockets and thoughts of sunshine fill our minds. How ever you spent your winter, we trust that the memories created will be cherished for years to come.

Did you know that you can receive up-to-date information and notices regarding the happenings of our Summer Village? Visit the Summer Village's website and sign up for "South View Connect". The website also provides information regarding bylaws, permit requirements, minutes of Council meetings and much more. The large bin cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 this year, details on this event can be found on the last page of this newsletter. A reminder that we are an independent Municipality with our own rules and regulations that may be different from the surrounding Counties or Summer Villages. If you have renters, they too, can take advantage of these services including the newsletter. Just forward their information to the office. The more you know, the more we grow.

Lastly but certainly not least, we acknowledge the fire devastation that our beautiful Province is facing. We are under siege and at the mercy of mother nature as we are seeing, and sadly for many, living this nightmare. Our thoughts and well wishes go out to all the families who have been displaced and devastated and our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of the emergency personnel who have worked long and hard hours and days trying to save our Province.

Wishing everyone a safe summer and all the best in 2023!

Your Mayor,

Sandi Benford

Assessment & Taxation

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 24, 2023**. 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 municipal property taxes. Other amounts collected on your annual tax bill are collected on behalf of the Lac Ste. Anne Senior Foundation which is seeing a 1% increase from last year & the Alberta School Foundation Fund which is seeing a 4% increase from last. This year, the minimum municipal tax payable has been set at \$1,125.00 per property which is up from \$1,075.00 last year, with an overall increase to municipal taxes collected of 7.7%. Property taxes are due **Friday, June 30, 2023**. 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.

Property Tax Payments

If paying your taxes by mail or in person:

Please make cheque payable to the Summer Village of South View and mail to Box 8, Alberta Beach, AB, T0E 0A0. If paying in person, the office is located at 2317 Twp Rd 545, Lac Ste. Anne County.

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 for the email and to set up a password.

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[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.**

[Trees](#)

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. Black knot fungus has been noticed on some trees on private property in the Summer Village. This fungus can eventually kill the tree. There is information available at www.alberta.ca/black-knot.aspx on what can be done to control this fungus.

[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 780-786-2416 (ext. 232) or by email at cpokasamba@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). 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.

[Animal Control & Wildlife](#)

Animal Control Bylaw No. 143 will be strictly enforced. In accordance with this Bylaw, dogs must always be on a leash, must be picked up after, must not be allowed to excessively howl and bark and owners must not harbor more than two small pets of one kind.

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 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.

A reminder that feeding wildlife can do more harm than good and can often lead to serious issues for many species. Fed wildlife can become dependent on unreliable food sources and suffer nutritionally when given inappropriate foods. Habituated wild animals are also more susceptible to predators and vehicle collisions, as they lose their fear of people and the associated flight response. Wild animals who have been fed regularly can also develop food-seeking aggression and can become hostile towards people and pets.

[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 currently \$57.50 per tonne. There is also a recycling 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).



Fire Bans

The Summer Village of South View keeps a partial fire ban in place year round to control the way fires are maintained and to protect the Summer Village and the residents. Always check the fire ban signs at the entrances to the Summer Village.

WHEN A PARTIAL FIRE BAN IS IN EFFECT, this means all fires must be confined within a non-combustible structure, container or barrel with openings covered with a heavy gauge metal screen having a mesh size not larger than twelve (12) millimeters and which is used for the purpose of cooking or burning refuse.

WHEN A FULL FIRE BAN IS IN EFFECT, this means no fires of any kind, whether a permit is required or not, may be ignited within the Summer Village of South View and any existing fires must be extinguished immediately. **Please be vigilant concerning this.**

Fire Smart & Your Yard

A fire smart yard begins with maintenance and will include debris clean-up in Spring and Fall. Dry leaves, twigs and branches are flammable and should be removed from your yard and gutters, older deciduous (leafy) trees can have rot and damage that makes them susceptible to fire. Remove combustible shrubs from the drip line of trees and consider planting fire smart trees which are trees that **do not** have cones and needles (conifer trees) which are highly flammable and should not be within 10 metres of your home. For more information on what you can do to help make your yard & home fire smart, visit the following website: www.alberta.ca/firesmart.aspx.

Register for South View Connect

Get important messages from the Summer Village via email and text. Register for South View Connect! Go to the Summer Village's website and follow the registration steps.

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

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

Residents are encouraged to touch base with their neighbors, exchange phone numbers and get to know them. Maybe find out if they have any special needs or would require help in an evacuation.

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Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society

Become a LILSA Member today – www.lilsa.ca

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 (2317 Twp Rd 545, Lac Ste. Anne County)

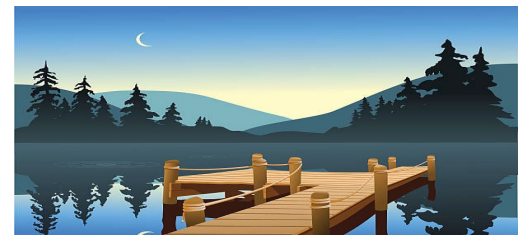
Docks & Mooring Structures

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.

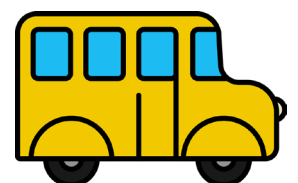


East End Bus Society

The Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society provides affordable transportation to seniors (50+) and people living with disabilities in the east end of Lac Ste. Anne County. This service consists of scheduled shopping trips to West Edmonton Mall, St. Albert and Spruce Grove, monthly excursions funded by FCSS dollars and rentals by service clubs, special interest groups and community members.

Bus schedules can be found in the Lac Ste. Anne Bulletin, Seniors Clubs, Manors, the websites of the County of Lac Ste. Anne, Town of Onoway, Alberta Beach and you can like the East End Bus on Facebook.

For more information about the society and its service, contact Lorna at **780.905.3934**.



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Administration

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587-873-5765
Assessor, Dan Kanuka 780-939-3310
Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner pcm1@telusplanet.net 780-718-5479
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 780-786-2416 (ext. 232)
Environmental Hotline 1-800-222-6514

Council Members

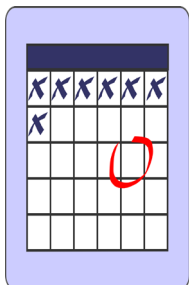
Mayor	Sandi Benford	780-892-4603
Deputy Mayor	Brian Johnson	780-984-0079
Councillor	James Woslyng	780-995-0505

Large Bin Cleanup

The large bin cleanup will take place on **Saturday, July 15th, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the boat launch site. There will be bins available for Mixed Household Waste, Clean Wood (no painted or treated wood), Metal and White Metal (freon items will be charged \$20 per item – exact change only) & Spring Items (\$20 per item – exact change only).

This provides a good opportunity to help clean up the Summer Village by getting rid of items no longer needed that are laying around properties and cluttering up space.

Important Dates to Remember



May 17th – Tax & Assessment Notices are mailed
June 30th – Property taxes are due
July 1st – 2% Penalty on current taxes
July 15th - Large Bin Cleanup 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
July 24th – 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.