

Summer Village of Yellowstone

May 2018 Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

I wish to thank all of our residents for the support and patience over the past year as we moved forward with our community improvement initiatives. Unfortunately, growth usually comes with some growing pains. It is worth noting the Summer Village experienced much less flooding during this year's spring thaw and this is due in large part to the improvements made to our culverts and drainage system last year. Similarly, the Force Main sewer system has proven to be successful and we encourage all property owners to hook up to it. We will be moving forward and hopefully completing our street drainage project this summer. With respect to last fall's ice heaves and ridges, the Summer Village does not have jurisdiction to provide permission or authority to do work along the shoreline or out in the water. Council and Administration will, however, continue to work with other communities and the applicable authorities in trying to determine a solution.

On behalf of Council and our Administrative team, I wish you all the best in the coming months. Have a great summer and enjoy the tranquility of our great Summer Village.

Russ Purdy, Mayor

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

July 23 – Assessment Complaint
Deadline

Aug 10 – Tax Payment Deadline

Aug 11– 18% Tax Penalty
(Current Year Unpaid Taxes)

January 1 – 18% Tax Penalty
(Total Tax Arrears)

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The Summer Village is in the process of collecting emails from all residents. If you would like to periodically receive notices and updates from the Summer Village, please provide us with your email address by calling the Summer Village Office or by emailing us your information.

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
- Coolers
- Livewells
- Ballast
- Internal compartments
- 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, ATVS, Boats, etc. in the lake!!

Fires can happen! ARE YOU COVERED?

Did you know that the cost of fire suppression by the fire department for a structure fire and is payable by the **property owner**? In our area, we have seen structures fires as high as \$28,000 and wildland fires 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 inquiry about your home structure fire insurance, we encourage you to have a conversation with respect to wildland insurance (a grass fire that could happen that never reaches a building).

FIRE PITS

No person shall conduct any burning or light an outdoor fire unless confined within a pit or enclosure no more than 3 feet 6 inches in diameter and no less than 1 foot in height.

FIRE BANS

Within the Municipal boundaries of the Summer Village and when affected by the order of a FIRE BAN, residents must immediately proceed to extinguish every outdoor fire and recreational fire lit and every fire located on land occupied or owned.



Coming Summer 2018 – Fire danger-level signs will be installed in the Summer Village!

Untidy & Unsightly Yards

The Summer Village will be enforcing untidy and unsightly properties – including those with uncut grass. A reminder that if the Summer Village performs any enforcement work on your property, those costs will be charged back to your tax roll. To avoid this, please do your part in helping to keep Yellowstone clean by ensuring your property is free of garbage and debris and that vegetation is tended to. Please note that any additional household waste that does not fit into your waste container will not be picked up by the service provider. Additional waste can be taken to the Regional Landfill Site which is located on Highway 43 just past Ross Haven and conveniently open 6 days per week - Monday through to Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed statutory holidays). 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.

Tree Removal

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

Development and Permits

Prior to any construction, property owners must obtain, when applicable, a development permit from the Development Officer. The Summer Village's Development Officer is Diane Burntuck who can be contacted at 780-284-0410 or by email at development@wildwillowenterprises.com.

Building/Electrical/Gas/Plumbing/Private Sewage Permits – Note New Permit Provider

Please contact Superior Safety Codes to obtain building/electrical/gas/plumbing/private sewage permits at 1-866-999-4777 or check the website at www.summervillageofyellowstone.com for more information. (If you currently have an open permit with the previous provider (Parkland County) please continue to work with them until your permit is closed.)

Waste Bin – Replacement/Repair

Contact the Summer Village Administration Office if you require a bin repair or replacement at 587-873-5765 or by email at administration@wildwillowenterprises.com.

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 780-968-7267).

Animal Control Bylaw

The Animal Control Bylaw is in place to control and regulate the running at large of dogs and cats, the number of dogs and cats on residential parcels of land (no more than 2 of one kind), to control vicious and dangerous animals and to ensure it is the responsibility of the owner to not allow their dog(s) to bark or howl excessively. Please ensure dogs are on a leash at all times when within the Summer Village boundaries. A reminder to please pick up after your animal!

Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw

The Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw is in place to prohibit the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles in parks and on reserve properties. Off-Highway Vehicles are allowed to travel on roadways within the Summer Village between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., travel single file on the extreme right-hand side of the roadways and not exceed 15km per hour. A reminder that “No person shall operate an off-highway vehicle on lands designated as park reserve with the exception of allowing for the transporting of recreational supplies to and from the public lake accesses by the most direct route possible”. All machines and operators must also comply with the Traffic Safety Act and any other applicable Alberta regulation(s).

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 which is used to calculate property taxes. The market determines the value of your property and that value 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 July 23rd, 2018.** There is a fee of \$50.00 that must accompany a completed assessment complaint form which is available on the website www.summervillageofyellowstone.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 special 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 Yellowstone and mail to:
Box 8
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

If paying online:

You are required to set the Summer Village of Yellowstone up as a "Bill Payment", the account number will be your "tax roll number" as shown on your 2018 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	

New This Year! 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 August 10, 2018

SPECIAL TAX

On the 2018 Combined Tax & Assessment Notice is a "Special Tax". The Special Tax is made up of a combined total cost of several services provided by the municipality and is levied in accordance with Section 382 of the Municipal Government Act. The Special Tax is made up of the following:

- **Waterworks Tax** - \$8,163 (\$48.88/property) (was previously levied within the "Municipal Services Tax"). This amount includes the annual operating costs to the WILD Water Commission and a \$40.00 per property charge to be transferred to the Water Reserve Account.
- **Sewer Tax and Sewer Facility Maintenance Tax** - \$48,205 (\$288.65/property). The Summer Village will be invoiced this year by the North 43 Lagoon Commission for the entire year (last year was a 1/2 year) of Operating & Maintenance costs for the sewer/force main.
- **Fire Protection Area Tax** - \$15,364 (\$92.00/property). This is the annual fee that the Summer Village pays to the fire service provider to ensure there is fire suppression coverage within the municipality. Should an individual property actually require fire suppression services, that individual property will be invoiced directly for the costs of their particular fire incident.
- **Recreational Services Tax** - \$36,782 (\$220.25/property). This is the annual cost to maintain the municipal reserve areas within the Summer Village.

Total Special Tax - \$108,514 divided by 167 properties = \$649.78/property.

SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFO

General Contact Information

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Office Location 4808-51 Street, Onoway, AB
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Council Members

Mayor	Russ Purdy	780-967-2847	russforyellowstone@yahoo.com
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Councillor	Don Bauer	780-863-5149	don.svyellowstone@gmail.com

Administration

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Assessor	Dan Kanuka	780-939-3310
Development Officer	Diane Burtnick	780-284-0410
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Building/Plumbing/Gas/Electrical/Private Sewage Permits

Superior Safety Codes	1-866-999-4777
Click or Call Before You Dig	www.albertaonecall.com 1-800-242-3447

Peace Officer/Animal Control/Bylaw Enforcement

Emergency Fire/Police/Ambulance	9-1-1
RCMP Non-Emergency Line	780-968-7267
Spruce Grove/Stony Plain Drug Tip Line	780-968-7212
Fortis Alberta	310-WIRE (9473)
Ste. Anne Gas Co-op (is also 24-hour emergency line)	780-967-2246
24-hour Energy & Environmental Response & Complaint Line	1-800-222-6514
Waste Cart/Organic Cart Repair/Replacement	587-873-5765

USE OF MUNICIPAL RESERVES

The Summer Village of Yellowstone currently allows residents winter storage (September 1st to May 31st) of the following items on the Summer Village's Community Reserve Park/Municipal Reserve areas, however, the following items **MUST** be removed by May 31st of each calendar year:

- boat lifts,
- boat hoists,
- pier sections.

All other storage and uses are considered unapproved encroachments onto Municipal Property and Public Lands. The Summer Village of Yellowstone is currently promoting the education of its residents to resolve the problem of encroachment. Encroachment happens when residents expand their yards and personal property onto public property. This can be done in many ways, including; planting trees, hedges, landscaping, gardens, fire pits, storage of RV's, boat lifts, firewood, composters, grass cuttings, tree branches, installation of fences, building sheds, dumping garbage, etc. 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.

All items that are not removed from the Community Reserve Areas by May 31st will be ticketed and towed!

PIERS, DOCKS & BOAT LIFTS

A temporary, seasonal pier, dock or boat lift (i.e. removed completely from the lake at the end of summer) may be constructed or placed on the bed and shore of a lake without obtaining an approval, except in those areas or circumstances:

- where an environmentally sensitive area or a management concern is identified by the provincial or federal government, and restrictions have been established;
- where a local municipal development plan, a lake management plan, or a water management plan limits or restricts such uses;
- where the proposed structure's design may interfere with the normal flow of water or is likely to increase the probability of bank or shoreline erosion; or
- where such structures may adversely block public access along the bed or shore of the lake.

Structures placed in any of the above areas may be required to be removed or require prior approval. If in doubt, you can contact Public Lands, Water Management, or Fish and Wildlife offices to determine if there are any areas at a lake that may be subject to a restriction.

A reminder to ensure you are not blocking access to the Municipal Reserves as residents are putting out their piers, docks & boat lifts for the season.