

Summer Village of Silver Sands

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Road Rehabilitation Project

Road Rehabilitation on
Twp Road 540 between
RR 52 & 54 will start
Summer 2018.

Please be patient while
construction is taking
place.



This is a joint project between the Summer Village and Lac Ste. Anne County. The Summer Village's portion of this project is being funded through the MSI-Capital Provincial Grant Fund.

Mayor's Message

As Councillors, we truly appreciate and thank our administrative team of Wendy Wildman and Heather Luhtala for their dedicated work. A special thank you to Dan Golka, our Maintenance Foreman, for keeping our Summer Village in great shape.

We have set the budget for the 2018 year. We are pleased to report the increase from last year is less than three percent. Our finances were audited for 2017 and everything was found to be in order.

Northwest Fire and Rescue continues to serve our community for fire services. They currently have Fire Halls in Onoway and Alberta Beach. They would consider placing a fire truck in our Quonset if we can enlist at least four firefighting volunteers from the Summer Village. This could reduce our fire insurance rates. Please contact the Fire Chief, David Ives, at 780 967-1031 to make inquiries about training and enlistment.

Family Day will be held on Saturday, July 21st, 2018. Join us to see old friends and new neighbours. The day's activities will include a Breakfast, Golf Tournament, Horseshoe Tournament, Supper and Fire Works.

LILSA, your local Lake Quality group, is working on finding a solution to control and/or eradicate Flowering Rush infestation on the west end of the lake. The plan is to spray about 8 kilometres in July and August in that area. LILSA will soon be asking for volunteers to help dig individual flowering rush plots at the east end of the lake. Watch for posters on workshops on how to remove flowering rush safely. The LILSA AGM will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2018 at the Alberta Beach Heritage Centre (5012-49 Avenue) from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please consider buying a membership for \$20.00 to support our lakes.

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank you for helping make the Summer Village of Silver Sands a great place to enjoy!

Mayor, Bernié Poulin

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 26 – Large Bin Clean Up (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
- June 30 – Tax Payment Deadline
- July – New **Blue** Bag Recycle Program Coming – more details on page 6!
- July 1 – 18% Tax Penalty (Current Year Unpaid Taxes)
- July 21 – Family Day in Silver Sands
(Join Council & Friends for Breakfast, Golf Tournament, Horseshoe Tournament, Supper and a nighttime Fire Works show!)
- July 23 – Assessment Complaint Deadline
- January 1 – 18% Tax Penalty (Total Tax Arrears)

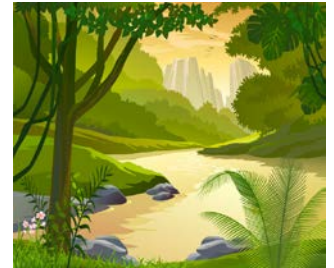
Bylaw Enforcement/ Community Peace Officer/ Animal Control/ RCMP

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

Animal Control Bylaw No.232 will be strictly enforced. In accordance with this bylaw, dogs must be on a leash at all times, must be picked up after and must not be allowed to excessively howl and bark. A reminder that all dogs within the boundaries of the Summer Village must be controlled and on a leash at all times, including in the park and reserve areas. There is currently no off-leash area for dogs within the Summer Village.

A reminder to please take responsibility for your animal's waste as we have many residents who enjoy walking throughout the Summer Village.



Use of Municipal Reserves

What are the Summer Village municipal reserve areas intended for?

- Reserve areas are intended to provide active or passive park and recreation areas
- Reserve areas are intended to provide walking trails and enjoyment of the natural plant and wild life for residents and their guests

What are the Summer Village municipal reserves NOT intended for?

- reserve areas are not to be "annexed" into properties adjacent to them
- reserve areas are not to be cleared unless Council determines that areas need to be cleared of dangerous undergrowth or decayed trees
- reserve areas are not to be used for the purpose of placing buildings or structures or extra storage of material or disposal of refuse without written authorization from Council
- reserve areas are not to be used for the storage of boat lifts or boat docks
- reserve areas are not for camping or recreational fires of any kind

Last year, the Summer Village began the process of surveying its roadways and Municipal Reserve (MR) Lands and will continue with surveying this year. These surveys have revealed significant encroachments upon municipal Lands; including the placement of chattels and unauthorized use of the property such as cutting of trees and planting of non-indigenous plants and grasses.

The Summer Village will be strictly enforcing the use of the Municipal Reserve areas and will begin removing items from the Municipal Reserve Lands.

Please ensure any personal items are removed from reserve lands prior to June 30th, 2018.

Everyone's co-operation in ensuring these rules and regulations are followed is required.

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

Did you know that there is a cost for fire suppression charged 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 inquiring 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

Within the corporate limits of the Summer Village of Silver Sands, 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).



Coming Summer 2018 – Fire Hazard-Level Signs will be installed within the Summer Village

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 to keep our aquatic animals and plants healthy - **Do not wash Vehicles, ATV's, Boats etc. in the lake!!**

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. Flowering rush information and training sessions will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., June 9, June 23 and July 28 at Camp Koinonia/Lake Isle Lutheran Camp Pavilion, 6223 TWP Rd. 534A.



ASSESSMENT

Property assessment services are contracted to Tanmar Consulting (through the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission).

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.summervillageofsilversands.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) – Tanmar Consulting – 780-417-5191.

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 Silver Sands and mail to:

Box 8
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

If paying online:

You are required to set the Summer Village of Silver Sands 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 June 30, 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:

- **Health Professional Incentive Tax** - \$2,295 (\$6.98/property). The Summer Village is part of a collaborative effort between Lac Ste. Anne County and five municipal partners which has enabled the Onoway Medical Clinic in Onoway to continue operations as Onoway Regional Medical Clinic. Over the past year, the County has worked closely with The Town of Onoway, and with the Summer Villages of Ross Haven, West Cove, Val Quentin and Silver Sands to ensure this medical facility would continue to be able to provide quality health care services to families in and around the Onoway region.
- **Fire Protection Area Tax** - \$31,337 (\$95.25/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 actually need fire suppression services, they will be invoiced directly for the costs of their particular fire incident.
- **Recreational Services Tax** - \$42,600 (\$129.48/property) This is the annual cost to maintain the municipal reserve areas within the Summer Village.

Total Special Tax - \$76,232 divided by 329 properties = \$231.71/property.

SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFO

General Contact Information

Mailing: Box 8, Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0
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General Office Phone: 587-873-5765
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Council Members

Mayor: Bernie Poulin 587-772-1513 bpoulin@xplornet.com
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Councillor: Rob Kirk 780-446-0922 robkirk@xplornet.ca

Administration

Office: Wendy Wildman/Heather Luhtala 587-873-5765
Public Works: Dan Golka 780-797-2207
Assessment: Tanmar Consulting 780-417-5191
Development Officer/Development Permits: Tony Sonnleitner 780-718-5479

NEW Building/Plumbing/Gas/Electrical/Private Sewage Permit Provider

The Inspections Group Inc.: 1-780-732-4645
Call Before You Dig to Locate Gas/Power Lines: 1-800-242-3447

Animal Control/Bylaw Enforcement/Community Peace Officer: 1-844-786-4650
Spruce Grove/Stony Plain RCMP DRUG TIP LINE: 780-968-7212
RCMP Non-Emergency Line (Evansburg Detachment): 780-727-4446
Emergency Fire/Police/Ambulance: **9-1-1**

WASTE BIN – REPLACEMENT/REPAIR

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

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 the information.

NEW! Blue-Bag Recycling Program Coming Soon!

Coming **July of 2018**, the Summer Village of Silver Sands is **going green!** The Summer Village will begin a bi-weekly **Blue-bag** recycle & bi-weekly waste collection program.



How will the program work?

Residents will be responsible for supplying their own **Blue** bags (*these are blue-colored large plastic garbage-type bags – can be purchased at most grocery / hardware / department stores*) to use for household recyclables. The **Blue** bags of household recyclables will be collected biweekly. There is no limit on the number of blue bags you can put out! Collection calendars will be available on the website soon!

What items can be put into the Blue bags?

- ✓ **Mixed Paper**
- ✓ **Paperboard/Cardboard (clean, no food soil)**
- ✓ **Tin Cans (cleaned)**
- ✓ **Rigid Plastic (#1 & #2)**
- ✓ **Deposit Items (Mix containers, pop & beer cans/bottles, tetra paks)**

(NO styrofoam / NO straws or plastic utensils / NO plastic bags / NO hazardous waste)

Summer Village Compost Site - Now Open!

The Summer Village Compost site is located at the Public Works Quonset site. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The site currently accepts leaves and grass clippings. Compost soil for gardens is available at no charge. Please contact the Public Works shop to inquire – 780-797-2207 – leave a message.

Large Bin Clean Up

When: Saturday, May 26, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: Summer Village Quonset

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- ✓ **Metal**
- ✓ **Clean wood**
- ✓ **Mixed household waste (includes stained, treated or painted wood)**
- ✓ **White metal (washer/dryers)**
- ✓ **Mattress or spring furniture – chargeable item \$22.00 each**

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- Fridges/freezers/watercoolers/air conditioning units
- Tires
- Paint/stain/antifreeze/dangerous goods
- Trees/brush/branches • Hot Tubs • Concrete

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