

Summer Village of South View

May 2024 Annual Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

Reflection is not only what you see looking back at you from a mirror. Looking back at the last 23 years on council, I see many changes. The learning and unlearning of what it takes to make our Village a special place to be. Wishes, common sense, and law do not always jive. No matter how an issue is interpreted, there is always more to consider. 2023 was the most challenging for myself and South View.

Not in order of events:

With total respect and sympathy, I must share with those that do not know that Councilor Brian Johnson passed away. Our hearts go out to his family and friends. Thank you, Brian, for your service to our community. You will be fondly remembered.

Wildfires, we were all affected by these events and as a result are fully aware of the situation facing us all this year. It is everyone's responsibility to prepare for these events. Is your yard free of clutter and debris? Do you have a "to go" emergency bag packed and a plan in the event that an evacuation is required. Do you know what should be in that bag? Now is the time to prepare.

Crime has risen throughout the province, and we are not immune. All crime no matter the size, needs to be reported. These stats give us more foundation with requesting more policing.

Taxes, did yours go up...mine too. The cost of doing business overall has increased. Whether it be purchases, lawsuits, maintenance, utilities, contracts...absolutely everything. We are a vital and viable Village. We can/will continue to serve in order to make South View the place to be.

Whether you are full or part time resident, we appreciate you and look forward to the future together. Make South View your home, no matter the amount of time you spend here. Family, friends and community.

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 **Wednesday, July 24, 2024**. 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 17% increase from last year & the Alberta School Foundation Fund which is seeing a 1% increase from last. This year, the minimum municipal tax payable has been set at \$1,155.00 per property which is up from \$1,125.00 last year, with an overall increase to municipal taxes collected of 5.5%. Property taxes are due **Sunday, June 30, 2024**. 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), through the online reporting link in the Contacts section of our website, 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.

Feeding wildlife can do more harm than good and can lead to serious issues for many species. Fed wildlife can become dependent on unreliable food sources and suffer nutritionally. Habituated wild animals are also more susceptible to predators and vehicle collisions. 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 \$60 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. Fireworks, Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs), and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are also not allowed.

Please be vigilant concerning this.

Fire Smart & Your Yard

Fire season was declared early this year in Alberta, and it has left us all in a state of anxiety about what is to come. 2023's fire season was unprecedented and current dry conditions suggest that the fire risk in the area will continue to be high.

Despite the risk there are some simple ways to protect your property from damage or destruction in the event of fire. FireSmart Alberta (<https://firesmartalberta.ca>) promotes activities to strengthen the resilience of your property. Did you know that a basic cleanup of your yard including removal of fine light fuels, including dry leaves, grass and branches goes a long way to protecting your property in case of fire?

To support FireSmart activities, South View is holding a **cleanup event on July 13th**. We hope to do some targeted cleanups on Village property to remove deadfall – but to do this, volunteers are needed. If you want to volunteer your time, muscles or chainsaw skills to keep the village safe and looking good, **please contact Councillor Colleen Richardson at colleen@summervillageofsouthview.com** for more information and to register. A wood chipping station will be set up in a fixed location and residents are also encouraged to bring any unwanted wood/ branches for disposal that day. There will also be FireSmart information for those that wish to follow up on additional activities to protect their property.

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.

IT TAKES A
VILLAGE

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)

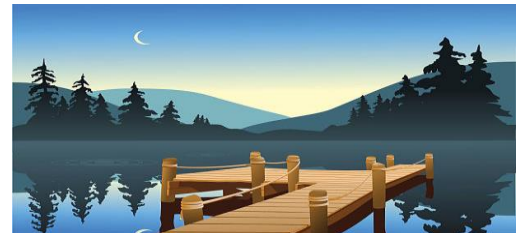
Docks & Mooring Structures

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.

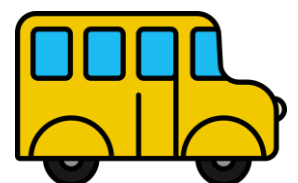


East End Bus Society

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**.



Darwell Lagoon Commission Highlights

Submitted by Commission Member, Deputy Mayor Garth Ward

The Darwell Lagoon Commission (DLC) consists of Lac Ste Anne County, the Summer Village of South View and the Summer Village of Silver Sands. Approximately ten years ago there became the need to expand the cells at the current site or apply to the province to do a planned drain into the surrounding wetlands – which would eventually make it into our lake. The response from government was that they would prefer a transmission line to be constructed from the current site to the Pembina River near Entwistle. As that time an application for funding from the provincial government was made a funds were approved for the project. It was then that Lac Ste Anne County took a deep dive into what the expected usage would be in the future for the area, and it was found the existing system and draining every 2 or 3 years would not meet the future demand. That was the beginning of looking into a larger



transmission line to serve all of us and Lac Ste Anne County. Discussions to fund this new venture between DLC and the province went quite well. So, to date, phase 1 from Darwell to Tri-Village is in the ground already. The next phase is coming west from the Darwell lagoon to service to the county boundary. This west line will go out to tender this June 2024 with open houses to the public in August 2024. There will be expected costs to each resident for hook up charges, as with any other utility.

Did you know that 2025 is an ELECTION YEAR?

Running for Council is a great way to get more involved in your community! Councillors are integral in setting the direction that the community takes and are key community builders. If you have a vision of what you believe the Summer Village of South View could look like in the next 5, 10, 15 years, this is your chance to help set the direction. While it takes some effort, serving on Council is rewarding and is a great way to learn and give back.

The Summer Village of South View has 3 Councillors, and they elect a Mayor from among themselves – all three positions are up for election/re-election. To be eligible to run in the election you must be a resident, property owner, or spouse of a property owner in South View. More information can be found in the Local Authorities Election Act, available at Alberta.ca.

Summer Village elections will be held in the Summer of 2025. Further information on dates, nominations, and running for Council will be available closer to the election. Keep an eye on our website for more information.



SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFORMATION

General

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Administration

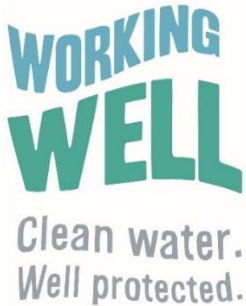
Chief Administrative Officer / General Admin Office Wendy Wildman / Angela Duncan
780-967-0271
Assessor, Dan Kanuka 780-939-3310
Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner pcm1@telusplanet.net 780-718-5479
Building/Electrical/Gas/Plumbing/Private Sewage Permits:
The Inspections Group Inc. 1-780-732-4645
Call 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
Deputy Mayor Garth Ward
Councillor Colleen Richardson

NEW COUNCIL EMAILS

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Working Well Workshop

June 4, 2024

Starting at 6:30 pm

At the Darwell Seniors Hall

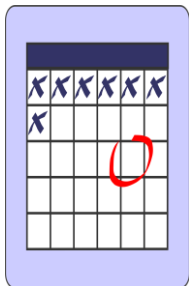
The key to a safe, secure water supply is proper well management. Learn how at this free in-person workshop.
www.summervillageofsouthview.com/water-well-workshop.html

Use QR Code to register



<https://shorturl.at/agzSX>

Important Dates to Remember



- May 17th – Tax & Assessment Notices are mailed
- June 4th – Working Well Workshop
- June 30th – Property taxes are due
- July 1st – 2% Penalty on current taxes
- July 13th – FireSmart Clean-Up Day
- 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 Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom (*Council meetings are not scheduled in May*),