

# Summer Village of Silver Sands

## May 2022 Newsletter

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## *Mayor's Message*

Spring is in the air! The ice went out on April 30th and our lake appears to be at an average level. Despite a reasonable amount of snow, the runoff has been limited as the melting snow went directly into the water table.

Council continues to work on our Land Use Bylaws. We will need your input. So far, we don't have any dates set for public meetings, but watch for future announcements on meeting dates.

A special thank you to Dennis Woolsey and Rick Wagner for updating our Emergency Services Bylaw. They have also created contact lists and protocols in terms of any future emergencies in our Summer Village.

We have set our budget for the year. The municipal increase is 3.1%. Costs are rising in all areas.

Council has agreed to install a Treaty Six flag beside our Alberta and Canadian flags. This is in recognition of our First Nations neighbours.

Council wishes to extend our condolences to the Feth family. George Feth passed away mid-December. George served as a long-time Council member and employee of Silver Sands.

Alberta Environment sprayed 15 kilometres of flowering rush at the western area of Lake Isle last August. We will examine the results of the spraying in June. Consultations continue with First Nations to consider a five-year plan involving the treatment of the entire lake. A three-member team will continue to map the areas of flowering rush on Lake Isle, the Sturgeon River and the west basin of Lac Ste. Anne.

Hopefully, the weather will cooperate with our Canada Day fireworks.

Please reserve Saturday, July 16, 2022 for our annual Family Day Picnic & activities. Check our web page for the list of events to take place.

COVID still lingers. Please exercise caution.

*Mayor, Bernie Poulin*

## **Emergency Management**

The Summer Village's hard-working and dedicated Emergency Management team members have been busy ensuring the Summer Village's legislated emergency management plans and documents are in place in the event of an emergency. Emergency Management information can be found on the Summer Village's website.

A reminder to ensure you have your 72-hour emergency kit ready to go!

[Emergency Management \(summervillageofsilversands.com\)](http://www.summervillageofsilversands.com)

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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), Tanmar Consulting – 780-417-5191.

## 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 a 4% increase from last year and the Provincial Policing Fund which will increase to \$8,554 this year from \$6,522 last year. This year, the minimum municipal tax payable has been set at \$1,000.00 per property which is up from \$850.00 last year. 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 Silver Sands 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 Silver Sands 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.

## Waste Collection, Blue-Bag Recycling & Compost Site

### **Waste Collection & Blue-Bag Pickup**

Waste and recycling pick up is on Tuesday mornings weekly during the months of May to October and bi-weekly during the months of November to April. The waste collection calendar is available on the Summer Village's website – [Solid Waste Pickup & Recycling \(summervillageofsilversands.com\)](http://summervillageofsilversands.com).

### **Compost Site**

The Summer Village Compost site is located at the Public Works Quonset at 1 Centennial Way. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The site currently accepts leaves, grass clippings & lake weeds. Items that are NOT accepted are trees, brush & branches. Compost soil for gardens is available at no charge when there is a supply. Please contact the Public Works Supervisor to inquire 780-797-2207.

#### **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)

#### **Reminders**

- Please break down your cardboard boxes!
- Styrofoam, straws or plastic utensils, plastic bags, hazardous waste are NOT allowed in the blue bags!

# Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society

[www.LILSA.ca](http://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

## **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 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).



## **Volunteer Fire Department in Silver Sands**

Did you know that if we can recruit 8 local residents (within a few kilometers of Silver Sands) that we may in fact be able to house a volunteer fire department within our community? Discussions would have to take place with respect to the details of how this could work, but it certainly would be a benefit to our community. The first step is to determine if we have interest from within our community to become members of a volunteer fire department. Candidates would have to participate in the required training through Onoway Regional Fire Services (North West Fire & Rescue) and would have to commit to ongoing training, meetings and active participation. If you are interested in becoming a member, or just hearing more about the expectations of being a member, please contact Chief Dave Ives at 780-777-4688 or [davidives.nwfr@gmail.com](mailto:davidives.nwfr@gmail.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 [cpodawn@mayerthorpe.ca](mailto: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).

## **Use of Municipal Reserve Areas & Enforcement**

The municipal reserve areas throughout the Summer Village are intended to provide active or passive park and recreation areas and are intended to provide walking trails and enjoyment of the natural plant and wildlife for residents and their guests.

The reserve areas are **not** to be “annexed” into properties adjacent to them, to be cleared unless Council determines that areas need to be cleared of dangerous undergrowth or decay, 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, to be used for the storage of boat lifts or boat docks and are not for camping or recreational fires of any kind.

The Summer Village will be erecting boundary signage throughout the municipal reserve areas and tagging and removing any items that are encroaching onto these areas. Please move or remove any items you may have on the Summer Village municipal reserve areas to your own property. Everyone’s cooperation in this matter is essential to the preservation of these precious lands.

# Annual Events Schedule

## Canada Day Celebration

Join us on Friday, July 1st, 2022 at 10:30 p.m. at the boat launch area to enjoy a Canada Day Fireworks show. Funding for this event has been made possible by the Government of Canada Canadian Heritage Celebrate Canada Grant.

## Family Day Picnic

Join us at the Annual Family Day Picnic on Saturday, July 16th, 2022.



### Planned Events:

- 7:00 a.m. – Toonie Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. – Golfing
- 2:00 p.m. – Horseshoes / Children's Games
- 6:00 p.m. – Supper \$5.00/person or \$20.00/family
- 10:30 p.m. – Fireworks show at the boat launch site



We hope to see you there!

## Large Bin Clean Up

Large bins will be available this year at the Summer Village Quonset. This is a good opportunity to help clean up the Summer Village by getting rid of items you no longer have use for that are laying around your lot or cluttering up your space!

The cleanup will take place over two days:

- Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- ✓ Metal & white metal including stoves, washers/dryers (\$20 per white metal item – exact change only)
- ✓ Clean wood
- ✓ Mixed household waste (includes stained, treated or painted wood)
- ✓ Mattresses (\$20 per item – exact change only)

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- × Fridges, freezers, watercoolers, air conditioning units
- × Tires, shingles, TVs, microwave
- × Paint, stain, antifreeze, oil, dangerous goods / chemicals
- × Trees/brush/branches
- × Hot Tubs
- × Concrete

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

## Home Support Program and Preventative Counselling Subsidy

The Summer Village of Silver Sands is partnering with Lac Ste. Anne County to make available to our residents two important programs hosted by the County:

**Home Support Program:** offer a subsidy for light housekeeping services offered to seniors which helps them remain independent in their own safe, clean and comfortable home.

**Preventative Counselling Subsidy:** offer a subsidy to eligible individuals, couples or families who find themselves struggling to afford the cost of short-term preventative counselling services.

Contact the County Office to find out more and if you are eligible - Community Services Department at 780-785-3411 or toll free at 1-866-880-5722.

# SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFORMATION

## General Contact Information

**Mailing:** Box 8, Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0  
**Office Location:** 4808-51 Street, Onoway, AB  
**General Office Phone:** 587-873-5765  
**Fax:** 780-967-0431  
**Email:** administration@wildwillowenterprises.com  
**Website:** www.summervillageofsilversands.com



## Council Members

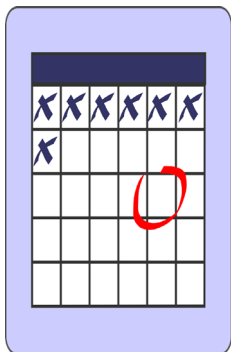
<b>Mayor:</b>	Bernie Poulin	780-938-1197	berniepoulin@icloud.com
<b>Deputy Mayor:</b>	Liz Turnbull	780-991-4052	lizturnbull@telusmail.net
<b>Councillor:</b>	Graeme Horne	780-484-3719	graemehorne@mail.com

## Administration

<b>CAO/General Office:</b> Wendy Wildman/Heather Luhtala	587-873-5765
<b>Public Works:</b> Dustin Uhlman	780-797-2207
<b>Assessment:</b> Tanmar Consulting	780-417-5191
<b>Development Officer/Development Permits:</b> Tony Sonnleitner Building/Plumbing/Gas/Electrical/Private Sewage Permit Provider - The Inspections Group Inc.:	780-718-5479
Call Before You Dig to Locate Gas/Power Lines:	1-780-732-4645
Fortis Alberta:	1-800-242-3447
Ste. Anne Gas Co-op (is also 24-hour emergency line):	310-WIRE (9473)
24-hour Energy & Environmental Response & Complaint Line:	780-967-2246
Animal Control/Bylaw Enforcement/Community Peace Officer:	1-800-222-6514
RCMP Non-Emergency Line (Evansburg Detachment):	1-844-786-4650
Emergency Fire/Police/Ambulance:	780-727-4446
	9-1-1

## Important Dates to Remember

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Assessment & Tax Notices mailed  
June 30<sup>th</sup> – Property taxes due  
July 1<sup>st</sup> – Canada Day Celebration  
July 1<sup>st</sup> – 2% Penalty on current taxes  
July 16<sup>th</sup> – Family Day Picnic  
July 25<sup>th</sup> – Assessment Complaint Deadline  
August 1<sup>st</sup> – 4% Penalty on current taxes  
August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Large Bin Cleanup  
September 1<sup>st</sup> – 6% Penalty on current taxes  
October 1<sup>st</sup> – 6% Penalty on current taxes  
January 1<sup>st</sup> – 18% Penalty on outstanding taxes



Council Meetings are generally held on the last Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Fallis Hall in person and via Zoom (*Council meetings are not scheduled in May or December*). Be sure to check the website for any updates.