

# Summer Village of Silver Sands

## May 2019 Newsletter

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## Mayor's Message,

Congratulations! Our Summer Village of Silver Sands celebrates its 50th year! We were established as a Summer Village in 1969. To celebrate this milestone, we will combine this celebration with Canada Day which we were able to apply and receive a grant to purchase fireworks which we will launch on July 1, 2019 at our boat launch.

There are many reasons to celebrate our Summer Village. Here are some of our successes: roadwork on Twp 540 was finally completed this fall and paid for in full with grant monies accumulated over the past 4 years; our administrative team consisting of CAO, Wendy Wildman, and Asst. CAO, Heather Luhtala, provide excellent advice to your Council, Dan Golka, Public Works Manager, keeps our Summer Village in great condition, our recycling program is up and running and we plan to continue to work and make repairs as needed to our boat launch.

We have set the budget for the 2019 year. This budget was finalized with a 1.29% increase. As well, our audited financial statement for 2018 was approved.

Northwest Fire and Rescue is our firefighting provider. They have Fire Halls in Onoway and Alberta Beach. They are prepared to place a fire truck in our Quonset if we can enlist at least eight firefighting volunteers from our Summer Village and the surrounding areas. This would help to reduce our fire insurance rates. Please contact our Fire Chief, David Ives, at 780-777-4688 to make inquiries about training.

Family Day will be on Saturday, July 20, 2019. Join us and meet your neighbours. Activities 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 LILSA AGM will be held on August 10, 2019 at the Alberta Beach Agliplex from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Summer Villages of Lake Isle and Lac Ste Anne have issued a membership challenge as to which Summer Village can sign up the most LILSA memberships. The membership is \$20 per year per family. You can mail in your membership to the Summer Village or buy one on Family Day. The deadline to participate in this year's challenge is July 31, 2019.

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

Councillor, Graeme Horne  
Deputy Mayor, Liz Turnbull  
Mayor, Bernie Poulin

## **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](mailto: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 780-727-4446).

## **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 decay
- 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

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 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## **TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT**

### **Property Assessment and Assessment Complaint Procedure**

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. 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 July 22, 2019. 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 – DUE JUNE 30, 2019**

The Summer Village collects taxes 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 and the Alberta School Foundation Fund.

#### **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 password.

## **MINIMUM MUNICIPAL TAX – NEW THIS YEAR**

This year, Council adopted a minimum municipal tax levy as approved in the 2019 Tax Rate Bylaw and in accordance with section 357(1) of the Municipal Government Act. The Minimum Municipal Tax levy on all improved and vacant residential, farm and non-residential property for 2019 is \$700.00. All property with an assessed value less than \$120,885 is subject to the minimum municipal tax upcharge.

Minimum municipal tax levies were introduced this year in order to more equitably distribute municipal expenses to each property. The same municipal services are provided to each property within the Summer Village regardless of the assessed value of the property, therefore, implementing a minimum tax helps to equitably allocate the cost of all services required to maintain and sustain the municipality. Typically, vacant residential properties will see the largest tax increase due to the minimum municipal tax payable, the intent of this is to encourage the development of these properties throughout the municipality.

**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.



The invasive species known as Flowering Rush continues to threaten Lake Isle and surrounding watersheds. With the support of many other regional partners, the Summer Village of Silver Sands submitted an application under the Alberta Community Partnership - Collaborative Grant Program to help stakeholders build an effective Flowering Rush abatement strategy to address the issue. This application requested \$198,500 in funding to help with research, mapping, method testing and finalizing an implementation strategy.

We are excited to report that the application was approved. Together with our regional stakeholders, including Lac Ste. Anne County, Alexis First Nation, the Summer Villages of South View and West Cove and the Lac Isle Lac Ste. Anne Watershed Quality Management Society (LILSA), we have assembled a sub-committee and are preparing for some busy months, and years, ahead as we work to understand and address the Flowering Rush issue in Lake Isle. If you are interested in helping out, LILSA will be coordinating volunteers to support the field activities of the project and we encourage you to be in contact with them.

### 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 our 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 (4935-50Ave)  
Lac Ste Anne County Building (56521 Rge Rd 65)  
Onoway Town Office (4812-51St)



#### Join us at our AGM

Aug 10, 2019 at 9:30am  
Alberta Beach Agliplex  
4811-47Ave Alberta Beach

### 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, ATV's, Boats etc. in the lake!!**



**DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL!**  
**Quagga/zebra mussels**  
ruin boats and destroy waters  
**DON'T LET THEM RIDE WITH YOU!**

## Fires can 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).

ALSO, please be advised that should the fire department be dispatched by 9-1-1 to your residence for any reason (house alarms including false alarms, campfire, 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**

**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).



## **A 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 on going 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).

### **Canada Day Celebration** *Funded by the Government of Canada*

Join us on Monday, July 1, 2019 at the Boat  
Launch for Celebration and Fireworks!

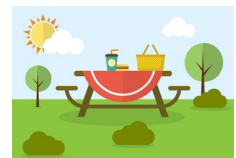
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### **Family Picnic - Saturday, July 20, 2019**

Join us for breakfast at the Quonset at 7:00 a.m.,  
followed by a Golf Tournament, Horseshoe Tournament,  
Supper and Fire Works.



## **Blue-Bag Recycling**

### **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)

*Reminder to breakdown your  
cardboard boxes!*

## **Waste / Recycling Collection**

Weekly 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.

## **Summer Village Compost Site!**

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, June 8, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Where: Summer Village Quonset**

### **ACCEPTED ITEMS:**

- ✓ Metal including stoves, washers & dryers
- ✓ Clean wood
- ✓ Mixed household waste (includes stained, treated or painted wood)
- ✓ White metal (washer/dryers)
- ✓ Mattress – chargeable item \$23.10 each

### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:**

- Fridges, freezers, watercoolers, air conditioning units
- Tires, shingles, TVs, microwave
- Pain, 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.*

## **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](mailto:administration@wildwillowenterprises.com).

## **Update on various Summer Village matters/initiatives:**

Starting in 2018, and continuing on in 2019, your Council and Administration have been working on various municipal projects and regional initiatives including: Emergency Management (must be in place by 2020), proposed Regional Sewer Line, possible inclusion into the regional water line, Municipal Accountability Program (as per Municipal Affairs), Safety Codes accreditation and annual reporting requirements, establishment of an Integrity Commissioner, establishment of a 3-year operating and 5-year capital plan (as mandated by Municipal Affairs), a bylaw and policy review project, development or revision of our Municipal Development Plan, establishment of a Intermunicipal Development Plan, establishment of Inter-Municipal Collaboration Frameworks (ICF's), mutual aid fire services, and regional recreation opportunities and sustainability, medical clinic operation.





## **SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFO**

### **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](mailto:administration@wildwillowenterprises.com)  
**Website:** [www.summervillageofsilversands.com](http://www.summervillageofsilversands.com)

### **Council Members**

<b>Mayor:</b> Bernie Poulin	587-772-1513	<a href="mailto:bpoulin@xplornet.com">bpoulin@xplornet.com</a>
<b>Deputy Mayor:</b> Liz Turnbull	780-991-4052	<a href="mailto:lizturnbull@telusmail.net">lizturnbull@telusmail.net</a>
<b>Councillor:</b> Graeme Horne	780-797-3883	<a href="mailto:graemehorne@mail.com">graemehorne@mail.com</a>

### **Administration**

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

### **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
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

<b>Animal Control/Bylaw Enforcement/Community Peace Officer:</b>	1-844-786-4650
RCMP Non-Emergency Line (Evansburg Detachment):	780-727-4446
Emergency Fire/Police/Ambulance:	<u>9-1-1</u>

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- June 8 – Large Bin Cleanup at the Quonset
- June 30 – Tax Payment Deadline
- July 1 – 18% Tax Penalty (Current Year Unpaid Taxes)
- July 1 – Canada Day Celebration
- July 20 – Family Picnic
- July 22 – Assessment Complaint Deadline
- January 1 – 18% Tax Penalty (Total Tax Arrears)

### **Public Notification and Important Information**

*The Summer Village would like to get information out to our citizens quickly and efficiently in case of emergency, road closure, garbage pickup disruption, snow removal, tax payment deadlines, election dates, information meetings etc. We are proposing to set up an email notification process. If you are interested in being included in this email notification, please email the Summer Village office at [administration@wildwillowenterprises.com](mailto:administration@wildwillowenterprises.com).*