

Summer Village of South View

May 2020 Newsletter

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DUE TO COVID-19 THE OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

STAFF ARE WORKING AND THERE IS A SLOT IN THE DOOR TO DROP OFF TAX PAYMENTS.

Message from the Mayor

As daffodils dance on the warm breeze, the birds sing a sweet spring song and the warm air caresses your cheek. Okay Sandi, quit waxing poetic and get back to reality.

Daily routines are now dictated by the effects and progression of COVID-19/Coronavirus. As frustrating as the new guidelines are, (a new way of doing things) they are for our safety and wellbeing. Whether you look at the new routine as being overly challenging or maybe an adventure, it opens our eyes as to how difficult change can be. We take for granted and expect to go about our day on our own terms. The new best practices have taught us that the simplest of things like washing your hands can be so important. I am convinced that when (sooner than later I hope, but don't expect) that the way we are used to doing things will certainly be re-evaluated. Let's not waste time pointing fingers or wondering what if. Those who are leading the charge with getting us all through this pandemic are doing their best of best during these unfortunate times. If you are not aware, South View has a couple of people working diligently, on a daily bases, to keep us up to date and on top of our obligations to keep us all well and safe. Many thank-you's to Colleen and Garth. They are our Directors of Emergency Management.

Colleen and Garth will need volunteers this summer to clean up the Village to reduce fire hazards. Working together and following protocol will slow down the spread of the virus and get us back to what a Summer Village truly is about. Thank you to everyone for doing their best for all of us.

Our Canada Day/50th Anniversary celebrations are cancelled for this summer but will be planned for next year.

So, remember, wash your hand, social distance (phone your friends, email, yell over a fence) and self isolate. We will get back together soon. Keep safe and smile.

Sandi Benford

BUDGET AND TAX UPDATE

In recognition of the extreme circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting potential hardships faced by property owners, Council has approved the 2020 Operating and Capital Budget with a 0% increase in municipal tax dollars collected. As a result of passing a budget with a 0% increase in municipal tax dollars collected, the minimum municipal tax per property to be collected remains at \$1,025.00. Also in consideration of COVID-19, the tax penalty structure for 2020 was revised from 18% on July 1 to 2% on July 1, 4% on August 1, 6% of September 1 and 6% on October 1. The 18% penalty on outstanding balances on January 1 remains unchanged.

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 as of July 2019. This is prior to the Covid-19 pandemic and the collapsed economy and, unfortunately, can't be changed due to Provincial regulations which govern property assessment. 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. At this point it is unknown how the loss of employment, the closing of businesses, and/or other economic factors will affect real estate market values and, therefore, future assessed values. Assessors are bound by strict guidelines for assessment and will be ensuring everything possible is taken into consideration for the future.

What If I Disagree with My Assessment?

You are encouraged to talk to an assessor if you have concerns about the assessment as it relates to your property value in July of 2019. 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. Please also keep in mind that the assessor does not set the rates in the municipality, and, therefore, can not answer questions about property taxation, nor can they answer questions about the amount of services you receive. New legislation allows you 60 days from the date of your assessment notice to make an assessment complaint.

The assessment complaint deadline is July 24th, 2020. There is a fee of \$50.00 that must accompany a completed assessment complaint form which is available on the website www.summervillageofsouthview.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 minimum municipal tax, 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 South View and mail to:

Box 8

Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

If paying online:

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

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, 2020*

HOUSEHOLD WASTE BINS:

A reminder that garbage pickup is on a weekly schedule over the summer. 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 \$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.

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. Due to COVID19, all household waste must now be bagged.

Your cooperation is essential to this service!

Speed Limits in the Summer Village:

Adherence to the Summer Village speed limits are 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.

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 Burtnick who can be contacted at 780-284-0410 or by email at development@wildwillowenterprises.com.

Dock Permits

Provincial Requirements - There are new requirements in place for placing a dock in the lake. Please refer to the website for the dock permit application & the "user guide for dock permits." It 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



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 780-727-4446).

Animal Control Bylaw

Animal Control Bylaw No.143 will be strictly enforced. In accordance with this bylaw:

- Dogs must always be on a leash,
- Dogs must be picked up after,
- Dogs must not be allowed to excessively howl and bark,
- Owners must not harbor more than two small pets of one kind.

A few reminders that 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's 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.

Check out our Bylaws online at www.summervillageofsouthview.com

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 to within your property. 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.

Park Reserve

Back in April of 2019, Council gave 1st reading to Bylaw 207-2019 which would remove the park reserve designation from Lot P Block 1 Plan 2647KS. In January, a public hearing was held with respect to this bylaw at the Darwell Hall. Subsequent to this public hearing, Council gave further consideration to this bylaw, including submissions made at this public hearing, and, at the April 15th, 2020 Council meeting Council determined that the Park Reserve had been registered in error and gave second and third readings to this bylaw. As this bylaw is now passed, Council has directed administration to proceed with the proposed subdivision of this area that would see the boundaries of the existing 5 residential lots extended to the lake. Notification of this proposed subdivision was mailed to all property owners within the Summer Village in late April of 2020. Property owners and stakeholders may submit their comments with respect to this proposed subdivision to Municipal Planning Services. The Subdivision Authority for the Summer Village (Council) will review this subdivision application and comments received at a future Council meeting (probably their June 17th meeting).

COMMUNITY WATCH

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.



Let's work together to keep our community safe!

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 South View, 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).



FireSmart Canada and its partners are committed to safety from wildfire, but we're also concerned about your personal, family and community health and safety. To ensure the best outcomes, we encourage the 2020 recipients of \$500 awards for Wildfire Community Preparedness Day activities to monitor information from government and health and safety experts and hold events only when it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, FireSmart Canada, NFPA, The Co-operators and the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction encourage communities to conduct activities from home that raise awareness of wildfire safety, such as posting and sharing Facebook and Twitter messages.

Award recipients – communities, fire departments and other organizations – may recommend to their audiences via web or social media, the following do-at-home activities:

- Downloading the FireSmart Begins at Home app and undertaking a structure ignition-zone assessment.
- Raking and removing pine needles and dry leaves within a minimum of 1.5 metres of a home's foundation. As time permits, continue up to a 10-metre distance around the home. Dispose of collected debris in appropriate trash receptacles.
- Cleaning pine needles from roof and gutters.
- Getting out your measuring tape and seeing how close wood piles are located to the home. If closer than 10 metres, relocating and moving the pile at least 10 metres from structures.
- Sweeping porches and decks to clear them of leaves and pine needles. Raking under decks, porches, sheds and play structures.
- Mowing grass to a height of 10 centimetres or less.
- Removing items stored under decks and porches and relocating them to a storage shed, garage, or basement. Gasoline cans and portable propane tanks should never be stored indoors and should be located away from the home.

As we navigate the evolving situation with COVID-19, FireSmart Canada, NFPA, The Co-operators and ICLR remain committed to supporting you with the resources you need to minimize risk from wildfire. For additional information, visit www.firesmartcanada.ca



Emergency Preparedness:

It is important to have an emergency kit with 72 hours of supplies as well as an escape plan for your family. Having the essentials and an emergency plan prepared can keep you and your family comfortable and safe.

For more information on emergency preparedness:

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/be-prepared-build-your-emergency-kit>

If you are pressed for time, here are some basic items to consider for your emergency kit:

- Three-day supply of water (4 L per person per day)
- Non-perishable food for all family members and pets (three-day supply)
- An extra set of car keys, credit cards, and cash
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- Prescriptions or special medications
- First-aid kit
- Flashlight, Battery-powered radio & extra batteries
- Sanitation Supplies
- Important family documents and contact number
- Insurance documents



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 keep our aquatic animals and plants healthy.. DO NOT wash vehicles, ATV's or boats in the lake!

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society

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
- ✓ 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!



HELP LILSA

Covid-19 requirements restrict LILSA from conducting our AGM. We will host a virtual ZOOM AGM teleconference on Saturday, August 15 at 9:30 am. Please check the LILSA website www.lisawaterquality.com for details about joining us online.

AGM Agenda will include election of Directors, financials, flowering rush update and our guest speaker will address the newly released Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan.

We ask residents to renew or buy the annual \$20 membership online. This can be done by e-transfer to lilswaterquality@gmail.com.

The second ask is to then send an e-mail to the same e-mail address above confirming that you have paid, also providing name, address, phone number and e-mail address for our records.

Chair, Bernie Poulin

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

SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFO

General

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Office Location 4808-51 Street, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0
General Office Phone 587-873-5765
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Website www.summervillageofsouthview.com

Administration

Chief Administrative Officer Wendy Wildman/Heather Luhtala
General Administration Office 587-873-5765
Assessor, Dan Kanuka 780-939-3310
Development Officer, Diane Burtnick 780-284-0410
Email development@wildwillowenterprises.com

Building/Electrical/Gas/Plumbing/Private Sewage Permits:

The Inspections Group Inc. – NEW 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 1-844-786-4650
Environment Hotline 1-800-222-6514

Council Members

Mayor Sandi Benford 780-892-4603
Deputy Mayor Brian Johnson 780-984-0079
Councillor Garth Ward 780-266-3971

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

June 30 – Taxes Due
July 1 – 2% Penalty Current Year Taxes
August 1 – 4% Penalty Current Year Taxes
September 1 – 6% Penalty Current Year Taxes
October 1 – 6% Penalty Current Year Taxes
July 24 – Assessment Complaint Deadline
January 1 – 18% Penalty Total Tax Arrears

Public Notifications 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.



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.