

Summer Village of South View

May 2025 Annual Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

I could discuss politics, elections, tariffs, or the cost of living, but today I will focus on positive developments. This past year has been very rewarding for me. Working with co-councillors Garth and Colleen, as well as Wendy, Angela, and all the staff from Wildwillow, has benefited everyone in the Summer Village. It has been an honour to serve on Council for the last 24 years. In the last year, I am humbled to have received two awards: the Distinguished Service Award from Alberta Municipalities, and the McIntosh Bullrush Award for Lake Stewardship from the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta.

Council is currently planning this year's FireSmart Summer Village Cleanup and Potluck BBQ. Volunteers are needed once again (thank you to those who came out last year!). This year, the cleanup is scheduled for July 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a BBQ at the playground. For more information, refer to the Summer Village website and sign up for emails.

I am happy to announce that South View has a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Angela Duncan. Angela has been working with the Summer Village since 2023 as Assistant CAO and is very familiar with the community and our operations. Previous CAO, Wendy Wildman, will continue to work with South View as Assistant CAO ensuring that knowledge is transferred and there is continuity within administration.

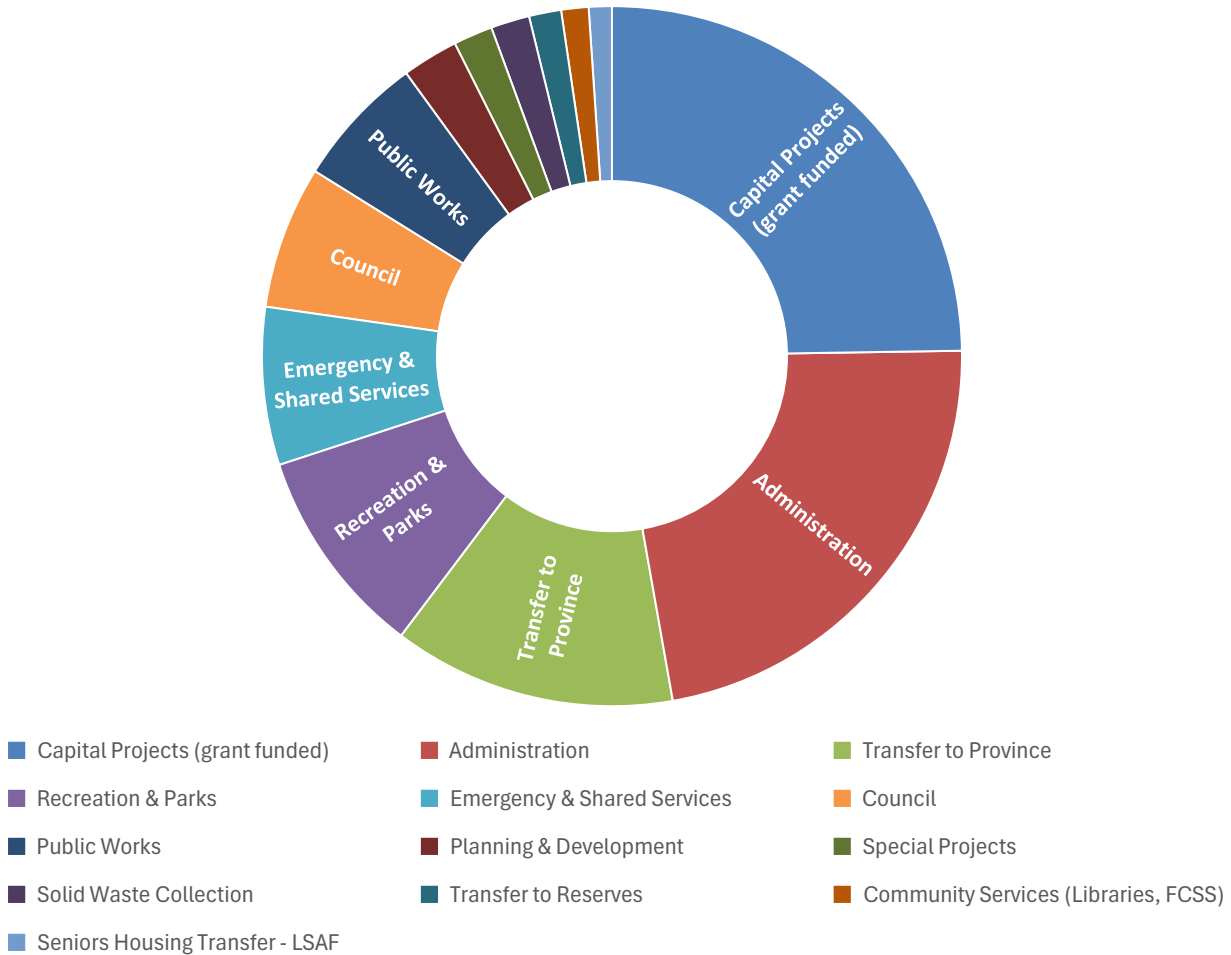
A reminder that 2025 is a municipal election year in Alberta. Consider running for Council and remember to vote. It is your Summer Village and your community.

Sincerely,

Sandi Benford

Assessment & Taxation

Where do your municipal tax dollars go?



Property Assessment

Each year, the Summer Village Assessor inspects certain properties within the Municipality. Property assessment estimates your property's market value as of December 31st of the prior year and 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 file a complaint – **the deadline is Monday July 21, 2025**. A \$50 fee must accompany a completed complaint form, which is available on the Summer Village website or by contacting the office. Before filing your complaint, please contact the assessor, Travis Horne, at 780-939-3310 to discuss your assessment.

Property Taxes

The Summer Village collects revenue annually to meet the projected costs of providing services to the community. These revenues are primarily received through grants and municipal property taxes. The Summer Village also collects money on behalf of the Lac Ste. Anne Senior Foundation which is seeing a slight decrease from last year & the **Alberta School Foundation Fund (education property tax)** which is seeing a **10.2% increase from last year**. This year's minimum municipal tax payable has been set at \$1,155.00 per property which is the same as last year. Property taxes are due **Monday, June 30, 2025**. The Summer Village has a monthly tax payment plan that runs from January to December. If you are interested in joining the plan, please visit the Summer Village website or contact the 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 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:

E-transfers can be sent to svsouthview@outlook.com. This email is registered for automatic deposit.

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Community Information

Register for South View Connect

Get important messages and **emergency alerts** 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. It is recommended that you sign up for both email and text as email is used for regular communication and texts tend to be used for more urgent matters.

Speed Limits in the Summer Village

Observing the Summer Village speed limits is necessary for everyone's safety. Speeding on Oscar Wikstrom Drive is a particular issue. **The speed limit throughout the Summer Village is 30 km/hour and lanes/alleys are 15 km/hour.**

NEW!

As of May 1, 2025 Community Peace Officer and Bylaw Enforcement Services are being provided by Lac Ste Anne County.

Bylaw Enforcement/ Community Peace Officer/ Animal Control/ RCMP

Lac Ste Anne County provides Peace Officer, Bylaw Enforcement, and Animal Control services to the Summer Village. You can reach them directly at 780-785-3630. For emergencies (Police, Fire, Ambulance), dial 9-1-1. Non-emergency RCMP line: 780-727-4446. Report any suspicious activity to the RCMP immediately with detailed information. New this year and in partnership with the Summer Village of Silver Sands, the Summer Village is participating in a trial enhanced RCMP policing program. You should see an increased RCMP presence during the summer months. We appreciate your feedback on this program.

Animal Control & Wildlife

All dogs within the boundaries of the Summer Village must be kept under control and on a leash at all times, including when in the park and reserve areas. There is currently no designated off-leash area for dogs. Please take responsibility for cleaning up after your animals, as many enjoy walking throughout the community. It is advised to feed pets indoors to prevent attracting unwanted wildlife. Further information can be found in the Animal Control Bylaw 250-2025, available on the Summer Village website.



Household Waste Bins

There are large waste bins situated throughout the Summer Village for residential waste. Please do not dispose of furniture, BBQs, tree limbs, shingles, or any renovation materials in these bins, as you may be held responsible for the cost of emptying them. Such items should be taken to the Regional Landfill Site located on Highway 43 and RR35, where the current disposal fee is \$60 per tonne. Additionally, there is a recycling depot that residents are encouraged to use. For further information, you may contact the site directly at 780-967-3466. To help conserve space in the Summer Village bins, please dismantle boxes, break down larger items, and empty grass clippings and leaves from their bags. Ensure all household waste is securely bagged. **Please note that there will NOT be a large bin event this year.**

FIRES HAPPEN! ARE YOU COVERED?



The cost of fire suppression by the fire department is payable by the property owner. In this area, the cost for a structure fire has been as high as \$28,000, and for a wildland (grass fire), as high as \$12,000. It is important to check your home insurance policy or speak to your insurance agent about what and how much your policy covers. In addition to inquiring about your home structure fire insurance, it is advisable to inquire about wildland insurance (for a grass fire that does not reach a structure). If the fire department is dispatched by 9-1-1 to your residence for any reason – including house alarms, campfires during a fire ban, fires deemed out of control or unattended, downed utility lines, 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

All fire pits in the Summer Village of South View must:

- Be at least 3 meters (10 feet) from buildings, property lines and anything else that could catch fire.
- Be less than 0.6 meters (2 feet) high / Be less than 1 meter (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 centimeters (1/2 inch).

Fire Bans

Bylaw 246-2024 Fire Bylaw regulates fires, fireworks, and the use of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) (in relation to fire bans); all bylaws can be found on the Summer Village website. Please note that the Summer Village of South View is currently rewriting the Fire Bylaw. Keep an eye on the Summer Village website and sign up for emails to stay informed.

The Summer Village has three stages in relation to fires:

1. No Fire Ban or Advisory – fireworks, OHVs, and recreational fires are permitted in an approved firepit or portable appliance.
2. Fire Advisory – OHVs and recreational fires are permitted in an approved firepit or portable appliance. Fireworks are PROHIBITED during a fire advisory.
3. Full Fire Ban – no fireworks, OHVs, or recreational fires are permitted. Fires contained within approved portable appliances are permitted so long as all open flames are contained within the appliance and no sparks are generated.



Fire Smart & Your Yard

Although there is always a risk, there are effective measures you can take to protect your property from fire damage or destruction. FireSmart Alberta (firesmartalberta.ca) promotes activities that enhance the resilience of your property. A simple cleanup of your yard, including removing fine light fuels such as dry leaves, grass, and branches, significantly helps in safeguarding your property against fires.

To support FireSmart initiatives, South View is organizing a **FireSmart Summer Village Cleanup and Potluck BBQ on July 19th. We need volunteers** for targeted cleanups to remove deadfall and fire hazards on Village property. Please contact **Councillor Colleen Richardson** at colleen@summervillageofsouthview.com if you are willing to contribute your time, physical effort, or chainsaw skills to maintain the safety and appearance of the village, or for more information and to register. Additionally, FireSmart resources will be available for those interested in further activities to protect their property.

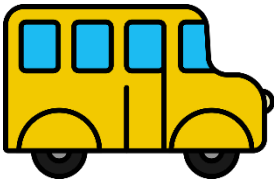
GET PREPARED!

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.

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 Summer Village website, etc. 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 Update

The Darwell Lagoon Commission (DLC) owns and operates the sewage lagoon near Darwell. The DLC is an independent entity whose members consist of Lac Ste Anne County and the Summer Villages of South View Silver Sands. The DLC is spearheading an expansion of sewage transmission and collection systems in the region. It is anticipated that Phase C of the expansion will see transmission and collection lines run through the Summer Village of South View. We are not yet sure what this means for our community. However, residents can anticipate public engagement from the DLC via mailouts and open houses. While the DLC is responsible for the expansion and associated communications and public engagement, South View Administration will endeavour to keep residents and property owners updated through the Summer Village Website and emails through South View Connect.

2025 is a Municipal ELECTION YEAR

Running for Council is a great way to get more involved in your community! Councillors are key community builders who are an integral part of summer village planning. 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 a great way to learn and give back to the community.

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. For those interested in running for Council, there will be an optional **Candidate Information Session on May 24 at the Darwell Interlake Golden Age Club (Seniors Center)** from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. More information can be found on the summer village election website, www.summervillageofsouthview.com/election-2025.html.



NOMINATION DAY has been set for **Saturday June 28, 2025 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon** at the Fallis Hall, 53303 RR 52, Parkland County. However, completed nomination packages can be dropped off at the Summer Village Office Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. from June 1, 2025 until June 26, 2025.



SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFORMATION

Information	Details
Mailing Address	Box 8 Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0
Office Location	2317 TWP Road 545, Lac Ste. Anne County, AB
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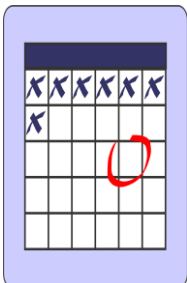
Administration

Title	Name	Contact
Chief Administrative Officer	Angela Duncan	svsouthview@outlook.com 780-967-0271
Assessor	Travis Horne	travis.horne@masg.ca 780-939-3310
Development Officer	Paul Hanlan	development@summervillageofsouthview.com 780-994-1883
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	Lac Ste Anne County	780-785-3630
Environmental Hotline		1-800-222-6514

Council Members

Title	Name	Email
Mayor	Sandi Benford	sandi@summervillageofsouthview.com
Deputy Mayor	Garth Ward	garth@summervillageofsouthview.com
Councillor	Colleen Richardson	colleen@summervillageofsouthview.com

Important Dates to Remember



May 9th – Tax & Assessment Notices are mailed
 June 30th – Property taxes are due
 July 1st – 2% Penalty on current taxes
 July 19th – FireSmart Clean-Up Day
 July 21th – 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*),
 be sure to check the Summer Village's website for any updates.