

SUMMER VILLAGE OF HORSESHOE BAY

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Summer Activities Update

COVID-19 continues to have a big effect on Village activities this summer. Our annual May long weekend get-together and the annual AGM and Canada Day celebration weren't held. Council has decided to keep Martin Rec Center closed for public events and to re-assess the situation in the Spring, 2022. Thanks for your patience and understanding. The Rec Center is still available for rent for private events. Renters must follow any AHS restrictions in place at the time and provide their own sanitization.

- For new residents in the village, a few years ago there was a huge outbreak of Himalyan Balsam growing along the creek in the Village. Himalyan Balsam is an Alberta "Prohibited Noxious" weed. It is very invasive and difficult to treat. We have joined forces with the County of St. Paul to eradicate this weed. Good progress is being made. The Summer Village shares in the cost.
- The Summer Village had an inspection done to evaluate the condition of the bridge within the Village limits. The bridge has been in service for more than 50 years and is showing its age. Based on the engineers recommendations, the weight limit has been reduced to 10 tonnes, and the bridge will be monitored on a reduced inspection cycle until such time as repairs or replacement can be scheduled. Council is currently investigating the cost of replacing the bridge with a bridge culvert and availability of grant money for this major project.

In the meantime, the bridge is safe for normal use. If you have any questions or are expecting a heavy load, contact the Village administrator.

HORSESHOE BAY 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

We were scheduled to hold a municipal election for the 3 village council positions, in July, 2021, However, only 3 residents were nominated to council, so no election was held. Congratulations to the 3 (three) residents who were elected to council by acclimation for the 2021 municipal election.

Mayor: Gary Burns (seated) Deputy Mayor: Dave Amyotte Councilor: Marg Laberge

We want to take this opportunity to thank Eli Gushaty for his many years of service to the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay. Eli was elected to council in July, 2007 and retired 17 years later in 2021. He still has a residence in the Village. He will be missed on council.



Mallaig Fire Department

The Summer Village fire protection is provided by the Mallaig Fire Department. This summer we contibuted \$6,000 to the Fire Department to assist in the purchase of this Side by Side Bush UTV. The Mallaig Fire Department responded to 2 fires in the Village this summer.

2 village residents are members of the Mallaig Volunteer Fire Department. Thanks for your service!!





REMINDERS

<u>WASTE DISPOSAL</u>: The waste bins located in the Summer Village are for:

BAGGED HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE ONLY.

All other items for disposal should be taken to one of the land fill sites listed on the Village website. www.svhorseshoebay.com. The closest ones are Mallaig or Vincent Lake at 59117, RR 95.

<u>BOTTLE RECYCLING:</u> The bottle/can recycling barrel is in use again, at the waste bin site. Thanks to Melanie & Mike for managing this project.

VILLAGE DOG POLICY: The Village does not have a Dog Bylaw and cannot afford to hire a Bylaw Enforcement Officer. Dogs in the Village must be tied up, fenced or on a leash at all times. Residents are urged to be considerate, responsible dog owners. Any dog related issues should be resolved between the parties involved.

QUADS AND OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

All motorized off-highway vehicles in the Village are under Provincial regulations and must be licensed & insured to utilize village roadways. Helmets are also mandatory. No motorized vehicles are permitted on Environmental Reserves. ATV's must also observe village speed limits. Please consider your neighbors when using ATV's in the Village.

<u>BRUSH BURNING & OPEN FIRES:</u> Occasionally Village residents would like to burn brush on their property. Residents should be aware that

for open fires, fire permits are now required. To obtain a Fire Permit contact the Village administration, Norman Briscoe, at (780)645-4677, or email: svhorseshoebay@gmail.com.

Fire pits and BBQ's are not considered open fires and do not require a permit.

<u>SCHOOL BUSES</u>

School Busses are now picking up children in the Summer Village. Please drive with extreme caution during the following hours:

- + 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., and
- + 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

There are children being picked up on Homestead Trail, Russel Drive, Horseshoe Bay Drive, Coney Drive and Point Drive.



Snow Removal

The Summer Village has a contract with the County of St. Paul for snow removal on our roads. If you don't want your driveway blocked by the snow plow, please put a small sign by your driveway asking the snowplow operator to not leave a ridge of snow in your driveway.



VILLAGE SPEED LIMITS

SPEED LIMIT 35

Speed limits in the Summer Village are <u>35 kph</u>, unless posted otherwise. This also applies to all motorized offhighway vehicles.

REMINDER

Frequently there are people walking or cycling with children and/or pets. Speed limits MUST be adhered to for everyone's safety and enjoyment of the Village.

SVHB Little Free Library

The SVHB Little Free Library was built in 2021 by a former resident, Abram Toews, out of an old cabinet. It is managed by village resident, Wayne Overbo. After talking to Village residents about a good spot, it is now located by the bulletin board at Martin Rec Center.

Books that fill the library come from the Summer Village, Bonnyville, Yellowknife, Edmonton and many other places. Bonnyville's thrift store donated about 70 books for our library.

Wayne checks the library about once a week to pick up donations and 'recirculate' the books. We hope people are enjoying the variety of books in the Little Library—it seems to be well-used and we appreciate the books being dropped off for others.

We encourage everyone to take and/or leave a book.

Any suggestions are welcome. HAPPY READING!!



