



# Summer Village of Sunrise Beach

May 2018 Newsletter



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## Message from the Mayor

Our Council and administration are pleased to welcome Vera Beck to our team as a new councillor after the fall election. Vera brings lots of new suggestions and enthusiasm to our meetings. We will continue to work on your behalf to make our Summer Village a safe and enjoyable place to live.

Gordon Taschuk is our new Public Works Foreman. Gord brings many years of experience with him and is very motivated to maintaining our Summer Village. We look forward to working with him, so we can all to be proud of where we live.

Our Village is looking better than ever! I encourage everyone to continue raising the bar by clearing their properties of debris, dead fall and tall grass for fire prevention and aesthetics. We've already had an extremely large fire earlier this year, let's all work together to prevent any fires in the future.

I hope everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the summer weather and stays safe.

Mayor,  
Glen Usselman

## Administration Office



As of January 1, 2017, the administration office moved to its new location.

We are located at the Town of Onoway, Civic Centre (Town office), we are located at the south end of the building.

4808 - 51 Street

PO Box 1197, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0

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## Public Works Staff



We are very happy to welcome back our **Public Works Foreman, Gord Taschuk.**

He started with us early last fall. He is the reason that our Summer Village looks the way it does. He does an awesome job Spring/Summer/Fall & Winter. You will see him around the Municipality mowing and doing all the general upkeep that is required. If you would like to contact Gord, call him at the Public Works Shop

@ 780-967-2192



## Summer Village Contact Info



Admin Office: 780-967-0271

Public Works Shop (Gord): 780-967-2192

Animal Control/Bylaw (Tom Puffer): 780-916-5043

Assessment (Ian Ferguson): 780-939-3310

Development Officer/Development permits (Tony Sonnleitner): 780-718-5479

Safety Code permits/Superior Safety: 780-489-4777

Call before you dig to locate gas/power lines:

1-800-242-3447

Spruce Grove/Stony Plain RCMP DRUG TIP LINE:

780-968-7212

## Pre-Authorized Tax Payment Plan



The Summer Village has a Payment plan in place whereby property owners can make monthly installments and avoid penalty charges. If you would like to be on the plan, please contact the Summer Village office. Please note that e-Transfers are now available.

@ 780-967-0271

**Current Tax Payment Clients will receive their TPP Authorization Letters in the mail soon.**





## CELEBRATE CANADA DAY



**Sunday, July 1st from NOON til 3:00pm**

Come down to the Day Park in the Summer Village of Sandy Beach!

- Free hotdogs, pop, chips, coffee and cake will be available.

- Games & events for children

This year again there will be Bouncy Castles, a magician, balloon twisting & face painting for the kids!! Come out & enjoy!!

The Canada Day celebration is for both Sunrise Beach & Sandy Beach residents!

## Lagoon Update

Due to several factors, including the fact the Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach sewage lagoon is at or near capacity, the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach has entered into an agreement with the Town of Onoway to have Sunrise Beach's wastewater effluent hauled to the Onoway sewage lagoon. Please be advised that effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 the Summer Village will no longer be covering disposal fees charged by the Town of Onoway for disposing effluent in their lagoon, this fee will have to be paid by the property owner to the waste water hauler.

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE



After a very long winter we are finally seeing signs of spring. Let's show our Summer Village pride by getting out in our yards & cleaning up last year's leaves, maybe even getting rid of some of that junk that just seems to grow bigger each year. To all the many people that like going on walks with their dogs, remember to pick up after your dog. Nobody likes to see it & especially pick it up. If we all did a bit of cleanup, our Village would show that we take pride in living here. Lets all do our part!!

*Submitted by Brenda Ely*



## Correct Mailing Addresses

Are you new to the Summer Village?? Did you move recently?? It is **important that the Summer Village Administration Office has your current mailing address.** Without your current mailing address, your Tax notice may not be properly delivered and that could lead to **delays & penalties.**

## **Fires can happen! ...ARE YOU COVERED??**



Did you know that there is a cost for fire suppression charged by the fire department for a structure fire and is payable by the **property owner?** In our area, we have seen structures fires as high as \$28,000 and wildland fires as high as \$12,000.

### **Will your insurance cover these costs? What does your policy say?**

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 have a conversation with respect to wildland insurance (a grass fire that could happen that never reaches a building).

Also be advised that should the fire department be dispatched to your residence as a result of a home alarm (even if it is a false alarm) or medical response including STARS landing or a passerby sees smoke and calls 9-1-1, you as the property owner, will receive an invoice for these calls.

### **FIRE BANS**

Within the Municipal boundaries of the Summer Village and when affected by the order of a FIRE BAN, residents must immediately proceed to extinguish every outdoor fire and recreational fire lit and every fire located on land occupied or owned



## **\*\*PROPERTY TAXES\*\***

For several years now the Summer Village has charged a \$300.00 special tax on all properties that covered certain expenses (fire, roads, physician recruitment). For the 2018 taxation year Council has decided to start the shift from a special tax to a minimum municipal tax for all properties. So for 2018 each property will be charged a \$200.00 special tax and a \$600.00 minimum municipal tax. The concept of a minimum municipal tax is that all properties, whether improved or vacant, whether they have a 2,000 square ft house or a cabin, utilize the same services (roads, street lights, public works, assessment, administration, auditor, Council etc). As a result of this change, lower assessed properties will see an increase in their municipal tax dollars paid.

### **Your 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 special tax (fire, water & recreation), and the municipal portion of 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. **Combined Assessment & Property Tax Notices were mailed out May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Property taxes are due July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.**

### **Assessment**

Property assessment services are contracted to Municipal Assessment Services Group Inc. and can be contacted by phone at 780-939-3310 with any questions you may have regarding the assessed value of your property.

### **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. Assessors do not create your property value, nor does Council. 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.

### **What If I Disagree with My Assessment?**

Remember, you can only make a complaint against your assessment value, not your tax dollars or rates and you must have grounds for your complaint. New legislation allows you 60 days from the date of your assessment notice to make an assessment complaint.

**The assessment complaint deadline for the Summer Village is July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.** There is a fee of \$50.00 that must accompany a completed assessment complaint form which is available on the website [www.summervillageofsunrisebeach.ca](http://www.summervillageofsunrisebeach.ca) or by contacting the office at 780-967-0271. Prior to completing the assessment complaint form, please contact the assessor to first discuss the matter of your assessment (not your tax dollars) – Municipal Assessment Services Group Inc. – 780-939-3310.

## **Household Waste**



The Summer Village of Sunrise Beach has a contract in place with GFL Environmental Inc. GFL personnel will be picking up your household waste every 2nd Tuesday during the winter months (Oct to April) and every Tuesday during the summer months (May - Sept). **We are now on weekly service!**

Please have your garbage carts out before Tuesday morning for pickup & bring them back in after your waste has been picked up.

**If your cart needs repair or replacement, please call the Summer Village office @ 780-967-0271 & we will put in the request for you with GFL Environmental Inc.**



**SUMMER VILLAGE EMPLOYEMENT OPPROTUNITY for Summer Public Works Assistant.**

**Position:**

Under the direct supervision of the Public Works Foreman, this person will assist with the general maintenance of the municipality which will include mowing, trimming and general upkeep of all green spaces within the Summer Village. This will be a physically demanding position, requiring working with various pieces of equipment.

**Requirements:**

- ◆ Class 5 Drivers License (driver’s abstract may be required)
- ◆ Steel toed boots
- ◆ Demonstrated experience in operating all equipment would be an asset (but not necessary) and the Public Works Foreman will provide training

**Submit resumes to:**

Summer Village of Sunrise Beach, , PO Box 1197, Onoway, Alberta T0E 1V0.  
Email: svsunrisebeach@wildwillowenterprises.com

Application Deadline: Noon, Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Rate of pay: \$15.50 per hour

The employee will be working from 8:00 am-4:30 pm, Monday – Friday, commencing the first week of June and finishing in late August, or thereabouts.

We thank all interested parties for their applications; only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

**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.

ZEBRA MUSSEL



QUAGGA MUSSEL



**SUN & SAND RECREATION LEAGUE**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 20-PANCAKE BREAKFAST** 9:00 a.m. to NOON

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST** 9:00 a.m.-NOON

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3 - AGM & ELECTION** 1:00 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME! BRING IDEAS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 - DINNER & DANCE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30 - DINNER & DANCE**

LIVE BAND,CASH BAR - DOOR PRIZES

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DOORS OPEN 5:00 p.m. DINNER - 6:00 p.m.

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ADVANCE TICKETS, Call Marian @ 780-967-4027

*All events will be held at the Sandy Beach Community Hall and are posted on the village signs, also will be in the Lac Ste Anne Bulletin & the Summer Village website. And on the Sun & Sand Recreation League Facebook page. We are always in need of volunteers, so please contact us if you would like to help with some of the events.*

**WE ARE CELEBRATING 30 YEARS SINCE OUR INCORPORATION**

**ON JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>, 1988**



Submitted by Marian Young