

Summer Village of Sunrise Beach



May 2022 Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

Well spring is finally here after a long winter of having to stay home and follow Covid-19 guidelines to keep us all safe. Now we can get outside and enjoy our yards along with the spring weather.

Our Summer Village Municipal election is on August 14th. 2021. All the details of the election are posted on our website as well as some information if you are interested in running for council. I encourage anyone that is considering becoming a council member to join in on our regular council meetings.

I will not be running a fourth term for council. I would like to thank all the council and administrative staff that I have worked with over the past eleven years, it has truly been my pleasure to work with such dedicated people that give so much of their time to make our Summer Village an enjoyable and safe place to live.

I believe that now more than ever, we need to work together as a community, we need to trust one another and we need to get along with our neighbours so that we can all continue to grow and enjoy our Summer Village. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer.

Mayor, Jon Ethier



Water has Arrived!

The West Inter Lake District (WILD) Water Commission truck fill station that is located directly west of the Sandy Beach Public Works & Administration building on Secondary Highway 642 officially opened Sept 2021.

If you have not yet set up an account with Flowpoint & would like to, please visit www.water-fill.com or call 1-844-509-2837. Web applications are FREE, phone applications are \$19.95.

Public Works Staff



We are happy to welcome back our **Public Works Foreman, Gord Taschuk**. This will be his 6th season working for the Summer Village. He does a great job Spring, Summer & Fall. We thank him for the awesome job he did on our roads this past winter. If you would like to contact Gord, give him a call at the Public Works Shop @ 780-967-2192.

SUNRISE BEACH COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE

If you haven't already signed up, check out the community Facebook page. Keep up with all that's going on in the Summer Village. Great way to meet your neighbours & other community members. Please see link below.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/147350330820370/?ref=share>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



July 31 st -	Property taxes are due
August 1 st -	3% penalty on current taxes
Sept 1 st -	3% penalty on current taxes
Oct 1 st -	3% penalty on current taxes
Nov 1 st -	3% penalty on current taxes
Dec 1 st -	3% penalty on current taxes
Jan 1 st -	18% penalty on outstanding balance.

****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 Sunrise Beach and mail to:
Box 1197, Onoway, AB T0E 1V0

If paying by e-transfer:

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 July 31st, 2022

****PROPERTY ASSESSMENT****

Property assessment services are contracted to Municipal Assessment Services Group Inc.

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 May 25th. 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. 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. 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 25th, 2022.** There is a fee of \$50.00 that must accompany a completed assessment complaint form which is available on the website 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) - Ray Crews - 780-939-3310.

Household Waste

The Summer Village of Sunrise Beach has a contract in place with Standstone Waste & Water Services Ltd. Standstone personnel will be picking up your household waste every 2nd Tuesday during the winter months (**November to April**) and every Tuesday during the summer months (**May to October**).

Please have your waste 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 Standstone Waste & Water Services Ltd. office @ 780-967-2118.



Lagoon Update

The Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach lagoon is still closed, and effluent from the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach (hauled by Standstone Vacuum Service) is still being disposed of at the Onoway lagoon. Sandy Beach and Sunrise Beach Joint Lagoon Committee are still working with an Engineering firm with respect to addressing the deficiencies of our existing lagoon. The Summer Village was granted a 3-year extension with the Town of Onoway in April of 2021.



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

After Brenda hung up her gardening gloves, we were very lucky to receive a call last spring from Jane Burak, she took over, looking after all the plants in the Summer Village. She did all the planting & weeding; she did a fabulous job. The flower gardens looked incredible, thank you Jane for all your hard work. She has volunteered to do this again this year for us. If anyone would like to help Jane out with the weeding, please give the office a call at **780-967-0271**.



To all the people going on walks with their dogs, remember to pick up after your dog. Nobody likes to see it & no one wants to pick up after someone else's dog. Please pick up after your own pooch.

Sun & Sand Recreation League

We are looking forward to when we will be able to start having our events again. Watch for updates on our Facebook page & the Summer Village information signs. We would like to welcome all newcomers to the Summer Village.

For any information please contact Marian Young, Secretary/Treasurer at 780-967-4027.

Submitted by Marian Young

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, medical first response, STARS landing) you, as the property owner, will receive an invoice.

Check your insurance policy and make sure you are covered!



Current Mailing Address

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



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

No one wants to think and worry about disasters. The Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Partners was formed through Ministerial Order A017/20 to provide Emergency Management Services for eleven member Summer Villages in Lac Ste. Anne County as legislated by Emergency Management Act R.S.A. 2000, c E6.8. Each Municipality has appointed a local Director of Emergency Management (DEM) and a Deputy Director of Emergency Management (DDEM). This is in place to create a network of support to assist you in case of emergency.

We are now looking for Emergency Management support volunteers to assist the Director of Emergency Management and/or Deputy Director of Emergency Management with preparing our Village in the event of an emergency. Hazard assessments are conducted for response to various emergencies, however our main concerns in the Village are fires and severe weather events. The plan moving forward, and our immediate need, is to have one or two people on each street to act as a Block Captain, who would assist in confirming evacuation of everyone on their street, and help with the education program, so that the people in the Village are aware of where to go in the event of an evacuation. If you feel you might require assistance for someone in your family, we would appreciate submission of details and address to our DEM to coordinate assistance for you if required.

We will have more information moving forward and encourage you to get involved!

You may forward details to the following:

Director of Emergency Management - Diane Wannamaker diwannamaker@msn.com (780) 910-8185

Sunrise All-Connect

The All-Net system is a multi-network integrated communication platform designed specifically for municipalities. Connect will allow the Summer Village to send a variety of community and emergency messages directly to subscriber.

As a subscriber you will have the ability to customize what types of messages you receive (community, emergency, weather warnings, etc.) and what delivery method (call, text, email, etc.) you want to use. The system is easy to subscribe to and there is no additional charge to register. We know privacy is important and this system keeps your contact details protected.

If you have not signed up for Sunrise All-connect & are interested in doing so, sign up on Summer Village website, or call us at the administration office at **780-967-0271** for assistance! If you have any questions regarding this service, please contact the Administration office.