

Summer Village of Sunrise Beach



May 2024 Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

Good day Sunrise Beach!

Finally the winter is behind us and the season we all love is upon us!

I would like to start by thanking all the residents in the community that have come out and participated in our Village events this past year like Canada Day, our 3rd annual Light Night, paint nights and many Sun and Sand Community League events! Thank you to the Sun and Sand Community League for completely shaking the tree and changing everything up and holding several activity days last year for families, as well as their pub nights to let the adults out a bit as well. Everyone's hard work and dedication has shown, but most of all... it is bringing the community closer together. Great job across the board!

I would also like to thank Gord and Ward our summer and winter maintenance men that did a fantastic job keeping on top of their tasks at hand and keeping our little Village beautiful as well as safe in the winter.

As we are all aware, we have had a very mild winter and next to no moisture, although we all hope to have rain and be able to sit by a fire this summer, please use wise judgement when doing so. Our signs are updated for what the Villages current fire status is, however please use care and caution at all times, have a hose handy or an extinguisher if water is not available and if a fire ban is on please be respectful of it, as it is better to follow the signs and be safe, vs thinking nothing can happen and we have a catastrophic incident.

In conclusion, I would like to wish everyone a safe, fun and healthy summer!

Sincerely your Mayor,

Jon Ethier

OFFICE LOCATION

The Administration Office is located at 2317
Twp Rd 545 in Lac Ste. Anne County
Council meetings take place at this location.

Public Works Staff

We are happy to welcome back our
Public Works Foreman, Gord

Taschuk. This will be his 8th season working for the Summer Village. He does a great job Spring, Summer & Fall. And we thank Ward for his great work on the roads this Winter.



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.

"Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much."

-Helen Keller

****PROPERTY TAXES****

The Summer Village collects taxes annually to meet the projected costs of providing services to the community. Revenues to fund municipal operations are received through grants, a minimum municipal tax and mill rate tax, **a special tax**. 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, 2024



****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. 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 when establishing this assessed value.

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 24th, 2024.** 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) - Justin Goudreau - 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.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

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 Community League

Serving the S.V. of Sunrise Beach community since 1988, the League offers year-round programs, activities, and events for every age group.

Stay up to date by subscribing to the Community Calendar on the League's website and follow us on Facebook.

Website: sunsandrecleague.org

Phone: 780-996-5155

Current Mailing Address

It is important for 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 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).

Check your insurance policy and make sure you are covered!



JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER DOG OWNERS

In reference to Bylaw **#142-2018**, Animal Control Bylaw:

It shall be the responsibility of all owners of dogs or domestic animals to ensure that:

- a) the dog or domestic animal is not permitted to run-at-large, except in areas designated as "Off Leash" areas and then the regulations regarding that area must be complied with. No vicious or restricted dogs are allowed to make use of the "Off Leash" area. They must be kept on leash at all times when off the owner's premises or property.



This helps keep everyone in the Summer Village Safe! Please be a responsible Pet Owner.

**“STRENGTH LIES IN DIFFERENCES, NOT IN SIMILARITIES”
-STEPHEN R. COVEY**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – ARE YOU PREPARED??

As indicated in past, no one wants to think and worry about disasters. The Summer Village of Sunrise Beach is a partner in the Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management program, which is in place to create a network of support to assist you in case of an emergency.

Playing off of last year's alarming fire season, it is important to get people active in preparing for another dry and potentially busy fire season this year. We are currently working with Sturgeon County Fire Services to provide a Fire Smart session for the residents of Sunrise Beach to outline what can be done individually and collectively to mitigate the risk of fire in the Summer Village. Our plan is to have the fire department come out to the Summer Village and present the FireSmart strategy, learn more about the Emergency Management program and have a social type event where we can talk to residents about volunteering to become part of the Emergency Management team in the capacity of Block Captains. A Block Captain is a volunteer position for those that wish to act as a support and contact person for a defined area (for example the street you live on). In this function, they assist with Emergency Management by acting as a communication LINK for residents and first responders including RCMP, Fire and EMS in the event of an emergency. Please watch the website and facebook page as further information becomes available.

Again, please ensure you know where the muster points are in the Village in case of evacuation, they are the intersection of Shedden Drive and Leisure Lane and the intersection of Shedden Drive and Victory Road.

Please forward any questions or concerns to: Director of Emergency Management, Diane Wannamaker at diwannamaker@msn.com

Have a safe and happy summer.

RV REMINDER

SECTION 38 TEMPORARY LIVING ACCOMMODATION

(1) No recreational vehicle (holiday trailers, motor homes, campers or tent trailers) may be situated on a parcel and occupied for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days unless issues a development permit by the Development Officer.

(2) A permit for temporary living accommodation shall be at the discretion of the Development Authority who shall consider the concerns of adjacent landowners and the nature of the development on adjacent lands.

(3) At no time may more than two (2) recreational vehicles be parked on a parcel as a temporary living accommodation for a period in excess of 4 consecutive days unless otherwise approved by the Development Officer or Council;

(4) The above Section 38(3) does not apply to recreational vehicles, that are not occupied and which are not located on a developed parcel for the purpose of storage.

(5) At no time are R.V.'s to be parked on Summer Village property and used as a temporary or permanent place of residence.

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.

“KNOWLEDGE IS POWER,
COMMUNITY IS STRENGTH,
AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE IS
EVERYTHING!”

-Lance Armstrong



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.

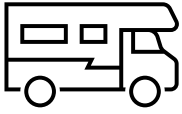
Bus schedules can be found in the Lac Ste. Anne Bulletin, Seniors Clubs, Manors, the websites of the County of Lac Ste. Anne, Town of Onoway, Alberta Beach and also you can like us on Facebook.

For more information about the society and its service contact Lorna at 780.905.3934

Proposed Wastewater Line:

There have been high level discussions within the region for a potential regional wastewater line for several years now. Further to this, the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach and Sandy Beach were both approached by the Darwell Lagoon Commission/Lac Ste. Anne County with respect to construction of a wastewater transmission line from Sandy Beach to the Onoway Lagoon. There was some design work and estimated costs completed, but now the Darwell Lagoon Commission/Lac Ste. Anne County is considering a new route for this proposed sewerline that would take the wastewater effluent northwest towards Nakamun Lake and Lac La Nonne areas collecting effluent from these communities along the way. A grant has been approved for the construction of this transmission line at 90/10 dollars (90% funded by the Province and 10% funded by the municipal members). At this time no decision has been made by the member municipalities or the Darwell Lagoon Commission/Lac Ste. Anne County as to whether this revised project will proceed, parties are waiting for the detailed design and cost estimates. Once this information is received additional discussions will take place and direction will be given by Summer Village Council as to the next steps. If this transmission line does proceed, a further consideration would then be to determine if a wastewater collection system (smaller lines running throughout the Summer Village past properties where the regional line does not pass by is desired and affordable within the community. If this sewerline project proceeds it would give property owners the opportunity to tie directly into this line and thereby reduce truck haul within our Summer Village.





Proposed Hummocky RV Development Update



The summer village reached out to the county through various emails during the period late February and early March asking for updates on the Hummocky Lands.

A Feb 26, 2024 email from the General Manager of Growth & Compliance Matthew Ferris advised the following: We have no information to provide. Farmland is allowed to conduct earth work without permits in most cases in the County.

A Mar 8, 2024 email from County Manager Mike Primeau advised the following: We have no information to share other than a trailer with pipe on it. We will advise once the County has information to offer with respect to their proposed development.

WEST INTER LAKE DISTRICT (WILD) REGIONAL WATER SERVICES COMMISSION

WILD Water Commission Truck Fills - Fire Response Priority

As a member of the WILD Water Commission, the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach reminds our residents and stakeholders that active fire/emergency responses in the region must be afforded priority access at WILD truck fill stations. If you notice a fire truck with lights flashing and sirens on in line at a water station, please pull aside to give them immediate access to the site. If you are filling your water tank and must vacate to accommodate a fire response unit, note the time and location of the incident and contact the Commission to discuss compensation for resulting water loss/costs.

Please also consider signing-up to the Commission's stakeholder (email) notice board for live updates on any restricted access/response impacted/closed stations through out the year. Visit the Commission website at <https://www.wildrwsc.com/> for more information or contact the office at 780-967-0271 for more information.