



Our Tax Notices have a new look!



Summer Village of Sunrise Beach

May 2019 Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

It was a long winter with a lot of snow, however, it didn't produce the amount of moisture we were hoping for to bring up our lake level. We have engaged in conversation with the County on ways to increase the level of our lake. We will try to keep you posted on those developments as they progress.

I've noticed from driving around the Summer Village that it is very dry so we are going to have to be careful when using our fire pits. Please make sure you check our signage in the Summer Village as to the fire hazard conditions.

Gordon in public works is back working doing clean up and equipment maintenance until the grass starts growing. He is excited to be back to work.

Guy Tremblay did a great job clearing the snow from our roads this winter. It really was a challenge sometimes with the amount of snowfall we received. The Summer Village purchased a new sand/salt spreader in January along with a sand/salt mix that worked effectively to keep our roads safer. Now that we have this new equipment in place, we will be able to raise the standard of safety on our roads in the winter for years to come.

Our council meetings are still the fourth Tuesday of the month. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend!

I hope everyone has the opportunity to get outside and has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Glen Usselman - Mayor
Summer Village of Sunrise Beach



Pre-Authorized Tax Payment Plan (TPP)

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. **Office - 780-967-0271**

Current Tax Payment Clients will receive their TPP Authorization Letters in the mail by the end of the June.

Administration Office



Your Administration office is located at the Town of Onoway Civic Centre (Town office), (South end of the building).

4808 - 51 Street

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Public Works Staff



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

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

-MORINVILLE RCMP: 1-780-939-4520

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 clean up, our Summer Village would show that we take pride in living here. Let's 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.**

****PROPERTY TAXES****

For the 2019 taxation year Council resolved to shift away from a Special Tax levy to a Minimum Municipal Tax for all property. Each property will be charged a \$900.00 Minimum Municipal Tax. The concept of the Minimum Municipal Tax is that each property, whether improved or vacant, whether there is a 2,000 square ft house or a smaller cabin, the same services are utilized (roads, streetlights, public works, assessment, administration, auditor, Council, etc.). As a result of this change, the lower-assessed and vacant properties will see an increase in their municipal tax dollars paid.

Your property taxes

The Summer Village collects revenues annually to meet the projected costs of providing services to the community. These revenues are received through grants, 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 are mailed out May 13th, 2019.

Property taxes are due July 31st, 2019.

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 22nd, 2019. 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) – Municipal Assessment Services Group Inc. – 780-939-3310.

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).



FALSE ALARMS/MEDICAL RESPONSE

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.

Lagoon Update

The Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach lagoon is still closed, and effluent from the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach (hauled by Super Sucker Vacuum Service) is being disposed of at the Onoway lagoon. Sandy Beach and Sunrise Beach Joint Lagoon Committee is working with an Engineering firm with respect to addressing the deficiencies of our existing lagoon. It is not known at this time what the extent of remediation work will be required, or what that cost will be. The Summer Village is also participating in a conversation with municipal partners with respect to possible construction of a sewer force main line from Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach Lagoon to the Onoway Lagoon.

Water Is Coming!

It has been many years in the making, but we are VERY pleased to announce that the regional water line will be coming to Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach! We are hoping construction will take place in 2019, but it may carry forward into 2020. We will see construction of a truck fill station at or near our Summer Village boundary.

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 (**October to April**) and every Tuesday during the summer months (**May to September**).

Please have your garbage carts out before Tuesday morning for pickup & bring them back in after your waste has been picked up. This will also aid in snow removal.



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.



CELEBRATE CANADA DAY

Monday, July 1st, 2019 from NOON to 3:00 p.m.

- 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

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



Community BBQ

Saturday, June 22, 2019

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hamburger & Hotdogs

In the Park on Shedden



A dedication to Ray Dyck – Our former Public Works Employee who passed away in August 2018

SUN & SAND RECREATION LEAGUE

UPCOMING EVENTS

We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered, participated and supported us.

A big welcome to all newcomers to our Summer Village!



If you have an idea for an event or program or you have skills or talents to share, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to put on an event, please submit a "Community Application Form" (Available at the Summer Village Office or the Sandy Beach General Store). This would help determine liabilities, insurance or other considerations to support the event.

Please contact Marion – 780-967-4027 or Gerry 780-218-4653

SUNDAY, MAY 19-PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9:00 a.m. to NOON

\$7.00 per person – 5yrs & under FREE

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - AGM & ELECTION 1:00 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME! BRING IDEAS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 6 – ELVIS TRIBUTE

Doors Open – 6:30 p.m. – SHOW TIME – 8:00 p.m.

Cash Bar- Snacks

18+ event

\$20.00 per person

Advance Tickets only

Marion – 780-967-4027

All events will be held at the Sandy Beach Community Hall and are posted on the Summer Village signs, will be in the Lac Ste Anne Bulletin, on the Summer Village website & 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.