

August 2017 Newsletter

Greetings everyone! Hope your summer is going well and that you have had an opportunity to enjoy some of the great weather we have been having. Welcome and congratulations to our new council members Carl Cornelssen and Bill Sanchuck. Many thanks go out to Barry Guenette and Colin Adair for their years of service and their contributions to our community. And thank you to the Canada Day Volunteers. Wasn't that a party!!

Just a few news items to report:

- The sod turning ceremony for our new "Truck Fill Station" located at the Village entrance will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. Please **RSVP** to info@stettlercounty.ca by Monday August 21, 2017 if you will be attending the luncheon.
- We have been having an increasing problem of dogs running at large and off-leash, especially on the beach. I have been fielding many complaints and concerns. The signage is very clear. Please ensure your dog is leashed. We do not want people to be hurt. We will bring in enforcement to deal with further dog related issues.
- Our administration attempted to put the regulations in the Land Use Bylaw regarding RV's and trailers in plainer English as follows:
 - In the village there is a limit of 2 RV's/trailers on site per lot.
 - The one exception is that you can have up to 4 RV's/trailers on site (3 times per year, up to 5 days) if you notify our development officer (Leann at leanngraham@outlook.com).
 - If you have a lot without a cabin and want to keep your RV on site from April 30th to October 1st, there is a permit for that and the cost is \$300. Alternatively, you can have an RV on site for 21 days and then it must be removed for a minimum of 5 days.
 - After Sept. 30th, 2019 there will be no RV permits available and all RV's/trailers must be removed for 5 days after a maximum 21 day "visit".
- We are getting new signage for all parcels in the Village for Emergency Services (Fire, Ambulance, etc.). These will be mounted on steel posts in front of your property. If you wish to mount them yourself on your garage or on an existing sign (must be very visible to the street), please phone me, Lorne, at 403-742-0210 or email at kathyandlorne@yahoo.ca.
- Our maintenance man Allan will pick up dead fall and trees on the road allowance. Please ensure the tree trunks are all faced in the same direction. This service is **not** available during July and August.
- The swimming buoys have been moved either by someone or by storms. The safety of our children is our number one priority. The swimming areas are marked by the large rocks on the shore. No boats or personal watercraft are to enter these swimming areas. Please ensure that everyone is aware of this. If the buoys are moved, please move them back or report to council.
- Just a reminder that, as our roadways are governed by the Highway Traffic Act, ATVs, golf carts, etc. cannot be legally driven on our roads.

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- Docks and lifts that did not go in the lake this year have been photographed. They must be removed. We cannot use the government right of way for storage and are fortunate that we get away with using it for winter storage. Let Lorne know if you want your unit hauled back to your property. Those not claimed will be hauled to the shop area to be picked up or disposed of. All the pictures are available at <https://goo.gl/mDh99L> or on our Facebook page.
- There are a number of fire pits off private property and on the beach. These have to be removed.
- For information, all beach areas are government owned and Municipal Reserve for public use. Private property ends at your survey pegs. No work of any kind can be done on the beach or the reserve by private or hired individuals.
- Because some rate payers have abused the privilege of having keys to the beach access gates, new council has decided that access will only be allowed on certain dates. There will be an additional lock installed on each gate. This lock will be open on the September long weekend and the weekend following. Please contact council in advance if you need to make other arrangements.
- Many thanks to maintenance man Allan and his crew for the beach clean-up, mowing and harrowing. The beach is challenging to maintain as our equipment is not allowed in the water. Our beach looks fabulous!

Wishing all a safe and happy lake life.

Lorne Thurston, the Ol' Grey Mayor
For the Summer Village of White Sands Council

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