

Summer Village of White Sands Christmas 2017 Newsletter

I bring season's greetings from your new council. We hope your summer was great and that lots of fun was had by all. It sure went fast. The lake froze over on November 4th. Here are a few points for your information:

- The ice is still very thin and there are a lot of ice shifts on the lake with many wet spots. Please stay off and keep the kiddos away until the danger has passed.
- We now have a diabetes textile bin by the dumpsters where you can donate clothing, fabrics, shoes, etc. Nationally they raise \$10 million through this project.
- There is a NEW STOP SIGN at Buffalo Road and Jennifer Drive. This is now a four way stop.
- Stettler Library has free membership cards and offers an abundance of services such as computers, e-books, paperbacks, and lots of new release movies. You can reach them at 403-742-2292.
- Docks and lifts cannot stay on the beach area in the summer. Please plan to have them in the water by June 1st or haul them off of the beach before that date. Using the beach for this type of storage puts our lease with the government for the right-of-way in jeopardy.
- Fire pits must be on your own property.
- We are recommending that everyone with a smart phone gets the "Alberta Emergency Alert" app. This will notify you of impending danger from fire, wind, flood, etc.
- For your information, if White Sands was hit by for instance by a fire or tornado which was declared a Provincial Disaster, government assistance is only available for primary residences and not cabins. You may want to ensure you have appropriate insurance.
- Also just to let you know we have had unusually high amount of dog complaints, from dog bites to three altercations of dogs off-leash on the beach, also dogs off-leash in the village. If you have a concern bylaw will be called, but you have to know where the dog came from and fill out an impact statement for bylaw to proceed.
- The installation of house address signs is almost complete. Aimie Ave signs are being replaced due to a spelling error. We will be ordering stick-on arrows for the sign posts which include two addresses. Please let me, Mayor Lorne, know if you need your sign moved (403-742-0210).
- Our truck fill station is expected to be operational in August 2018. This is a tremendous deal for our Village. It will work on coin or code system; lighting and surveillance for the building and the Village entrance is planned. We will be starting construction in the very near future.
- Anyone planning on coming to their seasonal cabin over the holidays who would like to have the snow windrow across their driveway removed for easier access, please let our maintenance man, Allan, know at least two weekdays in advance by phoning 403-740-6886.

That is it for now. We hope you and your family enjoy all the best the season has to offer. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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

Did You Know?

Within the Village, we have the White Sands Hall Society. It operates and communicates separately from the Village Council.

The White Sands Community Hall Society is registered under the Societies Act of Alberta. The mission of the Hall Society is to take into revenue, the monies received from the bottles and cans donated by the residents of White Sands. This revenue is then to be turned back into the community for the purposes of:

- Social Functions
- Providing facilities to manage the bottle returns and any other donations
- Providing equipment to carry out social activities or the enhance the community

The Hall Society has an elected Board and holds regular meetings - all in accordance with established by-laws. All land owners within White Sands are members of the Hall Society and can attend meetings, speak to agenda items, vote and run for positions on the Board.

Should you wish to be added to the email communication list for news of all Hall Society social events and meetings, please email Judy Peelar, Secretary of the Hall Society at djpeelar@gmail.com.