

Summer Village of
White Sands

June 2020 Newsletter

Hello folks. Hope you are all keeping well. Just a few notes for you to peruse.

- The mooring and docking policy is still under review by the Province. We will let you know when it is finalized.
- For new owners, our beach has 4 designated swimming areas. The buoys marking the swimming areas will be placed soon. The areas are at beach #3 by the hall, #5 off Lakeview Avenue, #7 at CJ1 and #8 at CJ2. The large rocks on the shore mark the areas that will be buoyed off. There are no docks or lifts permitted in the swimming areas.
- Some Canadian flags around the Village are in tatters. Please, out of respect, replace them or take them down.
- The Village is looking for very casual workers for manning water pumps, painting, cleaning, etc. when our staff is short-handed. If you are interested, please call Lorne at 403-742-0210.
- The Stettler Library who is part of Parkland Regional Library has thousands of books and movies etc. available on line. The Summer Village of White Sands belongs to the library group and your membership is free as a property owner. You can contact the Stettler Library at 403-742-2292 for more information.
- The dumpsters, particularly at the beginning of May, have been filled with leaves and grass. Please take to the landfill burn pit or to the compost pile at the transfer station in Stettler. You can also dump it (no bags please) in our dump trailer at the hall if the trailer is empty.
- Harrowing of the beach (where we can) and weed pick up (if weeds are piled) will start soon. The water level as at June 18, 2020 was 7.1" over the full mark and about 17" over the pump trigger. However, there is a five year moratorium on pumping the lake due to Prussian carp in the Red Deer River. We do not harrow the grass because of the erosion of sand and of course the lake will go down over the summer months. It is nice to see it high and very healthy. To new folks, be sure to place your docks and boat lifts high enough that it won't be damaged in a storm.
- Wi-Fi is available at the bottle depot (no longer at the hall). Phone Lorne at 403-742-0210 for password.
- No new information is available regarding the nearby former Paradise Shores campground in the County.
- The Canada Day parade and BBQ and the annual golf tournament have been cancelled this year.
- If you wish to join Crime Watch, please contact Corinne Phelan at 780-278-4775 to get the forms.
- Thanks to the RCMP for their efforts and doing some enforcement (especially for parking).

- We are currently working on creating more parking for the hall and for Beach #6 near 20 Lakeview Avenue. We have also cleared a toboggan hill at Jack's Pond on the lakeside.
- A parking area for beach #8 at CJ2 is being developed. Plans are not final yet.
- Speed bumps will be installed again on the boat launch road. We will be re-gravelling first.
- Playgrounds are open with responsibility for distancing and sanitizing on the guardians and parents. Hall rentals are cancelled and beach washrooms are still closed. The "Take or Leave it" shed will reopen within the next week.
- If you wish our maintenance staff to pick up brush piles, they must be no more than 6 feet long and 3 feet round with all trunks in one direction and set at an angle to the road away from posts, signs etc. so that they can be easily accessed by the equipment. This service is available until June 30th.
- Floaties, canoes, beach chairs etc. left on the lake right-of-way and municipal reserve will be removed if not being used. Beach #5 off Lakeview Ave. and beach # 7 off Aimie Ave. in particular have quite a number of abandoned items. If these items belong to you, please remove to your own property or take to the landfill.

If you have any questions or concerns, please phone Lorne at 403-742-0210 or email thurston.lorne@gmail.com.

Have a great summer! Stay healthy!

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