

Summer Village of White Sands  
Spring 2016 Newsletter

Greetings Village People from your Mayor and Council. Winter treated us kindly but we are still glad to see the trees greening up and hear the sound of the waves lapping at the shore. Here is the news in point form:

- **Our annual meeting** will be held Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am at the hall.
- We now belong to the Parkland Regional Library along with the Stettler Library (above the skating arena). The membership is very reasonable and there are thousands of books, ebooks, and movies as well as summer programs at the Stettler Library for the kids that you can access. Any books you take out can be returned to any library in Alberta. For more information contact 403-742-2292.
- Please **do not park boat trailers, RVs, utility trailers, etc. on our reserves or roads**. We need access for mowing and emergency vehicles.
- **Dogs running off leash** have become a very real problem with 4 reported dog attacks. We are very concerned about children or adults walking their dogs. A Bylaw Officer will be patrolling on weekends more often.
- There is a new swim area down below the hall. It will be marked with white rocks on the shore and with buoys. Keep your lifts or docks out of this area and at least 6 meters away from the buoys. Thanks for helping to keep our kids safe.
- The ice went off the lake on April 8<sup>th</sup>, the earliest I have on my record by over a week. The lake is at full level which is fortunate as I suspect there would not be any government funds available for pumping. The first boat that I noticed on the lake this year was on April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanks to the Hall Society, we have new storage for tables and chairs beside the hall.
- We are going to have another go at improving the Front Street beach access this summer. We cannot install stairs due to the liability issues, so we are hoping our planned solution works out.
- **Please do not abuse our dumpsters or we could lose them**. The landfill is located east to Hwy 56 and 4 miles north for any garbage that is not household waste. Their hours are 10 to 2 Saturday and 8 to 6 weekdays, and they are closed Sundays and holidays. The transfer station in Stettler is now open 7 days per week, 10 to 6. They will take all hazardous goods – i.e. paint, cleaners, florescent bulbs, batteries, etc. They also have a “take it or leave it” building, a burn pit and metal and compost piles. You can find more information on the Town of Stettler website.
- **Cardboard recycle dumpster** should be on site by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please break down all cardboard. It costs \$50/month for the dumpster and \$30/month to haul. We will be monitoring to see how it goes so I need feedback. Phone Lorne 403-742-0210.
- Our 3 season fire road to Bar Harbour is now completely finished. The gates can be pushed open in an emergency. The Fire Chief, the Fire-smart people and the Emergency Services are very pleased.
- Our maintenance man, Allan, will pick up **dead fall only** until June 30<sup>th</sup> from the road allowance. Please place piles at a 45 degree angle to the road and not up against poles

etc. to allow easier access by the tractor. Please cut in 6' lengths and have all the trunks face in one direction. Thanks for your help.

- Allan will also be picking up piled weeds on the beach. Please place them so the beach can still be used.
- **The RV Bylaw is enclosed.** Fines will be sent out this year for infractions. The email address to obtain a permit is [svwsdev@stettler.net](mailto:svwsdev@stettler.net).
- **Docks and lifts not put in the water will be removed.** We have an obligation to protect our lease on the lakeshore and Environment and Parks will not tolerate these items sitting on the beach. If you need help relocating your equipment to your property phone Lorne at 403-742-0210.
- Thank you goes out to Regners for the donation of a picnic table for CJ2 beach.
- RCMP detachment in Stettler is at full members and advised that they will be a bigger presence at the lake this summer.
- There is a **moose on the loose** in the Village. Please use caution as they are dangerous animals, particularly if they have a calf.
- **Hall News:** Please contact Fraser Denton at 403-741-9484 if you wish to volunteer as the Hall Society needs you to help with their events and their bottle committee or if you wish to be put on the email list for crime watch and Hall Society News. Dates to remember: Spring Fling and Pot Luck, Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Hall Society's AGM Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, Golf Tourney Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Kids Sports Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, Fall Windup Saturday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Council and staff hope that you enjoy a fabulous summer at the lake. Please keep safe.

Thanks all!!

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