

# Summer Village of White Sands

## Spring 2019 Newsletter

Greetings everyone from your council. Hope you all wintered well despite the cold. Spring is upon us, the trees are budding and we are looking forward to summertime at the lake.

Remember that, starting in the fall, we will begin emailing our newsletters. If you want a copy through the regular mail or to ensure we have your email address, please send your request or info to the Village Administrator at [gscott@stettler.net](mailto:gscott@stettler.net), mail to Box 119 Stettler, AB T0C 2L0 or phone Graham at 403-742-8305.

Items in point form:

- The Annual General Meeting will be at the hall on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 9 am.
- Maintenance man, Alan, will be picking up brush piles until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please keep piles to no more than 6 feet long and place at an angle to the road for access with the tractor.
- Internet was kept for Emergency Services. If you want to use it, the signal has been moved by the playground and bottle depot. Please do not block doors and dumpsters.
- Fire roads have been cleared for First Response Units and there may be more clearing in the future. The entrances are going to be gated off.
- We have monthly tax installment plans available. Call the office at 403-742-8305.
- There is “no parking” signs posted on cul-de-sacs, some roads and municipal reserves to allow access for Emergency Services. This was done in consultation with the RCMP, EMS and the Stettler Fire Department (thanks to all for their help). An enforcement body will be hired to monitor. Though it may be inconvenient, this is important for health and safety.
- The truck fill is working well other than a few snags including a faulty breaker and a tangled float sensor. We are confident that it should become more reliable as we go along.
- The boat launch road and one piece of Buffalo Road are getting speed bumps and the dust control program is being expanded.
- Please do not plug culverts with rocks. A few around the entrance to the culvert for drainage is fine. Insert two pieces of rebar into the ground to prevent porcupines from setting up house in your culvert.
- If you wish to purchase a memorial bench to place in the Village with a dedication plaque, we have one left. They are \$350 and can be viewed in front of the hall. Call Lorne at 403-742-0210.
- To protect your property and our Village from fire, if you would like to have your grass rough cut once or twice a year, Ed Waugh has a Kubota tractor and will do it for you for a fee. Phone 403-740-5184.
- I never thought 20 years ago that I would be writing about the two following items: Even though marijuana is legal, you cannot consume on public property, municipal reserve, public roads, beach, etc. – and - Drones are not permitted in the Village. Check with Transport Canada web site regarding the new rules and restrictions coming into effect June 1<sup>st</sup> for drones weighing over 250 grams.
- Ed and Debbie Waugh’s store on Horse Shoe Lane in the new subdivision off Jennifer Drive will have groceries, beach paraphernalia, and handicrafts along with other sundry items. We are hoping that the Village folk will economically support this venture.

- I am looking for a group of folks to help mark veterans' graves at the Erskine cemetery next October and November. The Village is taking on the "No Stone Left Alone" program for the little cemetery. It is not a big job but is a good way to say thanks to our veterans for their sacrifice.
- Our official "ice off" was April 28, 2019. The "ice off" history over the past 22 years is as follows:
 

May 9, 2018	April 7, 2017	April 8, 2016	April 23, 2015
May 9, 2014	May 9, 2013	May 3, 2012	May 11, 2011
April 20, 2010	May 8, 2009	May 14, 2008	May 5, 2007
April 26, 2006	April 26, 2005	April 25, 2004	May 2, 2003
May 17, 2002	April 29, 2001	April 28, 2000	April 27, 1999
April 24, 1998	April 29, 1997		
- Council is looking at amending the Land Use Bylaw. The proposed amendment would be of a housekeeping nature but could also include changes to RV's and RTM's (Ready to Move) in the Summer Village. We are looking for input from our ratepayers in regards to the Land Use Bylaw and would ask that you take the attached short survey and submit your responses to Leann Graham at [leanngraham@outlook.com](mailto:leanngraham@outlook.com). Furthermore, there will be a public information meeting regarding the Land Use Bylaw at the hall on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 9:00 am.
- As always, piers, lifts, etc. have to be in the water as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. Environment and Parks will be enforcing and we need to protect our lease.
- As we have grant monies we have to spend, we will be building a compound by the shop, storage for equipment, enhancing parking at the hall and adding a new path to the beach at the hall.

2019 Hall Society Sponsored Events:

- June 30<sup>th</sup> – Canada Day Parade and BBQ
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Golf Tournament – this year it will be held at Pheasantback Golf Course
- August 31<sup>st</sup> – Fall Wind Up BBQ
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party

Thanks folks and have a safe and wonderful summer.

Lorne Thurston, the Ol' Gray Mayor