

Summer Village of White Sands
Summer 2016 Newsletter

Hope you are all having fun this summer and catching the sun when you can. Summer always seems to go by faster than we want. Here are some of the updates from your council and from around the Village:

- Please let Mayor Lorne know if you have personal watercraft lifts or wood docks for sale or give away as there are interested parties.
- The Alberta Government is serious about keeping our shores clear of storage clutter. Council is committed to protecting our beach front lease. Enclosed are photos of 3 different lifts which must be removed from the beach area. The Village will be moving them to the hall in the immediate future. You can request for them to be moved to your property by contacting Mayor Lorne at 403-742-0210 by the end of the second week in September, 2016. Anything unclaimed will be recycled.
- There are some folks that are interested in building a storage yard just outside the Village boundaries for boats, trailers, etc. if the interest is there. Please let council know if you would support this enterprise.
- For those who have underground water cisterns or who are considering installing one, Alberta Health recommends installing a man hole for inspections. They also recommend chlorinating the water if it is going to sit for any length of time. To protect yourself and your family, please contact your Health Unit for further information.
- DO NOT DISTURB THE BEACH. We are so lucky to have a berm of sand along our shore line especially as it protects us from flooding in most areas. You may think you are doing the right thing but heavy fines will be imposed by the Alberta Government if anyone is found working on or changing our shorelines. If you have questions or concerns, contact your council.
- USE THE BOAT LAUNCH. It has been reported that someone in a small white truck launched a small boat from the beach. This type of behaviour puts our shoreline lease at risk.
- Our cardboard recycling bin has been well used. It is costing the Village about \$140 a month.
- Our gazebo is completed. Many thanks to maintenance man Allan and our summer helpers.
- We have a coyote problem in the Village this summer so be aware and keep your pets and small children safe. Fish and Wildlife have been notified.
- The lake level at August 16, 2016 was at 5.9 cm or 2.32 inches below full level. We lost approximately 2 inches since the end of June.
- Our Kids' Sports Day was a great success thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers. We had about 90 children participating – 10 between 12 and 14, 35 between 9 and 11, 31 between 6 and 8 and about 14 5 years and under.
- There have been some break-ins in the area. Please keep your cabins and vehicles, etc. locked up and keep your eyes open for suspicious activity.
- Water Hemlock is an extremely toxic and evasive plant around our lake. We are picking it as we find it but a second growth has started so next year could be a bad year for it.
- Council is continually getting complaints about dogs being off leash, especially on the beach, and about dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs.
- Quads, golf carts etc. are being used for children's recreation rather than just transportation within the Village. The Village has no bylaws governing the use of off road vehicles. It is an RCMP matter.
- Maynard's new subdivision is currently being developed and will include about 70-75 new lots. They are also proposing having a little store attached to a house. This will go to a public hearing for your input as this would require a change to our current bylaws.
- Environment and Parks has requested the installation of an emergency drainage pipeline from the new subdivision for storm water to drain into the lake. We have a 5 meter wide reserve between Destini Drive and Kaylee Crescent. The pipeline will be placed overland through the reserve to Jacks Pond.

Then, if or when required, the water will be pumped into the lake by way of a collapsible pipe. If you have questions, phone Mayor Lorne at 403-742-0210.

- Don't forget the WIND UP BBQ on Saturday, September 3, 2016.

Thanks everyone!! Enjoy the rest of the summer.

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

