

Summer Village of White Sands Newsletter Fall 2013



Dear Rate Payers:

It seems like summer always comes to an end way too fast. On behalf of Colin, Barry and myself, many thanks to all who supported us in the election. We hope that we meet your needs as a Village.



Here are a few items Council wanted to get out before the September Long Weekend:

- The wind-up BBQ hosted by the Hall Society will be on Saturday, August 31st at 5:00 pm. They are accepting food bank donations (food or cash). Thank you.
- We had a break out of water parsnip on the beach. They have been cleaned up but more may be coming. Our maintenance man, Allan, will keep working on it. The plant is toxic so please be sure to research so you can identify them. They are a tall plant with white flowers similar to dill flowers. The real danger is another plant called water hemlock which looks very much like water parsnip and is extremely toxic. We have our weed inspector from the County working with us on this.
- We will be pulling any unused lifts and docks off the beach again this year. This has to be done to protect our lease with the Alberta Government. Any items of unidentified ownership left on the beach will be stored up by the Village garage. If not claimed these items will be recycled.
- Keep in mind that ice jams can damage your equipment so it is a good idea to move docks, etc. further onto shore.
- The Stettler EMS is sponsoring a new program called "Capsule for Life". This program includes a form where you complete your medical information and put it in a capsule which is placed in your medicine cabinet and easily accessible by emergency responders. A sticker on your door identifies you as a program participant. Forms, capsules and door stickers are available at Stettler drug stores.
- There was a reminder from the Fire Chief that all fireworks and fires in unapproved pits are prohibited. There are also concerns about people storing propane bottles or vehicles in attached or heated non-vented garages; use vented sheds only.
- Bylaw changes are coming regarding: RVs, moved-in modular homes, trailers and boats on roadways, furnace venting and more. A public hearing will be announced.
- The emergency fire exit to Bar Harbour is going ahead. It will be for emergency use only.
- Council will be working on our own emergency plan to help with the Provincial plan that is in place. There may be some information on how this will look at the public hearing.
- Our gravel program will continue in the fall. The County is still testing the Rino Snot dust control.
- Lakeview Avenue is going to be widened a little on each side in certain areas so that it is still passable on busy weekends. There is a 60 foot wide right of way in place.
- The new Mayor for the 4 year term will be myself, Lorne Thurston (the old grey mayor) – (403)-742-0210.

We hope for nice fall weather and the opportunity for all to enjoy our "lake life" with family and friends over the next few months. Safe travels until the next time.

Respectfully

Lorne on behalf of
Myself, Colin and Barry
Summer Village of White Sands Council