

Summer Village of White Sands
Newsletter September 2012



Dear Rate Payers:

There goes another summer. Hope everyone had fun at the lake. Here is some info and updates:

- Council appointed a new mayor, the Honorable Barry Guenette.
- The Village has bought a boat and trailer to put in the marker buoys. We hope the new anchor system will keep the storms from washing them ashore. Thanks very much to Aaron at Heartland Marine 4703 41 Street Stettler, 403-742-4447. Aaron sold us the completely overhauled boat at his cost of \$1,175.
- Please help us stop those who have been moving our buoys around. These buoys are for the safety of our children.
- As of today, September 11, 2012, the lake is about 3 1/2 inches over the full stabilization level.
- The lake water quality is very good. Fortunately, the blue green algae outbreak in Pigeon and Pine Lakes has not happened on Buffalo Lake. Nitrogen and phosphorus loading are the main cause of the blue green algae. Buffalo Lake is more saline which helps to prevent growth. You can access information on blue green algae on the Alberta Government website.
- We will be putting a small wood box at the dumpsters for small battery (alkaline, lithium, etc.) recycling. Please tape the terminals over so they do not short out. For more info call me, Lorne, at 403-742-0210.
- Thanks so much for all your hard work removing roots and weeds from the beach. Please put the roots and weeds in separate piles, as close to the beach accesses as possible (over the access rails preferably). Allan (our maintenance man) will pick them up on a regular basis.
- When taking lifts and piers off, please try to put them where Allan does not have to mow. Also, docks and lifts that are not being used are going to be removed and put up by the hall. We will haul them to your property if requested or they will be disposed of by the end of the year. Photos of abandoned lifts are attached. For more information contact Greg Switenky at (403)742-8305 or gswitenky@stettler.net
- Please remove any fire pits or developments off your property or we will have to remove them. We lease the property along the shoreline from the Alberta Government. Government rules indicate that nothing is to be stored on the lake Right of Way. We do not want to put our lease in jeopardy. The document is on the web – Buffalo Lake Integrated Shoreline Management Plan – www.blmt.ca/blismp.htm.
- The fire lane is finished between Lakeview Avenue and CJ Estates. A light chain and bumpers will be installed on the gate so a vehicle can push the gate open, breaking the chain for emergency escape. You may want to back through to prevent air bag deployment.
- I am investigating the possibility of establishing an escape route to Bar Harbour. There are many obstacles such as easements and private property but perhaps something can be worked out.
- PLEASE keep the roads clear so fire trucks and emergency vehicles can get through. Please be sure your visitors are aware that blocked roadways could cost lives and property damage, perhaps your own. The roads were very congested over the long weekends this summer.
- The wind up BBQ was a great success. Many thanks to the Hall Society and the Bottle People. 115 pounds of food and \$100 cash was raised for the Food Bank. Thanks to all the donors.
- A big thank you to Dave Kierluk and Kris Coleman White Sands cabin owners and owners of Empire Auto in Lacombe (403-782-4547) for purchasing the Village another grill for our BBQs and perhaps future pancake breakfasts.



Hope you all enjoy a safe winter. We will see you in the spring if not before.

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

Photos of Abandoned Lifts

