

Village News

2023 IS HERE!

We all hope you all had a festive season and had time to relax and be with the important people in your lives. The Lake has been busy with winter activities! Jack's Pond has been put to great use with skating and curling! Thank you to the gang with Gerry Linkert for getting the rinks ready for the community! Through the power of social media, it looks like everyone has been enjoying the additions!

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- News from "The Ol' Gray Mayor"
- Big Jack and Buffalo Lake Winter Classics
- Boat Lift/Docks/Mooring 2023
- Season RV Permits 2023
- Upcoming Events



Picture by Nicole Wright

News from the Ol' Grey Mayor, Lorne Thurston

Happy New Year everyone from Council and Administration! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season.

Here is an item from Council for you to ponder:

Council would like public input on options for spending a large amount of expiring grant money, which must be spent by December 31, 2023.

Previously, some of grant money was earmarked to be used for the water station, but fortunately, it was covered by other grants.

The Summer Village Council would like to work with the Hall Society to get input on the possible Hall Expansion project or New Hall project for 2023/2024 Fiscal Years.

The Summer Village needs to use up its outstanding municipal MSI Capital grants for 2007 to 2018 is \$299,045 before December 31, 2023, or the 2007-2018 MSI Capital grants will get clawed back.

The Summer Village also has \$266,000 in Unspent Grant funds from various grant programs in the Bank, some are from expired Grant Programs SIP/FGTF/MSI Capital/CCBF, in the amount of \$266,000 as of the end of December 2022.

There is a need to improve communication between the Hall Society and Council. Councillor Huff will now represent the Summer Village Council at the Hall Society meetings and Tamara Dawson will bridge the communication between the two groups.

Options:

Council is leaning towards one of two options:

- Building an addition onto the current hall. One possibility in this option is to build towards the lake which would include moving a gas line. A second possibility is to expand NE into the parking lot and expanding the parking lot into the hill which would include moving two water drainage lines. This would also mean that the hall would have to be brought up to current code in terms of number of bathrooms, heat and wiring upgrades, etc.
- Building a new stand-alone community hall. This could be built on the lakeside of the existing hall parking lot. This option would allow for the current hall to be used as the Village office with little renovations required and the old shop area could potentially be used for a number of different activities.

Either option would have to be sized to suit the build-out size of the Village. Additional funding to complete either project is available through provincial and federal grants.

We have hired Railside Designs of Stettler to draw up some design concepts for discussion. Once the drawings are prepared, a “Zoom” Town Hall Meeting will be scheduled and other input avenues set up. It is imperative that we move quickly as we do not want to lose these grants.

Thanks all!

The Ol' Gray Mayor Lorne Thurston

For the Summer Village of White Sands Council

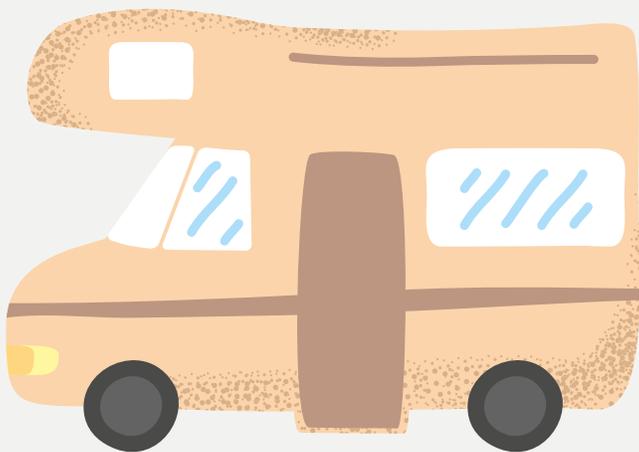
2023 RV Permits

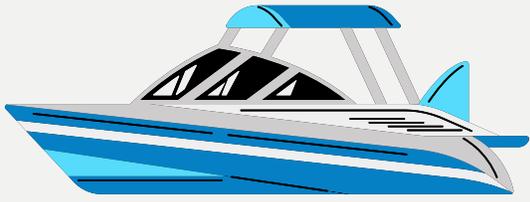
Administration has finished with the changeover of systems, the 2023 RV Permits will be invoiced out before the May Long weekend. Payments can be made by:

- Option Pay on the White Sands' website
- Through your bank as a Bill Payee. Some people pay their taxes this way. If you do, please give the office a head's up so the fee is applied to the RV permit and not your taxes.
- Cash or Cheque, which can be done in person at the office at Rochon Sands or sent to our mailing address.

For the 2023 season, any property that is not in compliance with the Land Use Bylaw will be sent only ONE letter. If not remedied as per the letter, a \$1000 fine will be issued.

Any questions, please contact the office and/or check the Land Use Bylaw on the PDF pages 43-45 and 48-50.





2023 Boat Lifts/Docks/Mooring Registration

The office will also send out an invoice for the 2023 boat docks/lifts/mooring registration. If you have a dock/lift/any mooring, it **MUST** be registered with the Summer Village. If you previously did the TFA with the Alberta government, you won't have to do it again this year. If you are new or missed last year doing your TFA, you must apply with the Alberta government **AND** register with the Summer Village.

For the 2022 registrants to be invoiced, in your letter there will also be a 2023 tag that you must zip tie to your lift/dock/mooring in a visible spot once it is in place. If it is not visible or placed on the structure, you may be ticketed, fined, and possibly removed by the Alberta government.

Boating structures must be registered every year and the tags will change colour to reflect the new registration year. 2023 will be yellow.

Any new registrants will also get said tag when you register and pay the fee.

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Rochon Sands

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Address: _____

Client ID: _____

DM#: _____



1st Annual Ice Fishing Derby

\$4,000 in cash & prizes

February 18-19, 2023 • Buffalo Lake, Alberta

2 DIVISIONS

Junior

17 & under

Longest Catches Overall

First • \$400

Second • \$200

Senior

18 & over

Longest Catches Overall

First • \$2,000

Second • \$750

Third • \$250

The Big Jack Classic is run through Angler's Atlas website and their mobile app MyCatch.

Get hooked up for some fun. Register today!

\$35
Entry fee

PLUS:

Additional prize draws throughout the weekend!



For details and how to enter:

bigjackclassic.ca

CFE number - CFE614376

The Big Jack Classic Fish Derby is an initiative of:



Tail Creek Snow Birds will have a Poker Rally on February 25, 2023, at the Nevis Hall (Snow permitting). Details will be posted later on their Facebook Page.



Follow "White Sands Community Hall Society" on Facebook for more details.

Save the Date – March 4th
White Sands Curling Bonspiel
Stay tuned for more details!

THE USE OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE BINS

DUE TO RECENT INCIDENTS, WE NEED TO REMIND RESIDENTS WHAT IS ALLOWED TO BE PUT INTO THE HOUSEHOLD WASTE BINS. THE SUMMER VILLAGE PAYS A REQUISITION FOR THE STETTLER REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY FOR HAVING THE WASTE BINS AT THE SUMMER VILLAGE AND HAVING THEM PICKED UP THE CONTENTS, AND DELIVER TO THE REGIONAL LANDFILL. THE BINS HERE ARE MEANT FOR ONLY HOUSEHOLD TRASH. WHAT IS TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD TRASH? THE BEST WAY TO THINK ABOUT TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD TRASH IS TO LOOK AT THE STUFF YOU THROW AWAY ON A DAILY BASIS IN YOUR KITCHEN. THAT IS A WIDE RANGE OF ITEMS, BUT WE FOUND THE BEST WAY TO EXPLAIN IS TO SHOW WHAT NON-TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD TRASH IS. THERE ARE FOUR BASIC NON-TYPICAL TRASH:

1. BULK ITEMS
2. CLEAN-OUT TRASH
3. NON-TYPICAL MATERIALS
4. OVERWEIGHT

THESE ITEMS ARE NOT COVERED IN THE WASTE BIN SERVICE AGREEMENT AND THEY ARE NOT MEANT TO BE PUT IN THE WASTE BINS BECAUSE THEY TAKE UP TOO MUCH ROOM AND THEY COULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE BINS OR THE LANDFILL TRUCK. THESE ITEMS NEED TO BE TAKEN TO THE REGIONAL LANDFILL WHERE THEY CAN BE PROPERLY DISPOSED OF. THE COUNTY OF STETTLER WEBSITE HAS A SECTION FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT AND HAS SOME EXCELLENT IDEAS, INFORMATION, AND RESOURCES ABOUT [WASTE MANAGEMENT](#).



PLEASE CRUSH
DOWN YOUR
CARDBOARD
BEFORE IT
GOES INTO THE
CARDBOARD
BIN!

THANK YOU.

What is Non-Typical Household Trash?



Bulk Items

Items that are large, bulky, or more difficult to handle than typical trash bags or trash cans.

Examples: tables, chairs, mattresses, couches, Christmas trees, boxes, appliances, etc.



Clean-Out Trash

Large quantities of trash, usually from cleaning out a room, shed, or garage. This amount of material is best disposed of using a Clean-Up bag or Roll-off container.

Example: 20 bags of trash from cleaning out your garage.



Non-Typical Materials

A non-typical material would be thing materials that would not get thrown out on a day to day basis in most homes. Generally, they are very heavy materials as well (except for Styrofoam and most wood).

Examples: yard waste, kitty litter, other animal waste, Styrofoam, wood, and burn ash



Overweight Items

Any one trash bag/trash can that weighs more than 40 lbs is considered overweight and non-typical. A good rule of thumb to follow is: if YOU think it's heavy, WE will too.

If you move a trash can, wheelbarrow, or dolly to move your trash to its location, bear in mind that having wheels makes it seem much, much lighter.

