

Summer Village of White Sands
Christmas 2020 Newsletter

Greetings to all from your Council. Hope you are all doing well during these trying times. We are stronger together and we will sled through this.

Some news items in point form:

- Mooring and Docking Legislation is finally coming together. You can look at it on line at alberta.ca/mooring-standards.aspx and give feedback until **December 14, 2020**. The rules are not set in stone so please do have a look. Do not be alarmed if you read on one of the pfd's that back lot owners are not allowed to have docks and lifts in the water. The Village, at least in our case, will have the authority to allow this with a permission letter from council. Council may also be able to amend a few other points by applying to Environment and Parks.
- Wind rows can be removed from your front property if you give our maintenance person, Allen, at least **2 days notice**. He is not permitted to clear onto private property (driveways, etc.). For that service please call private contractors Ed Waugh 403-740-5184 or Harold Woofenden 403-741-9044. If anyone else in the Village would like to provide that service, please give me a call and I will include your name and number in the next news letter.
- We have installed a dusk to dawn light at Jack's Pond for skating although the ice on the pond is too soft right now so please hold off. We have also made a toboggan hill at the pond area which we are hoping will hold onto the snow and not melt at the first sign of the sun.
- We are currently on a break from our mediations with Buffalo Lake RV Park (formerly Paradise Shores) until January 14, 2021. There are letters on the Summer Village of White Sands website if you would like more information.
- There will be folks traveling the Village on a hay wagon during the season singing Christmas Carols. Thanks for all the efforts. We are all missing our community events so this kind of Community Spirit really helps.
- The new LED sign has been giving us grief. However, it will be repaired or replaced with many thanks to Bernie Feisst who has spent many hours working on it. Thanks also go out to Bernie's helpers.
- A big thanks to Cheryl Vandusen and Tamara Dawson for arranging the Christmas gift exchange and the Food Bank and Christmas toy donations. Thanks also to the volunteers who put the lights on our Village entrance trees. The Christmas spirit is alive and well in the Village of White Sands.
- As you are aware from the last news letter, the Town of Stettler has given us notice that they will be discontinuing our administration services effective December 31, 2020. Council is in the middle of hiring new administration and hoping that we will be able to share that person with the Summer Village of Rochon Sands whose administrator has also given notice.

That's about it for now. Please accept our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas season whatever form it must take this year and a Happy and HEALTHY New Year. Amidst all the chaos in the news and in our personal world, let's take time out to count our many blessings, not least among them this beautiful Village that we call ours and the many wonderful people in our community.

The Ol' Gray Mayor Lorne Thurston
For the Summer Village of White Sands Council