

Summer Village of White Sands
June 2018 Newsletter

Greetings all from your Council. I think the mosquitos are finally starting to slow down after the worst season for the nasty little biters in memory. And although the tree fluff continues to fly, on a positive note the May flies (midges) had a very short life span this year. Here are some items of interest:

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday, June 30 at 9:00 am at the Village Hall.
- The second annual White Sands Canada Day Parade will be held on Sunday, July 1st, 2018 starting at 11:00 am. The participants will meet at the Village Hall. There will be prizes for the best floats and BBQ'd hamburgers and hotdogs for all at the hall to follow from noon to 1:30 pm. Bring your own chairs.
- Our annual White Sands Golf Tourney will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2018. Adults are \$25 and under 14 are \$10. The Hall Society will have a registration desk at the Canada Day celebrations.
- Permits for RVs are due - \$300 per year if over a 3 week stay. An excerpt from the Land-use Bylaw is enclosed which outlines the rules.
- Crime Watch Society Fan Outs and membership applications are available at and can be dropped off at Corinne Phelan's mail box on the fence on her property at #10 Destiny Drive.
- Thanks to the Bottle folks and the Hall Society, about \$8,500 was collected from empties for the Village events and projects for 2017.
- There are still lifts and docks on the shore. Those which are not put in the water will be removed as per the Alberta Government's Buffalo Lake Integrated Shoreline Plan. In addition boat trailers, fishing shacks, etc. must be on private property and cannot be stored between private property and the lake. If you need help to remove, call Lorne at 403-742-0210.
- Maintenance man Allan, will be picking up dead fall piled on the roadside until June 29, 2018 and then again in the fall. Please have the trees lined up in the same direction and left at an angle to the road so Allan can grasp it with the tractor grapple.
- Allan built 8 benches this winter to be placed on the beach. Half of the costs was picked up by the Hall Society. Anyone wishing to have one built and include a memory plaque can order from Lorne. Cost is \$350.
- The truck fill station had a couple of leaks they are working on and the pay system is not quite up and running. We are hoping it will open on July 1st.
- For new comers, we have swimming buoys set up for the kids. Lifts and docks are not allowed in these areas and must stay at least 7 metres away. There are large white rocks marking these buoyed areas on the shore.
- A new invasive species app is now available for Alberta. You can take a photo on your device of a plant or organism and send it off. They will tell you if it is prohibited or dangerous. Find it at www.eddmaps.org/alberta.
- Council and Administration would like to cut costs (about \$400 per mail out) by communicating newsletters, meeting notices etc. (not tax notices) by email. We hope that those rate payers who do not have email may have a family's address that they can use. We will be making this transition over the next year or so. Please register your email address on our website through the Town of Stettler.
- Seasonal speed bumps are seriously being considering for the boat launch road along with a few other high traffic areas. We will be looking for feedback at the AGM.

That is it for now. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Lorne Thurston, the Ol' Gray Mayor (Grayer than ever after this winter!)
For the Summer Village of White Sands Council

Also, from the Land Use Bylaw regarding Recreational Vehicles in the Village:

- There shall be a maximum of two recreation vehicles parked on a parcel at any time.
 - Notwithstanding the above, the number of recreational vehicles on a parcel may exceed the maximum number of two a total of three times per year subject to:
 - The Development Officer be advised in writing of the dates when more than two recreational vehicles will be on the parcel;
 - Provisions satisfactory to the Development Officer be made for vehicle parking and the disposal of sewage;
 - The maximum number of recreational vehicles on the parcel not exceed four; and
 - The maximum period of time when more than two recreational vehicles are on site shall not exceed five consecutive days.
- On parcels with no approved Dwelling Units: Until September 30, 2019, recreation vehicles may be parked continuously, subject to obtaining an annual development permit. (permits are \$300, payable at the Town of Stettler office or by mailing a cheque).
 - Notwithstanding the above, guest Recreation Vehicles may be parked for short durations of no more than 21 consecutive days, on condition that upon expiry of the 21 day period the Recreation Vehicle shall be removed from the property for a minimum of five (5) consecutive days.

So if you plan on having an RV on a lot (without a dwelling unit) for longer than 20 days, please get in touch with us about a 2018 RV Permit. Also, anytime you plan on having more than 2 RV's on your lot, please let our Development Officer know. Her email is leanngraham@outlook.com.