



# DECEMBER 2011



## Summer Village of White Sands Newsletter



Dear Ratepayer:

We hope that your summer went well and that you were able to fully enjoy our little piece of paradise here at the lake. We are grateful that there were no major incidents and that you were all looking out for one another. Here are a few items of interest from around the Village.

### Electronic Payment of Tax Bills

Do you find it difficult or inconvenient to pay your SVWS property taxes each year or are worried about being penalized for late payment? Why not try our **NEW** monthly tax payment plan? The monthly pre-authorized payment from your bank account is a simple, convenient, no-charge method of paying your taxes. Cumulatively by December each year an amount equal to your tax notice will have been withdrawn from your bank account. There will be no fees or penalties unless an item is returned NSF. Please contact the Town Office at 403-742-8305 before **January 31, 2012** for more information or to sign up for the plan. The sign up form is also available on our website at [www.stettler.net](http://www.stettler.net)

Another option for payment of your taxes is the online or tele-banking service. We accept online payments at the following banks: TD Bank, CIBC, Treasury Branch, Credit Union and BMO. **Please ensure you select Summer Village of White Sands - Taxes, not Town of Stettler or County of Stettler.**

- The boat launch has been completed. We have removed most of the rocks that were in the way and will try to continue to do so if possible. Please advise Council or our Maintenance Man, Allan of any danger.
- The lake has gone down somewhat, but is still very high. Consequently the beach work cannot be done at this time. We will see what the spring brings.
- We are planning to mark out swimming areas in CJ and on the main beach between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets with buoys next summer. Lifts and docks must be at least 15 meters away from these areas.



- We will be installing an outhouse between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets which is the last beach access without one at the moment.
- Our road gravel program is finished for the year. I think we covered all the needed areas for now. We may do more next year.
- If you are planning on installing or have installed paving or cold asphalt, please be aware that it must end at your property line and not continue onto the road allowance. If the tractor blade or grader damages it, the property owner would be responsible for repairs.
- A big THANK YOU! to all the volunteers who helped this year with everything from organizing events to brushing to sorting bottles, etc. Our Village would not be the place that it is without you.
- A 24'X24' garage is planned beside the new dumpster area for bottle storage and so the bottle sorters can work in a little comfort in inclement weather. These folks do a lot of dirty work with huge benefits for our little community. The cost of the garage is being shared between government grants, bottle money and community funds.
- Allan and I have been widening our roads and clearing site lines on corners and accesses. This is to allow for better access for emergency vehicles, for fire safety and for the needs of our growing community. This has been a huge job with over 30 Village trailer loads to the landfill so far. We have not gone on private property. To protect your privacy, I would encourage you not to clear to your property lines. The empty lot beside you may be developed one day. CJ site lines will be addressed next year.
- If you see a dead standing tree on Village reserve that you want for firewood or if you want to brush in front of your property on the road allowance, please contact Council or Allan (phone numbers are listed on our website). We will come and inspect and give you approval. This would be very helpful. Please be aware that you will have to clear up all the branches, not just the trunk.



In closing, I hope that you and yours have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy winter!

Thanks!

The Old Grey Mayor  
Lorne Thurston

