

Summer Village of White Sands
Spring Newsletter 2014

Dear Rate Payers,

We have it on good authority that spring is in the air. It is just a little harder to recognize this year. I am so looking forward to the good old summer time at the lake and the laughter of the kids and the sounds of folks enjoying themselves. Here are a few of the goings on:

- There will be an informal public information session on May 24, 2014 at 9:00 am at the Village Hall to let you know about the proposed changes to the Land Use Bylaw followed by a Rural Crime Watch information session.
- We are adding another swimming area for the little ones at CJ#1. Please keep docks and lifts at least 20 meters away from the buoys.
- The emergency escape road to Bar Harbour from CJ#2 is to be completed this year.
- Debbie Waugh and alternate Debbie Habberfield are White Sands Members at Large representatives on the County of Stettler Housing Authority (Seniors Lodge) Board. Thanks ladies.
- As we indicated in the Christmas newsletter, we have set up a Summer Village of White Sands Rural Crime Watch group. If you would like to assist this group, contact chair Al Habberfield at 403-916-4412. Your criminal record check is free of charge and you can mail the form to Al Habberfield Crime Watch Box 1023 Stettler, Alberta T0C 2L0.
- Zebra and Quagga mussels are the biggest threat to our lake. Consequences, if introduced, would be not being able to walk bare foot on the beach, lifts not operating easily, odorous conditions, etc. Info is enclosed.
- This summer the tennis courts will be undergoing upgrading and Pickle Ball lines will be added to the courts.
- There will be signage at the main beach access by 3rd street to let you know where you can park and where the Emergency Vehicle parking is. Please keep the road clear.
- As in prior years and in order to protect our lease on the Right of Way, any lifts or docks that are not put in the water this year will be flagged and then removed in the fall to be recycled. If there is a problem, please phone Lorne at 403-742-0210 or maintenance man Allan at 403-740-6886.
- A huge thank you goes out to those who have been pulling and chopping roots on the beach and a request that you keep on doing so. Maintenance man Allan will be picking up any piles of roots or weeds on the beach on Thursdays. We will harrow if there is a need.
- Until June 30th, maintenance man Allan will be picking up dead fall if stacked by the road in neat piles with branch and tree stocks at one end. There were a lot of trees broken and damaged by the first wet snow we had in the fall. Many thanks to those of you who assist with pulling the deadfall out of the reserves as well.
- Village Council has decided to set up a cardboard recycling bin near the dumpsters sometime in May. Please be sure your cardboard is broken down flat.
- We received a grant from Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) for fire prevention in the Village, something the AB Government is getting very serious about. There will be big changes coming with new fire roads, brushing, etc. We will keep you apprised.
- Please remember, fireworks are not allowed in the Village.
- On February 27, 2014 Council made a motion to join the Parkland Regional Library System. Council will be working with the Parkland Library System staff to move forward with the documentation that must happen before the Village has official membership. Once this

documentation is completed the Village residents will be able to access affordable library services.

- The Hall Board Society wants to inform everybody that the annual golf tournament is on Saturday, July 19, 2014 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Stettler Golf Club; \$20.00 per adults and \$10 for youths. Contact Carl at 403-742-1463. They would also like to thank everyone who generously donate their bottles and cans in order to beautify and enhance White Sands. And finally the Movie Night dates for outside at the Village Hall will be advertised.
- The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on June 28, 2014 at 9:00 am.

Hope you have a safe summer with lots of good times. See you on the beach.

Yours truly,

Lorne Thurston
The Ol' Grey Mayor

PS

Just for info, the "Ice-Off Dates" over the last 18 years (according to my calendars):

1997 April 29	1998 April 24	1999 April 27	2000 April 28
2001 April 29	2002 May 17	2003 May 2	2004 April 25
2005 April 26	2006 April 26	2007 May 5	2008 May 14
2009 May 8	2010 April 20	2011 May 11	2012 May 3
2013 May 9	2014 Soon I hope.		