

Summer Village of White Sands
Spring Newsletter 2015

Dear Village Folks,

Isn't it great that spring arrived early this year. It will soon be time for beach and lake. I am sure a lot of you seasonal folk can hardly wait to get back to the Village. Here is the news from the Village Council:

- The ice went off April 22, 2015.
- We will be collecting brush left on the side of the road allowance until June 30th. Please be sure to line up the tree trunks in the same direction and allow room for the tractor to maneuver to pick up the pile.
- From May 1st to Sept. 30th, if you do not have a cottage on your lot and you plan on keeping an RV on site for longer than 21 continuous days, a permit is required. Paid seasonal RV permits will be listed on the website, posted on an aerial map also on the web site and posted on the property. Below is the Land Use Bylaw pertaining to RVs. The Village will be patrolling to ensure the Bylaw is followed. For information contact the Village Office at 403-742-8305.
- Our dumpsters are now under surveillance to discourage abuse. Only household garbage is allowed to be deposited. The landfill is east to highway 56 and north 4 miles for **ALL** other items.
- We have had complaints about dogs off leash on the beach and in the Village.
- Anyone setting off fireworks who is not licensed and accredited to do so is subject to the following fines as suggested by our Bylaw Enforcement Officers: 1st offense \$500, 2nd offense \$1,000 and the 3rd offense \$2,000 (same as the City of Calgary). We are concerned about fire safety in our Village.
- We have a new flag pole on the gazebo and the Hall Society plans to install a roof this summer. Thanks very much to the Hall Society for their help.
- Camping or storing of RVs, boat trailers, utility trailers, etc. on our road allowances or municipal reserves is not permitted at any time. This is a safety issue for our emergency response.
- Council has learned that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) has been notified that some folks on Front Street are taking water out of the lake which is not allowed. This practice will have to be stopped immediately. Council believes we need to be pro-active about this issue before ESRD becomes more involved as it could get ugly. Any questions, please phone Mayor Lorne Thurston 403-742-0210.
- Our Annual General Meeting will be Saturday, July 4, 2015 at 9 am at the Village Hall. Hope to see you there.

HALL SOCIETY NEWS

- Drop in pickle ball will be held at the tennis court, Sunday and Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 9:00 June to October.
- Beach volley ball nets will be set up at CJ 2 beach.
- Sunday May 17th (long weekend) pot luck BBQ at the hall (Spring Fling). Bring own meat, pot luck dish and own refreshments. Movie to follow weather permitting.
- Annual golf tournament July 11th, 2015 Stettler Golf Course. Phone Fraser Denton 403-741-9484.
- Kids' Sports Day will be held August long weekend. Signs will be posted.
- Thanks for donation of bottles to help Hall Society with their projects. We need help with bottle sorting every Saturday at 9:30 am. Thanks to all the volunteers.
- Fall windup will be held September long weekend. This will be advertised. Because of liability insurance, no refreshments will be sold. Please bring your own. (Isn't that the way our world is evolving)
- Hall Society minutes and Crime Watch information are available on the White Sands website. To sign up, please phone Fraser Denton at 403-741-9484. Many thanks to Allan Habberfield for his work on Crime Watch. We are looking for a new president as Allan is stepping down.

Village Council is looking for your input on how the Village Hall is serving our community and if it is of adequate size. Expansion has been discussed but we need to ensure that the need justifies the cost. Please email Mayor Lorne Thurston at kathyandlorne@yahoo.ca or phone 403-742-0210. Thanks for all you folks do for the Village. Have a great summer and keep our Village safe and a wonderful place for our family time. We are grateful for those who pick up their dog doo-doo and the odd piece of litter. It helps keep all of us proud of our little piece of paradise.

All the best,

Lorne Thurston, Mayor
 For the Summer Village of White Sands Council

From the Land Use Bylaw regarding Recreation Vehicle Parking and Use, Schedule C, Section 2 (iii):

- (1) Sewage Disposal
 - a. No sewage or wastewater shall be disposed into the ground within the Summer Village, pursuant to Bylaw 101-05 and 102-05 as shown as Attachment “2” and Attachment “3”. All self-contained sewage holding tanks shall be constructed with reinforced pre-cast concrete in accordance with Bylaw 125-09 as shown in Attachment “4”.
- (2) RV Structures:
 - a. No addition, including decks can be permanently affixed to a recreation vehicle.
 - b. Roof structures over recreation vehicles are not allowed.
 - c. No covered decks are allowed accessory to recreation vehicles.
- (3) Parcels with Approved Dwelling Units:
 - a. There shall be a maximum of two recreation vehicles parked on a parcel at any time.
- (4) Parcels with No Approved Dwelling Units that are adjacent to Parcels with Approved Dwelling Units that are Titled to the same owner:
 - a. There shall be a maximum of two recreation vehicles parked on a parcel at any time.
- (5) Parcels with No Approved Dwelling Units:
 - a. There shall be a maximum of two recreation vehicles parked on a parcel at any time.
 - b. Until September 30, 2019, recreation vehicles may be parked and used for temporary sleeping accommodation continuously, subject to obtaining an annual development permit.
 - (1) Notwithstanding the above, parcels with approved development permits for “Use of RV as Living Accommodation” shall be not subject to the annual development permit fee until such time as their permit expires.
 - (2) Notwithstanding the above, Recreation Vehicles may be parked and used for temporary sleeping accommodation for short durations of no more than 21 continuous days (i.e. camping), on condition that expiry of the 21 day period the Recreation Vehicle shall be removed from the property for a minimum of five (5) continuous days.
 - c. Summer Months from May 1 to September 30 after September 30, 2019. All recreation vehicles must be parked and used for temporary sleeping accommodation for short durations of no longer than 21 continuous days, on condition that:
 - (1) The property owner or the principal occupant of the recreation vehicle shall obtain a development permit from the Development Officer showing the intended starting and leaving dates and shall display the development permit at the property entrance; and
 - (2) Upon expiry of the 21 day period the recreation vehicle shall be removed from the property for a minimum of five (5) continuous days.

Description of Offense	First Offense	Second Offense	Third or Subsequent Offense
Schedule C Section (2)(iii) Recreation vehicles in contravention of this Bylaw	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00