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Summer Village of Silver Beach NEWSLETTER

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Emergency Contacts

Ambulance	911
Fire	911
Police (Pigeon Lake Constable)	780-586-3882
R.C.M.P.	911 or 1-780- 312-7267 (24 hr)
Hospital (Leduc)	
Fortis (formerly Utilicorp or Aquila)	1-800-332-1002 (24 hr)
Atco Gas	1-800-511-3447 (24 hr)
Telus	611 (24 hr)
Sewer	1-780-352-0005 (24 hr)

General Inquiries/Administrative

1-780-986-7711
1-780-310-5678
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New Office and Administrator

The Village welcomes Anita Blais as our new administrator. Please note the new contact information for the Village Office.

Refuse Bins

Arrangements have been made for the usual large refuse bins, for residents' disposal of large articles, to be delivered to the Village on the long weekend of May and September. The landfill, which receives the refuse, does not accept noxious chemicals, "white goods" (i.e. appliances), or ashes (in which embers could potentially cause a fire). We ask, also, that residents exercise judgment and restraint in the amount of material they put in. A single enthusiastic tree pruner could virtually fill a bin, denying its use to the rest of the village. If you have a large volume of refuse, please consider making your own arrangements for haulage and disposal.

Provincial Action on Summer Villages

Thank you very much to everyone who wrote letters to the MLAs, Minister and Premier supporting the continued existence of Summer Villages. The Province has made no formal announcements yet describing any intended changes. This does not end the issue or the potential threat to Summer Villages. Council will continue to monitor the situation in consultation with other Summer Villages around Pigeon Lake and the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta, and will report on significant developments.

Tax Notices

Tax notices will be mailed out within the next few weeks.

Student Employment

The Village will be hiring two summer students for grass cutting and miscellaneous work. This program is partially paid for by a STEP grant, and student-employees must be willing to work 40 hours per week over 8 weeks in order for the Village to qualify for the grant. The Village pays students \$12/hour.

Ouimette Park Swimming Zone

Persons placing piers in the water at Ouimette Park are asked to install them toward the north end of the park, keeping the south portion free for swimming.

Storage of Piers and Hoists at Ouimette Park

A permit is required for any hoist or pier stored on Silver Beach land over the winter or placed in front of Silver Beach land during the summer. The permit includes the upland landowner permission required by the Federal Government for the placement of piers, hoists etc in navigable waters. No items may be stored on Silver Beach property from May 30 to October 1st. Any hoists, piers, etc no longer being used need to be removed before May 30. Any items remaining will be removed and disposed of by the village. Piers and hoists may only be placed in front of Silver Beach properties in the areas designated. For example no hoists or piers are allowed within the designated swimming area in front of Ouimette Park

Fireworks

Complaints about fireworks being fired off very late at night are an increasingly common complaint throughout the Pigeon Lake area and of course part of the problem is that, for part of the summer, it does not get dark until quite late. Please be guided by courtesy and good judgment, and comb your shore afterwards for refuse or wadding left over from the fireworks.

Council and administration wish you a safe and happy summer holiday season!



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Lake Water Quality

Algae growths in the lake are an annual concern and we are told it is very important to minimize the flow of phosphorous into the lake. Fertilizers and detergents are the most common man-made sources of phosphorous.

Shoreline Buoys

The STEP students will install the 100-metre buoys once they have been hired.

Road Barrier Work

The Village plans to replace the wooden safety barriers along portions of the roadway and this may result in minor inconvenience

Annual Information Meeting

Saturday, July 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mulhurst Legion hall.

Shoreline Work

The summer village wants to ensure that all shoreline development work meets local, provincial and federal guidelines. The federal department of Fisheries is located in Edmonton. They have levied heavy fines at Lake Isle for shoreline work that was completed without permits. All shoreline work requires a permit from Alberta Environment. Please contact the village office for further information.

Alberta Summer Villages Association www.albertasummervillages.org

For information on issues commonly encountered at Alberta lakes, requirements of legislation along with the jurisdictional authority of other levels of government, and potential resolution of the issues, please see the Lake Stewardship Reference Guide (pdf documents on this website). The Guide is an on-going joint project between the Province of Alberta and Alberta Summer Villages Association (ASVA).

Boat Operator Cards

Anyone born after April 1, 1983 must have a PCO Card (Pleasure Craft Operator) to operate any powered recreational vessel. As of September 15, 2002, all operators of vessels under 4 metres in length are also required to have a PCO card. By September 15, 2009 all operators of any powered recreational vessel require a PCO card. Failure to comply can result in a \$250 fine. The fee for the exam and card is \$25 + gst. Call toll free 1-866-729-4521 or visit www.freecourse.ca. BoatSafe Alberta will organize a boating safety course if there are enough (minimum of 10) people registered. Call 1-866-488 BOAT (2628).

Fires & Fire Bans

Fires are permitted so long as they are contained in a non-combustible pit or enclosure. If Wetaskiwin County implements a fire ban, we will do so as well.

Address Changes

Please ensure you notify the village office when your permanent address changes. Please include your telephone number with your tax payment. The village office provides this information to the local emergency service providers

House Numbers

911 Emergency calls: Please display your municipal address in a prominent place visible from the road.

Two long-time members of the Silver Beach community recently passed away.

Lawrence Bunnin's daily walks with his dogs made him a frequent sight on our Village road, and moreover he was very active within the Village and the greater area. The Bunnin families have called Silver Beach home for many, many years.

Lorne Ruzicka spent summers at the lake from the time he was a very young child, and became well known as a gracious host and raconteur who loved to entertain friends with his cooking and stories of his travel adventures.

Our community sends condolences to the Bunnin and Ruzicka families.

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