



Silver Beach Newsletter

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Silver Beach Office Administration Relocation

As of April 1, 2012, the Silver Beach administration offices are no longer located in the Village of Thorsby office. The physical office is temporarily located at Dharma Farms north of Wizard Lake where the farm gate address is 48177 Range Road 274.

Silver Beach continues to share administrative services with Sundance Beach and this summer the Summer Village of Sundance Beach will construct administrative offices as an addition to the John Turgeon Community Hall. When construction is completed, the administration for both summer villages will be relocated to these new facilities.

Harold Wynne will continue to be the Chief Administrative Officer for both summer villages.

2012 Tax Payments

Tax notices were mailed to Silver Beach residents on May 28 and taxes are payable by June 30. After June 30, a 10% penalty will be charged on unpaid current taxes. All taxes unpaid after December 31, 2012 are deemed to be in arrears and an additional 12% penalty will be applied to all amounts outstanding on the tax roll on January 1, 2013.

Penalties do not apply if you are on the Tax Installment Payment Plan and your payments are current.

Taxes may be paid by cheque or bank draft mailed to the Silver Beach Administration Office (Box 619, Thorsby, AB T0C 2P0). Credit and debit cards are not accepted. Residents may opt for the Taxation Monthly Payment Plan and complete a Pre-Authorized Debit Form (available from the admin office) for automatic withdrawal from a bank account or provide the office with 12 post-dated cheques.

NOTE: Tax payments are no longer accepted at the Village of Thorsby office.

For more information on your 2012 property taxes, please contact the admin office.

New Website

Check out the new Silver Beach website — www.silverbeach.ca.

The website is new and still being developed so please visit frequently over the summer to view the additions and improvements.

Take advantage of the email subscription feature to automatically receive [Silver Beach Newsletters](#).

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Summer Employment

Once again this summer, Silver Beach will be employing 2 students under the STEP program. Their duties will include grass cutting, weeding, parks upkeep, minor maintenance and other outdoor tasks throughout the community.

The students will work from June 25 to August 31 from Monday to Friday.

When you see our STEP students working around the community this summer, please take this opportunity to meet them and pass on any comments or suggestions you may have for the ongoing maintenance and beautification of Silver Beach.

Your comments are most welcome.

Encroachment on Municipal Property

Last summer, a land survey of Silver Beach was completed. This survey shows that some residential properties are encroaching on municipal property. Encroachments include cottages, garages and sheds, landscaping, gardens, vehicles, pavement, debris, boats and hoists, and RVs.

With the exception of the boulevard along Silver Beach Road and Ouimette Park, all public lands are to be left in a natural state. Mowing, planting, dumping and storage are not permitted on public lands.

Municipal property is maintained for the benefit of all Silver Beach residents and we ask that residents respect this and remove their private structures (where movable), vehicles, boats, landscaping/gardening, and debris from municipal property. To assist residents in identifying their property lines, we will be placing boundary markers on all municipal property over the summer.

If you wish to discuss whether your property is encroaching on municipal property, please contact Harold Wynne at the admin office.

Boat Hoists, Lifts and Piers

Residents are required to register their boat lifts, hoists and piers if located on public beach areas. Failure to comply may result in your property being impounded and disposed of if not registered and/or claimed and removed within 30 days of the date of a notice.

A permit and tag are required for hoists, lifts and piers. The permit includes the upland landowner permission required by the Federal Government for the placement of piers and hoists in navigable waters.

For a copy of the Bylaw or to register your boat hoist/lift or to receive a permit/tag, please download the form from the website — www.silverbeach.ca or contact the admin office.



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Boat Operator Cards

As of September 15, 2009, all operators of any powered recreational vessel require a Pleasure Craft Operator (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. Alberta will organize a boating safety course if there are enough (minimum of 10) people registered. Call 1-866-488 BOAT (2628).

Development and Building Permits

Most development undertaken by residents at Silver Beach requires a development permit and is subject to Bylaw No. 280/2010 The Land Use Bylaw. Both the Development Permit form and Land Use Bylaw are available for downloading from the website — www.silverbeach.ca.

Safety Code regulations also require those undertaking building construction to obtain building, gas, electrical, plumbing and gas permits. These are available from The Inspections Group at 1-866-544-5048.

Remember to get your permits before you begin construction!

For more information contact Harold Wynne at hwynne@silverbeach.ca or 780-985-2441.

PLWA Memberships

Silver Beach contributes annually to the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association to support the efforts of the many volunteers in preserving and protecting Pigeon Lake and its watershed. In recognition of this contribution, the PLWA offers free memberships to any resident of Silver Beach who wishes to belong to this organization.

If you wish to accept this free membership, please visit the PLWA at : <http://www.pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com/Membership>

Residents Email Addresses

To take full advantage of Silver Beach electronic services, including the new website, newsletters and announcements, please send your email address to Joan Wynne, Municipal Clerk at jwynne@silverbeach.ca.

Your email address will be kept in confidence at our office and used only to communicate with you, unless you give permission to share your contact info. Thank you.

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Homesite Consultation Program

The Living by Water Project is a national initiative brought to you by Nature Alberta, a non-profit, non-governmental organization.

A Shoreline Advisor from Nature Alberta will meet you at your property, where you will show them around and ask them any questions. Later, they will send you a report complete with recommendations and voluntary actions for improvement. These actions will help improve the health of Pigeon Lake, increase your property value, and possibly save you money.

All consultations are confidential and free.

You can find out more at www.naturalberta.ca/lbyw or by contacting the Silver Beach admin office at 780-985-2441 or hwynne@silverbeach.ca.

Restricted, Noxious and Nuisance Weeds in Alberta

The Alberta Invasive Plants Council was formed in 2004 with representatives from Forest health, Fish & Wildlife, Parks Canada, Alberta Agriculture and other related groups. The AIPC is a not-for-profit society whose strategy is to develop into a provincially recognized resource on invasive plant issues.

Visit the AIPC website to view pictures and fact sheets about invasive plants that inhabit the Pigeon Lake watershed. (<http://www.invasiveplants.ab.ca/index.html>)

Information

- Residents 65 years or older are entitled to a rebate on the education portion of their property taxes. For more information visit: www.seniors.alberta.ca/financial_assistance/eptasp/
- Waste collection from May 21 to September 24 will be every Monday. Please have your cart out by 7:00 AM on collection day as close to the road as possible.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, July 21, 10am—Silver Beach Annual Information Meeting, Mulhurst Legion