

# Summer Village of Silver Beach

## FIREWORKS

The village has received complaints over the past year from residents disturbed by fireworks. Other municipalities around Pigeon Lake have received a marked increase in the number of complaints and the Province has received requests for an outright ban on fireworks in Alberta.

This is an issue for which we either govern ourselves, or we will be governed by others. Village Council asks all residents to use appropriate discretion and refrain from using fireworks when common sense indicates they will create a late-night disturbance to residents including residents who must put children to bed, bearing in mind noise carries great distances. During part of our summer, darkness comes so late that fireworks displays are simply not practical. Fireworks present other problems as well, such as wadding and other debris that wash up on shores. The village asks residents not to do fireworks displays after 10:00 p.m., not to foul the lake and shore, and to search for and clean up any debris. Thank you for your cooperation.



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## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Mulhurst Community Hall on July 19, 2008. The meeting was well-attended, with approximately 80 persons present. Council reported on several items, including an update on the Peace Officer Service, which is now operating with three full-time peace officers and a part-time office administrator who also serves as an officer when required. Silver Beach Road was a topic of discussion, and the work to regrade, repack, and oil the road has now been completed. Parks maintenance was also discussed, and Council will look at the feasibility of engaging a lawn maintenance service to fill the gap between the start of the season and the start date of summer employees. Since the AGM, an amendment to the boat hoist and lift bylaw has been passed, which requires a resident tag indicating that a permission letter has been granted by the village for those hoists and lifts placed off shore from public areas and village owned land. Please refer to the article in this newsletter related to the amendment. Council thanked Kelly Buchberger for providing new posts and nets for the volleyball court. Mr. Buchberger was instrumental in the volleyball court upgrade project, and his enthusiasm and volunteer efforts are greatly appreciated! The Pigeon Lake Watershed Association had set up an information display and Peggy Juchli spoke regarding water quality issues around Pigeon Lake. Mrs. Juchli encouraged residents to maintain a natural shoreline. Natural growth helps to remove phosphorous and other leachates that would otherwise make their way into the lake. There were several presentations to honour some of our residents, and a plaque was presented to Mr. Ed Christopher on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Manson, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Ouimette, and Mr. and Mrs. Les Ouimette were awarded plaques in recognition of

their contributions to the community over the years. Council appreciates your interest in the community, and we thank all of those who took the time to attend this meeting.

For a complete record of the Annual General Meeting, please see the Minutes posted on the village's website at [www.sbalberta.ca](http://www.sbalberta.ca). Minutes can also be requested by contacting the administrator at 780-454-4775 or by email at [silverbe@telus.net](mailto:silverbe@telus.net).

## Public Hearings

### Land Use Bylaw and Annexation

Two public hearings were held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting held on July 19, 2008. The first dealt with proposed changes to the Land Use bylaw, and since the hearing an amendment has been passed that provides for a minimum lot width of 80 feet. Other potential amendments were discussed, and the Land Use bylaw as a whole is currently under review.

The second public hearing related to a potential annexation of lands. The Village has held meetings with the Schwindt-Tizzard family, and with the County of Wetaskiwin. There are no major developments to report regarding the annexation at this time.

Thank you to all the residents who took time to submit comments regarding the annexation. The comments will be summarized and presented to the Municipal Government Board when the annexation is ready to move forward.

Copies of the Minutes from the Public Hearings can be viewed at our website at [www.sbalberta.ca](http://www.sbalberta.ca) or by contacting the administrator.



### *In Memory*

*The community of Silver Beach offers its condolences to the Ryan family on the passing of Mr. James Ryan.*

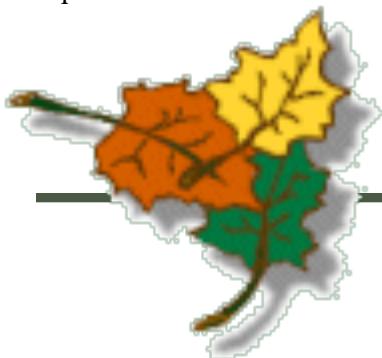
The Village expresses its thanks to Kelly Buchburger for his assistance in renovating our volleyball court.

### Pigeon Lake Protective Services

Just a reminder to residents that the speed limit is still only 30 KPH on Silver Beach Road. Winter is fast approaching, and now is the time to make sure that residences are secure before leaving them for the winter. If storing boats or other equipment try not to leave them in plain sight, and trailers should have locks on the hitch to foil easy access.

The Peace Officers have asked that each resident provide contact information so that the officers can reach you should there be any concerns or issues with your property in your absence. The village does not maintain a data base of phone numbers, but if residents wish to provide the information, they may do so by completing and returning the attached form, or by contacting the administrator by phone, fax, or email with your contact information.

The Pigeon Lake Protective Service welcomes Christopher Henthorne as its newest employee. Christopher has an extensive background in enforcement with the City of Edmonton, and we are fortunate to have him. Welcome aboard, Christopher!



### Organizational Meeting

Larry Hill was appointed Mayor for the next year at the organizational meeting of Council held August 27, 2008. Mayor Hill will also continue to represent the village on the North East Pigeon Lake Services Commission (the village's sewer service provider). James Irving will continue to represent the village on the Capital Region Assessment Board. As well, Council passed motions to support the appointment of Peter Langelle (Councilor, Ma-Me-O Beach) as the representative of the summer villages to the Ambulance Authority Board, and the continued appointment of Jane Hill as the village's representative to the Yellowhead Regional Library Board.

#### **Thank You**

#### **Summer Parks Staff**

The Summer Village would like to recognize Jackson Hill and Mary Rolf for the outstanding job done over the summer keeping our parks and public areas neat and tidy. Thank you Jackson and Mary for all of your hard work! Your efforts are appreciated.

## NEW RULES FOR BOAT LIFTS AND PIER PERMITS

The Summer Village of Silver Beach has instituted new Boat Lift and Pier Permit regulations which take effect immediately.

**ANY BOAT LIFT, PIER, DOCK OR SIMILAR ITEM THAT IS STORED ON SILVER BEACH PUBLIC LAND BEGINNING OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> OF ANY YEAR THROUGH MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR, AND/OR IS PLACED IN WATERS ABUTTING SILVER BEACH PUBLIC LAND FOR THE SUMMER - MUST DISPLAY A PERMIT TAG.**

Tags are available to Silver Beach Residents through the Summer Village of Silver Beach office by contacting the administrator. Residents should also be aware that each item must have a permit. For example a DOCK and a LIFT each require a permit. As part of the new regulations, when residents are granted a permit they will receive:

- A permit tag to be attached to the item
- A letter of permission for the placement of the item in water abutting SILVER BEACH PUBLIC LAND

Items with permit tags may be placed or stored ONLY in those areas designated by the Summer Village of Silver Beach. It should be noted that ONLY the North portion of Ouimette Park and the water abutting the North portion of Quimette Park, is designated for storage and placement of piers. The South portion of Ouimette Park is a federally designated Swimming Area and residents will not be allowed to place piers, boat lifts or boats in the water abutting the South portion of Quimette Park.

The new regulations also stipulate that trees and shrubs may not be removed to create storage

areas.

Residents of Silver Beach are also reminded that the Federal Navigable waters act requires Federal permits for any dock, lift etc., whether it is abutting public or private land, which means you should have a Federally issued permit for your own pier, lift, etc., even though it abuts your own property. The Federal Government has not been enforcing this requirement, but may choose to do so as a result of the rapid increase in the number of lifts, boats and piers being placed in federally regulated water, without permission being granted from the up-water land owner as required. To be clear, if you are not the up-water land owner, you require permission from that landowner in order to apply for a Federal permit.

To try to add further clarification - if the Summer Village of Silver Beach discovers boat lifts, piers or similar items that have been placed in the water abutting Silver Beach Public property without the proper permit tags, it may be reported to the appropriate Federal authority that the items are placed and/or stored without permission and as a result may be subject to removal. Items placed without tags on public lands, or items stored on public lands from June 1st to September 30th will be subject to removal by the village. If there are any questions please contact the administrator at the Summer Village of Silver Beach office at P.O. Box 60631, U of A Postal Outlet, Edmonton, Alberta, T5N 3X7 or by phone at 780-454-4775 or fax at 780-454-4787 or by email at [silverbe@telus.net](mailto:silverbe@telus.net).

The bylaw and its amendments can be viewed on our website at [www.sbalberta.ca](http://www.sbalberta.ca) or a copy can be requested by contacting the administrator.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Pigeon Lake Shoreline Clean-Up

Last fall Pigeon Lake Watershed Association organized the cleaning of ten areas. Over 1600 pounds of debris was removed from our shores. This included an old boat hoist, 224 plastic bags, 1243 cigarette butts, 308 food wrappers and an amazing 973 fireworks. Thirteen tires were 'donated' to the Lakedell 4H clubs. For complete results please check out the 'Successes' on the PLWA web page:  
<http://www.pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com>

This year PLWA registered twenty beaches for the ***TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup*** during the week of September 13 – 28, 2008. This is an incredible *nationwide* initiative, which is coordinated by the Vancouver Aquarium and is sponsored by the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. Volunteers from across Canada cleaned creeks, ponds, ocean shores and lake-front areas. Thank you to those volunteers who undertook this task at Silver Beach. A total of 2 miles of Shoreline was covered and a total weight of 165 pounds of debris was collected.

The specific debris collected is documented from year to year, and the results from the clean-up

initiative for Silver Beach is summarized on the reverse.

A great big thank you to the volunteers for their efforts!

Peggy Juchli (Captain)  
Rob Juchli  
Mary & Bob Knights  
Marianna Saunders  
Ben Juchli  
Ken & Donna Morris  
Elizabeth Holt  
Joyce Hill  
Ken & Linda Johnson  
Deborah Watt  
Mary Jeffries  
Jane Hill  
Susan Mullen  
Beth Mullen  
Anne Mullen

Your efforts are appreciated!

*To Enhance, Preserve & Protect  
Pigeon Lake & Its Watershed*

