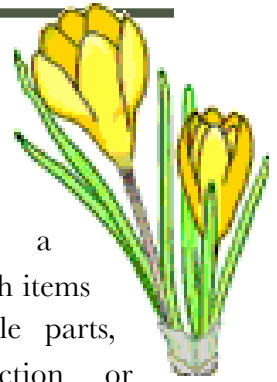


Summer Village of Silver Beach



Boat Hoist and Lift Bylaw

Council has approved a Bylaw to take effect September 1st, 2006 requiring residents to register their boat lifts and hoists with the Administration office. The Bylaw restricts the placement of boat hoists and lifts on public lands to residents only. Tags will be issued to registered residents to affix to boat lifts and hoists for identification purposes. Registration forms and tags will be available at the Annual General Meeting, or you may download the form from our website at www.svsilverbeach.ca, or you may request a form by contacting the Administrator. There is no charge to register your property. The Bylaw in its entirety can be viewed at the Summer Village of Silver Beach website.



Garbage Schedule Change

Please note that the bins will be placed in Silver Beach during the May long weekend (Saturday, May 20th and Sunday May 21st) rather than the following weekend as indicated on the Garbage Pickup Schedule. Council has negotiated this change in order to better serve the residents of Silver Beach. A reminder that garbage is to be placed in proper garbage receptacles as per Bylaws 19 and 135. Receptacles must be of a rigid, permanent material, and do not include plastic garbage bags. Residents must provide and maintain sufficient receptacles to hold a minimum of one week's accumulation of garbage from the premises. A reminder also that garbage acceptable for curb side pickup is the garbage

that can be defined as ordinary, everyday waste produced by a household and does not include such items as discarded furniture, automobile parts, building waste from construction or demolition, or major household appliances. Bylaws 19 and 135 in their entirety may be viewed at the village website, or you may request copies of the bylaws from the administrator.



Traffic Bylaw Update

The Bylaw regulating traffic has been updated and revised to reflect new parking restrictions at Ouimette Park. The bylaw prohibits the parking of trailers, boat trailers, and other recreational vehicles, such as motor homes, in the designated Public Parking area. In addition, the bylaw reflects changes to the issuance of road permits. Road permits are now required for overweight vehicles only. The Bylaw in its entirety may be viewed at the Summer Village of Silver Beach website, or you may contact the Administrator for a copy.



Yellowhead Regional Library

The Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) is a cooperative library system providing quality library service to both urban and rural residents of Alberta through the sharing of material resources and expertise. Located in Spruce Grove, the Yellowhead Regional Library is one of seven regional library systems in the province.

Council is currently in the process of entering into an agreement with the YRL to provide library services to Silver Beach residents. Residents will be able to apply for a library card which will allow access to any of the libraries in the YRL system, including the Lakedell Library located at Ma-Me-O Beach. For more information on the benefits of membership, visit the YRL website at www.yrl.ab.ca.



Summer Parks Positions

We have one available position for a summer parks position. Applications will be accepted until May 15th. Please submit your resume to the Administrator by fax, mail, or email prior to that date.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2006 at the Mulhurst Bay Legion Hall commencing at 10:00 a.m. We hope to see you all there! If you are unable to attend and wish to receive copies of the reports that will be available at the AGM, please contact the Administrator, and a package will be sent to you. Reports will also be available for viewing at the Summer Village of Silver Beach website at www.svsilverbeach.ca.



Website Domain Name Change

The domain name for the village's website has been changed to www.svsilverbeach.ca as we feel it is more representative of the Summer Village of Silver Beach than the old domain name. We

hope this new address will be more intuitively recalled, and that the change will not cause any inconvenience to our users. Although we will maintain the old domain name for a time to ensure uninterrupted access, please ensure any bookmarks to the old address are changed. If you have not yet had a chance to check out the website, we encourage you to do so. We want the website to be a useful tool for residents, and we welcome your suggestions for content.

COPS Program

The Wetaskiwin RCMP is looking for interested volunteers for the COPS Program (Citizens on Patrol). This program will be unique as it will involve patrols on both land and water. If you are interested, please contact the Pigeon Lake Constable Service at 586-3882 for more information.

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2006 Taxation and School Requisition

The 2005 Assessment (for the 2006 Taxation year) has been received from the Village's assessor. Overall, the assessed value of the total taxable property in the municipal boundaries of the Summer Village of Silver Beach has increased from \$63,397,620 to \$72,191,790. This represents a 7% increase in total assessed values from 2004 to 2005, compared to a 30% increase overall from 2003 to 2004.

The Provincial school requisition for residential properties has increased from \$162,148.02 in 2005 to \$181,605.78 in 2006.

Alberta Seniors and Community Support is continuing to provide an annual rebate to assist senior homeowners with increases in the education portion of their property taxes. Seniors remain responsible for paying their education property taxes in full by the due date indicated on the municipality's tax notice.

Questions about the education property tax rebate for seniors, including eligibility and how to apply, can be directed to the Alberta Seniors Information Line at 1-800-642-3853 (Edmonton 427-7876).

Council is working with the AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association) to advocate for a reduction in the education requisition portion of the property tax. The AUMA is lobbying specifically for the Province to bring the provincial portion of the property tax back to 2001 levels. Since 2001, the Province has

increased the property tax requisition for education by \$239 million.

Council has sent a letter to the MLA in support of the AUMA initiative, and Council also encourages residents to write directly to their MLA at:

Tony Abbot, MLA

Constituency Office

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Council passed the 2006 Budget at its April 5th meeting. The amount of municipal taxes to be collected has increased by 3.4 % to \$123,885 from \$119,785 in 2005. The combined tax and assessment notices will be issued in mid to late May, with payment in full due by June 30, 2006. A penalty of 10% will be added to unpaid 2006 taxes as of July 1st in accordance with Bylaw 109. If you are mailing your payment, the postmark must be no later than June 30th in order to avoid penalty.

Assessment appeals must also be received by June 30th, 2006.

For those residents on the tax installment plan, letters will be sent out with your combined tax and assessment notices advising of the new tax installment amount for the remainder of the year.

Should you have any questions with regards to taxes and assessment or the budget, please contact the Administrator.



Proclamation

Seniors' Week 2006

*In honour of the past, present
and future contributions of
Seniors of this community and
throughout Alberta, I do hereby
proclaim June 5 - 11, to be
"Seniors' Week"*

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2006, and signed by:

Allan Watt, Mayor, Summer Village of Silver Beach

*Ray Prins, Chair, Seniors Advisory Council for
Alberta, MLA Lacombe-Ponoka*

*Honourable Yvonne Fritz, Minister of Seniors and
Community Support*

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Pigeon Lake Watershed Group

The Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities is lending its support to establish a Pigeon Lake Watershed Group. This volunteer stewardship organization will deal with non-municipal related water quality issues, such as:

- Raising awareness of watershed function and boundaries, and gathering information on the pressures acting on the local watershed
- Organizing and hosting public outreach sessions

Please note that an Argentia Beach Swimming Lesson Registration Form was included with the mailed copy of the newsletter. The form is posted on the Website under the Forms Section

-Conducting conservation awareness programs with schools, youth clubs, civic groups, and other local organizations

-Participating in the volunteer stream monitoring through the Community Watershed Monitoring Pilot Program, and participating in volunteer lake monitoring through the ALMS Lake Watch Program

-Undertaking hands on projects to enhance habitat for fish, ducks, and other wildlife

If you are interested, please contact Ruth Harrison at (780) 729-2181.



Tuesday, May 16, 2006 is Census Day!

Every five years Statistics Canada conducts a census. The next Census of Canada will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 when just over 32.5 million people across the roughly 9.2 million square kilometres of Canadian territory will "count themselves in". The census provides a statistical portrait of our country and its people. A vast majority of all countries regularly carry out a census to collect important information about the social and economic situation of the people living in its various regions. Be sure to "Count Yourself In". For more information, visit the Government of Canada website at <http://www.statcan.ca/>.

If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, please contact the Administrator with your email address. We will also email notification each time the website is updated, so you will be informed of all new information as soon as it becomes available.

