

Summer Village of White Sands  
June Newsletter 2015

Dear Village Folks,

Well, the mayflies (midges) are gone and we are on the second round of tree fluff. Oh, Mother Nature does test us. However, it is so wonderful to hear the kids having a good time in the water. Here are a few more items for your info:

- The Village is celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation. We are looking forward to another 35 years of independence.
- We need a chairman for our Crime Watch program. If you are interested or want to sign up for email fan outs, please phone or email Fraser Denton – 403-741-9484, [fsdenton@xplornet.com](mailto:fsdenton@xplornet.com).
- We are also looking for Appeal Board members. Phone Lorne 403-742-0210.
- Fires are not permitted off of private property in the Village. You must have a proper fire pit on your property (not just a ring of rocks) if you wish to have a camp fire.
- The children's swimming areas are marked by the 3 sets of large white painted rocks along the beach – old town 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, CJ 1 and CJ 2. Thank you for keeping your lifts and docks out of these 3 areas for our kids' safety.
- Buffalo Lake Management Team is having an open house in Rochon Sands Hall on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. This team deals with lake stabilization and right of ways around the lake. The pumping for lake stabilization has not happened in the last 4 years because of high water levels. We are still over the "full level" by about 10 cm so pumping will not occur this year. Full level is 781.01 meters above sea level and the trigger to begin pumping is 780.60 meters.
- Paint, florescent bulbs, metal BBQs, fridges, etc. can be taken to the Stettler Regional Land Fill east to Highway 56 and north 4 miles or to the Stettler Transfer Stations off Highway 56 then turn left when you get to Stettler. Hours are on the web site.
- Alberta Environment fined someone \$1,500 for having their quad wheels in the water. Please stay out of our lake.
- Prussian Carp is a new invasive fish has been found in Alberta, the only place in North America. Posters are located at the boat launch and the hall bulletin board. If you catch one, please kill it and report it to Alberta Environment or Village Council. This fish can threaten all other fish in the lake.
- Please rake weeds into piles along the shore. Our maintenance man, Allan, will pick up. He will also harrow the beach on an as-needed basis except areas where there is a potential to turn up rocks.
- A reminder, no trailers, boat trailers, etc. are allowed to be parked on Village roads or Municipal Reserve to allow emergency access. This is monitored by our Bylaw Officer.
- For new folks, there is a rock ridge about ¼ mile from the lake shore from the point between CJ 1 and CJ 2 that is very dangerous. Rocks are just below the surface of the water. Someone has marked the island formed in this area. Do not travel between the buoy out in the lake (on the island) and the shore line.

- Any recreational trailers parked on lots longer than 21 consecutive days have to obtain a permit from the Village office in the Town of Stettler – 403-742-8305.
- Just a reminder that Allan will only be picking up brush piles until the end of June.
- Rochon Sands is on the brink of losing their dumpsters. Our dumpsters are for household garbage only and are under surveillance. Do not abuse them.
- Harrowing of our roads has been suspended except the hall and dumpster area. A contracted grader will be called in if necessary.
- Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Village Hall. Hope to see you there.

Have a safe and wonderful summer at the lake!!

All the best,

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

A reminder regarding RV permits: a permit is \$500, but a fine will range from \$1000 to \$3000. This includes having more than two RV's parked on any parcel at a time. See the Land Use Bylaw (Schedule C) for more details. <http://bit.ly/1CdUP09>

Also regarding firecrackers, they are not permitted in the Village, and fines for using or allowing their use range from \$500 to \$2000. The same fines are in place for discharging fireworks or allowing them to be discharged without a permit or if done contrary to permit conditions. See the Fire Bylaw for more details. <http://bit.ly/1FmOKic>