

# Summer Village of Sandy Beach

## Winter 2021 Newsletter

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Season's Greetings!

As we acknowledge the Winter Solstice and Holiday Season 2021, the staff and council of the Summer Village of Sandy Beach extend our best wishes for the coming year. It has been a learning experience to enjoy good quality of life during a pandemic. With that said, we recognize that care and attention are still needed for the months ahead. We ask that you and your family be safe while enjoying the holiday season.

For those residents who have been participating in our council meetings and who attended the Open House earlier this year, your input and questions are valued. We will be proceeding with community engagement opportunities in the New Year. It is the view of council that input is needed from residents on what are the current and future planning issues for the betterment of our village.

With the opening of our new water filling station on the west end of the village, we are now looking at wastewater projects including the feasibility of a lagoon upgrade. We are also seeking specific information about a wastewater transmission line. All options are being explored with the cost to residents and the municipality as primary considerations. More information will be available as we receive it.

All the best of the Holiday Season to you!

**Mayor Denise Lambert**

Keep informed about COVID-19 - [www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx)

**Please practice Fire Smart** and remember that emergency response call outs will have the Fire Department send the invoice to the Summer Village for payment, and from there it goes directly to you or your tax roll for payment. The average cost of fire suppression by the fire department is \$2,000.00 to \$15,000.00. Take care of and **REVIEW** your home insurance policy as some insurance companies do not insure for fire equipment in the case of a fire.

Some **additional things** you might consider doing in the fire protection of your home and property;

- ✓ Install on a wall at an easy assessable location an **ABC 3-5lb. Fire Extinguisher** as most home fires are started in the kitchen where things can get out of control very quickly.
- ✓ Keep all dead wood and debris in the yard and surrounding areas of the home cleared and stored **well away** from the house.
- ✓ Put a 4ft wide gravel circle around your fire pit **and cover you fire with a spark COVER - NO OPEN or UNATTENDED FIRES.**
- ✓ Make sure your property has a **very clear and easy to see house number.**
- ✓ If your home has aluminum electrical wire, **have it inspected** by a Licensed Electrician.
- ✓ **PUT OUT YOUR FIRE** in the FIRE PIT when you are done - **WATER, STIR, WATER!!**

## **WILD Water Station**

The Sandy Beach WILD Water Truck Fill Opened  
Sept 24th.

To set up an account with WILD follow steps  
below.

ACCOUNT SET UP:

Visit [WWW.WATER-FILL.COM](http://WWW.WATER-FILL.COM)  
or phone 1-844-509-2837.

**Web applications are free.**

Phone Application is \$19.95.

### **ALL RESIDENTS – Attention please**

- Do NOT **discharge** a weapon or cross bow anywhere on municipal lands - please report such activity - it's illegal as per the law;
- Do **not make open fires** anywhere; back yard fires must have a spark grill over fire and must be water, stir, water, stir when put out;
- ATV's **must have spark arresters - 15kph speed limit** everywhere; West Cove Fire Trails ARE **off limits**;
- Day Park - no alcohol, no cannabis, no music, no fires, don't litter;
- Dogs **on a leash** at all times everywhere and **clean up** after your dogs - STRAY dogs are reported to the Bylaw Officer at 780.967.2873;
- **Respect** your neighbour's amenity - and foster peace and respect quiet times;
- Do not **leave garbage bags** on the road for the whole week;
- **DOUSE** the backyard fire/fire pits **ONLY!!**
- Out Streetlights can be reported to FORTIS directly – check out streetlights on the website and report a bulb or light requirement;

## **RESIDENTIAL TAXES**

### **Tax Questions/Receipts/Amounts/Notices**

[svsandyb@xplornet.ca](mailto:svsandyb@xplornet.ca)

**During COVID-19**

**PLEASE CONSIDER/DO electronic/email payments to:**

[svsandyb@xplornet.ca](mailto:svsandyb@xplornet.ca)

**If you are not on the monthly payment plan, please remember YOUR Annual Taxes are due by September 30, 2021**

**For those who can pay by June 30 kindly CONSIDER doing so.**

To avoid a 2% monthly penalty please pay your property taxes by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Unpaid taxes will be subject to a 2% monthly penalty until December 1<sup>st</sup>. An 3% penalty will be added to all tax rolls that have a **total** outstanding balance owing January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Cheque payments can be mailed to the Village office or dropped off at the Village mail box **BUT PLEASE CONSIDER** Interac/email payments to:

[svsandyb@xplornet.ca](mailto:svsandyb@xplornet.ca)

The Sept 30<sup>th</sup> payment Deadline applies for all **non TPP** payments of current taxes.

### **Tax Payment Plan (TPP)**

Please be advised that the Village has changed over to direct debit **for all monthly** tax payments as of 2019. If you want to sign on for TPP you are required to submit a **signed and dated direct debit authorization form** from your bank – signed and dated PRIOR to January 15 of the new year - that is if you have not enrolled already.

If you would like to be on the plan, please contact the Summer Village office at **780.967.2873** or **email us at [svsandyb@xplornet.ca](mailto:svsandyb@xplornet.ca)**

Current Tax Payment Plan Clients will receive their new monthly amount TPP Letters in the mail with their annual tax notice; usually mailed during the first day of the last week of May.

**Tax receipts:** [svsandyb@xplornet.ca](mailto:svsandyb@xplornet.ca)

# COVID-19

**Please familiarize yourself with the Alberta Health Guidelines for helping prevent the spread.**

Public Health and Novel Coronavirus Awareness

As many of you are aware, addressing the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) remains a focus for global, federal, provincial and local authorities. Earlier this week, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic, and as the impact has spread to Canada our federal and provincial governments are providing regular guidance to the public on the matter.

Alberta Health links are updated regularly to ensure timely and accurate information:

<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

As a reminder, to help protect you and your family against all respiratory illnesses, including flu and COVID-19, you should:

- Wash your hands often and well
- Avoid touching your face, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.
- Stay at home and away from others if you are feeling ill.
- Contact your primary health provider or Health Link 811 if you have questions or concerns about your health.
- When sick, cover your cough and sneezes and then wash your hand.

## Transmission Line Phase A - UPDATE

**The Summer Village of Sandy Beach and Sunrise Beach has opted out of the Transmission Line Phase A due to cost concerns about joining as well as ongoing operational costs. Currently The Joint Lagoon Committee is working on 4 options available for continuing use of the existing lagoon which has now complete the approved discharge in Sept 2021. The Joint Lagoon Committee is meeting at regular intervals to discuss grant options for determining the future use of the lagoon as well as regular business items that may arise. For access to documents go on the Sandy Beach website and access the information under SERVICES – lagoon. Further documents regarding all Municipal Correspondence and be found under the heading Council with a number of listings with certain correspondence and documents about issues that have arisen over the last 18-24 months. Feel free to access the information.**



### Village Pride!



Regardless of whatever the season! There is a real need for the property owners to take pride in their properties, whether vacant or not, and make sure that the grass is mowed and the property is tidy. This all helps to ensure that Sandy Beach is a beautiful place to live and to visit. Your cooperation in maintaining your property in a neat and tidy manner will be greatly appreciated.



### Speed Issues



We have received numerous calls in the administration office that there is a real problem with speeding and lack of safe driving in the residential areas. This poses a danger for anyone walking on the roadways and anyone riding bicycles. Signs are posted **MAXIMUM 35 km/hr**. Please slow down and obey the speed limits to avoid a tragic accident.


### ATV's

Reminder of the Off-Highway Bylaw 06-2009



Operating hours on municipal roads are **between 8:00am and 8:00pm**. Maximum speed is 15 km/hr unless otherwise posted.

ATVs are not permitted on the boulevards or ditches; they must be driven on the extreme right-hand side of road and shall travel single file at all times.



The Summer Village has a Bylaw in place whereby the Summer Village will remove 30lb. bags (5 household waste and 5 organics) every Monday excluding stat. holiday Mondays, when garbage will be picked up on the Tuesday.

Household Waste & Garbage must be stored in **weatherproof, watertight, animal proof BLACK** plastic bags and organics in CLEAR bags not exceeding 30lb. per bag. Scavenged bags will not be removed - no diapers, rotten meat etc. And please recycle as it makes cents and deposit your drink containers.

**PLEASE HAVE GARBAGE OUT BY 7:00 AM DAY OF PICK-UP and DO NOT LEAVE IT ON THE ROAD FOR DAYS**

**Annual Spring and Fall clean-up – Check website for exact dates**

This service is not intended for renovations or demolition or dangerous goods. It will be at the discretion of the Public Works staff what will be hauled away. There is a fee for picking up appliances, mattresses & furniture with springs & metal.

Contact the Summer Village for more info @ **780.967.2873** or email us [svsandyb@xplornet.ca](mailto:svsandyb@xplornet.ca)

In the event that you need to dispose of these items or have more than 5 bags of household waste, you can take these items and recyclables to **Highway 43 East Waste Commission- fees apply. For more information you can contact Highway 43 East Waste Commission at 780-967-3466** for hours of operation and disposal fees. Highway 43 East is located 7 km west on Hwy 43 from the Hwy 33 Junction.

### 2022 important dates

- Council Community Survey – forthcoming: please monitor the top of the welcome page on website;
- June 21<sup>st</sup> National Indigenous Peoples Day Canada/30<sup>th</sup> Sept Truth & Reconciliation Day;
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day; Metis Week Nov 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>;
- Council meeting(s): every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7pm @ Myrna Noyes Community Hall on 63 Lakeshore Drive, Highway 642 however during COVID-19 ZOOM ONLY (see website for log on details);
- Regarding **Sun & Sand Recreation League** events please contact Marian directly @ 780.967.4027;

### Dangerous Trees

We have had an eventful spring high winds have taken down power lines due to falling/leaning trees in the Village. The Village would like to remind residents the importance of removing dead or leaning trees from private property. Each property owner is responsible for the trees on their own property and will be liable for damage caused by falling trees onto neighbouring properties or **contact FORTIS Alberta.**

#### Council Members 2022

**Mayor Denise Lambert**

**Deputy Mayor Larysa Luciw**

**Councillor Michael Harney**