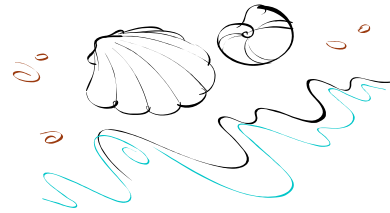


SUMMER VILLAGE OF ARGENTIA BEACH *Spring Newsletter 2020*



PLEASE SUBSCRIBE TO THE SUMMER VILLAGE WEBSITE!!

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Subscribing will improve efficiencies and at the same time reduce costs. For those without computer access, these documents available for pick-up at the Summer Villages Office or by mail upon request.

Annual Information Meeting is CANCELLED

Please note that the Argentia Beach 2020 Annual Information Meeting is cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. This mail out serves as its replacement; if you have any questions on this content please contact a member of Council or Summer Village Administration.

0% Municipal Tax Increase for 2020

Council has approved a balanced budget without a municipal tax increase. The Province of Alberta has also held the 2020 School Requisitions to 2019 levels to minimize the increase in the education levy. While the 2020 Summer Village municipal tax increases was held at zero%, some properties may see slight assessment changes that could result in minimal increases to their property taxes.

NEW!! Bylaw #251, the Dog Bylaw

Argentia Beach Council passed Bylaw #251, Dog Bylaw on March 9, 2020. This Bylaw details offences including dogs running at large and not being restrained on the owner's property. A copy of this bylaw is attached.

Bylaw #228 – Prohibiting Fertilizers and Herbicides

1. The use of fertilizers other than natural compost on lawns is prohibited within the Summer Village of Argentia Beach.
2. All chemical herbicides are prohibited within the Summer Village of Argentia Beach except for the control of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds as defined in the Weed Control Act.

Beach Cleaning

If you are interested in hiring a contractor to remove algae mats from the shoreline (not in the water), one of the potential contractors is Goat Giver. They charge \$2-4/lineal foot, depending on the amount of debris. Contact Robert Fedun at 780-885-2122.

Mountain Pine Beetle

The mountain pine beetle has been identified in the southern Pigeon Lake Summer Villages and in the County of Wetaskiwin. The Mountain Pine Beetle is a small, black beetle about the size of a grain of rice. Mountain pine beetles attack and kill all pine trees, usually mature ones aged 80 to 120 years old. All species of pine are vulnerable and they do not attack aspen, spruce or fir trees. For more information on the Mountain Pine Beetle, go to the website at www.argentiabeach.ca

Please Trim Trees

Please trim trees back to 2 meters from the edge of the roadway pavement.

Municipal Addressing Signs

If you don't yet have your municipal address sign, please contact Don Oborowsky. If you would like a metal post for your sign, please contact the Summer Villages Office. Please ensure that your sign is clearly visible from the road!

Defibrillator Signs

The Summer Village has available a few defibrillator signs, for residents who wish to post that they have a defibrillator available in their cabin. If you would like a sign, please contact Mayor Don Oborowsky.

Development Permits

If you are building, renovating, demolishing, or moving buildings, a development permit is required. Development Permits are approving the development only, ensuring that the development complies with the Land Use Bylaws. You may apply for a development permit at the Summer Villages Office or on our web site. Additionally, permits are required for building, demolition, electrical, plumbing and gas. These permits must be obtained from Superior Safety Codes Inc. @ 1-888-358-5545 or @ 403-358-5545 once your Development Permit has been approved. For inquiries information please contact the Development Officer at 780-586-2494. Please ensure all your development including fencing and landscaping is within your lot boundary. For further information and to view the Land Use Bylaw please go to our web site at www.svofficepl.com.

Please Note: Placards are issued with the development Permit and must be in full view at the work site at all times while the work is in progress. Failure to follow the process of having the required Permits could result in a Stop Order being issued by the Development Officer.

Security Deposit Agreement:

A Security Deposit Agreement Form is required from the ratepayer when a new building is being constructed or a renovation is being done. The Agreement form and Security Deposit must be submitted to the Summer Villages Office when the Application for the Development Permit has been approved. The Development Permit will not be issued until the deposit and form have been received. Forms are available on the website www.svofficepl.com.

Insurance for Fire, Flood and Storm Damage

CHECK YOUR INSURANCE POLICY! Over past winter seasons, several buildings in other Summer Villages at Pigeon Lake have burnt to the ground. Residents are reminded that the annual fee the Village pays for fire protection only supports the maintenance of the fire department. If the volunteer fire department is called out to fight your fire, you will be billed for their services. Also check your insurance for flood and storm damage because the Summer Village is not responsible for these events.

Road Allowances

Please do not park or store vehicles, equipment, etc within the road allowance along Lakeshore Drive.

“Bridges” Across the North Ditch

Council requests that residents do not install bridges across the ditch on the North side of the road. It was noted that one of them was hit by a snow mobile this past winter. The Summer Village has installed four new, highly visible bridges which should suffice.

Graves Wildlife Sanctuary

Grass clippings and yard waste have again been found dumped in the Sanctuary. Please dispose of your yard clippings elsewhere and please remove waste disposed of in the Sanctuary.

Recreation Society Shed / Public Works Building

A new, larger recreation society shed was built at the “public works compound” (chain link enclosure) on the North side of the road.

Pick Up After Your Pets!

Please pick up after your dogs and cats and ensure that they are on a leash.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable winter!

Don, Lisa and Randy

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