



Summer Village of Island Lake **NEWSLETTER**



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Important Information

As of November 1, 2011 the summer village has new administration. The summer village welcomes Anita Blais as the new CAO and development officer. Please direct all inquiries to her at the information on the letterhead. It has been a pleasure to serve you for the past year and half. Thank you all for your co-operation and we wish you and your summer village all the very best in the future. Garth and Marion Bancroft

Message from Council

Welcome, **Anita Blais!** As of November 1st, 2011, Anita will officially take office as the new CAO. Please contact Anita through the website or the information above.

Over the next month we will complete the transition and also be upgrading our software to MuniWare. MuniWare is a superior, leading edge, 100% Canadian software package focused exclusively on the unique demands of the municipal market.

We would also like to thank Garth and Marion Bancroft for all of their hard work and wish them the best in their future endeavors!

Sewage Treatment Bylaw

The date for compliance with the summer village sewage bylaw is December 31 of this year. All properties have been now inventoried and those that did not comply will be reassessed in the spring. At that time the summer village will be starting to hand out fines to those who have not upgraded to the standards set out in the bylaw.

Please visit the following Alberta Government website for useful information and helpful guides on installing a sewage system.

Advisors and Information:

http://municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/cp_private_sewage_advisories.cfm

Approved Contractor List:

http://municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/CP_PrivateSewageContractorList.cfm

LandUse Bylaw

There will be a public hearing on the proposed new land use bylaw on January 21, 2012 at 1:00 p.m at the hall at Island Lake South.

Road Improvements Update

Council and administration wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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Spruce Drive/Birch Street: Preparation work and Cold Mix has been completed. As the Cold Mix cures it will continue to get harder and any repairs required will be fixed when the road is fully cured.

Beaver Avenue: The rebuilding of Beaver Avenue has begun and will be completed this fall. The roadwork includes moving the road to allow for proper ditching and control of runoff and straightening of Highway Avenue to increase the safety of that intersection. In addition the area will be landscaped to include numerous new trees along Highway Avenue and along Beaver Avenue and the possibility of a walkway/trail. We hope to have a architecture drawing of this area so that we can share the area changes. Beaver, Pike and Perch will then be prepared and Cold Mix completed in 2012.

Lakeshore Drive South: Preparation work to the base and additional gravel will be completed this Year and Cold Mix in 2012.

Lakeshore Drive North: Preparation work and additional gravel will be completed in the Spring of 2012 with the goal of Cold Mix in 2013 if possible we attempt to bring this forward.

If funding is available or additional grants we will be upgrading with gravel, base work and Cold Mix to other roads within the village. We hope to maintain or improve the above schedule but it may be adjusted as required and will update as more info is available. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Development Permits

The Summer Village requires development permits for **all** construction projects. Development permits **must** be posted on the property and be visible from the road. The province of Alberta requires that any construction be completed in accordance with the Safety Codes Act.

You must have permits for all gas, plumbing, heating, electrical and building construction. You also need a permit for any demolition project or any clearing that may affect the contour of the land. No safety codes officer will give you a permit unless they have permission from the municipality. Please contact the village office for a development permit application.

Shoreline Work

All shoreline development work must meet local, provincial and federal guidelines. The federal department of Fisheries is located in Edmonton. They have levied heavy fines and required remedial work at Lake Isle and Pigeon Lake for shoreline work that was completed without permits. All shoreline work requires a permit from Alberta Environment. Please contact the village office for further information.

Alberta Summer Villages Association (www.albertasummervillages.org)

For information on issues commonly encountered at Alberta lakes, requirements of legislation along with the jurisdictional authority of other levels of government, and potential resolution of the issues, please see the Lake Stewardship Reference Guide (pdf documents on this website). The Guide is an on-going joint project between the Province of Alberta and Alberta Summer Villages Association (ASVA).

Please ensure you notify the village office when your permanent address changes. Please include your telephone number and email address as well.

Council and administration wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!