



## *Summer Village of Island Lake* **NEWSLETTER**



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### Message from Council

What a year 2013 has been, and it's not over yet!

This year brought many changes and the successful conclusion of several important projects- the latest being the installation of a small bridge over the creek for quad traffic and emergency access and evacuation. It's the season for Thanksgiving and Council would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the villagers and volunteers for making some wonderful things happen this year.

- Thank you to all involved in the Memorial Gazebo project. It's a jewel in our community and will be enjoyed for many years to come.
- Thank you to the Island Lake Recreational Society and to all of you who volunteered in the creation of our new playground. It's a wonderful facility we can all enjoy.
- Thank you to all the Island Days contributors and volunteers. It was another successful weekend with lots of fun and prizes for all.
- Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the installation and removal of the community docks!
- Finally- Council is happy to report the implementation of the Sewer Bylaw is nearly complete. Most systems are in place and there are only 11 properties considered Low Impact, Non-Compliant as of October 2013. Thank you everyone- for your cooperation in this important project.

Next year Council will be focusing on improving our emergency response and preparedness including working cooperatively with the County and the Baptiste Fire Department on funding for a new fire hall to better protect Island Lake, Island Lake South, and North Bay Estates. We will keep you posted on this important project.

From myself, Councilor Newton and Councilor Montague, we thank you for the privilege of serving on council and all the best over the Holiday Season.

Bob Yontz

### 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. Please note that development permits are only valid for one year. Extensions may be granted.

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.

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



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### 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](http://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 address a Summer Villages Association (ASVA).

### Street Addresses

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR STREET ADDRESS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON YOUR PROPERTY?**

It is imperative that all properties are identified with their street address which is clearly legible from the roadway. This is the only way that emergency personnel such as fire, ambulance or police can quickly identify your property in case of emergency. If you are not sure what your address is, please contact the Village office and confirm it. Also, please remember to contact the office if your permanent (mailing) address changes.

### Bylaw Enforcement

The position of Bylaw Officer is currently vacant and we are accepting applications for this position. If you are qualified and interested, please email your resume and a cover letter to the Summer Village Office. In the meantime, for complaints in regards to a contravention of the Summer Village of Island Lake Bylaws please fill out a complaint form found on the website [www.islandlake.ca](http://www.islandlake.ca); and fax, mail or email it to the Summer Village Office.

### Community Dock Installations

We are scheduling the installation of the Community Docks on Lakeshore Drive South and Lakeshore Drive North for the May long weekend. Please email Bob Yontz ([bobyontz@shaw.ca](mailto:bobyontz@shaw.ca)) if you are available to help. A big thanks to those who volunteered this year!

Please note that the office will be closed from November 8<sup>th</sup> to November 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 and from December 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 to January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014.

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