

# Alberta Beach Newsletter 2016

June 10th, 2016

#### Mayor's Message

Things are hopping in Alberta Beach, last year we had a record number of development permits taken out and so far this year we are off to a great start. As you all should have noticed there are some new houses around the village, and the new motel next to the Village Office is well underway and they are hoping to have it completed this fall. This will be a great addition to the village. Now that our Boat Launch Park Project has been completed, it's time to hold an Official Grand Opening, this will take place on June 24th, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Come out and meet the people behind the project, enjoy a piece of cake and socialize with your neighbours. This park had been a great addition to the community enjoyed by residents and visitors. Our new Fire Service provider has moved into the renovated hall and they have made themselves at home. Since taking over fire duties in the village, they have been quite busy integrating themselves into the community. They are offering a free service to all residents to come into your home and perform a fire safety survey, which may assist you if and when you have an insurance claim. They are also offering all business owners a fire pre-plan survey. We encourage you to take advantage of these free services. We will be holding a Grand Opening for our New Fire Department, June 25th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come out for cake and coffee, tour the fire hall, sit in a fire truck and just have fun, all of council will be there to answer any concerns you may have. We are once again holding the Large Bin Clean Up on June 18th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the New Public Works Building. Gather up all that junk in your yard and bring it to us, let's clean up our village. There will be no charge for Alberta Beach residents. The Village has entered into an agreement with a company called Switch Inc., they are a technology communications company. They have agreed to supply wifi to the Alberta Beach Campground, Beachwave Park and the Main Beach area. Sign on, stay connected and enjoy. Beachwave Park is still raising funds for rink board replacement and other improvements, so please drop off any bottles\cans or donations when the park is open, the initiative is for all our kids and their enjoyment. Once again I encourage all of you to get involved in our community: volunteer for a service group, come to council with your ideas, anything that will make our Village a better place to live and enjoy life. Lets all have a great and safe summer!

Jim Benedict, Mayor

#### ALBERTA BEACH

**COUNCIL MEMBERS** 

(2013 - 2017)

Jim Benedict

Mayor

Bill Love

**Deputy Mayor** 

Angela Duncan

Councillor

Tara Elwood

Councillor

Don McNair

Councillor

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#### **OFFICE HOURS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Alberta Beach Box 278 Alberta Beach , Alberta TOE 0A0

Office Hours:

Tues - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 780-924-3181 Fax: 780-924-3313

Email: aboffice@albertabeach.com Website: www.albertabeach.com

Public Works: 780-924-3322

Alberta Beach Family R.V. Park and Campground 780-924-2333

Beachwave Park 780-924-3013 Website:

www.beachwavepark.com

Development Officer:
Tony Sonnleitner
780-718-5479
Email:pcm1@telusplanet.net
Assessment Officer
Dan Kanuka
780-939-3310

Patrol \ Bylaw Enforcement Phone: 780-924-3434

RCMP Non Emergency 780-424-4001

Tri Village Regional Sewer Services Commission (TVRSSC):
Administration:
780-446-1426

Maintenance Manager: 780-974-7341



#### TAX & ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

## 2016 MILL RATES AND TAXATION

Municipal Mill Rate: Residential/Farm – 4.87997 Commercial/Power & Pipe/ Machinery & Equipment– 8.87997

ASFF (School) Mill Rate: Residential/Farm – 2.429092 Commercial/Power & Pipe – 3.686248

Municipal Services Tax: \$750.00

Sewer Revitalization Levy: \$300.00



#### ASSESSOR DAN KANUKA

Phone: 780-939-3310

## AVAILABLE AT

THE VILLAGE

**OFFICE** 

Village Policies
Village By-laws
Financial Statements
Photocopying
Faxing Services
Laminating

**Development Applications** 

Tax Searches
Tax Certificates
Dog Licences



#### COMBINED TAX AND ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Combined Tax and Assessment Notices are mailed on June 10th. Taxes are due by August 9th annually. An 18% penalty is applied to the unpaid current years taxes on August 10th, 2016. An 18% penalty is applied to the total arrears on January 1st of each year. Failure to receive a tax\assessment notice is not considered sufficient reason for non-payment of taxes. Late payment penalties will be applied.

#### **PAYING PROPERTY TAXES**

Payment of property taxes can be made by cheque, money order, cash or debit card at the Village Office. A mail slot is located beside the front door of the administration office for those who can not make business hours. Tax payments may also be mailed. A tax payment that is mailed is deemed to have been received by Alberta Beach on the date of the postmark stamped on the envelope. The postmarked stamp must be no later than August 9th, 2016 to avoid the penalty.

#### **TAX PAYMENT PLAN**

The monthly Tax Payment Plan option allows you to make regular payments and avoid penalties. All prior years taxes <u>must</u> be paid in full by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Please contact the Village Office for more information.

## What is PROPERTY ASSESSMENT?

Property assessment is the process of estimating the market value of your property for municipal & education taxation purposes. Assessment is simply a distribution mechanism. The property taxes that you pay are calculated in portion to the value of the real estate you own. A qualified assessor prepares annual assessments for all property within Alberta Beach. The assessor is dedicated to providing a fair & accurate assessment for Alberta Beach taxpayers. The assessor, Dan Kanuka can be contacted at 780-939-3310.

#### What is MARKET VALUE?

Market value is the valuation standard set by provincial legislation & is the basis for property valuation across Alberta. Market value is the probable price your property could sell for in a competitive & open market, as of a given date. Market value is recognized as the most understandable, transparent and objective measure of a properties worth. The market value as shown on your 2016 Combined Taxation and Assessment Notice is based on a legislated valuation date of July 1st, 2015 and reflects the physical condition of your property as of Dec 31st, 2015.

## How is Market VALUE DETERMINED?

Market value assessments are prepared using mass appraisal. This is the process of valuing a group of properties at a given date, using standard methods and allowing for statistical testing. For residential property, assessors compile, review and analyze information from all legitimate real estate sale transactions that have occurred in Alberta Beach over a 3 year period prior to the valuation date. This process results in the estimated value of your property as of July 1st, 2015.

#### TAX AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

#### SENIORS PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

Please contact the Alberta Seniors Information Line at 1-877-644-9992 for more detailed information on how you may qualify for the above program. Website: http://www.health.alberta.ca/seniors/property-tax-deferral.html.

## ASSESSMENT INFORMATION & NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURE (June 10th, 2016)

Pursuant to sections 299 and 300 of the Municipal Government Act, all assessed persons are entitled to see or receive sufficient information about the person's property or the summary of assessment. If you would like further information on your assessment or would like to inspect the assessment roll please drop by the village office during regular office hours, visit our website at www.albertabeach.com or contact the Village Office at 780-924-3181. If you wish to speak directly to the Assessor, please call Dan Kanuka of Municipal Assessment Services Group at 780-939-3310.

If you believe your own or any other assessment is unfair you my file a written complaint to the Assessment Review Board, accompanied by a \$50.00 fee per residential / farmland assessed property and \$150.00 fee per non-residential assessed property. The Assessment Review Boards' function is to hear evidence to determine whether your property is assessed on an equitable basis with similar properties.

Pursuant to Section 460 of the Municipal Government Act;

All assessment complaints must be addressed to the Assessment Review Board Clerk and mailed to Alberta Beach, Box 278, Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0 or drop off in person at the Alberta Beach Village Office at 4935 – 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Assessment complaints must be submitted in writing on the prescribed complaint forms and must be accompanied by the assessment appeal fee. The prescribed complaint forms are available at the village office or on our website. For further information, please contact the Village Office at 780-924-3181.

The assessment appeal fee is refundable if the complaint is withdrawn in writing prior to the scheduling of an assessment review board hearing or the Assessment Review Board makes a decision in favor of the complainant. The reasons for a complaint must accompany the complaint form.

Please note: Your complaint must be made on or before the final date of complaint which is sixty (60) days from the date on your Combined Tax Statement and Assessment Notice. Your 2016 Combined Tax Statement and Assessment Notice was dated June 10th, 2016 and therefore the deadline to file an assessment appeal complaint is August 9th, 2016.

A complaint against your assessed property value does not exempt you from paying taxes on time or from late payment penalties. If a complaint is successful, the adjustment will be applied to the tax roll. Tax adjustment refunds must be requested in writing.

## LINEAR ASSESSMENT LINEAR—POWER AND PIPELINE (TPP)

An assessment review board has no jurisdiction to deal with complaints about assessment for linear property. The Municipal Government Board has jurisdiction to hear complaints about assessments for linear property . FOR LINEAR INQUIRIES:

PLEASE CALL 780-422-8302

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2015 audited financial statements and the 2016 approved budget are available upon request at the Village Office.

## FILING A PROPERTY ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT

You have 60 days from the date of mailing of your Combined Tax Statement & Assessment Notice to file an assessment complaint. The assessment complaint deadline is August 9th, 2016.



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SUMMER!



#### MUNICIPAL ADDRESSING

A reminder that every building occupied as a business or residence shall have its house \ business number clearly displayed. Please note: Your CORRECT address is located on your tax notice; this is the address that is to be displayed.

#### SHATTERING COMMON MYTHS

#### I CAN DO WHAT I WANT WITH MY PROPERTY ONCE I'VE BOUGHT IT!

Just like in the city, bylaws and development restrictions limit what can and cannot be done on private property. A permit from the municipality's Development Office is usually required for all structural improvements, and for permission to occupy or develop within reserve lands.

#### **Beachwave Park**

Beachwave Park offers various programs and recreational activities (summer and winter) to local residents and visitors of Alberta Beach. For a list of available activities and programs please contact Lorna at 780-924-3013 or visit the website at

www.beachwavepark.com.

#### Alberta Beach Regional Patrol Department 780-924-3434



#### **NEWS, NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Office Council Chambers. Council meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. Residents wishing to bring any matters to the attention of council or to have any matter considered by Council shall contact the Village Office 1 week prior to the meeting to ensure a space on the Agenda. Because many issues can be resolved at the administration level, it is recommended that you discuss your concerns with administration prior to appearing before council. Village staff can provide you with background information on the issue in question and/or recommend next steps that can remove the need to appear before Council. In order to appear as a delegation at a regular Council meeting, you must submit a written request at the village office.

Please include:

- your preferred Council meeting date
- subject matter and a summary of your concerns;
- name and contact information

www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca.



Please inform the Administration Office if your mailing address has changed to ensure you receive your mail from the Village, please call 780-924-3181 however, an address change request with Alberta Beach does not automatically update the records held by Alberta Land Titles. You should also notify the Alberta Land Titles office of any changes, please contact 780-427-2742 or use the downloadable form at

HAS YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CHANGED?

#### LAND USE BYLAW & DEVELOPMENT

The Land Use Bylaw is in place to regulate the use of land and development of land and buildings in Alberta Beach. Prior to any development or demolition taking place, a development permit **MUST** first be applied for through the Development Officer. Once the development permit has been approved, building, gas, plumbing and electrical permits will also be required. These permits are important in ensuring all structures are compliant with development, building and safety code regulations. Please contact the Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner at **780-718-5479** or email at pcm1@telusplanet.net for further information.

#### **BUILDING/ELECTRICAL/GAS/PLUMBING PERMITS**

Permits are a legal requirement. Alberta Beach is a non-accredited Municipality, therefore, building, electrical, gas and plumbing permits can be obtained from any of the agencies listed below which have been authorized to issue permits and provide compliance monitoring in non-accredited municipalities.

- Alberta Safety Inspections Inc. (Building Only) 1-877-780-7233
- Superior Safety Codes (Building\Electrical\Gas\Plumbing) I-866-999-4777
- The Inspections Group (Building\Electrical\Gas\Plumbing)
  I-866-554-5048
- Call before you dig 1-800-242-3447



#### **HAWKERS, PEDDLERS & HUCKSTERS LICENSING**

- All Hawkers, Peddlers, & Hucksters require a license.
- You MUST apply for a license at the Village Office.
- For further information please contact the Village Office.
- Fee \$50.00 per day, \$250.00 per week or \$750.00 per month.

#### **CATCH THE WAVE SOUVENIRS**

Souvenirs are available at the Village Office.

We have Caps ~ T-Shirts ~ Golf Shirts ~ Hoodies ~ Sweatshirts ~ Lounge Wear ~ Playing Cards ~ Pocket

Knifes ~ Coffee Cups ~ Shorts - and more!!

#### NEWS, NOTICES AND REMINDERS

#### LARGE BIN CLEAN UP

When: Saturday, June 18th, 2016

Place: Alberta Beach New Public Works Shop - Museum Road

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

What it Includes: A Bin for Wood Products; a Bin for Metal Products; and a Bin for General Waste. Please Note: These Bins will not accept toxic waste such as paint or batteries or any e-waste such as computers or televisions.

\*NEW \* Now accepting batteries and paint in designated areas only!



#### **GARBAGE & ORGANIC PICK UP**

Each residential property in Alberta Beach is issued two carts, a Solid Waste Cart as well as an Organic Cart. These carts are the property of the Village of Alberta Beach and must remain with the property they are issued to. They are not to be removed! It will be the responsibility of the property owner to bare the replacement costs if lost or stolen. (\$100.00 per cart)

- Please remove your carts from the pick-up point as soon as possible after collection.
- Do not leave them sitting on the side of the street or alley.
- Please do not dispose in the garbage: animal waste, animal carcasses, kitty litter, used oil filters and containers, propane cylinders, paint cans

Garbage Pickup is weekly every Monday (unless the Monday is a holiday then Garbage will be moved to Tuesday). Waste pick up on Friday's! Tree branches, foliage and other compost-

Organic Waste Pickup is weekly every Tuesday (May to October).

Note: All garbage MUST fit in the Solid Waste Cart (Grey) and Organic yard waste MUST fit in the Organic Cart (Green) in order to be picked up. If found not to be in compliance your waste or organics will not be picked up.

If you require an additional cart, there is a deposit fee per cart of \$100.00. Please contact the Village Office at 780 - 924-3181.

The Organic Yard Waste Cart (Green) <u>does not</u> require the organics to be placed in a clear bag; you are to put the organics (grass clippings, tree trimmings, leaves, weeds, and garden foliage) directly into the cart without a bag.

Large items and excessive waste can be taken to the Regional Landfill Site located on highway 43 and RR35. Hours are Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed on Sundays and stat holidays). There is a charge of \$57.50/tonne.

## Recycling Depot! <u>Do your part to help eliminate the amount of Solid Waste that enters our Environment & Recycle!</u>

 ${\it Located at the Alberta Beach Public Works Shop 5000 - 49 Ave. (Behind the Village Office)} \\ {\it The Village offers Cardboard \& Paper Recycling:}$ 

- 1. Cardboard Includes: cereal boxes, shoe boxes, cardboard boxes, corrugated cardboard boxes. Boxes must be flattened!
- Paper Includes: Newspaper print, colored & white paper, magazines, & old phone books. Residents must not dispose of non-approved recyclable items in the recycling bins located at the Recycling Depot at the Public Works yard.

THESE ITEMS RESULT IN CONTAMINATION LEADING TO HIGHER RECYCLING COSTS, HELP US KEEP OUR RECYCLABLES FREE OF CONTAMINATION!



## REGIONAL LANDFILL SITE Operated by the HWY 43 East Waste Commission

Alberta Beach Residents must use the Regional Landfill Site located 5km west of Gunn on Hwy 43 and range road 35 (south).

The main landfill site is open Mon – Sat 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Sundays and statutory holidays.

For more information, please contact 780-967-3466

#### REMINDER: LAKE ACCESS WEED PICK-UP

Lake weeds from waterfront lots are the only item permitted for disposal at lake access points for Organic Waste pick up on Friday's! Tree branches, foliage and other composting materials are not to be placed at the lake access point for pick up & will not be picked up.

#### ILLEGAL DUMPING COULD RESULT IN FINES!!!!!

#### WHITE METAL APPLIANCE PICK UP

When: Friday, June 17th, 2016

What it Includes:

Any Metal Appliances, such as fridges, freezers, stoves, washer & dryers, dishwashers, etc.

Cost: \$10.00 fee for all pick ups except for refrigerated units, there is a \$25.00 Freon discharge fee. Payment must be received by pick up date.

#### Important Information:

Please contact the Village Office at 780-924-3181 prior to Thursday, June 16th, 2016 to be put on a list for pick up.





#### **PARKING**

Due to the overwhelming need for parking, there is an overflow parking lot located east of 50<sup>th</sup> Street (adjacent to the Heritage Park and Ball Diamonds) and located behind the Alberta Beach Senior's Centre. Our goal is to alleviate some of the congestion in the summer due to the high volume of recreational traffic.

**REMINDER:** There is no parking permitted on the boat launch or on Lake Access Roads. Tow-away zones will be enforced!!!!



## TAKE PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Please be advised that we will be issuing notices to remedy unsightly premises under the Municipal Government Act & all amendments thereto. These will be issued to any or all premises deemed to be unsightly and untidy. We are striving to enhance the image of our Village. It is your responsibility to cut grass in ditches, destroy noxious weeds, haul away derelict vehicles, remove: car parts, old fridges, stoves, scrap building materials, etc. Your full cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



#### **NEWS, NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

#### **ALBERTA BEACH PATROL - REMINDERS**

Alberta Beach Patrol is responsible for the enforcement of our local Traffic, Animal Control and Municipal Bylaws. Our goal is to have a greater presence of law enforcement in order to help keep our community a safe place to live and visit.

#### **BYLAW RESTRICTIONS**

As a reminder, there are restrictions for the use and storage of Recreational Vehicles on residential property. Recreational vehicles, holiday trailers, motor homes, campers or tent trailers may be situated on a residential parcel provided that they:

- (a.) are occupied for no longer than seventy-two (72) hours total within a thirty (30) day period; and
- (b.) are located with a required parking stall or on the site in a manner satisfactory to the Development Officer. For the purpose of storage of the vehicle:
- (a) a maximum of one unoccupied recreational vehicle, holiday trailer, motor home, camper or tent trailer may be situated on a residential parcel that is developed with a single family dwelling. For further information please contact the Village office.



## DOG LICENSES Have you purchased your 2016 Dog License???



All dogs that reside in Alberta Beach require a valid Dog License. Dog Licenses are required to be renewed annually from January to December. You can purchase your dog license at the Village Office.

#### Reminders:

- Dogs are NOT allowed on the main public beach area or in parks; however they can be taken to the beach access points (Beach Access Roads).
- Please keep your dog on a leash whenever you are not on your own private property.
- No more than two dogs per residence.

#### Dog License Fee's

I. Male or Female unaltered dogs	\$20.00
2. Neutered Male or spayed Female dogs	\$10.00
3. Vicious Dog	\$250.00
4. Replacement Tag	\$5.00

#### RECREATIONAL CAMP FIRES

In Alberta Beach recreational fires are permitted for the purpose of cooking, obtaining warmth, or viewing for pleasure. Permitted burning materials are seasoned wood, pulp products (paper or cardboard) and dry refuse from vegetation. All outdoor fires must be confined within a pit or enclosure no more than 3 feet in diameter. Please adhere to all rules and regulations for safe recreational fires on your property. For further information, the "Burning Bylaw" No. 247-16 is available on our website or a copy can be obtained at the Village Office.

#### FIRE BAN INFORMATION

Due to dry weather conditions, a fire ban may be put in place. This ban will apply to all open flame outdoor fires. Fire Ban signs will be posted when in effect, on our website at <a href="www.albertabeach.com">www.albertabeach.com</a> and on the Provincial Fire Ban website at <a href="www.albertafirebans.ca">www.albertafirebans.ca</a>.

#### **REMINDER - SPEED LIMIT**

The speed limit in Alberta Beach is **40km/hour** unless otherwise posted. This is for the safety of everyone. Please buckle up and drive with care.

#### **NEWS, NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

#### FIREWORKS REMINDER

No person shall:

Display for sale, offer for sale, sell, purchase, possess to sell, transport, store, obtain, give, discharge, or otherwise possess fireworks within the Village.

The Village of Alberta Beach would still like to promote organized professional Firework's displays at cele-

Permits may be issued to an individual who has a valid Federal Fireworks Operator Certificate & meets the requirements of Bylaw #232-11.

Permits will only be granted for:

- New years: 20:00 hours (8:00 PM) December 31 01:00 hours (1:00 AM) January I
- Canada Day: 20:00 hours (8:00 PM) 23:59 hours (11:59 PM) July 1
- Labour Day: 20:00 hours (8:00 PM) 23:59 hours (11:59 PM) on the first Monday of September

Special Events specifically approved by a motion of Council

Permits from another municipality are not valid in the Village of Alberta Beach. \*\* Permits issued in any other municipality may only be used to transport any fireworks through the Village and directly out of the

Village without stopping.

An individual who is convicted of an offence pursuant to this bylaw for which no specific penalty has been provided is liable to a fine of not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$10,000.00.

**Specified Penalties:** 

Discharge / Possess Fireworks	\$250.00
Selling Firework	\$1000.00
Set up, operate or discharge a pyrotechnic dis	play \$500.00
Obstructs, interferes with, hinders, an Enforce	ement
Officer	\$500.00
Offer fireworks for sale	\$500.00
Transport fireworks	\$250.00

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### \*\*\*\*TRIVILLAGE REGIONAL SEWER SERVICES COMMISSION \*\*\*\*

The TriVillage Regional Sewer Services Commission services the sewer requirements for the Village of Alberta Beach, the Summer Villages of Sunset Point, and Val Quentin. The System was installed 26 years ago and uses 6 lift stations and a main lift station in Alberta Beach to pipe effluent to the lagoon located east of the Village. The system now requires the rebuilding of 6 lift stations and the replacement of the electronics at the main lift station. This rebuild has necessitated an annual levy of \$300.00 per serviceable lot within the communities. The Commission is working hard to find ways of reducing the expense, however it is still a large investment. In order to maintain the level of service that has been provided since inception this service fee is necessitated.

#### TRIVILLAGE REGIONAL SEWER SERVICES COMMISSION (TVRSSC)

Policy Statement: No person shall discharge into the sanitary sewer any fat, grease, improperly shredded cabbage, ashes, cinders, coffee grounds, animal parts or any other solid or viscous substance capable of causing obstruction to the flow of a sanitary sewer. The unplugging of any blockage in a sanitary sewer service from the building to the property line and from the property line to the sanitary sewer main and within a building caused by discharging of any prohibited substances listed is the responsibility of the property owner, both with respect to engaging an approved sewer cleaning service to unplug the sewer line and bearing the cost of such service.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Alberta Beach has a bylaw prohibiting anyone from discharging storm water which includes; run off and drainage from eaves troughs and sump pumps into the sanitary sewer system. It also prohibits the flushing of grease and oil as well as any dangerous substance or other pollutant into the system. Offences are subject to fines in the amount of \$500.00 and you will be responsible for any remedial costs. Contact the maintenance manager at 780-974-7341

#### ALBERTA BEACH **FAMILY R.V. PARK &** CAMPGROUND

Seasonal sites available: Seasonal Rate: \$2,400.00 + GST Newly renovated cabin available for summer weekly rental. Please contact the Campground Manager at 780 - 924-2333.



#### ALBERTA BEACH **MUNICIPAL LIBRARY**

Did you know that library memberships are only \$15.00 for a year for the entire family. We have DVDs, books, magazines, electronic resources (e-books, eaudio books, emagazines, e-movies), and more. If you already have a library card in the province, you can use it with us! We also host summer activities i.e.; reading clubs etc. Please visit our website at www.albertabeachlibrary.

ca or give us a call at 780-924-3491 for more information.

#### **Public Works**

Our Public Works Department will be in various areas throughout the Village this summer working on manholes and the Tri-Village Regional Sewer Services Commission maintenance crew will be doing preventative maintenance on the Sewer System. Dependant on the weather this may go on into the fall. Please note some work areas may restrict traffic.

#### STREET LIGHT REPAIR REQUESTS

Did you know that residents and businesses can request streetlight repair online through the following website? If you notice one or more streetlights needing repair, visit Fortis Alberta's website to submit a work order for the repair: https://service.fortisalberta.com/streetlights.

#### **NEWS, NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

#### STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS FROM ENTERING ALBERTA

Albertans play an important role in protecting the province's waterways from aquatic invasive. Everyone who enjoys Alberta's lakes and rivers needs to be proactive about keeping our aquatic ecosystems safe. If you are bringing a boat and equipment into Alberta from another province or state, make sure to:

- Clean
- 2. Drain
- Dry

If you are using your boat in a number of different waterbodies, be sure to clean, drain and dry your boat and equipment after you leave each waterbody. This is important if you boat outside of the province. For further information or to report something suspicious on your boat or equipment.

Please call Toll Free 1 (855) 336-2628 (BOAT).

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#### **ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT HOTLINE**

**Lake Health:** Alberta Environment requires all residents to secure permit approvals <u>BEFORE</u> commencing any work of the bed or shore of the lake. Alberta Environment can issue substantial fines to anyone who alters the adjacent shoreline of the lake - without these approvals in place. These activities include the removal of or adding of aquatic vegetation, or importation of sand. If you witness or have information about a potential environmental emergency or complaint.

Please contact Alberta Environment at 780-960-8600 in Spruce Grove.

Or call 1 - 800 - 222-6514 (this is a 24 hour emergency line).

#### MAIN BEACH AND PORTABLE WASHROOM FACILITIES

Main beach washrooms are open daily May - September from 8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. There are also portable Handi—Can washrooms located throughout the Village which are open to the public 24 hours.

## LILSA LAKE ISLE AND LAC STE. ANNE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY

The goal of the society is to help improve the quality of our lakes through in – and out – of – water solutions. For more information or to become a member visit our website at <a href="www.lilsa.ca">www.lilsa.ca</a>, like our facebook page, call us at 780-967-0611, email us at lilsawaterquality@gmail.com or attend one of our events: Flowering Rush Info Session (June 18), Good Backyard Practices (Jul 9), AGM and State of the Watershed Report (Aug 20). For more information contact us or visit our website.

#### SHATTERING COMMOM MYTHS

A highly manicured lot in front of my cottage is the best way to landscape a lot. Regular fertilizing of my lawn at my lake shore property won't effect the quality of the lake!

A highly manicured grass lawn is high maintenance! Think how much work it is in the city. Remember, you are at the cottage to escape the chores and demands of city life. Never fertilize at the lake. Fertilizers promote grass to grow and increase the maintenance required to keep it in check. Excess fertilizer ends up washing into the lake where it contributes to algae growth. Maintain your yard with as much natural vegetation as possible (it doesn't need to look wild). Landscape your lot based on your recreational needs, Most people don't need nor regularly use 1000 square feet of lawn. A sitting and play area with a good path to the water should provide more than enough weekend work.

#### **ANNUAL EVENTS**

Sno Mo Days Family Day Weekend

Polynesian Days August Long Weekend

Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage July

#### **FCSS FUNDING**

Until recently, Lac Ste. Anne County, Onoway, Alberta Beach and the Summer Villages pooled their FCSS funding available for programs which fit the FCSS mandate. Local Boards; Region 1 (Onoway), Region 2a (Alberta Beach), 2b (Darwell), Region 3 (Rich Valley, Gunn and Glenevis) were set up consisting of Village, Town, County and Summer Village residents who were responsible for dispersing the funds.

In 2015 we were notified that Lac Ste. Anne County would no longer support the idea of local boards and will now be doing their delivery via an alternate structure. After notification and serious deliberation, Alberta Beach, Onoway and most of the Summer Villages had joint meetings resulting in the decision to pool their allocation and formed a regional FCSS board consisting of 5 members from different municipalities with the Town of Onoway doing the Administration. The goal is to have the money go where it does the most good for the most people.

#### **NEWS, NOTICES AND REMINDERS**

Please be advised that effective January 1st, 2016 Alberta Beach receives its Fire Services from Onoway Regional Fire Services\North West Fire Rescue instead of Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services. There is no change or disruption in how you obtain a fire services response—you still dial 911.

#### Unfortunately fires can happen—Be sure your covered!

Did you now that the average cost of fire suppression by any fire department can be approximately five to fifteen thousand dollars for a structure fire and is payable by the property owner to the fire suppression provider? Did you know that if a fire department responds to any sort of fire (grass, lawnmower etc.), that there will be a cost?

Will your insurance cover these costs? Be sure to look at your home insurance policy or talk to your insurance agent. Some insurance companies do not insure for fire equipment in the case of a fire, and some include up to two thousand dollars with an option for you to increase that coverage for a very reasonable additional cost. What does your policy say?

Be sure your municipal address is properly displayed on your house or business and ensure it is visible to emergency services such as fire trucks, ambulance.....

And just a helpful tip....

When calling 911 be sure to say your full address including what village, town or city you are in. For example: 4925 - 50th Ave, Alberta Beach, AB

#### **ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES**

Is currently looking for **home owners** to voluntarily have the fire department perform a fire safety survey of your household. A fire safety survey can help you in the following ways:

- Allows the fire department to establish risk mitigation strategies that address high value or cherished items.
- Development of a closer working relationship between you and the fire department.
- Provides fresh eyes to reveal high/medium/low risk areas of your home as well as the mitigations
- Sets you apart as a leader for community safety
- May assist in insurance claims when an incident occurs

Is currently looking for businesses to voluntarily have the fire department perform a fore pre-plan of your facilities. A fire pre-plan can help you in the following ways.

- Assists in higher grading in SECOR (small employer certificate of recognition) and COR (certificate of recognition) auditing.
- Allows the fire department to establish risk mitigation strategies that address high value or cherished items.
- Development of a closer working relationship between your business/employees/ and fire department
- Provides fresh eyes to reveal high risk work locations within your business as well as risk mitigation
- May assist in insurance claims if an incident occurs
- Continues your business along the path of being a leader for the communities it resides in

If you are interested please contact the numbers below to set up a date and time that will work best for you.

We look forward to seeing you, and your facilities,

Captain Lindstrom
Onoway Regional Fire Services
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FOR YOUR

GENEROSITY!!

Alberta Beach was chosen to receive a \$3,000.00 grant through Fortis Alberta's Community **Naturalization** Grant Program. This funding has made it possible for us to purchase 10 pet waste stations that are now placed throughout the village. In addition Fortis Alberta also provided an AED **Sponsorship** donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to purchase an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) machine for the Alberta Beach Family RV Park & Campground.

Thank you!

