

# SUMMER VILLAGE OF GRANDVIEW Spring Newsletter 2007



## *Message from Council*

### **Stewardship**

Don Davidson recently attended a council meeting and recommended consideration be given to establishing a program for the Summer Village residents called "Love the Lake." Under this program, the residents would commit to:

- Not use pesticides or fertilizers on their properties
- Proper sewage disposal/inspection of their sewage handling facilities
- Protect environmental areas and increase tree density on their properties
- Minimize the use of dishwasher soap
- Protect the shoreline and encourage native vegetation on the buffer zone
- Increase the energy efficiency of their residences
- Support a sewage disposal system for the south side of Pigeon Lake
- Use proper techniques when fueling boats to eliminate spills into the lake
- Practice water conservation techniques.

### **Village Map**

Council is considering a map with names of cottage owners on it to be available to all cottage owners. If you have any reservations about your name being included in the map, you must advise the Village Office.

### **Waste Water**

The solution to the waste water issue remains a work in progress. Your council, in consort with the Summer Villages of Sundance and Ma-Me-O Beach has secured an extension to the contract with the Village of Thorsby for a minimum of **two** years to receive waste water. In addition, the Summer Village of Grandview has actively participated in meetings with government representatives, Engineering Consultants and County officials towards development of an Environmental study to find a permanent solution. We will report further on this subject at the annual information meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. See the insert for an open house to attend.

### **Garbage Removal & Large Waste Bins**

Starting **TUESDAY April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007** until the May long weekend (then scheduled days will change to **MONDAY's**), regular household garbage will be picked-up by hand by the new waste provider. You will need to continue to ensure your garbage is placed in proper receptacles until the new 242-litre automated carts are delivered. In or around the May Long Weekend (May 18 – 21) these carts will be delivered to cabin owners. One 242-litre cart will be provided only. If you wish to have more, you must make arrangements to purchase another cart(s). Please phone Skip Kerr at MCL Waste Systems @ (780) 352-2625. Please see the enclosed information on the use and care of these carts.

**The Large Bins will be available on the May long weekend and the September long weekend.**

For recycling tips you may visit the website [www.albertarecycling.ca](http://www.albertarecycling.ca) to minimize your garbage.

### **Election Year**

2007 is an election year for Municipalities. This term there is a great need for people to come forward as there are two councilors not running again. Nomination forms must be delivered to the Summer Village Office from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Candidates can get their nomination forms and related duties of prospective Councillors from Peter Irwin at the Annual Information Meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, or from the Summer Village Office or from the website. If an election is required, Election Day will be August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with an advance poll on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Summer Village Office.

### **Public Works Foreman**

Urgently needed!! To keep the Summer Village looking great this summer we need to fill the position of the Public Works Foreman. If you know of any one who would be interested, please contact the village administration office to apply for this position. Please inquire at the village office regarding this position or check our website for job details.

### **Speed bumps**

We are looking for someone to put the speed bumps in at the end of June.

### **Web-Site**

Please check the website [svgrandview.com](http://svgrandview.com) for current news and Summer Village information.

### **Annual Information Meeting**

Mark your calendar: the Annual Information Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 7, 2007 @ Gazebo Park 10:00 a.m. meeting, 4:00 p.m. games, 5:00 p.m. hot dogs, 11:00 p.m. Fireworks.

### **Three Village Garage Sale**

Mark your calendars for the Three Village Garage Sale this year being held on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a good time to rid your self of unwanted goods and visit with neighbours.

***We would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Summer!***

***Leslie, Tony & Dennis***

### **Administration**

The Summer Village Office is located in Ma-Me-O Beach along Highway 13A. The administration team is Peter Irwin, Linda Eliasson, and Lisa McMurray.

### **Students Summer Employment**

Each year the Summer Village Office looks to hire summer help in the office. Office duties include contact with ratepayers either on the phone or in person, accepting tax payments, dealing with other municipalities, agencies, and emergency services, photocopying, faxing, filing, and some word processing. If you are interested in this position please inquire at the Summer Village Office.

### **2007 Assessment and Tax Notices**

The assessment/tax notices will be mailed out in May and **taxes are due June 30, 2007**. The Summer Village is attempting to keep any tax increases to a minimum, however overall assessments have increased 30%.

### **Ambulance**

The Paramedic Ambulance Service operates out of the new emergency services centre at Westeros. It offers 24 hour a day service. The ambulance number remains – 911.

### **Fire Fighting**

The County of Wetaskiwin provide firefighting services from their new Emergency Services Centre located west of the Village on Pigeon Lake (VPL) on Highway 13.

**CHECK YOUR INSURANCE POLICY!** It is always a good time to check to make sure you have adequate insurance coverage in case of fire on your property. A fire call to your property involves user fees to the fire department. Different insurance companies cover different amounts for fire fighting costs and have different deductibles, so please check and make sure your coverage is sufficient and you do not get a nasty surprise.

### **Pigeon Lake Protective Service (PLPS) – Phone 780-586-3882**

Peace officers Marty McKinney, Jason Fisher and Lorna Radke (who also does double duty as the Office Manager). Senior Peace Officer Ron Smith manages Pigeon Lake Protective Services. The Peace Officers provide preventative patrols and issues road permits if over 75% of a load.

### **Council Meetings**

Council meetings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend. The dates of these meetings are posted at the Summer Village Office located in Ma-Me-O Beach and on the web site. If you wish to make a presentation to Council please advise the Village Office in advance in order for you to be placed on the agenda.

### **Development Permits**

Development Permits are required for any Development in Grandview.

*A Development means:*

- *an excavation or stockpile and the creation of either of them*
- *a building or an addition to or replacement or repair of a building and the construction or placing of any of them in, on, or under land*
- *a change in the use of land or of a building, or an act done in relation to land or a building that results in or is likely to result in a change in the intensity of use of the land or building*
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Please request a copy of the current Land Use Bylaw before beginning any work in the Summer Village.

The following is a list of permits that are required: Development permit (through the Summer Village Office), building, electrical, plumbing and gas permits (MUST be taken out with Permit Pro @ 1-800-282-6145 or @ 403-343-2777).

### **Family and Community Support Services**

The Summer Villages of Crystal Springs, Grandview, Ma-Me-O Beach, Norris Beach and Poplar Bay continue to offer subsidized Homemaker services to senior village residents who demonstrate financial need living permanently in the summer village.

The homemaker services include:

- ✓ help with housework (light housekeeping duties), and respite care
- ✓ seasonal cleaning (windows, walls, moving furniture,...)
- ✓ meal preparation – for those recovering from a hospital visit

Please contact the Ma-Me-O Beach Office at (780) 586-2251 for more information on obtaining these services or if you are interested in providing Homemaker duties.

### **Lakedell Library**

The Library is open for business!! They are located right next to the Summer Village Office. Grandview is proud to support the Library. Library hours are Monday & Wednesday 11:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Thursdays 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **Are You Moving? - Change of Mailing Address Required**

Please notify the office if you are changing your mailing address. If an emergency should arise, we have to be able to contact you. Please contact the Summer Village Office. We encourage you to provide your e-mail address to the office as well. Be assured this information is only used as a means to contact you.

**The Summer Village Office wishes you a safe summer.  
Peter, Linda, and Lisa**

