

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF
GRANDVIEW
December Newsletter
2008**



EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

911 Fire, RCMP, Ambulance
780-586-3882 Pigeon Lake Protective Services
780-586-2494 CAO Sylvia Roy

Useful Numbers to Keep Handy:

Alberta First Call – Buried Utility Locations 1-800-242-3447
Epcor 780-310-4300 Fortis 780-310-9473 Alta Gas 1-866-222-2067 Telus (repair) 611

COUNCIL:

Leslie Ellis, Mayor
Peter Watson, Deputy Mayor
Blaine Thomson, Councillor

Summer Villages Office: 780-586-2494

NEW: Winter Office hours: 9:00-12:00 Monday-Friday (November 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009)

The Development Officer is available on Saturdays by appointment only.

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Web-Site

Please check the website: svgrandview.com for current news and Summer Village information.

Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Steering Committee

Your Council is pleased to advise all ratepayers that the Council of the Village of Thorsby, at their meeting of November 25, 2008 unanimously extended the current Wastewater Services Agreement with the Summer Village of Grandview and the Summer Village of Sundance for an additional two years to December 31, 2010 and reduced the tipping fee to \$50.00 per load effective January 1, 2009. We are most appreciative of this support from Thorsby.

There continues to be progress on the Wastewater project. As many of you are aware, a condition of council's signing of a waste water agreement was a review of the current governance model and the adoption of an acceptable governance structure. To that end the planning committee has contracted with a consultant to develop a governance model and business case for a regional wastewater system.

Significant progress has been made in that regard. We are pleased to advise that the Alberta Government has recently agreed to grant funding for this Regional Partnership Initiative."

On a related front, the Summer Villages of Grandview and Sundance Beach have funded an engineering study of the long term available wastewater solutions for our property owners and for all other property owners around the lake. The study has been signed off by two professional engineering firms and has received support from other professionals who have read it. The Village of Thorsby engineers and council have endorsed it and the two summer villages and Thorsby have sent a copy of the report to Leduc County, for their review. Every indication is that the recommended solution is an excellent one, economically and technically. We expect the details of this partial Regional Solution to the wastewater requirements of Pigeon Lake properties will be made public within the next few weeks, at which time we will post a summary of the report's recommendations on the web site for the Summer Village.

Possible Change in the municipal structure – The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is considering the possibility of restructuring Summer Villages throughout the Province. There is no definitive word on what if any changes might occur. However, there are rumours that one of the alternatives being considered is dissolution of the summer villages into the adjacent counties – in our case that would be the County of Wetaskiwin. Your Council is actively working with the other summer villages to examine other alternatives – including the possibility of the amalgamation of the summer villages around Pigeon Lake. We will be providing you with more information as this issue develops.

Dangerous Tree Removal

Residents are strongly encouraged to ensure that trees on their property are not posing a potential hazard during high winds. With the high winds on October 25th reaching 100 km/hr a number of trees fell on power lines, telephone lines, cabins and within the resident's yards falling onto the roadways, neighboring property and beach accesses around Pigeon Lake. We suggest that residents check their property for fallen and uprooted trees that may still be posing a danger to their buildings, power lines or neighboring property.

Administration Changes for the Summer Village Office

We wish Peter Irwin all the best in his retirement and would like to welcome Sylvia Roy who has now assumed the positions of CAO & Development Officer. The position of Assistant CAO will be filled at a later date.

Golden Days & Crystal Springs Join Summer Village Group

Effective January 1, 2009 the Summer Villages of Golden Days and Crystal Springs will be joining the Summer Village Group of Ma-Me-O Beach, Argentia Beach, Grandview, Norris Beach, and Poplar Bay. Chief Administrative Officer duties will be carried out by Sylvia Roy. We are pleased to announce that effective January 1st, Bev Schneider the current Crystal Springs CAO will be joining us as Chief Financial Officer.

Recreation Committee

At the 2008 AIM meeting we asked for volunteers to form a Recreational Committee. Two people kindly put their names forward. Unfortunately, it is too much to ask of two people to plan, shop for, organize and recruit more volunteers for the Penny Carnival and Barbeque. Therefore, at this time, there are no plans for a Carnival or Barbeque unless we receive more volunteers. Please help out!

Strategic Plan

Your Council and Administration have begun the development of a Strategic Plan for the Village. Essentially what we want to do is determine what we want the village to look like in 5-10 years. Part of the input to that plan will be a survey of residents to help determine community priorities.

Pigeon Lake Regional Library

The Lakedell Library, located in Ma-Me-O Beach next door to the Summer Village Office, continues to improve their new site. Do stop by and see the wonderful work that has been accomplished by the hard work of so many volunteers in our community.

Family and Community Support Services

The Summer Villages of Crystal Springs, Grandview, Ma-Me-O Beach, Norris Beach and Poplar Bay are pleased 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 village office at 780-586-2494 for more information on obtaining these services, or if you are interested in providing Homemaker duties.

Are You Moving? Change of Mailing Address/Phone Numbers? Please notify the Village Office if you are changing your mailing address. Keeping us up-to-date with your current address and telephone number is very important. If an emergency should arise, we have to be able to contact you. 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.

Development Permits

Due to the increase in volume, when applying for a Development Permit for the installation of a holding tank, please allow two weeks for approval and processing.

Garbage Removal

BI-WEEKLY pick-up occurs on **MONDAYS** during winter months. Please phone Skip Kerr at MCL Waste Systems @780-352-2625 for concerns regarding garbage pickup. The 12 month Collection Schedule for 2009 is attached.

CHANGE TO GARBAGE COLLECTION DATE

“Please mark your calendars”

“Please note that MCL has made a change to the schedule for the garbage pick-up. Last pick-up for 2008 is December 29th”

We would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Winter!
Leslie, Blaine & Peter