

# SUMMER VILLAGE OF GRANDVIEW

## Winter Newsletter 2007

Happy New Year from your current Council, Leslie Ellis, Tony Sheppard, and Dennis Norton and Administrative staff, Peter, Linda, & Lisa. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the Summer Village life to all the new property owners in 2006.

### **Election Year**

2007 is an election year for Municipalites. This term there is a great need for people to come forward as there are two councilors not willing to pursue nominations. 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. 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.

### **Grandview's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

We have grant money to spend, anyone interested in planning an event should call the Village Office.

### **Wastewater Management**

Council would like to provide you with an update to the information provided in the newsletter sent to you August 4, 2006 regarding the wastewater disposal. The Summer Villages of Ma-Me-O Beach, Sundance and Grandview have entered in to an agreement with the Village of Thorsby for disposal into their sewage lagoon until November 30, 2006, with a month to month extension to May 31, 2007.

In the meantime, a steering committee consisting of all of the Summer Villages around the Pigeon Lake area, including the County of Leduc and the County of Wetaskiwin, Alberta Environment, Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, the Provincial Park and the surrounding Native Bands are represented to come up with a workable solution for wastewater disposal. The Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Steering Committee has selected Associated Engineering to complete a comprehensive study which will identify options for a wastewater strategy for the Pigeon Lake Area. We will keep ratepayers informed as to the findings and what the interim arrangement will be. The study will be fully funded through the Water for Life initiative as part of the Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership. Quite tight timelines have been set, including a public meeting planned for this spring. Date, time and location are yet to be determined. Please check the web site for updates.

### **Web-Site**

While constantly being updated, the web page address is [svgrandview.com](http://svgrandview.com). Please refer to it for information between newsletters along with other important information regarding Council issues and interesting information about the Summer Village of Grandview.

### **Grandview Village Foreman Job Posting**

The village administration office is now accepting applications to fill this position. Please inquire at the village office regarding this position or check our website for job details.

### **Administration**

The Summer Village Office in Ma-Me-O Beach administration team is Peter Irwin, Linda Eliasson and Lisa McMurray. Lisa is new to our office and brings experience working in the I.T field, Simply Accounting software and home builders in the Calgary area. Welcome Lisa!

### **Students looking ahead to the summer**

Each year the Summer Village Office hires 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 by the end of April, 2007.

### **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.

### **Pigeon Lake Constable Service (PLCS) – Phone 780-586-3882**

Year round staff include, Patrol Constables Marty McKinney, Kevin Buchholz and Lorna Radke (who is also the office manager), and Senior Constable Ron Smith manages the constable service. The constable service provides preventative patrols and issues road permits. During the winter months they provide a significant number of on-site property checks.

### **Fire Services / Fire Fighting**

The County of Wetaskiwin administers fire 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.

### **Council Meetings**

Council meetings are public meetings and you may attend if you would like to. 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.

### **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.

### **Garbage Collection**

**Dates for pick up to March are as follows: January 31, February 14, & 28, March 14 & 28, 2007** Waste Management Inc. has recently informed us that they will no longer be providing door-to-door service after March 31, 2007. They have experienced difficulties finding and retaining drivers due the heavy physical demands of the work, high WCB claims, etc. While they offered to put 6-yard bins throughout the village for you to take your garbage to, their cost was going to be nearly double last year's cost. Consequently, we have found a new contractor with an **automated** pick-up system who will start providing service in April. They will be supplying each cabin with one 242-litre cart on wheels that you will leave at the side of the road for pick-up. The truck will pick up and empty your cart and put it back on your driveway. As the driver will not be doing any manual loading into the truck, you will have to limit your garbage to the volume of the cart. If you need more than one cart, they will provide an extra cart, at your cost.

We – and many communities in Alberta - are entering a new era of waste management, one in which we must significantly reduce our contributions to landfills. On the path forward, it will be vital that everyone consider alternatives (i.e. recycling); especially with compostable material that could be mulched or put on a compost pile. For ideas on Grasscycling and composting, see the insert in this newsletter.

### **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).

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

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