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BEACH BULLETIN THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF MA-ME-O BEACH



Message from Council

On behalf of the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach Council, I would like to offer a warm hello! While Council have been eager to start this newsletter, our first few months have been chalk full of board meetings, council meetings, and training. Deputy Mayor Hilgartner, Councilor Mahoney and myself have been working diligently to ensure we are equipped with the information and history to effectively serve you, our respected community. Now that we are up to speed, we are thrilled to introduce the Beach Bulletin!

In addition to providing a summary of village activities, important dates and council related-information, we hope this newsletter will serve as a means to bring the village together by sharing opportunities to get involved in local events, initiatives and ideas. In an effort to provide the information most desired by our residents, Council will be initiating a survey early in 2022 to gather your feedback and suggestions which will help inform our newsletter content going forward.

And as we enter the festive season, we hope you have a chance to enjoy the holidays with those you love.We wish you peace, joy, health and happiness for 2022!

Newsletter Distribution

Distribution of the Beach Bulletin will occur bimonthly in 2022, with new editions released in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Based on the current distribution limitations, the best way to stay up to date on the latest newsletter release is to sign up for notifications via the Ma-Me-O website.

Newsletters will be mailed out and distributed via the website until a formal email distribution list is established. This list is a priority and will be started in January 2022. Those who wish to opt out of the email distribution and continue receiving mail outs are asked to inform the administration prior the April/May 2022 issue.



Wastewater Update - November 2021

The wastewater system remediation project is underway. Project initiation was delayed due to materials supply issues, however, as of October 12th, crews are on site and working diligently to complete as much as they possibly can before the weather closes in for the winter.

So far, they have completed the first section of the line on 1st Avenue. This section runs from mid-11th Street to mid-10th Street. The heat trace cable has been tested and is operational, and the section has been successfully pressure tested. The final back filling of the cc valves will be completed as soon as the insulated caps for the valves arrive.

The construction crews have commenced work on the second section of 1st Avenue. This section runs from mid-10th Street to 9th Street. The remediation is almost complete and heat trace cable will be installed next week. With the exception of a manhole installation, this section is expected to be completed within the next week. Work has also started on the third section, running from 9th Street to 8th Street. Currently, the line is partially exposed.

We hope to be able to complete about 25-30% of the project before winter shut down. An update memo is posted to the Summer Village website on Monday each week. We encourage you to visit the Ma-Me-O Beach website and follow the wastewater project links from the Upcoming Events section on the main page for more information.

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Join Council for an in-person info session on January 16, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the hall. Two annual information meetings will be held in 2022.

The first annual information meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 16 at 1:00 pm at the Ma-Me-O Beach Community Hall**. This is intended to be an in-person meeting for community engagement. Council will share highlights of the January 2022 strategic planning session, and residents will be able to ask questions regarding these highlights and/or Ma-Me-O Beach projects. Unfortunately, Zoom will not be available for this meeting.

The second annual information meeting will take place in the **Summer of 2022**. Continue to watch for updates in the Beach Bulletin and on the Ma-Me-O Beach website as a date is confirmed.

Council Meetings and Other Dates:

- Ma-Me-O Beach Regular Council Meetings will take place every second Friday of the month at 1:30 pm at the Summer Villages Office.
- The last Regular Council meeting for 2021 is Friday, December 10. Meeting dates for the first half of 2022 are: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13 and June 10. Although we love to see you in person, due to the limited space in the boardroom and in observance of the current COVID protocols in Alberta, those who wish to attend are encouraged to join the meeting via Zoom if possible. Zoom details will be shared on the Ma-Me-O Beach website just prior the meeting date.
- The Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach Office will observe the following hours during the holidays: December 24, 2021- Open 9 am to 12 pm; December 25 to January 3, Closed. Regular office hours will commence on January 4, 2022.

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Ma-Me-O's Snow Removal and Boat Hoist Programs

Snow Removal

Hate to shovel? It's not too late to sign up for the 2021/22 snow removal program. To summarize, the program offers driveway snow removal following a snow fall of at least 3 to 4 inches. Program participants can choose to sign up for one-time removal or annual service. For the full program outline including the associated policy and forms, check under 'Latest News' on our website. Past participants should have received an email from our administration within the last 45 days containing both the policy and forms.

To sign up, simply (download from the website and) complete the appropriate form, either annual or one-time, and send it to the village office with your payment.

Payment Options: the office can accept cash, cheque, paying online through your tax account or also we now offer **online payment** via credit card or interact through the Pay Simply website.

To pay online please visit the home page of the Ma-Me-O Beach website, and click the **\$** (dollar sign) bright green icon that says 'payment options', this will then take you to the link to the Pay Simply site. Residents will need their roll number to complete their online transactions which is on their tax notice, or they can obtain their roll number by calling the office at 780-586-2494.



Boat Hoist Program

The Ma-Me-O Boat Hoist Program will start up again in the spring of 2022. In late January/early February, Administration will email out a new form and agreement applicable to 2022 to all the residents who participated in the program last season, as well as it will be posted on the Ma-Me-O website for any other Ma-Me-O residents who wish to join the program.

The Boat Hoist Program typically runs May through September. We like to put the hoists in as soon as we are able, weather permitting. We aim to remove the hoists from the lake after the September long weekend to give residents one last long weekend to enjoy the lake. Please note installation and removal of the boat hoists are always weather permitting!

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Have a question, suggestion or need additional information? Contact your Administration & Council :

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