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BEACH BULLETIN

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



Message from Council

With the spring weather finally arriving, we are shifting our focus from planning to prepping for an amazing summer in Ma-Me-O. As the snow melts, work will continue on wastewater line to ensure the roads and property accesses are restored while completing the section to Jubilee Park and the system tie-in on Block 10. The Beautification Committee is gearing up to ensure our village aesthetically reflects the personality and energy of its residents, while the Safety and Wellness Committee will work to make our community safer and more inclusive. The library is running some wonderful programs to bring people together, read the next page for more details. And of course, the Recreation Board is starting to ramp up its efforts to deliver a summer bursting with activities.

Next newsletter, new details will be shared pertaining to those who participate in the Boat Hoist Program. In addition, we will be including a survey to gain your input on our newsletter content. In the meantime, please continue to email your Council with any questions, feedback or ideas so we can work together in making Ma-Me-O Beach an amazing place to be.

And in closing, we appreciate the level of concern regarding a proposed feedlot on the south side of the lake. A template letter of opposition can be downloaded from the Ma-Me-O Beach website as well as information on the project itself. In addition to the letter submitted by the village, individuals are encouraged to continue submitting letters until April 7.

The Knitting Group and Plant Club are back!

Check out all the Pigeon Lake Library has in store in 2022

The Pigeon Lake Library is hub of activity these days! Whether the Book Club, Knitting Group (fibre art) or the Garden Group, join your neighbours for some creative fun, coffee and conversation. The Knitting Group runs every other week at 1pm, and provides great company while you continue to work on a project. And if you need a hand, there is usually someone in attendance to provide helpful guidance or advice. The Garden Group brings together individuals who are looking to be more successful at producing plant materials whether perennials, annuals or vegetable patches. Planning, seeding, cuttings and sharing are the focus.

While there are no self-proclaimed experts in the group, the skill set ranges from beginner to intermediate with no shortage on creativity or ideas. We are planning to have a plant exchange in May so keep an eye open for more details. And lastly, the Libraries Summer Reading Program starts at the beginning of July with details being announced in the next newsletter. Remember, all Ma-Me-O Residents are entitled to a free library card and if you have not had a chance, we highly encourage you to explore this amazing resource right in our community.

Book Club upcoming dates: July 2022

Knitting Group (fibre art) upcoming dates: Apr. 13, 27, May 11, 25

Garden Group upcoming dates: Apr. 13, 27, May 11 at 7pm. More dates will be announced as confirmed.

We are pleased to announce the library will be expanding its hours for the summer starting in June. Summer hours are Monday, Wednesday: 10 am to 6 pm; Thursday and Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm. For more information on the clubs and groups, please call Cheryl at 780-586-3778.

SAVE THE DATE

July 2nd, 2022, 8PM

(Mameo Hall)

It's time for a

TOGA Party

(in support of the MS Society)

Music by The Brinkmans

Tickets on sale soon

Contact Tim @780-361-9405 or Sylvia @ 780-361-7094

Summer Job Opportunity!

The Ma-Me-O Playground Program is looking for an enthusiastic, energetic and motivated young adult to join our team. The role is a dynamic position comprised of planning and executing programming for the playground program that runs weekdays from July 4 to August 12, 2022. In addition, the Playground Leads oversee Wednesday night Bingo from July 6 to August 10, and support the Recreation Board with Ma-Me-O Days July 22-24.

This role is an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills, work within a young and inspired team and take on a meaningful role in the community. While the bulk of the role will be limited to the months of July and August, preliminary planning will be required as early as May but can be completed remotely. To learn more about this position including hours, pay and schedule, please contact Christine Holmes at svmolmes@gmail.com or call 587-768-0268. Please keep an eye on the Ma-Me-O Beach website for more details.

The Ma-Me-O History Book is Wrapping Up!

The Ma-Me-O Beach History Book team is dedicated to documenting the history of Ma-Me-O Beach and we are nearing the completion of this exciting project. We are finishing up conducting interviews with residents, researching significant events in the area and studying how the land development has contributed to the rich history of Ma-Me-O Beach. We will be completing the scheduling and collection of interviews by September 2022, so get in touch ASAP to be included!

Our writer, interviewer and photographer Erin Dentzien, has been working on the history book since October 2019, and is looking forward to seeing all the stories published in the Summer of 2023! We also wish to thank our dearly departed friend and former Council member Peter Langelle, for all his work and dedication to this project over the many years on Council. Please do get in touch to share your Ma-Me-O Beach stories and/or photographs by going to: <https://www.mameohistorybook.com/contact> or by scanning the QR code included in this newsletter.



E-Newsletter Option

The email distribution list for the Beach Bulletin is building! To add your email address to our list, please complete the FOIP form posted on the Ma-Me-O Beach website or call the office to have one mailed to you. For those who subscribe, newsletters will be emailed directly to your inbox. Those who do not wish to opt in can still access the latest Beach Bulletin on the website or if preferred through the traditional mail (select regular mail on the FOIP form). Distribution of the Beach Bulletin occurs bi-monthly in 2022, with new editions released in January/February, March/April, May/June, July/August, September/October and November/December.



WE NEED YOU!

**Love Ma-Me-O? Keen to get involved? Have great ideas to share?
Join us in serving and supporting the community we adore.**

Have the band-width to really dig in or are you looking for more flexibility in terms of commitment? Consider becoming a committee board member or a volunteer. No matter what your appetite, we have an opportunity for you.

The three committees for 2022 are:

Recreation Committee: Responsible for the playground program, dances, bingo, Ma-Me-O Days, etc...If you are ready to plan an excellent summer filled with fun and excitement, join us for the next meeting via Zoom on the evening of **March 31, 2022**. Call-in details will be posted on the website asap. Email svmholmes@gmail.com to sign-up, submit ideas or ask questions.

Safety and Wellness Committee: Responsible for generating ideas to improve the safety of our community and helping Residents who require assistance. Safety topics include: road control, beach access form and function, beach issues, the Day Use Park and water safety. Items that fall within Wellness include: Providing assistance for area residents in need of additional support and improving community awareness. Email councillerhilgartner@gmail.com to sign-up, submit ideas or ask questions.

Beautification Committee: Hello ratepayers, I'm looking for 4 of you to join me in finding ways to make Ma-Me-O even more beautiful than it is. It's a tough task but there are some really creative people in this community that can come up with some ideas that will make us the envy of other summer villages! If you are interested in this committee, please reach out to me at mahoney.mameo@gmail.com..

Council Meetings & Other Important 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.** Meeting dates for the first half of 2022 are: January 14, February 11, March 11, **April 8**, May 6* 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.
- Toga Party Dance in Support of MS: July 2, 2022
- Bingo returns Wednesday nights starting July 6, 2022 (more details to come)
- Annual Information Meeting: July 16, 2022 at the Ma-Me-O Beach Hall
- Ma-Me-O Days 2022: July 22-24 ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Emergency Response Update

On Sunday, March 20 the South Pigeon Lake Fire Department responded to a fire call on 6 block. Upon arrival, it was determined 2 power lines were down as a result of high wind speeds. The fire department observed and ensured the fires were contained while maintaining a safe distance, at the same time Fortis worked to shut down the power. The scenario was managed successfully and power was restored within approx. 6 hours. There is some asphalt damage resulting from the event, please watch your footing in the area until the appropriate repairs can be made.

On Monday, March 21, the smell of natural gas was reported to Apex, also on 6 block. Apex sent out an investigator and a natural gas leak was detected on the north side of the street in the proximity of the wastewater trench. As the ground in the area was accessible, Apex was able to dig the area by hand and later brought in a vacuum truck to access the small leak. The leak was then repaired without issue, and the excavated portion filled back in.

NUMBERS TO CALL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

- FOR **POWER ISSUES** (DAMAGED OR DOWNED LINES, IMPACTED TRANSFORMER BOXES, POWER OUTAGES, ETC...): CALL FORTIS AT 310-WIRE (9473), FORTIS IS THERE FOR YOU 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.
- FOR **NATURAL GAS** RELATED ISSUES (SMELL DETECTED, SUSPECTED LEAK, DISRUPTION IN SERVICE, ETC...): CALL 911 OR APEX AT 1-866-222-2068 TO REPORT A GAS ODOUR, NATURAL GAS FIRE, OR DAMAGED GAS LINE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.
- FOR **TREE RELATED** ISSUES THAT IMPEDE ACCESS OR POSE A THREAT TO SAFETY (FALLEN TREES, BROKEN BRANCHES, ETC...) CALL THE SUMMER VILLAGES OFFICE @ 780-586-2494 OR EMAIL INFORMATION@SVOFFICEPL.COM
- TO REPORT **BYLAW** INFRACTIONS: CALL BYLAW OFFICER, DORIS MCALLISTER AT 780-719-6447
- FOR **WILDLIFE** ISSUES (INJURED, POPULATION CONTROL, HABITATION): CALL THE ALBERTA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION OFFICE @ 780-437-2342 DURING OFFICE HOURS, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM, OR SEND AN EMAIL TO OFFICE@AFGA.ORG THEY MAY OFFER ADVICE OR SUGGESTIONS.

Have a question, suggestion or need additional information?

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS: 911, RCMP 780-312-7200 OR 780-312-7267