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BEACH BULLETIN

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



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Message from Council

Another round of midges and now mosquitos? Must mean summer has officially arrived in Ma-Me-O! While these pests are our least favourite part of the season, they do tend signal warmer temperatures ahead and the start of the growing season as trees, bushes and flowers burst with foliage and blooms.

As a new council, we are extremely excited to see the village activity increasing, this means more opportunities to engage with you, our public. Whether walking on the beach, grabbing an ice cream on block 6 or taking the little ones to the park, please take a moment to stop us and introduce yourself. We made a commitment to keep the lines of communication open and a big part of that involves building relationships.

This newsletter is packed with information on the activities scheduled for July and August, in addition to opportunities to get involved. And please, if you are considering volunteering but are worried you don't have the time, do not fret. We have a host of options to accommodate any schedule.

And lastly, like the newsletter? Have some feedback about the format, content suggestions or thoughts on how we can make it even better? We want to hear from you. Please take a moment to answer a few questions via survey monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/75J8JFV>. If you would prefer a hard copy of this survey, please contact the village office for assistance. Thank you!

Campfire Safety and Reminders

- In campgrounds or recreational areas, use the designated stoves, rings, or fire pits. They are designed to keep fires from spreading and are the best choice for a safe campfire.
- When outside of a campground, use sites that are clear of dry grass, bushes, leaves, branches, tree trunks, peat moss, and overhanging branches. If the site has already been used for a campfire, use the same site.
- Build your campfires on level ground that is sheltered from wind.
- If you can't build your fire near a water source, have a large container of water nearby to keep your campfire under control. When you are done, fully extinguish it by soaking it, stirring it, and soaking it again.
- Extinguish Your Campfire
- Let the fire burn down before you plan on putting it out. Spread the embers within the fire pit, then add water or loose dirt, and stir.
- Expose any material still burning. Add more water and stir again until you can no longer see smoke or steam. Do not bury your fire as the embers may continue to smoulder and can re-emerge as a wildfire.
- Repeat until your campfire is cool to the touch.

If your fire is out, you should not be able to feel any heat from the ashes.

A Note on Insurance for Fire, Flood, and Storm Damage

Residents are reminded that the annual fee the Summer Village pays for fire protection supports the maintenance of the fire department. Check your insurance for fire, flood and storm damage coverage as the Summer Village is not responsible for any charges incurred from a Fire Department response or services provided in conjunction with a response.

Kick Back With a Good Book This Summer!

The Pigeon Lake Library has a ton to offer visitors and residents alike. If you haven't been in a while, take a moment to pop in and see what's new. The library's 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.

A Huge Thank You to Our Local Green Thumbs!



An amazing group of Ma-Me-O residents were out in full force the morning on Friday, June 10, cleaning up the beds outside the hall and tidying up the area before planting a beautiful display. After the hall, the group moved on to freshen up the playground. Thank you to all involved and for your commitment to making our community vibrant and inspiring others to take action.

IT'S TIME TO TOGA!!!

(summer dance to support the MS Society)

**Saturday,
July 2, 2022
8PM**

MaMeO Hall

**Music by
Brinkman 4Ever**

**TICKETS: \$30.00 in advance
\$35.00 at the door**

*Grab a bed sheet and get creative
designing your TOGA outfit!!*

TOGA TOGA TOGA

**Must be 18 Please drink responsibly.
FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

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

[HTTPS://MAMEOBEACH.CA](https://mameobeach.ca)

Ma-Me-O Days are Back!!

After a two year pause due to COVID, Ma-Me-O Days are once again returning on July 23-24, 2022. With a new council and a new Rec Society, this year has been a tough one to pull off but we are giving it our best shot. This year's event will include the Fire Fighter Pancake Breakfast, Parade, Family Dance on the 23rd, wrapping up with a Sand Sculpture contest on the 24th.

While the details for the breakfast and the dance are confirmed, we are still accepting entries for the parade. Have a great idea for a float? Know a business who would like exposure in our community? Looking for a chance to show off your hot rod? Contact the Rec Society at svmholmes@gmail.com, or wave down one of our board members:

Christine Holmes, Katherine Pike, Audra Duncan, and Erin McAuley.

And finally, to make Ma-Me-O Days a reality, we desperately need volunteers to help us! If you can spare an hour or two during Ma-Me-O Days or before, please let any member of the Rec Society know or email svmholmes@gmail.com. A list of opportunities is available and we would welcome an opportunity to meet you and to hear where you are interested in getting involved.

Ma-Me-O Days Schedule of Events:

July 23, 2022 - 8am Pancake Breakfast at the Hall, 11am Parade, 6pm Family Dance & BBQ

July 24, 2022 - Sand Sculpture Contest 10 am kick off at Jubilee Park, Judging starts at 2pm

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.



Calendar of Events

JULY 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				¹ Lakedell Farmers Market	² Toga Party 8pm- Hall	³
⁴ Playground Program Monday- Friday 9 am- 11am	⁵	⁶ BINGO 6pm - Hall	⁷	⁸ Council Meeting 1:30 pm- Village Office	⁹	¹⁰
¹¹ Sailing Camp* Monday- Friday Playground Program	¹²	¹³ BINGO 6pm - Hall	¹⁴	¹⁵ Lakedell Farmers Market	¹⁶ Annual Information Meeting 10 am - Hall	¹⁷
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*Sailing Camp runs Monday-Friday, 8am - 4pm for students aged 8-16. For information check out <http://www.argentiabeachsailing.com> or email: argenticamps@gmail.com

AUGUST 2022

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Boat Hoist Labelling Update

All boat hoists in Ma-Me-O should be marked with a Ma-Me-O Beach sticker (available through the village office) and a number in accordance with the Boat Hoist Service Policy #14-2009. By maintaining a list of hoist locations and owners, regardless of the owner's participation in the Boat Hoist program, the Sumer Village administration is able to contact owners in the event of an emergency or related matter. With severe weather, a storm can easily lift a boat out of its hoist or shift a hoist to an unsafe position and the ability to contact owners in a timely fashion is very important.

If the village has already assigned a number to your hoist, please ensure that it is **CLEARLY** visible on the hoist through the use of spray paint or stick on numbers. If you require assistance with adding your number to your hoist, the Summer Village can mark the hoist for you upon request. If you do not have a hoist number, please call the Summer Village Office at 780-586-2494, to have one assigned to you. Thank you for your assistance in this space and please reach out with any questions or concerns at your earliest convenience.

Bird Deterrent Consideration

If you have a boat, you likely know how difficult it can be to keep birds off your tarp or hoist cover. A quick cautionary note, using fishing line or string to deter birds from landing on your tarp can prove problematic, especially if the lines lose tension through wind or storms. Birds can easily become tangled in these strings and it is possible for them to be injured or killed trying to escape. There are many options on the market to try which pose less of a risk to our avian cohabitants such as reflective flags or spinners. A quick Google search can provide you with numerous options in seconds, or you can call the Summer village office for suggestions.



Land Use Bylaw Update

The Land Use Bylaw review process was officially kicked off last week with a presentation from MPS Consultants during the June council Meeting. The renewal process is estimated to take a year to complete and includes a robust analysis of our current needs, future goals and incorporates public feedback so please be ready to share your perspectives. The current bylaw was created two decades ago therefore an update is long overdue.

Although some aspects of the bylaw will change, all residents must adhere to the current bylaw until the new version is released. If you have a question or concern regarding any bylaw or bylaw infractions, please reach out to any member of council or the administration for assistance or additional information.

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 June 22, 2022**. Check the Ma-Me-O Beach website for call in details or 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 councillorhilgartner@gmail.com to sign-up, submit ideas or ask questions.

Beautification Committee: An update from Councilor Mahoney, "I have been fortunate to have four very creative individuals join me in helping to create a vision of Ma-Me-O Beach that is even more beautiful then it already is. Thanks to **Darcy MacNaughton, Dave Rush, Debbie Rowley** and **Wayne Buskas** for an enjoyable and productive first meeting. If anyone has suggestions that would add to our vision, feel free to reach out to myself or any of our committee members."

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 next three months are: July 8, August 12, and September 9.
- Toga Party Dance in Support of MS: July 2, 2022
- Bingo returns Wednesday nights starting July 6, 2022 (more details to come) and runs until August 10.
- Annual Information Meeting: July 16, 2022 at 10 am at the Ma-Me-O Beach Hall
- Ma-Me-O Days 2022: July 23-24 ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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.



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?

CONTACT YOUR ADMINISTRATION & COUNCIL :

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ADMINISTRATION: SUMMER VILLAGES OFFICE

780-586-2494, INFORMATION@SVOFFICEPL.COM

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