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BEACH BULLETIN

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



Message from Council

It was a truly moving experience to witness our community come together in recognition and honor of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day on September 30, 2022. The gathering and ceremony was powerful for all in attendance and on behalf of council, we would like to thank Azure Johnson, local elder Lester, Samson Councillor Holly Johnson-Rattlesnake, and Janet Paskemin for sharing their stories and reinforcing that we all must take an active role in the healing process. Janet is featured in the photo above singing and drumming on the beach at sunset, an emotional and touching tribute that struck a chord in the heart of all. A warm thank you also to Rick Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, for kicking off the event and speaking to the journey we are on as a province and a country.

Land Use Bylaw Consultation Process

Your feedback is vital, please take the time to share your thoughts and concerns.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach Land Use Bylaw review has begun. To help you understand what a Land Use Bylaw (LUB) is, why it is being reviewed and updated, a specific LUB newsletter has been put together with more information, as well as a survey for you to complete to help us better understand your thoughts on some key land use and development questions. The second newsletter in this series has been included with our Ma-Me-O newsletter distribution. If you have any questions about accessing the survey or the LUB newsletter, please contact the village office.

Tree Removal Process Overview

Submitted by Summer Village Administration

Residents who wish to have a tree removed that is located on municipal property are asked to contact the Summer Villages Office at 780-586-2494 or information@svofficepl.com with their request as well as identifying where the tree is located.

In response, a member of the Summer Villages staff and contractor/arborist will attend the site to inspect the tree and if the tree is worthy of removal, Summer Villages staff will arrange for its removal at expense of the Summer Village.

Please note some trees cannot be "topped" as it may just compromise the health and condition of the tree and leave it in a precarious condition.

2022 Great Canadian Shoreline Clean Up

As summer comes to an end, it is time to get the garbage and debris off our beach that have accumulated over the past few months. By cleaning and maintaining the beach and areas adjacent to the water's edge we can protect our lake from the impacts of litter and safeguard its health. Thank you to the the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association once again for kicking off this annual initiative which runs August 15 - October 15, and a huge thank you to all the volunteers participated. Your pride and investment in our village is very much appreciated.

Missed your chance this year but curious how to get involved for 2023? Contact **info@plwa.ca** for more information and details on registering as a small group, family or as an individual. All participants are asked waiver, review the Great Canadian Shoreline Checklist, prepare your clean up materials (gloves, bags or buckets, data card and pen) and to submit the completed data card to when your area is complete.

Snow Removal Program

With the warm fall we have been experiencing, it is hard to believe that our first snow fall is just around the corner. For those looking for extra help clearing the white stuff, you can now sign up for the 2022/23 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 will receive an email from our administration containing both the policy and forms. If you require assistance accessing the forms or would prefer a paper copy, please call the village office for assistance.

To sign up for the program online, 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 village office at 780-586-2494.

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.



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: October 14, November 4, December 9, and the next dates TBA.

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.

Emergency Call Out - Contact Information

To ensure the Village is able to contact you with **timely and critical information** during a **crisis event**, please contact the Village office (780) 586- 2494 to verify the details on file.

Have a question, suggestion or need additional information?

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS: 911,

RCMP NON-EMERGENCY LINE: 780-312-7200 OR 780-312-7267