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BEACH BULLETIN

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SUMMER VILLAGE OF MA-ME-O BEACH



Message from Council

As we near the end of 2022, it is wonderful to look back on all the things we accomplished as a community. It is important to not only celebrate the successes and capture the lessons learned, but also to let our pride and passion as a collective inspire us as we plan for 2023. The year kicked off with the new Council's first strategy session followed by the formation of our three boards; we held our first in-person public engagement session in July, and Ma-Me-O Days returned after a two year hiatus due to COVID. Don't forget we also completed 25% of our wastewater system remediation, launched public consultation for the Land Use Bylaw update, jointly hosted a National Truth and Reconciliation event in addition to the numerous activities run by the Recreation Committee and Pigeon Lake Library. From the Great Shoreline Clean-up to the dances, bingos, and other activities that fill our calendar, it goes without saying that none would be possible if it were not for our phenomenal volunteers who regularly and consistently raise their hand to help. In closing, Council would like to offer a huge thank you to our volunteers as well as our residents for their support and regular input, together you make Ma-Me-O one of the best places to visit and reside. All the best for the holiday season and Happy New Year.

Land Use Bylaw Consultation Process

Your feedback is vital, thank you for sharing your thoughts and concerns.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Land Use Bylaw survey distributed via MPS and the Village office. We received a total of 140 responses which is an excellent response rate, effectively capturing the concerns and feedback of our residents which will weigh heavily in the bylaw update. For next steps, a report on the public feedback, entitled the What We Heard Report, will be released in the new year following the review by Council.

Wastewater System Update

Submitted by Summer Village Administration

The arbitration process is evolving slowly, but some progress has been made. Closing arguments have been made but due to the holidays, a delay is anticipated. At this point, we are expecting the arbitrator's decision by the end of February.

History Book Update

Submitted by Erin Woods

Great news for Ma-Me-O Beach! The history book is in the final stages of completion and we are very excited to reveal the book in 2023. If you have been sent your cabin story for review, please get back to Erin as soon as possible so we receive edits to all the stories before going to print. Also, please send photos (with captions) ASAP as we need those to accompany each story when being sent to the publisher. The photos can be sent before you receive your story for editing or while you are going through the review stage. Rest assured, if you are waiting on your cabin story it will be sent either in December or January as we take a small break for the holidays.

The editing process is being shortened to only allow for two full changes to the stories to make sure we are finalizing stories more quickly to meet the deadline to present the book in 2023. This means when you meet, call or email Erin with edits we ask that the changes be done all at once so we can move on to the next round of stories. Any further changes will not be made after the two rounds of editing as much time is lost going back through to find the sections and make those minor adjustments. We appreciate many family members will want to contribute to the editing process, and encourage those who can send edits back quickly all in one go to do so as a collective. However, we need to have a cut-off to honour the book and make sure it stays on track for publishing so please stick to the two bulk editing submissions.

We are putting a pause on posting stories up on the website to stay on track with writing and finalizing all history book stories. If you see your story up on the website but not on the homepage map; please know this is because we are shifting focus to the hard copy publishing side. We will update the website and map on the site once we have the book ready and gone off to the publisher.

Get in touch with Erin for your edits via the included email: erin.cripps.woods@gmail.com Or call her cellphone which is 587-783-8931 to arrange an in-person time to review your story. Alternatively, stories can be mailed out if you are farther away and not out at your cabin in the next few weeks - please let Erin know your current address for mailing.

Programs through the Pigeon Lake Library

For an up-to-date listing check out: <https://www.facebook.com/pigeonlakelibrary>

Looking to try Snowshoeing?

Now you can sign out a Snow Shoe Adventure Pack from the Pigeon Lake Public Library. Call 780.586.3778 for more information and to check availability. Family packs include two sets of adult snow shoes and three sets of children's.

Book Clubs

There are currently two afternoon clubs running and organizers are looking to start an evening group if there is interest. Please call Cheryl at the Library or send her a message: pigeonlakelibrary@yrl.ab.ca for more information.

Fibre Arts Group: Wednesdays 1-3 pm

This group is set up to learn or make things using fibre. This can be knitting, crochet, macrame, felting, cross stitch, embroidery or any other fibre project. It is a great social time, especially in the winter months, most of us want to learn something new or just work on our own project. WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US. For more information contact Bonny at 780.586.2579 or Marilyn King or Cheryl at the library, 780.586.3778.

Warm Clothing for Neighbourhood Outreach Wetaskiwin:

We have been donating warm winter clothing, scarves, hats, mitts, socks, boots, jackets for a few years now and it is really appreciated. We have also included in the last couple of years: new underwear, toothbrushes, wipes, things that street people need to fill a demand. We decorate our Christmas tree with mitts, scarves & hats that go to N.O.W. If you have extra or wrong sized winter outdoors clothing bring it down to the library, cleans your closet and is appreciated.

Food Bank Items:

The food bank we are supporting this year is through the Pigeon Lake Recreation Center for our neighbors in need. Anything non-perishable is great to bring to the Library.

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: January 13, February 10, and the next dates TBA.
- The Recreation Committee, Beautification Committee and Safety and Wellness Committees will be reconvening in the new year, check out the website for details.

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