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# BEACH BULLETIN

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



## Message from Council

While the cold snap we are currently enduring suggests otherwise, summer will be upon us in only a few short months. As the ground thaws and the ice and snow disappear, the gravel channel running from 11th street to 5th street will once again be exposed. This section will not be completely repaired until the next phase of our wastewater project in an attempt to reduce the disruption of repetitive road work as well as expenditures associated with the rework. If you are located in the impacted area, please reach out to the administration with questions. In addition, Hwy 13A is scheduled for resurfacing/topping during the month of June so please anticipate possible disruptions to your commute. When more information and timelines become available through the contractor conducting the work, we will inform our ratepayers.

In the coming months, we will be launching our Boat Hoist program, sharing information about the programs and events planned for the summer and welcoming you to share your suggestions and ideas to make this summer another filled with memories. Please take the time to read our newsletter, check out the website and connect with your council and administration to stay engaged and informed.

# Land Use Bylaw Consultation Process

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

The Land Use Bylaw Consultation feedback will be shared with council in March and following a detailed review, a report will be provided to ratepayers for awareness. While this process continues, council will be providing updates as information becomes available.

Once again, thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback!

## Wastewater System Update

As many of you are aware, we are currently waiting for the arbitration process to be completed. So far, the results of the arbitration have been delayed yet again. While we were initially anticipating results by the end of December, the new timeline has shifted to this summer.

The reasons for the delays are varied and out of council and the administration's control. We know that everyone is anxiously awaiting the results.... as are we. Once we have the results, decisions can be made regarding the next steps for our wastewater system. Until then, please be patient. Hopefully, by the time our summer Annual Information Meeting occurs on July 8 (10 am - noon at the hall) we will be able to provide more information to our ratepayers.

## History Book Update

One final reminder that the final draft of the Ma-Me-O history book will be closed for editing at the end of the February. If you have not had a chance to review your story, please do so ASAP. Contributors can get in touch with Erin via email or her cell phone with questions or last minute updates: [erin.cripps.woods@gmail.com](mailto:erin.cripps.woods@gmail.com)/ 587-783-8931.

## Garbage Collection Reminder

A quick reminder for every ratepayer that the garbage pickup is weekly and falls on each Monday. However, if the Monday is a statutory holiday, the pickup moves to Wednesday.

Please refrain from leaving garbage in plastic bags beside the road when departing the village as the plastic bag can be ripped open by birds or a plethora of varmints that call Ma-Me-O home. This problem is compounded when garbage is out on the Sunday before a statutory holiday, leaving the the wildlife until Wednesday morning to spread that garbage all over the village!

The simple solution is to have a garbage bin (with a lid) and place ALL OF YOUR GARBAGE within the bin. Thanks for helping us keep the village beautiful!



# Programs Returning This Summer:

Check out [www.mameobeach.ca](http://www.mameobeach.ca) for updates as the season approaches

## Playground Program

Children aged 5-12 are welcome to attend our annual playground program this summer from July 4 - August 18, 9 am to noon each Monday to Friday excluding holidays. During this time, participants will enjoy games and crafts while meeting new and reuniting with old friends at the Ma-Me-O playground. If interested in applying for the Playground Program Lead position see the ad in this newsletter for details or check out the role description posted on the village website ([www.mameobeach.ca](http://www.mameobeach.ca)). Junior lead positions are also available to those who are not old enough for the Lead role but have an interest in assisting and training.

## Family Bingo Night

Family bingo night will return on July 5, running each Wednesday until August 16, 6 - 8pm at the Ma-Me-O Hall. Bring your family and friends down and try your luck while enjoying the refreshments available for purchase at the concession.

## Ma-Me-O Days

While the details are still in development, we can confirm Ma-Me-O Days will be held on the weekend of July 21-23. Returning again this year will be the Parade, Family BBQ and Dance as well as the Sand Sculpture Contest.



It goes without saying that Ma-Me-O simply could not host the above events and activities without the support and dedication of a team of volunteers who selflessly donate their time, creativity and enthusiasm. If you can spare even an hour this summer to help out, we would love to have you! Please email [svmholmes@gmail.com](mailto:svmholmes@gmail.com) or call the village office to connect with the Ma-Me-O Recreation Committee.

## Annual Information Meeting

The Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach Annual Information Meeting is scheduled for July 8, 10am - noon at the hall. Please join council and the administration for a summary of the year-to-date and feel free to raise questions or seek clarifications to issues you or the village is facing. Your participation is encouraged and welcomed.

# Programs through the Pigeon Lake Library

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

The Pigeon Lake Library always has exciting programs and courses on the go. Check out the Friends of Ma-Me-O Page on Facebook, use the web address above or call the library directly to learn what is on the agenda in the upcoming months.

## Resident Contact List - Help Us Reach You

An up-to-date ratepayer contact list is extremely important as it allows our administration to contact you in case of emergency or with important communications. If you have not done so, please complete the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act Form included in this newsletter and return it to the village office to allow the administration to contact you via email or regular mail with pertinent and timely information. Further, if you have not done so in recent history, please ensure the details on file at the office are up-to-date as we have noted several discrepancies over the winter which prevented us from reaching residents in a timely fashion.

We thank you in advance for your assistance and we thank you for helping us keep our village safe and informed.



## Be Prepared To Save Time & Lives

### Details to keep on hand in case of an Emergency

While no one wants to think about an emergency situation unfolding before them, the reality is these situations often arise quickly and without warning. In order to help the 911 dispatchers direct resources to the correct location, plan ahead and have the following details ready:

- House/cabin address including street and avenue and include whether the location is on the beach, main street, alleyway or highway
- Be clear with a physical description of the property, or if the issue is located on public property, note the nearest intersection and landmarks
- Descriptors such as "where the main pier used to be", "Jubilee Park", "Playground", "Day Park", or "Old Boat Launch" are not familiar to responders as they have no context or history of our area
- Provide any details possible about the best point of entry to the scene, and if observing a situation that is moving take note of the direction it is headed and to aid in an intervention

License plate numbers and vehicle descriptions are very helpful, but please be cautious in gathering this information if the scenario appears volatile. Your safety is the number one priority

# Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach

## HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER!

The Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach would like to serve our residents as best as possible. Difficulties are sometimes encountered by the Summer Village Administration attempting to contact residents with time-sensitive information. Please fill out the following form and indicate how you wish to receive correspondence from the Summer Villages Office.

As such, the Summer Village is requesting your email/ mailing address so that we may contact you directly for time-sensitive events/ information such as newsletters, updates, events, fish pick-up, etc.

**Please complete and return this form to the Summer Villages Office, check off which method of correspondence you prefer and fill out the indicated information.**

**Please mail it back to Box 100, Ma-Me-O Beach, AB T0C 1X0 or scan your completed form and email it to [information@svofficepl.com](mailto:information@svofficepl.com)**

Only information necessary for the provision of Summer Village services is collected.

☒ **I Wish to receive updates via email**

Name (Please print):

Cabin Number:

Email address:

Signature:

Only information necessary for the provision of Summer Village services is collected.

☐ **I Wish to receive updates via regular mail**

Name (Please print):

Cabin Number:

Mailing address:

Signature:



The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Government Act, section 3, and is protected under the provisions of the Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. If you have questions about the collection, use or disclosure of this information please contact the FOIP Officer at (780) 586-2494.



# WE ARE HIRING

## PLAYGROUND PROGRAM LEADS

### JOB DESCRIPTION:

Do you enjoy interacting with children through arts, crafts, games and other fun activities? The Ma-Me-O Beach Recreational Committee is searching for the perfect candidates (16+ years old) to lead our summer recreation programs!

The primary responsibility is to lead the weekday playground program as well as supporting a weekly community Bingo night. These programs run from July 4 to August 18, 2023. This is a great summer position for someone who enjoys working with children and facilitating fun activities throughout the summer. The park program lead is supported by the Recreation Committee and many friendly volunteers.

Hours: Plan and prepare for the program - May - June (25 hrs. max). Daily management of the Playground Program and assisting Bingo Nights - July 4 - August 18 (27-30 hrs. per week). It is expected that the candidate will be available to assist with Ma-Me-O Days weekend celebrations.

A full breakdown of the role and responsibilities is available at [www.mameobeach.ca](http://www.mameobeach.ca).



To view the complete job posting,  
visit: [www.mameobeach.ca](http://www.mameobeach.ca)

For more information, questions or to  
submit your resume, email:  
[svmholmes@gmail.com](mailto:svmholmes@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 next three months are: March 10, April 14, and May 5 at 1:30 pm.
- 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?

CONTACT YOUR ADMINISTRATION & COUNCIL :

**MAYOR:** CHRISTINE HOLMES

587-768-0268, SVMHOLMES@GMAIL.COM

**DEPUTY MAYOR:** AL HILGARTNER

780-352-1508, COUNCILLERHILGARTNER@GMAIL.COM

**COUNCILLOR:** TIMOTHY MAHONEY

780-361-9405, MAHONEY.MAMEO@GMAIL.COM

**ADMINISTRATION:** SUMMER VILLAGES OFFICE

780-586-2494, INFORMATION@SVOFFICEPL.COM

**CAO:** SYLVIA ROY, 780-586-2494

INFORMATION@SVOFFICEPL.COM

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS:** 911,

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