

Summer Village of Yellowstone

May 2021 Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

I trust that you and your families are doing well. This past winter was a challenge in some respects but, in general; the unseasonable weather was a blessing. Thanks to all for the additional vigilance in preventing a serious outbreak of the C-19 virus in our community. Many of you spend much time in urban settings where infection rates are high and in returning to Yellowstone have assured community safety. We are planning a Saturday afternoon clean-up this spring and look forward to your participation. Stay tuned for more info. On that note, thanks to all of you who have done some of the work already and, of course, also to those that pick trash up on a regular basis. Through careful planning, Council and Administration have limited our overall Municipal tax rate increase to 2%. Until the economic situation improves for all of us, we must focus on essential spending. On behalf of Council and Administration, I trust that you will enjoy good health, good friends and prosperity during the upcoming summer. Try to have a lot of fun!

Sincerely,

Mayor, Russ Purdy

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR 2021 CENSUS??

We encourage all residents to complete their census questionnaire (online option: www.census.gc.ca). Accurate & complete census data supports programs and services that benefit **our Community** including grant funding to our Summer Village.



DO YOU THINK YOU'VE SPOTTED A QUAGGA OR ZEBRA MUSSEL?

Report it to Alberta's invasive species hotline at 1 855 336 BOAT (2628).

Clean, Drain, Dry Your Boat!

Clean

- Clean and inspect watercraft, trailer and gear
- Remove all plants, animals, and mud at the access area or dock
- At home, soak your gear in a bleach solution for at least one minute
- Rinse, scrub or pressure wash your boat away from storm drains, ditches or waterways

Drain

On land, before leaving the waterbody, drain all water from:

- Bait buckets
- Coolers
- Livewells
- Ballast
- Internal compartments
- Bilges

Dry

- Dry the watercraft and gear completely between trips and allow the wet areas of your boat to air dry
- Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water



DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL!
Quagga/zebra mussels
ruin boats and destroy waters
DON'T LET THEM RIDE WITH YOU!

Please help to keep our aquatic animals and plants healthy..
Do not wash Vehicles, ATVS, Boats, etc. in the lake!

Fires can happen! ARE YOU COVERED?

Did you know that the cost of fire suppression by the fire department is payable by the **property owner**? In our area we have seen the cost of fire suppression for a structure fire as high as \$28,000 and for a wildland (grass fire) as high as \$12,000.

Be sure to check your home insurance policy or talk to your insurance agent about what exactly your policy covers and how much it covers. Besides inquiring about your home structure fire insurance, we encourage you to inquire about wildland insurance (for a grass fire that happens but never reaches a structure).

ALSO, please be advised that should the fire department be dispatched by 9-1-1 to your residence for any reason (house alarms including false alarms, campfires during a fire ban or a fire deemed out of control or unattended, downed utility line, etc.) you, as the property owner, will receive an invoice. The only exception is for medical response calls (assisting Alberta Health Services) – there is no charge for these calls.

FIRE PITS

No person shall conduct any burning or light an outdoor fire unless confined within a pit or enclosure no more than 3 feet 6 inches in diameter and no less than 1 foot in height. When a total fire ban is in place – no burning of any kind is allowed.

Please refrain from burning plastic!

Dock Permits – NEW!!

Provincial Requirements – there are requirements in place for placing a seasonal dock/boat lift in the lake. The regulations changed in April of 2021 and the new “Disturbance Standard for Temporary Seasonal Docks & Other Mooring Structures for Personal Recreational Purposes” was created to set the maximum acceptable footprint for temporary seasonal docks, temporary seasonal boat lifts and associated mooring structures for personal recreational purposes on the beds and shores of Alberta’s recreational lakes and rivers that are public land owned by the Crown. The disturbance standard creates a general permission for most **waterfront**, **semi-waterfront** and **municipal waterfront** owners and eliminates the need for those residents to apply for an authorization to the Province IF they abide by the standards. PLEASE NOTE that application still must be made to the Municipality if the seasonal dock/boat lift is off municipal property. Please refer to the following website for further information: <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/user-guide-for-dock-permits>. Back lot property owners in the Summer Village of Yellowstone can contact the Summer Village administration office as the Summer Village currently holds a permit for community docks and may be able to assist in getting your dock placed adjacent to one of the Summer Village’s reserve areas.

Development and Development Permits

Prior to any construction, property owners must obtain, when applicable, a development permit from the Development Officer. The Summer Village’s Development Officer is Diane Burtnick who can be contacted at 780-284-0410 or by email at development@wildwillowenterprises.com.

Safety Codes - Building/Electrical/Gas/Plumbing/Private Sewage Permits

Please contact Superior Safety Codes to obtain building/electrical/gas/plumbing/private sewage permits at 1-866-999-4777 or check the website at www.summervillageofyellowstone.com for more information.

Untidy & Unsightly Yards

The Summer Village will be enforcing untidy and unsightly properties – including those with uncut grass. A reminder that if the Summer Village performs any enforcement work on your property, those costs will be charged back to your tax roll. To avoid this, please do your part in helping to keep Yellowstone clean by ensuring your property is free of garbage and debris and that vegetation is tended to. Please note that any additional household waste that does not fit into your waste container will not be picked up by the service provider. Additional waste can be taken to the Regional Landfill Site which is located on Highway 43 just past Ross Haven which is open 6 days per week - Monday through to Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed statutory holidays). The disposal fee at the landfill site is \$57.50 per tonne. There is also a recycle depot which residents are encouraged to use. You can contact the site directly if you require further information at 780-967-3466.

***Please clean up
after your pets!***



Animal Control

The Animal Control Bylaw is in place to control and regulate the running at large of dogs and cats, the number of dogs and cats and other animals on residential parcels of land (no more than 2 of one kind), to control vicious and dangerous animals and to ensure it is the responsibility of the owner to not allow their dog(s) to bark or howl excessively. Dogs must be on a leash at all times when within the Summer Village boundaries. Please note that other domestic or non-domestic animals including, but not limited to, cattle, horses, fowl, sheep, goats, buffalo, emu, lama, alpaca, pig, donkey, mule, chickens, turkeys, snakes, shall not be allowed within the Summer Village of Yellowstone unless specifically approved by the Council of the Summer Village of Yellowstone and with any conditions as approved by the Council of the Summer Village of Yellowstone. A reminder to please pick up after your animals!

Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw

The Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw is in place to prohibit the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles in parks and on reserve properties. Off-Highway Vehicles are allowed to travel on roadways within the Summer Village between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., travel single file on the extreme right-hand side of the roadways and not exceed 20km per hour. A reminder, limited operation of Off-Highway Vehicles is permitted on Parkland or on a Public Place as follows:

- For the exclusive purpose of transporting Recreational Items to or from Public Lands used for lake access but only where such travel is by the most direct route possible or available in the circumstances;
- For travel to and from a private residence to an otherwise permitted location for the operation of Off-Highway Vehicle where such travel is by the most directly route possible or available in the circumstances.

All machines and operators must also comply with the Traffic Safety Act and any other applicable Alberta regulation(s). Check out our Bylaws online at www.summervillageofyellowstone.com.

NOTICE – PUBLIC LANDS SUCH AS SUMMER VILLAGE WALKWAYS, PARK AREAS AND RESERVE PROPERTIES ARE ONLY TO BE USED BY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE AS THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE FOR TRANSPORTING RECREATIONAL ITEMS TO THE LAKE ACCESSES OR FOR TRAVEL FROM A PRIVATE RESIDENCE TO A PERMITTED LOCATION, OTHERWISE, THEY ARE PROHIBITED.

Organics Update

Standstone will be collecting Organics weekly on Monday from **May to October**. Below is a list of items acceptable and unacceptable to place in the Organics bins:

Yes	No
✓ Grass clippings	× Dog feces/Cat litter
✓ Leaves	× Food scraps
✓ Lake Weeds	× Meat scraps
✓ Flower Garden clippings	× Plastic bags/Compostable plastic bags
✓ Tree prunings & branches (no larger than 1.5" in diameter)	× Vegetable garden waste/clippings

Any contaminated carts will be identified and flagged as 'contaminated'. The contaminated load will be taken directly to the Highway 43 Landfill and deposited as **WASTE** instead of **ORGANICS**. This additional cost will be paid by the municipality and may be passed onto the resident as there are changes to what can be composted and recycled. These are changing markets, both in terms of costs but also in what is accepted and not accepted, and the potential costs, should the restrictions not be adhered to, could be significant to both the municipality and the individual landowner. If there is material in the organic cart that is not accepted as identified above, a yellow sticker will be put on the cart and the cart will be disposed of with household waste materials instead of being composted. The disposal of this contaminated material will be an additional charge to the Summer Village which has not been accounted for in our annual operating budget, therefore, these costs may be charged back to the property owner or will have to be recovered from all property owners.

Property Taxes

The Summer Village collects taxes annually to meet the projected costs of providing services to the community. These revenues are received through grants, a special tax, and the municipal portion of the property taxes. Other amounts collected on your annual tax bill are collected on behalf of the Lac Ste. Anne Seniors Foundation, the Alberta School Foundation Fund and the Provincial Policing Fund.

If paying by mail:

Please make cheque payable to the Summer Village of Yellowstone and mail to:
Box 8
Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0

If paying online:

You are required to set the Summer Village of Yellowstone up as a "Bill Payment", the account number will be your "Tax Roll Number" as shown on your Combined Tax and Assessment Notice.

The Summer Village is currently registered with the following financial institutions for on-line payments:

ATB FINANCIAL	BMO	CIBC	TD CANADA TRUST
SERVUS CREDIT UNION	SIMPLII FINANCIAL	SCOTIA BANK	TANGERINE

You are now able to send an e-transfer to the Summer Village for payment of property taxes. Please contact the administration office to set up an email and password.

Reminder: Property taxes are due August 10th, 2021

Assessment

Property assessment services are contracted to Municipal Assessment Services Group.

What is a Property Assessment?

Each year, the Assessor will inspect certain properties within the Municipality. The property assessment is the estimated market value of your property which is used to calculate property taxes. The market determines the value of your property and that value is the basis for the assessment and is then used to calculate your property taxes.

What If I Disagree with My Assessment?

Remember, you can only make a complaint against your assessed value, not your tax dollars or rates and you must have grounds for your complaint. New legislation allows you 60 days from the date of your assessment notice to make an assessment complaint. **The assessment complaint deadline is Monday, July 26, 2021.** There is a fee of \$50.00 that must accompany a completed assessment complaint form which is available on the website www.summervillageofyellowstone.com or by contacting the office at 587-873-5765. Prior to completing the assessment complaint form, please contact the assessor to first discuss the matter of your assessment (not your tax dollars) – Dan Kanuka – 780-939-3310.

Tree Removal

Trees that are dead or appear dangerous will be removed on municipal land throughout the Summer Village. A reminder that trees on private property are the responsibility of the property owner.

Use of Municipal Reserves

The Summer Village of Yellowstone currently allows residents winter storage (September 1st to May 31st) of boat lifts, boat hoists and pier section items on the Summer Village's Community Reserve Park/Municipal Reserve areas, however, these items **MUST** be removed by May 31st of each calendar year. All other storage and uses are considered unapproved encroachments onto Municipal Property and Public Lands. The Summer Village of Yellowstone is currently promoting the education of its residents to resolve the problem of encroachment. Encroachment happens when residents expand their yards and personal property onto public property. This can be done in many ways, including; planting trees, hedges, landscaping, gardens, fire pits, storage of RV's, boat lifts, firewood, composters, grass cuttings, tree branches, installation of fences, building sheds, dumping garbage, etc. These items are not permitted on any public property, including municipal reserves, leased land, parks, utility right of ways, streets or any other property owned by the Summer Village unless strictly allowed by the Municipality. **All items that are not removed from the Community Reserve Areas by May 31st, 2021 will be ticketed and towed!**



Flowering Rush is a prohibited, noxious weed that has been introduced into several Alberta water bodies. It is an aquatic plant that grows as an emergent plant along shorelines of both lakes and rivers. Flowering Rus was brought to North America from Europe as a garden plant. This variety will form dense stands which will interfere with recreational lake use. Flowering Rush crowds out our native plants and has the potential to fill in an entire lake if left uncontrolled.

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Water Quality Management Society
www.LILSA.ca

Did you know that LILSA:

- ✓ Advocates for the health of our lakes;
- ✓ Is working hard to slow and prevent the spread of **FLOWERING RUSH**, an invasive species that is taking over Lake Isle and making its way to Lac Ste Anne;
- ✓ Completed a State of the Watershed Report and is working with other organizations to develop a Watershed Management plan;
- ✓ Partners with municipal and provincial governments to apply for grants and improve the quality of our lakes;
- ✓ Is working on short and long-term solutions to improve our lakes and keep them healthy and useable for generations to come;
- ✓ Needs more members to keep doing their important work!

Become a LILSA Member today!

There is no time commitment required. You can do as little or as much as you choose.

By becoming a member you will:

- ✓ Help support the health of our lakes;
- ✓ Be able to vote at our AGM;
- ✓ Be eligible to run for the board;
- ✓ Be a part of the solution!

Annual Memberships are \$20 (individual or family) & can be purchased at:

Alberta Beach Village Office (4935-50Ave)
Lac Ste Anne County Building (56521 Rge Rd 65)
Onoway Town Office (4812-51St)



Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne (LILSA) is interested in hearing the viewpoints on lake water quality from residents & general users at Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne and have created a survey. Their primary goal from this survey is to find out the current knowledge base around the water quality, overall lake health, and residents major concerns surrounding it.

This survey is completely anonymous, however, if residents would like any further information or would be willing to take any additional follow up surveys, you can leave your contact information at the end of the survey. Providing LILSA with contact information also gets you entered into a draw for a gift card to a local business. The survey is available until June 15, 2021.

LILSA, a nonprofit society, is committed to promoting the preservation of Lake Isle and Lac Ste. Anne Lake, located 40 minutes west of Edmonton, Alberta. LILSA's goal is to maintain and improve the quality of water. Their society is run entirely by volunteers.

Please go to the link: LILSA Lake Water Quality Survey or go to the LILSA website:

<https://www.isawaterquality.com/> and click "Take Survey Now" which is located on the homepage.

SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFO

General Contact Information

Mailing Address Box 8 Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0
Office Location 4808-51 Street, Onoway, AB
General Office Phone 587-873-5765
Fax 780-967-0431
Email administration@wildwillowenterprises.com
Website www.summervillageofyellowstone.com

Council Members

Mayor Russ Purdy 780-967-2847 russforyellowstone@yahoo.com
Councillor Don Bauer 780-863-5149 don.svyellowstone@gmail.com
(3rd Councillor Position is currently vacant)

Administration

CAO/General Administration Wendy Wildman/Heather Luhtala 587-873-5765
Assessor Dan Kanuka 780-939-3310
Development Officer Diane Burtnick 780-284-0410
Email development@wildwillowenterprises.com

Building/Plumbing/Gas/Electrical/Private Sewage Permits

Superior Safety Codes 1-866-999-4777
Click or Call Before You Dig www.albertaonecall.com 1-800-242-3447
Peace Officer/Animal Control/Bylaw Enforcement bylaw@mayerthorpe.ca 1-844-786-4650
Emergency Fire/Police/Ambulance 9-1-1
RCMP 24-hour Line 1-825-220-7267
Fortis Alberta 310-WIRE (9473)
Ste. Anne Gas Co-op (is also 24-hour emergency line) 780-967-2246
24-hour Energy & Environmental Response & Complaint Line 1-800-222-6514
North 43 Lagoon Commission (force main / sewer line) Joe Duplessie 780-284-3270
Waste/Organic Cart Repair/Replacement or Missed Pickups 780-967-2118 (Standstone)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

July 26, 2021 – Assessment Complaint Deadline
August 10, 2021 – Tax Payment Deadline
August 11, 2021 – 18% Tax Penalty (Current Year Taxes)
January 1, 2022 – 18% Tax Penalty (Total Tax Owning)

ELECTION DATES

July 17, 2021 – Nomination Day
August 5, 2021 – Advance Vote (if required)
August 14, 2021 – Election Day (if required)

Election 2021

2021 is a general election year for the Summer Village and all three (3) Council positions are open to receive nominations. If you are interested in running for Council, you can find election packages and additional information on the Summer Village website – or you can make arrangements to pick up hard copies at the administration office. As there is a requirement to include several supporting signatures from those electors nominating a candidate, we encourage interested individuals to get their forms as soon as possible – especially as COVID-19 makes meeting and acquiring these signatures more difficult than in past years.

Nomination Day: Saturday July 17th, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Onoway Museum & Heritage Centre
(4708 Lac Ste. Anne Trail North, Onoway, Alberta)

Election Day (if required): Saturday August 14th, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Advance Vote (if required): Thursday, August 5th, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Onoway Museum & Heritage Centre



Notice of Nomination will be mailed to all property owners mid-June.