# Summer Village of Sunrise Beach

# May 2025 Newsletter

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NEW ADMINISTRATION - AUGUST 1st - please see last page

## Message from the Mayor

#### Hello Sunrise!

Once again, we are at the best time of the year, where the winter is behind us with beautiful sunrises, outside activities, warmer weather and outdoor BBQ's are upon us!

I would like to start off by thanking Ward our winter maintenance worker for another outstanding job on keeping our village roads safe and maintained all winter, great job Ward! I would also like to thank all the volunteers and participants that keep the Sun and Sand Rec league going, every year you all come up with new and fresh ideas to get the community out and engaged. This also extends to Sharon from Sharons Garden party (780-893-5331) for her courses and classes, as well as Kara for her paint nights that have become quite a hit. Hats off to many other events that are held and for all the unsung heroes behind the scenes making it work.

This year we have a local resident that has stepped into our Summer maintenance job, Brett has been working diligently and hard to get the winter clean up done and get our village into tip top shape for the summer. Feel free to introduce yourself if you see him or give a wave.

It is seeming like we are in for a dry summer again, so please be cautious and follow all fire bans, restrictions, ATV bans etc. We all love to have fires and sit around listening to music and enjoying the outdoors, but irresponsible actions could lead to a catastrophic scenario. So please be and make yourself aware and if you are unsure, feel free to reach out to council or the office for confirmation.

Thank you all for making the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach the best village to be a part of! Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Mayor Jon Ethier

#### 2025 is a Municipal ELECTION YEAR

Running for Council is a great way to get more involved in your community. Councillors are key community builders who are an integral part of the summer village planning. If you have a vision of what you believe the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach could look like in the next 5, 10, 15 years, this is your chance to help set the direction. While it takes dedication and hard work, serving on Council is rewarding and a great way to learn and give back to the community.

The Summer Village of Sunrise Beach has 3 Councillors, and they elect a Mayor amongst themselves – all three positions are up for election/re-election. To be eligible to run in the election you must be a resident, property owner, or spouse of a property owner in Sunrise Beach. For more information please check the summer village website under election, <u>Election 2025: Summer Village of Sunrise Beach</u>.

Nomination Day- Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 10:00am-12 noon
Advanced Vote – Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 from 4:00pm-8:00pm
Election Day – Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 10:00am-7:00pm
All will be held at the Myrna Noyes Community Hall, 63 Lakeshore Highway 642, Sandy Beach

#### \*\*PROPERTY TAXES\*\*

The Summer Village collects taxes annually to meet the projected costs of providing services to the community. Revenues to fund municipal operations are received through grants, a minimum municipal tax and mill rate tax. Other amounts collected on your annual tax bill are collected on behalf of the Lac Ste. Anne Seniors Foundation and the Alberta School Foundation Fund.

#### If paying by mail:

Please make cheque payable to the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach and mail to: Box 1197, Onoway, AB TOE 1V0

#### If paying by e-transfer:

To send an e-transfer to the Summer Village for payment of property taxes, please send to:svsunrisebeach@wildwillowenterprises.com

Reminder: **Property taxes are due July 31st, 2025** 



#### \*\*PROPERTY ASSESSMENT\*\*

Property assessment services are contracted to Municipal Assessment Services Group Inc.

## 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. Assessors are bound by strict guidelines for assessment and will be ensuring everything possible is taken into consideration when establishing this assessed value.

#### What If I Disagree with My Assessment?

You are encouraged to talk to an assessor if you have concerns about the assessment as it relates to your property value. 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. Please also keep in mind that the assessor does not set the rates in the municipality, and, therefore, can not answer questions about property taxation, nor can they answer questions about the amount of services you receive. New legislation allows you 60 days from the date of your assessment notice to make an assessment complaint. **The assessment complaint deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.** There is a fee of \$50.00 that must accompany a completed assessment complaint form which is available on the website <a href="www.summervillageofsunrisebeach.ca">www.summervillageofsunrisebeach.ca</a> or by contacting the office at 780-967-0271. Prior to completing the assessment complaint form, please contact the assessor to first discuss the matter of your assessment (not your tax dollars) – Travis Horne – 780-939-3310 or travis.horne@masg.ca Mail Out Date – May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# **Community Information**

#### **Sunrise All-NET**

The All-Net system is a multi-network integrated communication platform designed specifically for municipalities. ALL-NET will allow the Summer Village to send a variety of community and emergency messages directly to subscriber.

As a subscriber you will have the ability to customize what types of messages you receive (community, emergency, weather warnings, etc.) and what delivery method (call, text, email, etc.) you want to use. The system is easy to subscribe to and there is no additional charge to register. We know privacy is important and this system keeps your contact details protected.

If you have not signed up for Sunrise ALL-NET & are interested in doing so, sign up on Summer Village website, or call us at the administration office for assistance! If you have any questions regarding this service, please contact the Administration office.

#### **Current Mailing Address**



It is important for the Summer Village Administration Office has your current mailing address. Without your current mailing address, your tax notice may not be properly delivered and that could lead to delays & penalties. Please note addresses have to be changed through Alberta Land titles office.



#### **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

If anyone would like to help Jane out with the weeding, please give the office a call.

To all the people going on walks with their dogs, remember to pick up after your dog. Nobody likes to see it & no one wants to pick up after someone else's dog. Please pick up after your own pooch.

#### **SUNRISE BEACH COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE**

If you haven't already signed up, check out the community Facebook page. Keep up with all that's going on in the Summer Village. Great way to meet your neighbours & other community members. Please see link below. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/147350330820370/?ref=share">https://www.facebook.com/groups/147350330820370/?ref=share</a>

#### **RV REMINDER**

#### SECTION 38 TEMPORARY LIVING ACCOMMODATION

- (1) No recreational vehicle (holiday trailers, motor homes, campers or tent trailers) may be situated on a parcel and occupied for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days unless issues a development permit by the Development Officer.
- (2) A permit for temporary living accommodation shall be at the discretion of the Development Authority who shall consider the concerns of adjacent landowners and the nature of the development on adjacent lands.
- (3) At no time may more than two (2) recreational vehicles be parked on a parcel as a temporary living accommodation for a period in excess of 4 consecutive days unless otherwise approved by the Development Officer or Council;
- (4) The above Section 38(3) does not apply to recreational vehicles, that are not occupied and which are not located on a developed parcel for the purpose of storage.
- (5) At no time are R.V.'s to be parked on Summer Village property and used as a temporary or permanent place of residence.

"Alone, we can do so little, together we can do so much."

-Helen Keller

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - ARE YOU PREPARED??

As indicated in the past, no one wants to think and worry about disasters. The Summer Village of Sunrise Beach is a partner in the Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Partnership program, which is in place to create a network of support to assist our community in case of an emergency.

Again, please ensure you know where the muster points are in the Summer Village in case of evacuation, they are at the intersection of Shedden Drive and Leisure Lane and the intersection of Shedden Drive and Victory Road.

Please forward any questions or concerns to: Director of Emergency Management, Diane Wannamaker at diwannamaker@msn.com

Have a safe and happy summer.

#### **Sun & Sand Community League**

**Building strong, connected, and sustainable communities in the S.V. of Sunrise Beach since 1988.** We offer year-round programs, events, and opportunities for all ages — all designed to foster connection and support a resilient and vibrant community. We believe that when neighbors come together, great things happen.

Stay informed by subscribing to the Community Calendar

Visit us online: <u>sunsandrecleague.org</u> Email: **admin@sunsandrecleague.org** Phone: **780-996-5155** 

Follow us on Facebook

It all starts with showing up. Reach out today!

#### **JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER DOG OWNERS**

In reference to Bylaw #142-2018, Animal Control Bylaw:

It shall be the responsibility of all owners of dogs or domestic animals to ensure that:

a) the dog or domestic animal is not permitted to run-at-large. They must be kept on leash at all times when off the owner's premises or property.

This helps keep everyone in the Summer Village Safe! Please be a responsible Pet Owner.



The Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Society provides affordable transportation to seniors (50+) and people living with disabilities in the east end of Lac Ste. Anne County.

This service consists of scheduled shopping trips to West Edmonton Mall, St. Albert and Spruce Grove, monthly excursions funded by FCSS dollars and rentals by service clubs, special interest groups and community members.

Bus schedules can be found in the Lac Ste. Anne Bulletin, Seniors Clubs, Manors, the websites of the L.S.A.C., Town of Onoway, Alberta Beach and also you can like us on Facebook.

For more information about the society and its service contact Lorna at 780.905.3934

#### **Household Waste**

The Summer Village of Sunrise Beach has a contract in place with Standstone Waste & Water Services Ltd. Standstone personnel will be picking up your household waste every 2nd Tuesday during the winter months (November to April) and every Tuesday during the summer months (May to October).

Please have your waste carts out before Tuesday morning for pickup & bring them back in after your waste has been picked up.

If your cart needs repair or replacement, please call Standstone Waste & Water Services Ltd. office @ 780-967-2118.



#### 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).

Check your insurance policy and make sure you are covered!

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 31<sup>st</sup> - Property taxes are due

August 1<sup>st</sup> - 3% penalty on current taxes

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - 3% penalty on current taxes

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - 3% penalty on current taxes

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - 3% penalty on current taxes

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - 3% penalty on current taxes

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - 18% penalty on outstanding balance.

Public Works Staff
We are excited to welcome our new
Public Works Foreman, Brett Rimney.



BIG BIN Day - Canada Day Long Weekend!

"Strength lies in differences, not in similarities"

-Stephen R. Covey

# **NEW ADMINISTRATION**

The Summer Village of Sunrise Beach Council is excited to welcome new Administration, Emily House and her Milestone Municipal Services team that will be starting with the Summer Village on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. PLEASE note the new contact information below that will be effective starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

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Hello Sunrise Beach!

I'm very excited on my new position as Chief Administrative Officer for the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach! As a long-time resident of the area, I have a strong appreciation for Sunrise Beach and its unique character. I'm truly honoured to have the opportunity to support both Council and residents in this new role.

Together with my dedicated administrative team at Milestone Municipal Services, we will be working to ensure local government services are delivered efficiently, transparently, and with a strong focus on community connection. We're here to help with everything from everyday administrative needs to supporting Council and resident's goals for the future of Sunrise Beach.

We are always happy to connect, answer questions, and hear your thoughts so please feel free to reach out to us. We are looking forward to working closely with Council and getting to know even more of you in the weeks and months ahead.

Here's to a great partnership and bright future for Sunrise Beach!

**Emily House**