

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF
POPLAR BAY**
Spring Newsletter 2008



Message from Council

Large Garbage Bin Weekends

The Large Bin Weekends are being scheduled again for the May Long Weekend, Saturday, May 17th and Sunday May 18th from 8:00 am to 6:00 p.m. **NONE of the following will be accepted in the large bins:** fridges, appliances, scrap metal, tires, electronic equipment, paint or liquid/toxic waste. The Summer Village requires volunteers to make this happen – please contact Peggy Sloan at 780-586-2114 to sign up so we can continue with this program. We anticipate that another large bin weekend will be offered in September – stay tuned for details.

Toxic Waste Round-Up

The County of Wetaskiwin will be holding a Toxic Waste Round-Up which is to be held at the Lakedell Transfer Station on July 5, 2008 from 8:00 am to Noon.

Pigeon Lake Regional Library

The Lakedell Library, located in Ma-Me-O Beach next door to the Summer Village Office, continues to improve their new site. Do stop by and see the wonderful work that has been accomplished by the hard work of so many volunteers in our community.

Annual Information Meeting

The annual information session and picnic is scheduled for 10: 00 a.m. Saturday June 21, 2008 at the Poplar Bay Recreation Center.

New Web-site: Check it out! <http://www.svpoplarbay.com>

Contact Information

Local phone numbers for emergency and routine concerns are not always at hand. This is particularly true for ratepayers whose main residence is out of the local area. Some of these helpful numbers are in this newsletter and may be useful for you to keep.

Three Village Garage Sale

Mark your calendars for the Three Village Garage Sale this year being held on June 28th, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a good time to rid yourself of unwanted goods and also visit with neighbours.

Administration

The Summer Village Administration Office location remains in Ma-Me-O Beach. Peter Irwin is the Administrator and Development Officer. Peter is supported by Sylvia Roy, Assistant Administrator, Lisa McMurray and Kathy Fourney, Administrative Assistant.

Assessment and Tax Notices

The tax notices will be sent out in June and are **due by July 31, 2008**. If you do not receive yours, please call the Summer Villages Office. You should be aware that the Summer Village of Poplar Bay retains KCL Consulting Inc. to perform the assessment services. They perform the inspections and prepare assessment reports on your property and improvements. If you have any questions on your assessment you should contact Grant Clark, Toll Free at 1-888-419-2128. The Provincial Government is again providing a rebate to seniors for the increased portion of Education tax from last year. For more information Contact Alberta Seniors Benefit Program – Education Property Tax at 1-800-642-3853 or visit www.seniors.gov.ab.ca. Assessments in Poplar Bay have increased by approximately 52% for 2007.

Ambulance

The Paramedic Ambulance Service operates out of the new emergency services centre at Westeros. It offers 24 hour a day service. The ambulance number remains – 911.

Pigeon Lake Protective Service (PLPS)

The phone number of the PLPS is (780) 586-3882. Staff include; Peace Officer Marty McKinney, Peace Officer Jason Fisher, and Senior Peace Officer Ron Smith. Lorna Radke is the Office Manager and does double duty as a Peace Officer from time to time. Officers of the PLPS are actively enforcing the bylaws and the *Traffic Safety Act*. Please make sure your ATV's and off highway vehicles and operators are properly registered and insured.

Council Meetings

Council meetings are open to the public, and you are welcome to attend. The date & time are always posted at the Summer Village Office located in Ma-Me-O Beach. If you wish to make a presentation to Council please advise the Village Office in advance in order for you to be placed on the agenda.

Development Permits

Development Permits are required for any building, re-structuring, demolition or beachfront alteration. Please request a copy of the current Land Use Bylaw before beginning any work in the Summer Village. The following is a list of permits that are required: Development permit (through the Summer Village Office), building, electrical, plumbing/private sewage disposal system and gas permits (MUST be taken out with Permit Pro @ 1-800-282-6145 or @ (403) 343-2777.

Family and Community Support Services

The Summer Villages of Crystal Springs, Grandview, Ma-Me-O Beach, Norris Beach and Poplar Bay are pleased to offer subsidized Homemaker services to senior village residents who demonstrate financial need living permanently in the summer village.

The homemaker services include:

- ✓ help with housework (light housekeeping duties), and respite care
- ✓ seasonal cleaning (windows, walls, moving furniture,...)
- ✓ meal preparation – for those recovering from a hospital visit

Please contact the Ma-Me-O Beach village office at (780) 586-2251 for more information on obtaining these services, or if you are interested in providing Homemaker duties.

Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Planning Committee

Committee members are continuing discussions and things are progressing. Attend this year's Annual Information Meeting on Saturday June 21, 2008 at 10: 00 a.m. at the Poplar Bay Recreation Center for further details.

Amalgamation Planning Committee

Committee members are continuing discussions and things are progressing with this initiative as well. Further information can be found on our website, <http://www.svpoplarbay.com>, and this item will also be addressed at the Annual Information Meeting.

Are You Moving? Change of Mailing Address/Phone Numbers? Please notify the Village Office if you are changing your mailing address. Keeping us up-to-date with your current address and telephone number is very important. If an emergency should arise, we have to be able to contact you. We encourage you to provide your e-mail address to the office as well. Be assured this information is only used as a means to contact you.

Mayor Kevin Davies, Deputy Mayor Pat Sloan, Councillor Gail Coleman