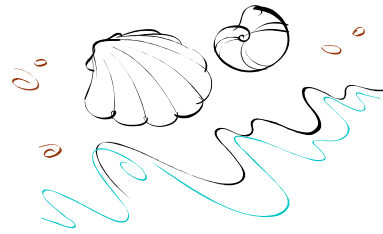


**SUMMER VILLAGE OF  
POPLAR BAY  
SPRING NEWSLETTER  
2009**



**EMERGENCY NUMBERS:**

**911 Fire, RCMP, Ambulance**  
**780-586-3882 Pigeon Lake Protective Services**  
**780-586-2494 CAO Sylvia Roy**

**Useful Numbers to Keep Handy:**

Alberta First Call – Buried Utility Locations 1-800-242-3447  
Epcor 780-310-4300 Fortis 780-310-9473 Alta Gas 1-866-222-2067 Telus (repair) 611

**COUNCIL:**

**Kevin Davies, Mayor** Home - 403-341-3843  
Public Works, Inter-Municipal Development Plan (IDP), Municipal Reserves, Subdivision & Development  
Appeal Board SDAB

**Pat Sloan, Deputy Mayor** Home - 780-586-2114  
Association of Pigeon Lake Municipalities (APLM), Emergency Services (Constable Service PLPS),  
Community Emergency Management Officer (CEMO), Capital Region Assessment Services (CRASC),  
Sewer Committee

**Gail Coleman, Councillor** Home -780-586-2588  
Joint Services Committee, FCSS, Recreation Board

**Summer Villages Office** 780-586-2494

**NEW: Summer hours: 9:00-12:00 Tuesday-Saturday (Mar 31, 2009 – October 31, 2009)**  
**The Development Officer is available on Mondays by appointment only.**

Location 605 - 2 Ave (Hwy 13A)  
Mailing address: Box 100,  
Ma-Me-O Beach, Ab  
TOC 1X0  
Fax 780-586-3567  
e-mail: [Information@svofficepl.com](mailto:Information@svofficepl.com)  
Web: [www.svpoplarbay.com](http://www.svpoplarbay.com)

**Pigeon Lake Regional Wastewater Steering Committee**

Associated Engineering was selected as the firm to do the pre-engineering concept design. Grant funding has been applied for.

**Federal Boat Hoist Regulations**

The Federal Government has regulations for boat hoists and piers. Once residents have received approval from the Federal Government under the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* they will require a letter from the “**upland property owner**” granting consent to the resident to place their boat hoist and/or pier in the waters of Pigeon Lake. The upland property owner, being the Summer Village will issue the letter and we will require a copy of the application and all other documents pertaining to the application. The letter will then be processed and sent to the resident.

**Dangerous Tree Removal**

Residents are strongly encouraged to ensure that trees on their property are not posing a potential hazard during high winds. We suggest that residents check their property this Spring for loose and leaning trees that may be posing a danger to their buildings, power lines or neighbouring property.

### **Wastewater Outdoor Privy Bylaw #213 - Reminder**

The new Outdoor Privy Bylaw was passed on November 7, 2008. The deadline for the installation of Holding Tanks is October 31, 2009.

### **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 approved by Permit Pro @ 1-800-282-6145 or @ 403-343-2777.

A Development Permit from the Summer Village is required before you may have a holding tank installed. Council has waived the normal \$100 fee for the Permit. Applications for development permits along with provincial guidelines for the placement of a holding tank as well as a list of certified installers can be picked up at the administration office at 605 - 2nd Ave. Application forms and are also available on our web site @ [www.svpoplar.com](http://www.svpoplar.com)

A permit from Alberta Permit Pro is required before installing a Holding Tank. Permit Pro will not issue their permits until they receive a copy of the Approved Development Permit. Disconnection of "Fields" must be inspected by Permit Pro before crushing the lid of the obsolete tank and burying it.

### **Financial Information**

- **2008 Audit** - The audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2008 are approved and available at the S.V. Office. Financial Summaries for 2008 will again be available at the Annual Information Meeting.
- **Property Assessments** – Assessments around Pigeon Lake vary from an increase of 33% in Golden Days to a decrease of 13% in Poplar Bay. The assessment in Poplar Bay is based on the **Valuation date of July 1, 2008**. A **Property Tax Overview – 2009** will be included when you receive your Tax Assessment and Notice for 2009. This Overview, prepared by the Assessor will provide an explanation as to how your property assessment is calculated.
- **Property Tax** - Overall property tax raised in the S.V. will decrease by \$11,346 or 5%. The Tax Rate will increase from 1.6776 1.8289, an increase of 9% to offset the drop in assessment values. Budget information will be available at the Annual Information meeting or if you have questions, please call the S.V. Office.
- **Alberta School Tax Requisition** – The requisition for 2009 is 12% higher than 2008, requiring an additional \$30,715 to be raised and remitted to the Provincial Government. School tax for 2009 is 57% of total taxes paid by S.V. residents.

Your Assessment and Tax Notice will be mailed to you before the end of June. **Taxes are due and payable July 31, 2009**, whether or not you receive your notice. Please contact the office if you do not receive your mailed notice prior to the end of July.

### **Seniors Education Property Tax Rebate**

Beginning the 2005 Tax Year, Alberta Seniors and Community Supports may provide an annual rebate to assist senior homeowners with any increases in the education portion of their property taxes. Questions about the education property tax rebate for seniors, including eligibility and how to apply can be directed to the Alberta Seniors Information Line at 1-800-642-3853, from Edmonton at (780) 427-7876 or visit their website at [www.seniors.gov.ab.ca](http://www.seniors.gov.ab.ca).

### **Home Renovation Tax Credit**

The Home Renovation Tax Credit (HRTC) is available to taxpayers for work performed or goods acquired after January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and before February 1, 2010. This will provide an immediate incentive for Canadians to undertake new renovations or accelerate planned projects. More information on the HRTC is available on the Canada Revenue Agency's website at [www.cra.gc.ca](http://www.cra.gc.ca).

### **Four Village Garage Sale**

Mark your calendars for the Four Village Garage Sale being held this year on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a good time to rid yourself of unwanted goods and visit with neighbours!

### **Large Waste Bin Collection – “NEW LOCATION”**

There are 2 Big Bin Weekends scheduled for this year. The dates are as follows:

- May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 long weekend – 2 bins will be provided
- September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 long weekend – 2 bins will be provided
- Bins have been re-located this year and will be at the Rec Centre.
- Cabin owners should bring proof of residency eg. tax assessment notice.
- The 2 bins will be dropped off late Friday afternoon.
- They will be available for use Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- The bins will be picked up after 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, emptied, returned, and available for use again on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Contractor will remove the bins after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday or Monday depending on their schedule.

Please place all refuse/materials in the bins. If the bins are full, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR GARBAGE AT THE SITE. Please act responsibly.

### **Toxic Waste Round-Up**

The County of Wetaskiwin will be holding a Toxic Waste Round-Up which is to be held at the Lakedell School on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 8:00 am to Noon. See attached for more information.

### **Pigeon Lake Watershed**

The Pigeon Lake Watershed Association is launching its summer programs with the Farmers Markets starting on May 8 at Lakedell. A Working Well Workshop will be held at the Lakedell Hall on Tuesday, May 26, starting at 6:00 p.m. Shoreline cleanups for public areas around the lake will be held starting May 23 and continue through Environment Week until June 7. Anyone who would like to do some water testing on AWQA Day, June 5, or anytime during the summer may pick up a kit at the Farmers Markets. Confidential environmental homesite assessments will start in June, along with environmental stewardship workshops tailored for each summer village, and continue to the end of August. The workshops will focus on simple practical steps we all can take to reduce our impact on the lake. If you are interested in any of these activities, either as a volunteer or a participant, please contact Jim Stevens at (780) 586-0710 or email Jim at [jikstevens@xplornet.com](mailto:jikstevens@xplornet.com), or come visit with us at the Farmers Markets, Fridays from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m. We will also be showing the shoreline video we completed last year to help everyone to understand the importance of natural vegetation around the lake.

### **Fertilizer Bylaw/Alternatives**

Please consider natural alternatives to chemical products. If you must use a chemical fertilizer make sure it does not contain phosphorous. Look at the “N-P-K” rating on the bag. The middle number (“P”) should be zero. This will force your gardens to take up “P” from the soil, which will benefit the lake. There are a number of “Green” environmentally friendly house & garden products available at most retail outlets. Consider mulching and composting yard and other waste. Would you prefer a GREEN LAWN or a GREEN LAKE??? Let’s all do our part for the preservation of our lake.

### **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. A new event at the Library is Film Night

### **Ambulance**

The Paramedic Ambulance Service operates out of the new emergency services centre at Westrose. 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. 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.

### **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 at the top of this newsletter and may be useful for you to keep.

**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.

### **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 village office at 780-586-2494 for more information on obtaining these services, or if you are interested in providing Homemaker duties.

### **Employment Opportunity**

The Summer Villages of Grandview and Poplar Bay are currently looking to hire someone to move the MCL garbage cans back on residents property. Grandview would like someone for the summer months (every Monday) and the winter months (bi-weekly on Monday). Poplar Bay is looking to hire someone for the winter months only (bi-weekly on Monday). If you are interested in this position contact the Summer Vilages Office @ 780-586-2494.

### **Annual Information Meeting**

The annual information session and picnic will be held June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Poplar Bay Recreation Center.

### **Weekly Market – “NEW”**

Ma-me-o Beach will be holding a “**weekly**” market throughout the summer beginning Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year there will be fresh baked goods, vegetables, fruit and many new vendors. Breakfast will be served as well as hot dogs & burgers.

***We would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Summer!***

***Kevin, Pat, & Gail***

### **Garbage Removal**

**WEEKLY** pick-up occurs on **MONDAYS** during summer months and will begin on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Please phone Skip Kerr at MCL Waste Systems @780-352-2625 for concerns regarding garbage pickup. A copy of the Summer Schedule is attached.

Encl:

Summer Garbage Schedule

Toxic Round-up

Letter from Fortis

Water Well Workshop

