

SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHISPERING HILLS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, July 16th at 9:30 a.m. at the Seniors Centre at 4810 – 48 St. in Athabasca. Annual picnic to follow at the ball diamond at 12:30 p.m. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR PETS TO THE PICNIC FOOD AREA.**

BOAT LAUNCH

Beginning this year, there will be no parking at the boat launch area. Rocks have been placed in the area to totally eliminate parking. Signs are in place to direct people to the designated parking area. Please ensure that the new docks are available to the residents at all times and not blocked in any way. These docks are not meant to be used for permanent mooring of your boats.

PERMITS

The Summer Village requires development permits for construction projects. The province of Alberta requires that any construction be completed in accordance with the Safety Codes Act. You must have permits for all gas, plumbing, heating, electrical and building construction, **but will need your development permit first.** You also need a permit for any demolition project or any clearing that may affect the contour of the land.

ANIMAL CONTROL

We have had some complaints about noisy animals in the village. We do have a bylaw for this purpose and those individuals who don't control their animals will be fined. Please forward your signed complaints to our office. A form is on the website.

ROADS

Council has been lobbying for grant money to fix up the County road entering our summer village. We have also applied for different grants for this purpose, but so far have not been successful. It is still a priority for this council.

LIABILITY WAIVER

Many of you have signed and returned the liability waiver that was sent out in the last newsletter and that is much appreciated. However, there are still many of you who have not returned yours and we urge you to do so as soon as possible. If you did not receive one or have misplaced it, please contact our office for a new one.

NEW SUBDIVISION

The new village garage and storage area is complete and fenced in the new development. Walkways have been surveyed and will be constructed this summer or fall. The sale of lots in the new development has been encouraging and some development permits have been issued so we should see some new construction in the spring. We have not heard when the final stage of the development will be begin as the developer has until 2015 to complete the project.

WEBSITE

Please check out our website at svwhisperinghills.com. We are open to any suggestions any of the residents might have.

FIRESMART

In conjunction with Firesmart, we are happy to announce that on the Saturday and Sunday during the May long weekend, there will be no fee for disposing of yard debris such as grass, leaves and wood at the Whispering Hills Transfer Station.

FIRES

We urge everyone to keep a close eye on any campfires over the summer, especially if we have a dry year. Please watch for signs about fire bans being in place. It is also a good idea to check your insurance to see if you are covered for any damage caused by your camp fires.

SOLAR BEE

The solar bee will again be placed in the lake over the summer and all results are positive that the lake is improving. However, there needs to be a few more of these machines in the lake to make the necessary difference. Council is aggressively pursuing other summer villages and the County to get involved in this project. The solar bee is to be installed in the lake by the boat launch beach this season. For more information on the Solar Bee go to: www.h2ologics.com.

FIRE FIGHTING AIRCRAFT

Please pay close attention to fire fighting planes which may be using our lake in the summer time. Please be sure to give these planes all the freedom they need to fight fires. According to Section 16 of the Forest and prairie Protection Act "When a lake is being used by aircraft carrying on fire bombing operations, no person shall, without the prior permission of the Minister, venture on or into the water beyond 30 meters from the nearest water's edge. Section 29)2) of the regulations provides for a maximum fine of \$1,000.00.

VANDALISM

Just a reminder that council would appreciate the help of all residents in protecting the new boat docks, toilets and other equipment in the summer village from vandalism. If you see or hear of any vandalism occurring, please report it to council or administration.

TAX NOTICE

You will notice some difference in the look of your tax notice this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the administration office.

Council and administration wish you all a wonderful and safe summer at the lake. Let's work together to protect our lake for future generations to enjoy.