

December 2011

BEACH BUZZ



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SEASONS GREETINGS AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE



Everyone is invited to join us for home baking and hot chocolate provided by the administrative staff at the village office.

Friday, December 2 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

News from your Council

Summer at the beach this year has been a huge challenge. The flooding of 2011 will be remembered for a long time. As a result our maintenance staff have been busy with daily pick up and disposal of the debris on our beaches, road repairs, culvert cleaning and water pumping. There was a road allowance/culvert with extensive damage resulting from the heavy spring run off. There has been bank and shoreline repair done upon the recommendations from an engineering company. There will be some funding from Saskatchewan Watershed Authority. As a result of the flooding water and heavy spring runoff a lot of work on the park was shelved this year. On a brighter note another bridge has been built for the park and will be installed in the spring. The curbing along the walkway, the rock retaining wall and steps are now completed. We plan on getting back into full swing next year.

An emergency meeting of the Landfill Committee has resulted in the purchase of a used Track Loader/Waste Handler as the current one at the Landfill was no longer repairable. It should be in operation by November.

Our annual Canada Day celebrations were again a huge success with 265 residents and their families attending. I would like to say thank you to the following:

- Charlotte's Catering from Moose Jaw provided the wonderful meal
- Our summer student staff decorated & organized the games for the children
- Street Culture Kidz did a great job of the face painting
- The horseshoe tournament was organized by Pat & Brenda
- Music by "The Time of Our Lives" (Colleen, Renee and Leandra) was very enjoyable
- The cleanup crew.....a huge thank-you
- Peter for the fantastic & amazing fireworks display

As a note of community interest; the growth in the area continues as there has been 88 permits including 42 dwellings and 23 garage permits applied for over the last 3 years.

Plans are in the works for a celebration in May. Further details will be forthcoming.

On July 10th the Dell family, from our community, lost their home to fire. A number of volunteers hosted a fundraiser to assist them. Thank you to the many surrounding communities that showed huge support to the family.

On Behalf of Council; Deputy Mayor Lorna Friess

"Volunteers are not paid.....not because they are worthless....but because they are priceless."
Unknown

WELCOME to all new residents.

Administrator Report

2011 has been another busy year for the administrative, maintenance and seasonal staff. Once again the Sask Lotteries grant funded our Kids Summer Program. This was coordinated by Sydney and assisted by Caitlin, who did an excellent job entertaining up to 23 children every Friday and Saturday evening throughout July and August. There were games, crafts, and snacks; the summer ended with a family barbeque. We were so fortunate to have Jake back as our summer student with the Canada Summer Jobs grant. Our well kept washrooms are a tribute to Donna who also took care of many other jobs to help make this a cleaner and safer place for everyone's enjoyment. Doug faithfully and cheerfully is the one to clean the hall, kitchen, office areas and assist in the park maintenance. Julius is our seasonal maintenance assistant providing expertise for roads damaged by flooding and taking care of many work areas. Dennis came to our rescue many times when we needed extra help for the parks and maintenance. Mike, Working Foreman, and Eunice, Administrative Assistant, work tirelessly with great attitudes. You are a joy to work with and I feel so privileged to have this opportunity to team work with both of you. Thank you to each person mentioned here; plus our Council of Malcolm, Lorna, Trevor, Dennis & Brian; for your hard work and dedication to make this a better community.

Administrator Sharie Hall

Bylaws and Resolutions

- Summaries for septic tanks and basic building resolutions, bylaws, zoning bylaws are posted on the website; www.saskatchewanbeach.ca; or request copies through the office.
- Junked/unlicensed vehicles will soon be looked at, in compliance with the Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No. 80.
- No unauthorized dumping is permitted near the cemetery or future maintenance site in compliance with Bylaws 16 and 95. Fines can be up to \$5,000 with subsequent offence violations. This has become a growing problem. Please show respect to our community cemetery by not disposing of mounds of concrete, branches, yard/garden refuse, etc.

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

Mayor Malcolm Graham	306-729-2847
Deputy Mayor Lorna Friess	306-729-3012
Councillor Trevor Gates	306-585-1313
Councillor Dennis Day	306-729-2985
Councillor Brian MacDonald	306-729-2426

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Village Office	306-729-4410
Village Fax	306-729-2017
RCMP	306-725-3520
Emergency	911

A LOOK AT THE PAST

I had the pleasure of sitting with Annabelle Graham, hearing her delightful stories and memories of her many years at “the beach”.

The Graham family bought a cottage near the railway in 1913. They later purchased three waterfront lots where they built two cabins from 1926-1927. The smaller cabin was built close to the water, having 30 feet of beach. In those days, the lake water was very low and the beaches were much larger than they are today. The small cabin was destroyed in a flood leaving the larger one which is the Graham home of today.

Joseph Graham and Annabelle married in 1939; she thought the cottage and beach were just wonderful as she never had anything like this in her life. From that point forward, summers at the beach would continue for another generation for their five children born from 1940 - 1959. The Graham family would travel from Regina, by train, to Sifton then walk to the cottage. By today’s standards, that would be a fair hike! Moms would bring the children to the beach for the entire summer, as in those days, it was mostly husbands who worked. Summers were spent with the kids leaving the house early in the morning, playing with siblings and friends. They would all eat lunch at someone’s house; whoever wanted to feed a troop of kids on that particular day.

Annabelle has many memories of walking to Bank Street to pump drinking water from the community well. The Bakers, who were local farmers, would sell their produce every Saturday door to door. There was no fridge but they had a dumb waiter in the kitchen that worked on a rope pulley system. Food was put on the shelf then lowered into the cellar to keep the food cool. An ice house was built near their home; the frame is still there. Ice was cut from the lake in the winter; this was put into the ice house which would last most of the summer. Rain water would collect in a water barrel that they would use for dishes and cleaning. Mothers and children would lather on the main beach every afternoon.

The hotel was located in the main beach area and tennis courts at the site of the current workshop and office. Once the hotel was torn down a store and hall were built. There were Saturday night dances in the hall and Annabelle helped raise money for a ping pong table. She supervised a program, with some other moms, for the kids at the hall. The Graham family had a small motor boat, spending many hours going up the lake for picnics or across to Buena Vista to visit friends. There were fun times at the main beach roasting wieners over bonfires. They would have sing-songs that Annabelle said would most likely be heard clear across the lake! Annabelle has wonderful memories of the Balls, Robbs, Blacks, Pinchs, Molloyes, Taylors, Ives, Bagulys, Howells, Thorntons, Masons, Bowerings, Lydiards, Armstrongs, Crosselys and other beach families.

Annabelle has seen many changes here but still loves to visit the beach, staying at the Graham home where she has her own special bedroom looking out to the lake.

Submitted by Sharie Hall

For Your Information

Change of Address: Please send a change of address to the office if you move, so that records may be kept current.

Commissioner of Oaths: The village offers this free of charge.

Council Minutes: Contact the office if you wish to be on the email list.

Fire Call Out Fees: Please note there is a call out fee for fire suppression. It is advisable to contact your insurance provider. The recommended coverage is \$10,000.

Fisheries: According to Ocean and Fisheries, boats moored on the water are trespassing. The owner is liable if anyone is injured and cannot claim ownership of this property.

Flood: Please note the village has applied for the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP). The residents who have experienced flood damage can pick up the application from the village office.

Hall Rental: Please contact the office or visit the website for prices.

Landfill Hours: Winter hours are from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays until March 31, 2012.

Office Closures: Christmas Season: December 23 noon until January 4, 2012.

Hall/office archive organization: January 30 to February 10, 2012.

Potable Water: Available year round at the office distribution location provided from the Resort Village of Kannata Valley's treatment plant. Their website, www.kannatavalley.com has detailed information on the testing results.

Recycling: Due to the high costs associated with the removal of the recycled boxes, it is important that we can optimize the space. We appreciate all efforts to recycle and we urge you to flatten all boxes. There are green bins outside the village office for bottles and cans. All proceeds are donated to the park and Rec Hall Kids program.

Snow Removal: It takes 3 days to plough all the roads after a heavy snowfall. The school bus route is first and then the secondary roads. Custom driveway removal comes after that. Please contact the office for custom snow removal prices. Our maintenance staff work very hard to provide terrific snow removal.

Taxes: December 31, 2011, is final day for payment before the January 1, 2012 penalty is applied.

Village Garbage Pick up: Garbage pick-up is biweekly over the winter months, from the first week of November to the first week of April. Only household garbage in proper bags will be picked up. Please show courtesy by watching the weight of your bags (max 40lbs), keep bins clean and dry to avoid maggots. Property owners are encouraged to purchase rollout garbage containers or cans. With our growing population, the maintenance staff is experiencing the increased volume of garbage and all that it entails.

*****Please note: Garbage will be picked up on Wednesday, December 29 instead of Monday, December 26.**

Summer Elections 2012

Yellowhead County, Alberta Policy Statement: **“Good governance requires accountability, transparency, participation, regulation and role clarity to ensure the practices are consistently understood and applied.”**

http://www.yellowheadcounty.ab.ca/aco_us.html

The following information has been adapted from Newfoundland and Labrador’s “Running for Municipal Government” pamphlet.

Why should I run for municipal council?

- To be part of the team that makes decision that impacts your entire municipality and your local community.
- To make progressive change to your municipality.
- To commit to making a regular contribution to your municipality.

What can I expect while on council?

- To participate directly in decision-making for the benefit of your municipality.
- To make decisions that impacts the day-to-day lives of citizens in your municipality.
- To maintain and improve economics and social/community opportunities in your municipality.
- To consider the future of your community.

What responsibilities does council have?

- To make decisions as a team and establish policies regarding the provision of municipal services.
- To ensure that the municipality’s finances and human resources are managed effectively and efficiently.
- To provide good government.
- To develop and maintain a safe and viable community.
- To foster economic, social and environmental well-being.

How do I make a decision to run?

- Talk to former or current councillors to find out more about the commitments and responsibilities that are necessary to be involved.
- Familiarize yourself with local council procedures by attending and observing council meetings.
- Meet with your municipality’s managers to find out more about what they do.
- Make sure that you are ready to become a key leader in your municipality. Especially in small municipalities, municipal councillors are almost always ‘on the job’. In the grocery store, or at a ball game, people won’t be afraid to come up and ask you questions and make complaints. You need to be sure that you, and your family, are ready to handle this.
- It is important that people know what is involved in becoming a municipal councillor, and that they view the position’s responsibilities in a realistic way.

THANK YOU

The Al Pinch Family donated a memorial bench and the Chapman Family donated a memorial table and benches. Also Community donations of cans/bottles and private donations have purchased two tables and benches for the park.

Speed Limit 30 kms

Reminder: Village speed limit is 30 kms/hr. Please help to keep our community safe. Many residents walk or jog around the Village.

First Responders

We are very fortunate to have a group of volunteers as First Responders in an emergency situation. During a medical emergency, dial 911 and the EMS will dispatch an ambulance and our local First Responders. They are each trained and equipped with a specialized first-aid and oxygen unit. In addition, Saskatchewan Beach has a defibrillator for use in case of a cardiac arrest.

The Regina Training Centre of St. John Ambulance is urging people to sign up for training as First Responders. There is a desperate need for this. These are the people who will quickly respond to emergencies before the ambulance service can arrive which can be a significant amount of time.

If you are interested in becoming a First Responder, please contact Patty Coons at 729-4363.



*HAVE A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR*

