



THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW

Spring Newsletter

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Greetings to all Residents of Lakeview!

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Property Tax Notices

**Property taxes are due on
August 31st, 2023.**

Spruce Grove RCMP

Admin:

825.220.2000

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825.220.7267

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

Message from your Mayor...

Summer is well on its way and on behalf of Council, we hope everyone is enjoying it so far. This past winter certainly didn't leave us - or others in the province - with any significant snowpack. Although we have received much-needed rain over the last couple of weeks, we will continue to monitor the fire hazard situation and will update it where necessary.

A number of Village improvements have been made this Spring including clean up of the firebreaks, installation of a new guardrail, and road maintenance. The Village will upgrade the signage in the Village and install lot identification signage for emergency service purposes.

Due to minimal precipitation over the past many months, the lake level continues to be low. We have reached out to TransAlta numerous times and still, all we know is that the plant is operational, but not at full capacity. They have promised that they would provide us with more information as soon as they have completed the water debt model. However, regardless of the volume of water being pumped, TransAlta is still pumping water. With our lack of moisture, we are seeing boat hoists out a significant distance from shore at numerous locations around the lake. Please, be mindful as you tour the lake. Low water levels also encourage aquatic vegetation growth. Let's not add to the problem with excessive use of fertilizer, vegetation clearing along the shore and improper sewage disposal. Useful information on maintaining lake health is available from the Wabamun Watershed Management Council (www.wwmc.ca) and below.

The 2023 budget has been approved. Our tax base for this year has increased by almost 3% to \$17,565,670. The Municipal portion of the taxes has only increased by \$200 even with increased costs for fire, provincial policing and waste management services. The Education Tax for 2023 is \$43,844.89, which is down from last year. We ended 2022 in a positive financial position again, thanks to the hard work of our CAO and the management of our projects.

All new property owners are encouraged to review the Land Use Bylaw, located at www.lakeview.ca. If you have any questions as it relates to development, please contact the Administration Office – prior to your activities rather than the latter. Collectively, the Summer Villages on Lake Wabamun have joined together to review and update our Land Use Bylaws. We expect this process to take several months, which will be followed by a Public Hearing process to review the proposed “new” Land Use Bylaw. Please watch for updates on our website.

I also want to thank my fellow Councillors, Doug Willows and Tom Woodman. We've been working together for a while now and we enjoy approaching this work as a team, with the best interests of the Village in mind.

On behalf of Council, I want to acknowledge and thank Emily House and her team for all their hard and thoughtful work. Running a Summer Village is no longer a simple exercise. Keeping up with all the regulatory requirements of the Municipal Government Act, health and safety codes, financial requirements, WCB, working with partners like the County of Parkland, and serving Villagers is a very big task. And Emily and her staff always have a cheery and friendly style so thank you!

Lastly, I want to thank all the Villagers. While we all love our lake spots, it's the people that make our Community the incredibly special place that it is.

Earle Robertson, Mayor

Grass Maintenance and Vegetation Burns

The Summer Village of Lakeview would like to thank Marion Perras for her efforts in maintaining the grass in our beautiful community. Marion has been handling the grass maintenance, while Sturcon Services has been handling all trimming.

Before the fire ban the Village performed some burning in the Village, when it was safe to do so. We cleaned up and removed the dumped vegetation and grass from the public lands of the Village. Should you have any questions, please call the Village Office.



*"A little flower that blooms in May
A lovely sunset at the end of a day
Someone helping a stranger along the way
That's heaven to me"
-Sam Cooke, "That's Heaven To Me"*

Keep Lakeview Clean

This is a friendly reminder to residents that the Summer Village of Lakeview does not allow any type of dumping on municipal lands. As of late, we have seen an increase in the dumping of vegetation (for example, grass clippings or leaves) and trash left on municipal lands and at the parks. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Administration.

Caragana's

The Village has been on a mission to remove all the Carragana's from the public lands of Lakeview. As the Caragana's are invasive and seem to be taking over, we would like to ask all residents to also remove the Caragana's on their properties. With a little diligence and planning, we can keep our Village intentionally beautiful.

Common caragana (*Caragana arborescens*), originally from Siberia, became popular as a hedge and shelterbelt shrub on the northern Prairies because of its extreme hardiness. But in Alberta and Minnesota, it's now being removed as an invasive weed that threatens native woods and grasslands.



FireSmart™ Canada App

FireSmart Canada is a national program that helps Canadians increase neighborhood resilience to wildfire and minimize its negative impacts. It was founded over 20 years ago to address common concerns about wildfire in the wildland urban interface.

Everyone can be FireSmart. We all have a part to play when it comes to preventing wildfire and reducing risk. FireSmart Canada has developed practical, effective, and science-based programs that provide you with tools to be better prepared when wildfire occurs.

Fire Smart Your Yard! By managing the vegetation around your house and buildings, you will limit the risk of a ground fire climbing up into the trees and potentially jumping to your home, especially if you live near a forested area. We encourage all residents to ensure all fuel is stored properly.

Speed Limit

The speed limit in Lakeview has been reduced to 20 km/h. Lets take a moment to acknowledge the many residents that walk the roads of the Village. Remember to watch for children and pets as they do not always pay attention to traffic. Please slow down for the sake of safety and dust km/h.

Off-Street Parking

Please refrain from parking your vehicles and trailers on the streets and municipal lands of Lakeview. Residents are required to park in the designated parking areas on their properties and not obstruct road ways. Emergency services must be able to access all properties in the Village. Should you have any questions regarding our land use bylaw, please call the Office at **780.691.4465**.

Lot Signage

The Summer Village of Lakeview has been looking into new signage. We have began the process of updating the Village for both aesthetic purposes, but also Emergency Services purposes. Now, when **9-1-1** is called, emergency responders will be able to find any property in Lakeview easily. We recommend that you contact your insurance companies and ensure they are aware of the safety upgrade to your property.

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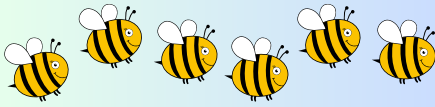


Gate Fobs

Additional Fobs are \$60 and if your current fob should fail, the Village will replace it at no cost. Please contact the Village Office for more information at **780.691.4465** or **administration@lakeview.ca**

Report a Wildfire

If you see a fire in a forested area, call: **310-FIRE (3473)**



Kapasiwin Transfer Station

3503 Township Rd. 533A Range Road 35 north of Hwy. 16

Kapasiwin residents are entitled to receive a transfer station card that grants them access to nearby transfer stations where they may drop off acceptable materials free of charge. If you require a card, please contact Emily to arrange to have a card printed and mailed to you. All Transfer Stations remain open for their regular operating hours.

Summer Hours

Thursday 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Winter Hours

Thursday 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Acceptable Materials

- automotive waste
- blue bag recycling
- commercial/construction waste (charges apply)
- electronics recycling
 - grass and leaves
- household hazardous waste
 - household waste
- metal recycling (charges apply)
- mixed waste (charges apply)
 - tree trimmings

The Kapasiwin Transfer Station has a fully operational compost site. In the interest of the environment please participate in the composting program for grass and leaves. Clear plastic garbage bags should be used.

Place your leaves and grass clippings in the clear bags and transport them to the compost pile. Please do not dump compost in nature reserves. Please do not store household garbage outdoors unless contained in animal-proof receptacles. We do not want to attract animals into our Village.

Alberta First Call Call before you dig: 1.800.242.3447

You must give at least two working days notice and have your legal land description available when you call.

Alberta RCMP Launch App to help keep Albertans Informed

Alberta RCMP has officially launched their brand-new mobile app for iOS and Android devices. The app has been developed to simplify online user experience on mobile devices to ensure that Albertans can access information quickly and conveniently. The app is available as a free download through [Apple](#) or [Google Play](#).

Developing the app allows the Alberta RCMP to provide the public with online access to news, crime reporting, detachment locations, crime mapping and statistics, and a map for initiatives like Project Lock Up. The app also provides access to partner law enforcement services, mental health supports, Crime Stoppers, and links to Alberta RCMP social media accounts.

"An app is an easy way for the public to stay connected and report crime to the police along with gaining quick and easy access to Alberta RCMP news and information," said Supt. Peter Tewfik, Officer in charge of the Alberta RCMP's Community Safety and Wellbeing Branch. "Having an app will provide the public with an option for digital accessibility that is convenient and centralized." Even though the app provides convenient links to Alberta RCMP social media account, this app will not replace existing website, social media feeds, or other sources for information. The tool also will not replace other methods of crime reporting, engagement, or emergency assistance. Citizens should remember that social media posts or use of other third-party crime apps are not appropriate ways to report a crime.

Why it is important to report any crime? To strategically put resources where they are needed. This information is supplied to officers, and this will determine where they do patrols.

If you need to contact the Alberta RCMP or to report a crime, please remember the following:

- For emergencies, or if you see a crime in progress, phone **911**.
- For non-emergency property crimes, you can file your report online through the Alberta RCMP app or contact your nearest RCMP detachment.
- If you have information about a crime and wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at **1.800.222.TIPS (8477)**, online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.
- For scams and fraud, contact your local detachment and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

In full compliance with Canadian privacy laws for mobile apps by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada and the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta, the Alberta RCMP app will not track or monitor users in any way.

*"And Spring arose on the garden fair,
Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;
And each flower and herb on Earth's dark
breast rose from the dreams of its wintry rest."*

- Percy Bysshe Shelley



Bylaw 4-2016 - Noise Bylaw

As per Lakeview's noise bylaw, all loud activity that causes a disturbance must be refrained from occurring between the hours of 10:30 PM and 7 AM. Please contact the Village Office at **780.691.4465** if you have any questions or concerns.

Be a Responsible Pet Owner

We would like to applaud the residents who respect their neighbors and Community by keeping the pet noise to an acceptable level and cleaning up after them.

Please pick up after your pet, even if it's in your own yard! Dog feces left behind creates an unattractive and unhealthy environment. A single gram of dog feces contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria and viruses. Dog feces pollutes the environment and eventually filters its way into water supplies. Not just your personal cistern or well, but eventually the groundwater for everyone in the area.

Dogs are not allowed to run freely in the Village. Please keep them on a leash or contained in your yards to respect your neighbors and the Village. We love the atmosphere of our Village and would like to emphasize keeping it clean and safe for our continued and future use and enjoyment.

Developing & Building

A **Development Permit** must be applied for before obtaining any **Safety Code Permits**. Our Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner, can be reached at **780.718.5479**.

Safety Code Permits including electrical, plumbing, building, etc. must be obtained before beginning your project. You must apply for these permits to ensure that your project is safe and conforms to safety code regulations and must be obtained before commencing work. Safety Permit forms can be found at: **The Inspections Group: www.inspectionsgroup.com**.

Lakeview Memorabilia

Dates the Ice Went Off Lake Wabamun

1999 – April 24	2005 – April 19	2011 – May 9	2017 – May 11
2000 – April 27	2006 – April 22	2012 – May 7	2018 – May 9
2001 – April 28	2007 – April 28	2013 – May 7	2019 – April 24
2002 – May 15	2008 – May 7	2014 – May 2	2020 – May 3
2003 – May 2	2009 – May 1	2015 – April 20	2021 – April 30
2004 – April 20	2010 – April 14	2016 – April 9	2022 – April 27

2023 - May 3

Fire Services

Fire Services for the Summer Village of Lakeview comes from the Wabamun (West Central) Fire Hall with secondary service coming from the Tomahawk Fire Hall. We encourage all residents to update this information with the home insurance provider.

The approximate distance from each to the properties in Lakeview are as follows:

- West Central Fire Hall - 2 min (650.0 m) via Spruce Dr. and 52 Ave.
- Tomahawk Fire Hall – 30 minutes, 42.4 KM via AB-16

Fire Permits are required for the discharge of fireworks. Family Fireworks (low hazard- do it yourself) are only allowed to be discharged with a permit at the following times:

- New Year's 8:00pm December 31st – 1:00am January 1st
- Canada Day 8:00pm – 11:59pm July 1st
- Labour Day 8:00pm – 11:59pm on the first Monday of September

High hazard fireworks also need a permit. Anyone wishing to discharge high hazard fireworks needs to have a qualified pyrotechnics contractor or apply for a permit.

Wabamun Watershed Management Council



Wabamun Watershed Management Plan

(full report, a 2-page summary at wwmc.ca)

The 4 Main Goals Are As Follows:

1. Good Water Quality
2. Engaged Stewardship
3. Wise Land Use
4. Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems and Biodiversity



The opportunity to provide a WWMC update in this Summer Village Newsletter is about Goal #2 Engaged Stewardship ---Engaging YOU, to be the stewards of Wabamun Lake.

In the WWMP, the following objectives are related to this goal:

- Residents and visitors are knowledgeable about how they can lessen their impact on and contribute to lake health.
- The community shares its collective responsibility to be the best stewards of the Wabamun Lake watershed and stewardship programs inspire individual and collective action.

An excellent way to enhance knowledge about our coveted Lake is to visit wwmc.ca You are encouraged to review the Wabamun Watershed Management Plan, studies/reports, history, the 'Get Involved' page, and newsletters. For the most recent update on WWMC activity/happenings, see the Spring 2023 WWMC Newsletter (Lakescape) (includes Lake Water Level Update, South Shore Boat Launch, etc.).

Stewardship action: The health of Wabamun Lake is the responsibility of each one of us. So... talk about the health of the Lake with your neighbors, and family and friends. Share your knowledge, and this spring and summer do at least one new action for the good of lake health that will inspire your circle to further care about and for the Lake. (Remember too, to share with the WWMC the action(s) you and your circle have undertaken).

Also, support the WWMC by bolstering our membership numbers (general membership is free) - go to Get Involved, and now that we have charitable status, consider making a donation for stewardship projects; all donations will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Development Officer

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Alberta Wildfire

Stay current on Alberta's wildfire situation. See where wildfires are burning in Alberta and how they impact you. Get up-to-date information on wildfire conditions and hazard. Join us on Facebook and Twitter. View all current fire restrictions and bans in place across the province at albertafirebans.ca.

Alberta Fire Bans App!

Regardless of where you are in Alberta, the Alberta Fire Bans Application will help you find the most current and reliable information on all active fire advisories, fire restrictions, fire bans, and OHV restrictions in Alberta.

Lightcatch App

Use Lightcatch to track suspicious activity in your area. It's a free phone app to help prevent crime in your area, it's like a block watch program that is for your phone. This app will keep you connected with what could be happening in your area. You can also post information notifying others of any suspicious activity.