

SUMMER VILLAGE OF GHOST LAKE

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Library Closure

The Ghost Lake Library is closed due to a recent act of vandalism. Library volunteers arrived at the Library on Friday afternoon to find the fire extinguisher had been discharged with yellow dust throughout the building. Volunteers are in the process of cleaning up the debris and hope to reopen the library by **Monday August 28th**.

Thank you Chris and Karen for taking the time to clean up the library.

If anyone noticed any unusual activity in the area of the library last Friday, please contact the Village Office.

Property Civic Address Signs

A reminder that a Village standard property address sign needs to be installed on your property **by September 4, 2017**. Please note that the signs are primarily for emergency responders to find a location quickly. Make sure that the signs are installed at the front of your property, are clearly visible from the road, between 1 metre and 2 metres above the ground level (from bottom of sign) and at least 1 metre from the side property boundary. We will be checking for compliance after the September long weekend.

Thank you Fire and First Response Committee for coordinating this project.

Weed Management Program

The final weed spraying for 2017 as part of the Village weed control management program is scheduled for **Monday September 11th** (*weather dependent*). Watch for signs posted in the Village a couple of days prior to spraying. This is will be spot application on Village lands (predominately the golf course lands) concentrating on thistle and toadflax.

If anyone is interested in arranging to have their properties treated at the same time, please contact Prairie Environmental directly at info@prairieenvironmental.com

Thank you to the Natural Environment and Lake Stewardship committee for coordinating this project.

Council Meeting – to be rescheduled

The next Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2017 will be rescheduled to **mid October**. Please watch the Village Notice Board and website when rescheduled date and time is confirmed.

Fire Ban and OHV Restriction Still in Affect

The fire ban and OHV restriction continues at the Summer Village of Ghost Lake due to dry conditions. As a reminder the fire ban and OHV restriction currently in place is as follows:

Prohibited

Open fires	Charcoal briquettes,
Turkey fryers	Tiki torches
Fireworks and exploding targets	Recreational OHV use on public lands

Allowed

- Portable propane fire pits that are CSA approved or UL certified
- Gas or propane stoves and barbecues that are CSA approved or UL certified
- Catalytic or infrared-style heaters

Check the Village Website and Albertafirebans.ca for updates on the fireban and OHV Restriction.

Thank you Ariana for looking after communications and monitoring of the fire ban.

Burn Pile continues to remain closed

The continuing warm and dry conditions have prevented the Public Works and Fire Committee from burning off the wood debris pile and the burn pile remains closed until further notice.

Thank you Fire and First Response and Public Works Committee for coordinating this project.

Waste Management and Recycling

A Reminder that the Village provides the following service to residents:

Waste Bin – for resident's household garbage – *this does not include old lawn furniture, construction materials, yard waste.*

Recycle Bin – accepts cardboard (*please breakdown so boxes are flat pieces*), paper (*if shredded in a tied clear plastic bag*), tetra packs, plastic bags (*bundled and place in one tied plastic bag*), plastic containers (*symbols 1-7*), Glass bottles and jars (*placed in a tied plastic bag*)

Please make sure to close the lid after using the bins. Occasionally in the summer months, there is unexpected high use of the bins, if they are overfull, please take your waste/recycle materials home and bring back next week. By leaving your waste and recycle beside the bins, it attracts big wildlife into the community (ie. bears) also your friends and neighbours end up cleaning up the mess.

Thank you, Thank you....

In addition to the volunteers and committees mentioned above, thank you also to

- Leah and all the event coordinators/volunteers for putting on another amazing Regatta event this year
- Jeff for your patience and understanding as we monitored the weather and fire conditions daily to see if the fireworks show could happen or not this year.
- The Public Works Committee and the summer student supervisor team for taking a week out of your summer leisure time to help supervise the summer student worker.
- Cody, Bernadette and Blackline Safety for once again donating the lone worker monitoring device this summer to help monitor the safety and wellbeing of our summer worker.
- Everyone for your patience and understanding during the summer road surfacing project and ongoing fireban.
- The volunteers and committee that have not been mentioned in this newsletter who volunteer, *Making a Difference* in the community – there are so many of you that we at the Village Office don't see in action, but your results are acknowledged and enjoyed by staff, council, and the residents of Ghost Lake Village.