

SUMMER VILLAGE OF GHOST LAKE

AUGUST 2017 MINI-NEWSLETTER

Council 2017

The Summer Village of Ghost Lake has elected a new council for the upcoming 4 year term. The councillors were elected by acclamation on June 10, 2017 and sworn into office on June 15, 2017 and appointed to their positions.

John Walsh	Mayor
Warren Wilson	Deputy Mayor
Robyn Carrier	Councillor

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 6 pm at the Community Services Building, 601 Ghost Lake Village.

Fire Ban and OHV Restriction

The Summer Village of Ghost Lake recognizes firebans that are placed on adjacent lands ie. MD of Bighorn. Effective August 1, 2017 the FireBan was extended to include a restriction of Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) from public lands. This will include all public lands within the Summer Village.

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.

Burn Pile is Closed

The Public Works and Fire Committee have been unable to burn off the wood debris pile this spring/summer and the burn pile is now at full capacity and closed until further notice.

Dock Space

A reminder to residents that assigned dock space must be actively used each year in order to maintain rights to the space. The Village has a waiting list of residents seeking dock space to use. Until such time as new dock space can be developed, we need to ensure that the existing dock space is being utilized.

2017 Regatta

The Communications and Village Social Life Committee, under the coordination of Leah Fink will be holding the Annual Regatta during the August Long weekend. A schedule of events can be found on the Village website at www.ghostlake.ca

Due to the current firebans, there will be no fireworks show this year.

Weed Management Program

The 2017 weed control management program is underway. In June, Prairie Environmental undertook the first round of spraying and further spray will occur when conditions are ideal for an effective application. Weed spraying signs will be posted in the Summer Village by Prairie Environmental prior to spraying.

Wood Chips – Free For The Taking

The Natural Environment Committee ordered wood chips for a restoration project on the westend. They have some leftover wood chips (mulch) that is free for the taking for residents to use. You can find the wood chips at the end of the cul-de-sac on the westend of the Village.

Property Civic Address Signs

A reminder that the Village standard a property address sign needs to be installed on your property by September 4, 2017. Signs must be erected at the FRONT of the property between 1 metre and 2 metres above the ground level (from bottom of sign) and at least 1 metre from the side property boundary. If you have not received your sign yet, please contact the Village Office.

Remember to Clean, Drain and Dry your watercraft to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Clean

- Clean and inspect watercraft, trailer and gear
- Remove all plants, animals, and mud at the access area or dock
- At home, soak your gear in a bleach solution for at least one minute
- Rinse, scrub or pressure wash your boat away from storm drains, ditches or waterways

Drain - Remember to pull the drain plug because it is now the law!

On land, before leaving the waterbody, drain all water from:

- Bait buckets
- Ballasts
- Bilges
- Coolers
- Internal compartments
- Livewells, etc.

Dry

- Dry the watercraft and gear completely between trips and allow the wet areas of your boat to air dry
- Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water.