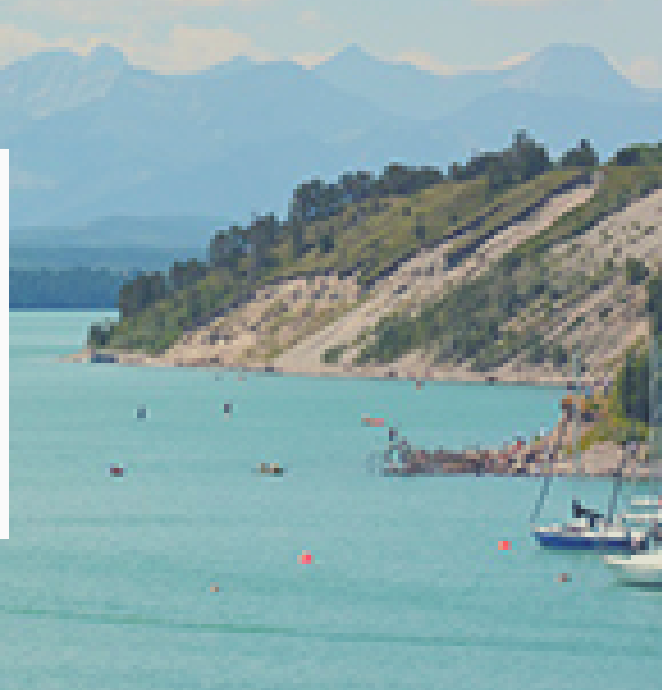


WINTER 2023

# NEWSLETTER

SUMMER VILLAGE OF GHOST LAKE



## 2023 IN REVIEW

2023 was a very productive year for Ghost Lake. We made significant progress on major projects such as the Community Hall renovations, which are almost complete, and getting the playground upgrade underway!



We also had many engaging events such as the Regatta, BBQ events, and open houses to discuss village projects.

Thank you to all our volunteers and the Community Association for helping us put these events together and making this year's Regatta a success!

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## Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program

Our Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program came to a close this fall. The project addresses groundwater resilience and provides a plan for the community and homeowners to ensure they have access to sufficient drinking water in the face of climate change.

Throughout the year, we worked with Morrison Herhsfield to hold open community discussions and conduct water quality testing to help them complete SVGL's implementation plan. Check out the Project Summary and Implementation Plan on our website!

## Community Hall Renovation Project

After gathering input from the community through open houses and discussions, we kickstarted the community hall renovations in Summer 2023. The community hall upgrades include adding more kitchen accessories, upgrading the furniture and creating an overall warm and welcoming space for villagers.

Join us for our Grand Opening of the Community Hall on January 27th, 2023!

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Thank you to all the volunteers on the following committees

- Disaster Services
- FireSmart
- Public Works
- Dock Committee
- Marigold Library
- NELS
- Community Association

We'd also like to give a special thanks to the Public Works team for putting up the snow fence, and adding riprap to the lake shore!

A warm welcome to all the newcomers who have moved in to the village this year!





## Statement from the Ghost Lake Village Community Association

*“As we say good bye to 2023, it's astonishing how time flies. Our community association embraced the spirit of togetherness through various events, from a curling game and BBQ to a festive St. Patrick's game night, a kids' Easter event and, for the first time, the GLV community association's inaugural regatta weekend—a feat not easily achieved after following in the footsteps of the Leah Fink. Leah, your guidance and wealth of experience paved the way, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the many years dedicated to organizing the regatta.*

*Our community events briefly paused in September to embark on the exciting journey of renovating the fire hall into a community hall. Now, with the renovations nearly complete, the community association is eager to furnish, stock, and prepare the hall for upcoming events and private functions. A special shout-out to R Space, Tony Robinson for his incredible work on the hall, Audrey Janis from 1288 designs for crafting an exceptional design. And to council for prioritizing this project in 2023. Also a thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with the decanting of the hall and for the monetary donations towards items for the Hall.*

*As we step into 2024, the newly renovated hall promises a host of fun and exciting times. We wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!”*

## Covid Vaccine Booster and Flu Shot

**Reminder** to go get your Covid Booster and flu shot as we endure flu season this year!



## Future Projects and Plans for 2024

As we work to wrap up the Community Hall renovations, we expect to be busy with projects such as the Land Use Bylaw Review, upgrading the village playground, and installing a firewater tank for the village.

Once our project plans have been confirmed, there will be a call out for volunteers to help through a variety of roles.

Please stay tuned for further updates.

### Villagers we lost this year

We deeply mourn the passing of these strong and dedicated members of our community:

- Ron Kennard
- Anne Bawtinhimer
- Phylis Pruden
- Bruce Anderson
- Alex Csilic



You will be greatly missed.

If we have missed any villagers who may have passed away, kindly let us know and we will recognize them in the next newsletter.

## Community Hall Rentals

Once the community hall has been completed, villagers will be able to book the Hall for private events and programs. The rental agreement form and the conditions of use will be made available on the Ghost Lake website once they have been finalized.

## Council Meetings

For **updates** on dates and times of council meetings and minutes, please visit the SVGL website.

[www.ghostlake.ca](http://www.ghostlake.ca)





## Frozen Lake Safety Tips



As more and more ice covers the lake, it's crucial to make sure you know how to tell when conditions are safe for various activities. However, it's important to recognize that ice will never be completely safe.

### Frozen Lake Safety Tips

- Avoid traveling on a frozen lake early or late in the season as the ice is more likely to be thin
- Always go out on the ice with a buddy and let others know where you will be in case of an accident.
- Leave a safe distance between you and your buddy while walking out onto the ice. This can help to avoid ice cracking under the weight of two people and allows for your buddy to help you if you fall through the ice.
- Wear a life vest while walking or riding on a frozen lake; it can help you float if you fall through the ice and provides insulation from the cold.

Carry useful tools with you such as homemade ice picks or a pair of wooden handled screwdrivers tied together with a few yards of strong cord that can be used to pull yourself up and onto the ice if you fall in.

### Reminder: AED Kit

The village's AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) now has up-to-date Contact pads for adults. Our AED Kit is inside our Community Hall in the white wall cabinet next to the washroom/kitchen door.

The AED kit is registered with AHS' Heart-Safe Program. The cabinet also contains a First Aid kit, an Eyewash Station, a Lifeway-airway kit and a Naloxone Injection Kit.

Villagers should be familiar with their hall access code and the contents as well as the proper use of these kits.



## Reminders

### Fire and First Response in the Village

The Summer Village and the MD of Bighorn have a Fire Services agreement in place. This means when a 911 call is placed for Fire or Emergencies the Jamieson Fire Hall is our designated first responder.

**Fire Insurance** Please check your fire insurance policy to confirm that the Summer Village of Ghost Lake's nearest "manned" fire station is in the Town of Cochrane. Jamieson Fire Hall is the first responder for Village fires; however, they are classified as a volunteer fire department. It is important that your insurance company is aware of that. Also, under the provisions of the fire bylaw, property owners can be billed for the cost of fighting fires on their property. This can amount to thousands of dollars. Check with your insurance company to ensure that you have adequate coverage for firefighting expenses.

**911 Medical Emergency** calls will still result in an ambulance being dispatched from Cochrane. The Jamieson Fire Hall will also respond, as our medical first responders, to provide emergency medical support until an ambulance can arrive on scene.

## Volunteer with us

If you are interested in volunteering with Ghost Lake, please email [admin@ghostlake.ca](mailto:admin@ghostlake.ca)

## What to do if there is a Fire?

Call 9-1-1

Evacuate all people and pets to a safe distance

If someone is available - pull the Emergency Pull Station on the Community Services Building. This will sound the Community Alarm so your neighbors will be alerted to the potential danger

Stay Safe!







## A Message from the Council and CAO

As we reflect on the achievements of this past year at the Summer Village of Ghost Lake, it fills us with immense pride to see the remarkable progress and engagement within our community.

In 2023, we made significant strides in bolstering our village's resilience against the challenges of climate change through the successful conclusion of our Climate Resilience Capacity Building Program. This initiative, made possible by the support of the Government of Alberta and collaborative efforts with Morrison Hershfield, addressed vital aspects of groundwater resilience. The resulting implementation plan stands as a testament to our commitment to ensuring access to clean drinking water for our community in the face of climate challenges.

Moreover, the rejuvenation of our Community Hall stands as a testament to our dedication to creating spaces that foster warmth and togetherness. The upcoming Grand Opening on January 27th promises a vibrant hub for villagers to gather, celebrate, and create lasting memories. Its availability for private events will further enrich our community life.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers and committees whose unwavering dedication has propelled our projects forward. Special thanks go to the Public Works team for their remarkable efforts in enhancing our village's infrastructure.

Looking ahead to 2024, exciting projects await us, from the Land Use Bylaw Review to upgrading our playground and bolstering our firefighting resources with a new firewater tank. We anticipate calling upon the invaluable support of our community through volunteer opportunities as these projects take shape.

As we approach this joyous season, may the spirit of the holidays fill your homes with warmth and happiness. On behalf of Council and Administration at the Summer Village of Ghost Lake I want to take this opportunity to wish all the residents of the Summer Village of Ghost Lake a Happy Holidays!

Happy  
holidays