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Summer Village of Larkspur Spring 2017 Newsletter

Greetings from the Administration and Council of our Summer Village. One of the highlights every spring is getting back to the lake, watching the ice disappear, seeing the wildlife come out of hibernation, welcoming the migratory birds back, and watching the trees and our yards turn from drab to a vibrant green colour. We also look forward to another season of enjoying the beauty of our lake and surrounding countryside. In addition to the usual workload and new projects, hopefully we will also get to enjoy some relaxation.

We would like to remind everyone that our website is now operational and provides a lot of links for navigation to various sites such as Westlock County, (including the fire ban advisory), minutes of council meetings, financial statements, our bylaws and development applications, past newsletters, and many great photos. Check out the site at <http://www.svlarkspur.ca/>. Remember also to notify our administrator Marion Bancroft at gmbancroft@shaw.ca of your email address so you can be notified when a new newsletter or other update is published. The newsletters can be delivered by email thus saving paper and helping us to be more environmentally responsible.

In the fall newsletter we notified you regarding ongoing developments and issues and we would like to provide an update on these items as well as new topics.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Canada celebrates its 150th birthday on July 1st. Council will be hosting a barbeque (hamburger and hot dogs) during the early part of the day; 11:00 am to 2:00 pm; at the Summer Village Hall to give property owners an opportunity to do some socializing. We will have a short 'celebration program' which is still in the planning stages. We are looking for a few volunteers to help out with this, please let Marion or one of the Councilors know if you may be available to help out. This will take place 'rain or shine'. Please check the webpage for updates.

SURVEY & REMOVAL OF DEAD & DANGEROUS TREES.

Reserves #1 and 2 (at the North end of the Village) were cleared of dead / dangerous trees in November. There are a few more trees that will need to be removed and the contractor will be returning later on to remove a few that were reported as being dangerous.

The surveyors will commence work this spring or summer in reserves #3 and 4 as their work schedules allows.

In our fall newsletter we reminded property owners that the reserves are for the enjoyment of all ratepayers and that if they have development that extends onto the reserves they are responsible for rectifying the problem. If your property does not meet setback requirements or if you have placed restrictions that prevent or restrict access to the reserves, you are reminded to correct the problem. If you are contemplating an application for an easement, please contact administration before you are notified that you must move the structure. "Setback" means the distance the distance that a development must be set away from a property line as measured to the wall of the said development. (LUB 12-3)

ROAD SEALING

The road resealing was to take place last fall however wet weather made it impossible to get this done at that time. Hopefully, if Mother Nature cooperates, the sealing will take place in mid to late June or possibly into July. This may inconvenience some cottage owners but this work is weather dependent so please keep this in mind.

SPEED BUMPS AND SIGNAGE

Speed bumps have been purchased and will be set into the road near the south entrance of the Summer Village. Since these bumps are new, warning signs will be placed on either side of the roadway near the speed bumps to warn drivers. Hopefully this initiative will remind drivers that the maximum speed limit in the village is 30 KPH and offer a higher degree of protection to pedestrians and/or children playing.

MISSING YIELD SIGN

The yield sign at the South entrance to the Village went missing late last fall. A new sign has been purchased and will be installed once the ground thaws. If you know where this sign is please notify administration.

BOAT CLEANING

You may have seen the ads on TV alerting boaters they must clean their boats when moving from lake to lake and they must stop at stations where boat checks are taking place. Failure to stop may result in a very hefty fine. So far Alberta lakes have been very fortunate not to become infested with Zebra Mussels and other aquatic pests and foliage. This is not the case in Manitoba where sewer lines and boats are getting plugged. There is only one way to prevent this from happening here in Long Island Lake and that is to make sure everyone takes responsibility to clean their boat. It is mandatory to drain your boat bilge after taking it out of the water.

FIRE HAZARD

Hopefully we will not have a dry spring like last year, however, if it is dry, ATV and motorcycle usage may be restricted if a "High Fire Hazard" rating is declared for Crown and Public Lands. It is your responsibility to check the website to find out what the rating is before you go out. The same precaution goes for burning anything outdoors.

ATV / MOTORCYCLE HELMETS

Effective May 1st it is mandatory for all ATV & motorcycle riders to wear approved helmets while riding within the village, the county and on all Crown and Public land.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION DATES

This summer's AGM date is scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 10 A.M. That is also the last date for any ratepayer to submit nomination papers to run for Summer Village Council. Any interested ratepayer should contact the returning officer (Marion) for nomination papers. Nominations for council will be accepted up until midnight on July 22, 2017 and they will be accepted by mail, email, fax or in person.

SURPLUS ITEMS

The Summer Village has declared some surplus used equipment is available for the asking from Village Administration.

- 1) B & S Push Lawn Mower SN A00590655 - used, no warranty
- 2) B & S Push Lawn Mower SN 00590576- used, no warranty
- 3) Model # 10509-78 Push Lawn mower - used, no warranty
- 4) Used 12 inch Stihl 009 Chainsaw, no warranty

In closing, the Summer Village welcomes new ideas and changes to its Council to ensure it remains a vibrant and effective entity. Please consider sharing your desire and talents to guide the Summer Village by letting your name stand for a nomination to Council.