

Summer Village of SOUTH BAPTISTE

Message From Council

Welcome to Summer 2023 in the beautiful Summer Village of South Baptiste. We hope everyone enjoys our amazing community, spending time in nature with your family, friends and neighbors.

Please remember to be kind and respectful but most of all, enjoy a fun, safe Summer.

Between the fires and now the enormous amount of rain in our province, we are at the mercy of Mother Nature. Our thoughts and well wishes go out to everyone experiencing this devastation personally. We would also like to thank all of the emergency personnel who have worked long hours trying to keep us all safe.

Enjoy the summer and please remind your guests not to park on the side of the road or in the ditches.

Interim Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

As many of you are aware, we have an interim CAO. Kim Bancroft has stepped in to assist us during our recruitment process for a new CAO. Kim is the CAO for several summer villages in the area. You can reach her at 780-239-7323. We are currently interviewing candidates and hope to have someone permanent in place soon. We wish our previous CAO, Ed Tomaszuk, well in his future endeavors.

Annual Information Meeting

The Summer Village Annual Information Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am, Saturday, August 5 at the West Baptiste Firehall at 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste. Hamburgers will be served afterwards, hosted by council.

Speeding

Speeding continues to be an issue in the summer village. You may have noticed the signs "Speed Bumps or Speed Limits, You Decide". PLEASE SLOW DOWN! Speed limits also apply to quads and dirt bikes.

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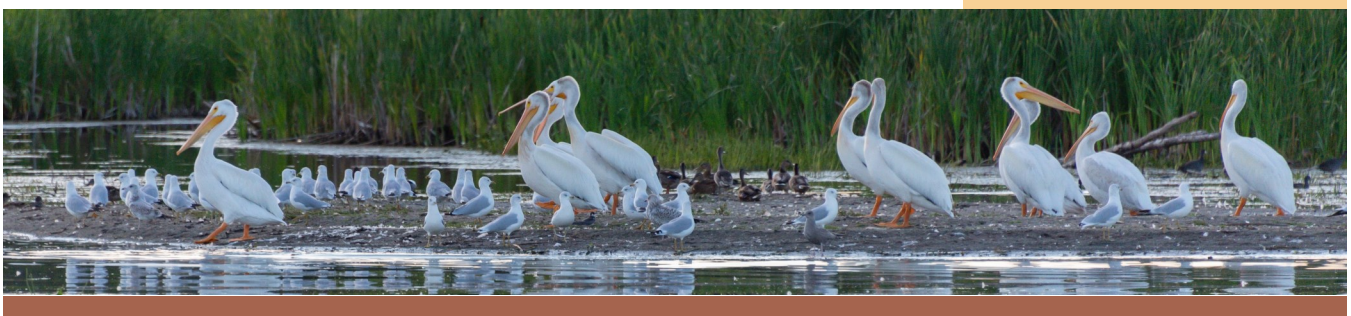
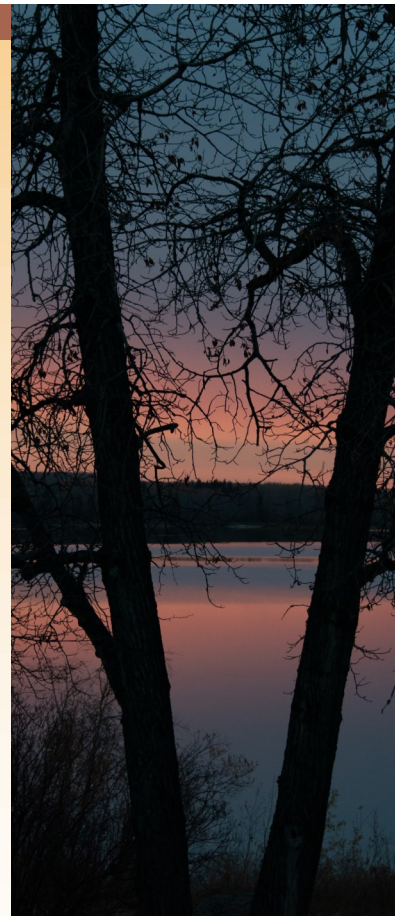
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Fire Bans

We had an early start to the fire ban season this summer. Please follow all posted fire bans, with no exceptions.

For up to date information, please download the Alberta Fire Bans app and sign up for alerts for South Baptiste. This will allow you to receive alerts as the information changes.

South Baptiste follows the rules set by the Forest Protection Area as we are located fully inside it. This is why you may notice from time to time that we differ from the bans noted in Athabasca County. We do reserve the right to enforce more strict bans than the forest protection area if we feel it is necessary.

Property Tax Notices

You will notice that your property tax notice came later this year. This was due to the change in administration. We have changed the deadline to August 31 and this will be a permanent change allowing residents more time to pay your property taxes.

No Wake Zones

Respect the lake and protect the shoreline. Slow to speeds of 10 km/h or less within 30m of the shoreline. Keep to the deep areas when enjoying higher speed activities.

Administration

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County Beach

Please note that there is a \$10 fee for the boat launch, \$10 for day use and \$15 for overnight camping. Additional information can be found at <https://athabascacounty.com/baptiste-lake/>

Animal Control Bylaw

We are currently in the process of adopting an animal control bylaw. Please review the bylaw that is posted on the website and the South Baptiste Facebook Page and provide any feedback prior to July 15.

Dogs running loose have recently become an issue in the summer village with several complaints received. Please be respectful and keep your dog on your own property at all times if they are not restrained. Any dog taken off property should be leashed at all times.

You can send your feedback regarding the bylaw to southbaptiste@gmail.com

Land Use Bylaw

The Land Use Bylaw in the Summer Village is outdated and in need of revision. We will be reaching out to residents in the near future to get your feedback on this topic. In the meantime, please review the Land Use Bylaw which can be found on the website, and make notes on anything you would like to discuss.

Contact Information

We are currently adding email addresses and phone numbers to our database. Please review the information on your tax notice and if anything is incorrect (including spelling) or missing, please send it to us. Emails are the easiest way for us to get information out to you quickly.

You can send your contact information to southbaptiste@gmail.com

Landfill Hours

Landfill hours can be found at <https://athabascaregionalwaste.com/>

Docks, Boat Lifts, and Other Mooring Structures

The new Alberta Mooring Disturbance Standard was passed and approved by the Alberta Government in April of 2021 and they apply to all users of our lake. Please check out our website for more detailed information.

Photographs

To have your photographs displayed in the newsletter or on the website, please submit them to southbaptiste@gmail.com

