

Spring/Summer
2025

Summer Village of South Baptiste

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Mayors Message:

It looks like spring has officially sprung in the Summer Village of South Baptiste, and what a welcome sight it is! As the ice melts away and the sun is out a little longer each evening, our lakeside paradise is waking up with the promise of a fantastic summer ahead! As we see the return of familiar faces, cabins being opened, gardens being planted, we look forward to a wonderful season full of community spirit, natural beauty, and lots of lakeside fun.

Keep an eye on our website and community bulletin boards for updates on events and important notices. Let's all do our part to keep South Baptiste clean, safe, and welcoming—whether that means respecting quiet hours, watching our speed on the road, lending a hand to a neighbour or picking up trash while we are walking. We truly have the best community and neighbours in the Village of South Baptiste!

On behalf of Council, thank you for being the heart of this wonderful community. Let's make this spring and summer one to remember, and we look forward to seeing you at the July 19th BBQ and information meeting!

Warm wishes and sunny days ahead,

Wendy Appleby

Mayor, Summer Village of South Baptiste

Taxes:

This year, our village was assessed a school tax increase of over 15%. To help reduce the burden on residents, council has decided to draw from reserve funds to soften the overall impact and support our community through this change. The 2025 tax notice is included with this mailout and taxes are due in full by August 31. Any questions or concerns, please reach out to Linda.

Docks & Mooring:

Only waterfront and semi-waterfront property owners are permitted to install temporary or seasonal docks or boatlifts directly in front of their residences. Docks placed in municipal reserve areas may only be installed by the Summer Village. Please note that all installations must comply with the maximum allowable footprint regulations. For complete details, refer to the official Government of Alberta document titled *Disturbance Standard—Temporary Seasonal Docks and Mooring* available at Alberta.ca by searching the document name. You can also find a copy on our website at southbaptiste.com under the “Lake Information” tab.

Burger Bar!

Everyone will be happy to hear that Dian and crew will be back running the Burger Bar this year. The season kicks off on **Friday, May 16th**, just in time for the long weekend. Throughout the rest of May and into June, the Burger Bar will be open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays with extended hours beginning in July and continuing through August. The new Phone number for this year is (368) 882-0892.

Annual Open House:

Please join us at the Fire Hall in West Baptiste for our Annual Residents information meeting on **Saturday July 19 at 10 am**. We will have copies of our audited financial statements and yearly budgets and will be available to answer all questions. There will be a BBQ with hamburgers, snacks and refreshments available after the meeting. You will also be able to submit your advance vote for the Election so please ensure you bring proper identification.

Traffic Safety:

The higher level of Police presence in the village since last July has made a noticeable difference in the speeding throughout the village. Council has decided to continue with the Community Peace Officers (CPO's). No warnings shall be issued. A percentage of the fines are returned to the Village to offset costs. Please remind your family and your guests to obey the speed limits of 40km for vehicles and 30kms for OHV's. It is illegal to drive OHV's in the ditches in our village so please consider this a reminder that **provincial law states that all OHV's must be registered and insured** to be legal on public roads.

Election 2025:


If you're passionate about your community and want to make a difference, consider running for Council!


Candidates must:


- ✓ Be eligible to vote in the Summer Village
- ✓ Have resided in or owned property in Alberta for at least **twelve months** prior to the election
- ✓ Submit a completed nomination package on June 28, 2025 (Nomination Day)

For nomination forms, contact Linda at 780-938-4141 or southbaptiste@gmail.com

Key Election Details:

 **Nomination Day:** June 28, 2025 – 10 AM to 12 PM – #27 Baptiste Drive (follow signs)

 **Election Date:** July 26, 2025, from 10AM to 7 PM

 **Voting Location:** West Baptiste Fire Hall

 **Advance Voting:** July 19 at Annual Resident Meeting – West Baptiste Fire Hall

FCSS (Family and Community Support Services):

We're happy to share some great news with our residents! Council has partnered with Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) in Athabasca, which means you can now access their helpful programs and services. FCSS is all about supporting the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. Their programs are designed to encourage healthy lifestyles, boost quality of life, and help people build the skills they need to handle life's ups and downs.

Fires can happen! Are you covered?

Did you know that the cost of fire suppression by the fire department is payable by the **property owner**? The cost of fighting structure fires or wildland fires can be very costly. Be sure to check with your Insurance provider to determine if you have proper coverage.

Contact Information:

If you're new to the village or have changed your contact information, please let Linda know by email at southbaptiste@gmail.com. It's important to have the right details in case there's ever an emergency.

Fire Smart Clean-up & Appliance Roundup

May 16-26

Free to dispose leaves, grass and branches at Whispering Hills Transfer station.

No dump trailers or dump truck loads. Large loads, tree trunks bigger than 6" and stumps are not accepted.

Appliances **without** Freon include washers, dryers, furnaces, hot water tanks, dish washers, and stoves are free.

Appliances **with** Freon include fridges, freezers, water coolers and air conditioning units are accepted with a reduced cost of \$10