



# 2023 Newsletter



## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Silver Beach

The last day of 1953 the Alberta Government created the Summer Village of Silver Beach. 70 summers have passed, each one a treasured memory for residents.

There's going to be a party! Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm gather at Ouimette Park for food, fun and games. Be ready to share your favourite memories. We are still looking for volunteers to help get the party off the ground. Call the office if you can lend a hand. 780-389-4409.

## QE II Platinum Jubilee Medal



Deputy Mayor Robert Gibbs (pictured above), Mayor David Rolf, and CAO June Boyda have received the QE II Platinum Jubilee medal for outstanding contributions to the community. Congratulations to all!

## Annual Information Meeting

This year's AIM will be on July 15th at 10 am Mulhurst Community Hall.  
There will be lunch after the meeting.



## Fireworks Safety Tips

A year has passed since the Summer Village brought in a fireworks bylaw. Here are some tips to have a safe summer at the lake:

- The person using consumer fireworks must wear safety goggles. They are at serious risk to eye injury otherwise.
- Consumer fireworks must be stabilized so they don't tip. The best way is to bury them halfway in sand or soil.
- Consumer fireworks sometimes produce sparks that could damage a boat cover or other vinyl. It's best to have boats and other vinyl items 50 meters away.
- Consumer fireworks create a significant amount of paper debris. Time should be allocated the next day to thoroughly clean the area.
- Consumer fireworks create a significant noise disturbance and nearby neighbours should be alerted prior to use so they can bring their pets indoors with a radio playing. If people are sensitive to noise, they should watch the fireworks through a window or from inside a car.

## Large Item Garbage Collection

There will be one major clean-up this summer on July 15<sup>th</sup> where residents may put their garbage out at the end of the driveway (the same place you place your garbage bin). Check the website for guidance on what can be discarded.

## Drones in the Summer Village



A reminder to all residents regarding flying drones in Silver Beach:

Drones must be registered with Transport Canada. Operators must have a pilot certificate on their person while flying drones.

Pilots must always be able to see their drone without binoculars, fly below 122 Meters, fly 30 meters horizontally away from bystanders, 2 kms from heliports and 5.6 kms away from airports.

If you are harassed by a drone, or see one breaking any of the rules, please contact the RCMP.

## Report Crime in the Summer Village

It's important to report any crime to the RCMP. They need the information to strategically deploy resources. If you want to know where crime is happening check out our website [www.silverbeach.ca](http://www.silverbeach.ca). You will find a crime stoppers map showing where crime has happened, and what charges were filed. There is also a cell phone app from the Alberta RCMP to access information and engage with crime reduction initiatives.

## Know Your Street Sign:

The municipal address sign in front of your property is an essential item for emergency responders. Please make sure everyone using your property knows the address, including private security companies who need to respond to calls.

## Slow Down for Safety

It's the busy season for life on the lake. Children and grandchildren are geared up for running and playing. Please slow down to keep everyone safe. Let's make it a great season and avoid tragedy.

## Forest Assessment Report:

The Forest Assessment prepared by the ATTS Group Inc. as part of a grant from the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta has been completed and is on our website. Forested areas on your lot are encouraged and need to be managed. A professional arborist should be hired to identify/evaluate trees for removal to reduce hazards to people, property, and infrastructure.

## McIntosh Bulrush Award:

The Pigeon Lake Watershed Association has won the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta's "McIntosh Bulrush Award". The award recognizes the PLWA's work to improve the environment of Pigeon Lake, through their "Caring for the Lake" program. Deputy Mayor Bob Gibbs was on hand to accept the award for the PLWA.

## Alberta Day 2022



A celebration of Alberta was held at Ouimette Park on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were games, prizes, music, and a barbecue. Thanks to all who volunteered to make the day a huge success. Special thanks to Councillor Barb Martinson who rallied the volunteers and coordinated the festivities. The event was made possible through a grant from the provincial government for the first annual Alberta Day.

## New Administrative Assistant

Please welcome our new Administrative Assistant Dianna Morris. Dianna will be filling in at the office whenever Shawna Dennis is away. Dianna lives in the Summer Village full time and is an active community member and volunteer.

## Fertilizers and Herbicides

The Summer Village reminds all residents of our bylaw prohibiting the use of fertilizers and herbicides. Many fertilizers contain nitrogen and phosphorous which are contributing factors to the creation of blue-green algae in Pigeon Lake.