



## DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER SUMMER VILLAGE OF SEBA BEACH

### Mayors Message – Doug Thomas

I would like to begin this newsletter by saying a very sincere “Thank you” to all the residents in Seba Beach who made the effort to cast a ballot in the 2017 election. Democracy allows us an opportunity to be heard and to be counted. Your overwhelming support for the incumbents was very much appreciated. I think I can speak for both Rick MacPhee and Gary Schultz when I say we will do everything in our control to meet your expectations for responsible municipal governance.

It is virtually impossible to obtain 100% agreement from all residents on how to resolve the many issues that affect our municipality. Our goal is to continue to act in the best interests and desires of the majority of the residents. Please do not hesitate to bring forward any concerns that you might have so that lines of communication between you and your elected representatives remain strong and effective.

Council continues to discuss long term planning and strategies that will affect future generations of Seba Beach residents. A common opinion that I heard during the election campaign is that most ratepayers like Seba Beach just the way it is and that it’s quaint and peaceful environment is welcome and appreciated. It is quite clear that most taxpayers would welcome commercial development within the Village, but it must be developed on an economically viable basis without affecting what currently exists.

The municipal administration office is your first point of contact for any information that you require or any concerns that you might have. Sue Evans and her assistant Susan Stuart are there to help in any way they can. They do an exceptional job of dealing with all the various issues that appear on a day to day basis along with making sure public works maintains the village to the high standard that we have come to appreciate. In my very biased opinion, Bill Back and Peter Charkiw work tirelessly in making sure that the service we receive for the taxes we pay is second to none. I personally believe that our public works staff are some of the most dedicated and committed employees that a municipality could possibly have.

Our Peace Officer, Jeremy Hampton continues to work closely with the Evansburg RCMP detachment in keeping Seba Beach safe from criminal activity. Recent media suggest that rural crime has recently increased 26%, so having Jeremy in our village gives us a tremendous feeling of comfort. Your taxes pay for this very important service, but I strongly believe Jeremy is a very effective deterrent in helping to keep us safe.

I continue to believe strongly in the education provided by the Wabamun Watershed Management Council. This volunteer organization, currently Chaired by Seba Beach resident Neil Fleming, consists of many volunteers from around the lake all with the common goal of keeping Lake Wabamun pristine and free from bacteria that has affected so many lakes around Alberta. We all need to be part of this solution, so if you are one of those lake front residents who continue to apply fertilizer and other nutrients to your lawn, for the sake of all our future generations who want to enjoy this lake as we do, please stop! Did you know that Alberta Environment does not allow any removal of water from the lake using pumps or other such mechanical device? This was recently brought to my attention, so I thought I would mention it.

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Your Village continues to maintain a very strong financial position. Robust residential development along with effective spending controls should give us another year with an operating surplus and hopefully, we can hold the line on any tax increases for 2018. Sue Evans does an extraordinary job at making sure your Council stays within budget.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Terry and I take this opportunity to wish you a Warm and Safe holiday season with a Healthy and Prosperous 2018.

**The Seba Beach Administration Office is a drop off point for FOOD BANK AND SANTAS ANONYMOUS donations. Cash donations are also accepted for Christmas Hamper items. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to help local families in need. Your generous donations are most appreciated.**

**Regular meetings of Council** are held generally the third Thursday of each month. Meeting dates are posted at the administration office or call 780 797-3863 for confirmation of dates. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you wish to address Council, please call ahead and request that your item of discussion be placed on the agenda.

**Administration Office** is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Office telephone number is 780-797-3863 or Fax is 797-3800 (use of the fax is available to the public at reasonable rates) **Please note our email address is [svseba@telusplanet.net](mailto:svseba@telusplanet.net).** Visit our website at [www.sebabeach.ca](http://www.sebabeach.ca) Please ensure that you provide the administration office with current mailing address and any new contact information that you may acquire.

**Development Permits** are required for most improvement developments affecting your property. Tony Sonnleitner is the Development Officer so if you have any questions just give him a call at 780 718-5479 or fax 866 363-3342 or email [pcml@telusplanet.net](mailto:pcml@telusplanet.net)

**Snow Removal** – Snow Removal Waiver Forms are maintained on file so if you have completed one in the past the information shall remain in your property file. Driveway clearing rates are currently set at \$ 25.00 per clearing. Senior Citizens receive this service free of charge. Please advise the administration office if you require this service. **When it snows, please move your vehicles off the street to allow for clearing. Thank you for your cooperation!**

**The “Light Up Your Life Campaign”** – This marks the 26th year for this fundraising campaign for Parkland Palliative Care. The Program “Lights Up” the communities of Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Wabamun and Seba Beach in different ways. In Seba Beach the “Wave Of Hope” sparkles on the Seniors Center. A donation of \$ 10.00 will light a clear bulb on one of the community symbols and will glow in memory of someone dear to you. The names of those remembered in this way will be published in the local newspapers after the Christmas Season. Donations may be made at the Seba Beach Administration Office or the Seba Seniors Thrift Shop. Thanks to all of you who have shown your support.

**Garbage pick-up** – takes place Mondays, sometimes extending into Tuesdays. All garbage must be stored in proper garbage containers kept in suitable garbage stands capable of keeping the containers from tipping over. Regulation size garbage cans must be used. Please Note that a \$ 50.00 fee will be charged to any property owner who is in violation of garbage regulations.

**Any property that requires the services of our public works employees to clean up scattered garbage will be charged for the service.**

**If you are dropping off items at the Seba Beach Transfer Station - Don't forget that you need to present your access card to the attendant at the station in order to enter the facility. If you misplace or lose your card, Parkland County has implemented a card replacement fee of \$ 35.00.**

## **WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

For those watershed residents who are either unaware of the WWMC website (WWMC.ca) or do not visit it regularly, we encourage you to access the site. It is one of the most effective means for the WWMC to keep you up to date. The site contains the most current information available regarding issues in the watershed, including minutes from Board meetings, WWMC Newsletters, current projects and longer range planning.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT – Peace Officer Jeremy Hampton**

On behalf of Seba Beach Patrol Service I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Now that the winter is upon us, this is the time of year where opportunistic thieves like to strike. As well with our down turn in the economy we have seen an increase in property related crimes throughout Alberta.

Here are some tips to make your property less appealing to thieves:

- Sensor activated spot light
- Time sensor lights for inside your home
- Security Systems with audible alarms and cameras will also be effective in deterring thieves. If you do have an alarm do not have the contact number as your homes landline but to a cell phone this will make it easier to get a hold of you in the event of an alarm or break in.
- If you have a neighbor who resides in the area full time have them check on your property.
- There are services that do provide cabin and property checks!

**\*\*\* Check your insurance policy as well as you may have a clause that the property must be checked every 24 - 48 hours if unoccupied\*\*\***

As per usual I will be checking on properties and looking for suspicious activities, people, vehicles and tracks. Please ensure that the Administration Office has the best contact information for you so we can reach you in case of an emergency or to report a problem.

The Patrol Service can be reached at the Office at 780-797-3021 or on cell at 780-920-0195 and by email at [sbps@sebabeach.ca](mailto:sbps@sebabeach.ca) for all non-criminal related matters.

Evansburg RCMP can be reached at (780) 727-3654 for non-emergency calls and 9-11 for emergency calls.

**FIRE SERVICES – Parkland County Platoon Chief Kim Mozak**

Winter holidays are here for our families and friends to spend time together. This also means decorating our homes for the festive season. Our colorful and bright Christmas lights that we enjoy during this season can add to the risk for fire.

Did you know:

- some Christmas lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, not both
- replace any string of lights that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections
- read manufacturer's instructions for the maximum number of light strands that can be connected
- use clips instead of nails to hang lights so the electrical cords do not get damaged

Following these few simple steps will add to a safer holiday season for you and your family!

Please enjoy this special time of year with your family and friends creating memories that can be remembered for years to come. Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for 2017 from Parkland County Fire Services.

**SEBA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY – Cheryl Taillieu, Library Manager**

During the last few months, the library has been busy with patrons dropping in for new memberships/renewals, computer usage, checkouts, holds, book club and the successful "Sharing Table". Thank you to all the community for it's generosity in book donations, display tables, art pictures and support.

**Seba Beach Library Book Club** meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am.

**Seba Beach Library "Sharing Table"** meets every Thursday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

A gathering of information, helpfulness and just plain enjoyment for our patrons! Coffee, tea and snacks served.

**Seba Beach Library / Wabamun Public Library** – working together as libraries on the lake.

For those winter blahs, the library now has a Tri-leisure pass for its library patrons. Check out the one week pass today (or sign up on waitlist) It includes admittance, for 2 adults, 2 children and 1 locker (lock/key).

Wishing you Season Greetings and a Happy New Year.

Call us at (780)797-3940. See our webpage at [www.sebabeachlibrary.ab.ca](http://www.sebabeachlibrary.ab.ca) , or e-mail [sebabeachlibrary@yrl.ab.ca](mailto:sebabeachlibrary@yrl.ab.ca). Please like us "Seba Beach Public Library" on Facebook.

\*The library is open Tues. 11 a.m.- 5 p.m., Thurs. 12 - 5 p.m., & Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

**HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS - FALL 2017**

The Seba Museum is pleased to announce another successful summer with community events well attended and enjoyed by all. Sincere thanks to our summer host assistant Draxton Homan and to our organizers and activity participants. Without your support, these community events would not be possible. The museum's main source of revenue comes from various fundraisers, gift shop sales, memberships and cash donations. The Board of Directors wish to recognize and sincerely thank all who faithfully and generously support the Seba Museum. Wishing all a very Merry Christmas with a safe, healthy and Happy New year.

**❄️❄️ Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays ❄️❄️  
from the Seba Seniors**

After you have over-indulged in all the wonderful holiday goodies, you can get active at the Seniors Centre by joining in a yoga class or a tai chi class, or join the walking group, or kick up your heels at the Jamborees. If you prefer a more "sit-down" activity, join us for bridge, mahjong, quilting, or music jams. The monthly Sundowners are a great way to find out how others are coping with winter ice and snow. Maybe you have an activity suggestion for us - we'd love to hear about it.

The only requirement to join the Seba Seniors is easy -- you just have to be 50 years old! Membership is only \$15.00/year. Its a great place to socialize and make new friends.

And don't forget to shop at, donate to, and volunteer at the **Seba Seniors Thrift Shop** - open every Wed. and Sat. from 10-3. Stay safe over the holidays and see you at the Centre in the New Year.

For information, watch our lawn sign, or contact us at one of the following:

**Answering machine: 780-797-3087.**

**Email address: [seba.seniors@gmail.com](mailto:seba.seniors@gmail.com)**

**Follow us on Facebook**

**Barrier free Centre. Hall for rent.**

Submitted by D. Coulthard, Communications, Seba Seniors.

**SEBA BEACH FARMERS MARKET - Paulette Sparks**

The Seba Beach Farmers Market Board of Directors would like to thank our customers for supporting the market and making it the Best Little Market in Alberta. It is the markets mission to continually improve, keep with the changing times and meet our customer needs.

The Seba Beach Farmers Market, begins the 2nd Saturday in May (Mother's Day) and closes the 2nd Saturday in September. Rain or Shine 10:30 to 12:30 at the Seba Beach Heritage Pavilion 505 - 1st Ave.

Contact information and further information can be found on our Web Page

<http://sebabeachfarmersmarket.weebly.com/>, or Facebook Page:

[www.facebook.com/sebabeachfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/sebabeachfarmersmarket) or by email to [sebabeachfm@gmail.com](mailto:sebabeachfm@gmail.com).

**REGATTA - Marie Caley**

The August Regatta weekend once again exemplified the Spirit of Seba Beach community. It's success relies on volunteers, support from the village and the sponsorships. Our meeting to begin planning the success of the 2018 Regatta will take place the long weekend in May so if you are interested in volunteering please come out and participate.

**SEASON'S Greetings**  
**From**  
**Edmonton Yacht Club**

On behalf of the Edmonton Yacht Club (EYC) I would like to wish all the residents, village council and staff of the Summer Village of Seba Beach a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are happy to report that 2017 was another year of successful operations at our facility in the village.

The end of the sailing season wind-up banquet was held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the EYC clubhouse with a feast fit for kings cooked up by the Jack family.

The Club experienced a great deal of activity surrounding a number of events during this past spring, summer and fall including:

- A major refurbishing our aluminum floating docks
- Co-organizing along with the Sunshine Bay Yacht Club sailing events over the summer such as the Spring & Fall series, Down the Lake Race, Jack & Jill Race
- The highlight of our summer; hosting the 2017 Provincial Sailing Championships the long weekend in September with 40 competitors coming from across the province.
- Continuing to host the Seba Beach Regatta Days Volleyball Tournament and Dinghy Regatta on the long weekend in August.

The Northern Alberta Sailing College, continued to provide sailing instruction at EYC and the Wabamun Sailing Club with 104 students receiving instruction over the summer of 2017.

EYC membership held steady during 2017 with number of members leaving and new members joining. Eight current EYC members are also cabin owners in the SVSB.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on November 22 with the new executive voted in for 2018

Our membership sincerely appreciates the leadership, time, effort and cooperation of the residents, council and administration of the **Summer Village of Seba Beach.**

Best Wishes for the 2017 Holiday Season.

Rob Martin, Commodore  
Edmonton Yacht Club

