



SUMMER VILLAGE OF SEBA BEACH DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

“Ins and Outs of Seba Beach”

MAYORS MESSAGE – Doug Thomas

Greetings from your Mayor

As 2013 draws to a close we can reflect on a year of significant accomplishments within the village. The completion of the sidewalk and fencing along 1st Avenue from 9th street south to the Seba Seniors Center has provided the Village with a substantial new look and it allows our citizens more mobility to and from the center of town. As well, the replacement of the bridge on 1st Avenue and 5th Street has added significant longevity to our Village infrastructure.

Public works was very busy again this year keeping your village manicured in the summer and free of snow in the winter. The assistance of Bill Back and Dan Golka during the very successful “Clean up Seba Day” assisted a lot of rate payers in removing unwanted items that were scattered throughout the village. This project was so successful we have decided that a second annual will be organized for early spring.

Even though the year is not yet finished it looks like Sue Evans has successfully managed to maintain a balanced operating statement for continued fiscal responsibility. Believe me when I say it is no small accomplishment in this environment of ever increasing costs. Sue, along with her assistant Susan Stuart, do a great job of taking care of our day to day administrative requirements.

As most of you are probably aware we have recently received a resignation from Councillor Randy Swiniarski. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Randy and his wife Karen many years of happiness as they enter retirement. Randy has provided 15 years of very effective service to our community. His leadership and dedication will be greatly missed and very difficult to replace.

Our Peace Officers, Dean Young and Jason Welin, continue to be instrumental in keeping the streets of Seba Beach and Wabamun safe and secure. This is a very difficult job with little or no appreciation from those of us whose property and lives they keep safe and secure. As an example of their dedication, both of our Peace Officers committed around the clock service to the recent train derailment near Gainford. This was time spent away from their own families so on behalf of all of us I would like to personally thank them for their many hours of service to our Village.

One final note before I close is to give a big “Thank You” to Sue Evans as we celebrate her 25th year as our Village Administrator. Sue was recently awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Summer Villages for her dedication and commitment to the many projects that she has been involved with over the years. Please make a point to stop by the office and tell her how much we appreciate all those special things that she does so well.

Please have a safe Holiday Season and a Very Healthy and Happy New Year!



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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 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 your Council, please call ahead and request that your item of discussion be placed on the agenda.

Bi-election – The early retirement of Councillor Randy Swiniarski has left a vacancy for the position of Councillor. Therefore in keeping with MGA General Elections Nomination Day will be held Saturday December 21st, 2013 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon at the Seba Beach Administration Office. The Returning Officer cannot accept nominations after 12:00 noon on Nomination Day. **Please see insert “Notice of Nomination Day for Summer Villages” included in this package. If you wish to run for Councillor please pick up your nomination package including “A Candidates Guide – Running for Municipal Office” at the administration office.**

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.** Visit our website at www.sebabeach.ca Please ensure that you provide the administration office with any change of address or new telephone numbers 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 pcml1@telusplanet.net If you wish to obtain a copy of the Land Use By-law, which should answer most of your questions concerning a development in the village contact Tony.

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 22nd 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.

Beach Areas / Hoists and Piers - Many thanks again to all residents who co-operated by moving and/or removing hoists and piers from the emergency access roads. Please remember we need to ensure access for emergency vehicles if necessary.

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. **There are still some residents that need to improve their garbage facilities, if you are one of them please cooperate. Public works strives to provide superior waste management service but we must all do our part to allow them to do theirs. 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.**



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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 \$ 25.00.

LAW ENFORCEMENT - Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from Seba Beach Protective Services! Another successful and enjoyable summer is behind us, and we're focusing our efforts now on keeping warm, as winter has finally arrived with a vengeance! Just a few tips and reminders to keep you safe during our winter season!

1. There remains some confusion arising from the 30 KPH sign at the school: the highway maximum posted speed limit is 50 KPH unless during the school zone prescribed times. The school zone is in effect on school days at: 8:00am- 9:30am, 11:30am- 1:30pm, 3:00pm- 4:30pm. During all other times, the maximum speed for HWY 31 is 50 KPH.
 2. Please keep your sidewalks clear of snow to the best of your ability. Not only does this demonstrate respect for your neighbours, but also it helps reduce injuries from slips and falls.
 3. The party season is upon us. While we all want to enjoy the fellowship of Christmas parties, family gatherings and New Year's celebrations, I want everyone to remember that there is one tradition of this season that is not so festive: **IMPAIRED DRIVING**. New Provincial laws have introduced new administrative penalties for drivers who are over .05 blood alcohol content, and the administrative penalties that go along with the Criminal charges for drivers over .08 blood alcohol have also increased. If you are the designated driver: do not consume ANY alcohol beverages, and if you are going to drink, arrange for a designated driver or alternate transportation. If you are hosting a gathering, take steps to ensure your guests get home safely. Please drink responsibly during the holiday season.
 4. The roads continue to be an issue, as is the traffic on Highway 31. We would remind drivers to take extra care on the highway and side streets, as they can become treacherous very quickly. Kudos to the Public Works staff in keeping the streets plowed, but remember, there's ice under that snow.
 5. Please ensure that your snowmobiles and ATV's are registered and insured, and that the licence plates are clearly visible on the rear of the machine, and you have a copy of the insurance and registration with you. While there is no Provincial law requiring helmets on Off Highway Vehicles, both Parkland County and Seba Beach Bylaws require the wearing of helmets when operating OHV's on roads or in ditches. Please restrict riding on village roadways when going to and from the trails, lake or roads out of the village.
 6. Additionally, as you know, we have significant transient drivers through our community, and many are unaware of the speed limit reduction through town. Exercise courtesy and caution while driving on our community roads. In last winter's newsletter, Peace Officer Welin included some information on braking distances for ice covered roads, and we'd like to give another reminder of the issue to ensure safety on our roads.
- The first thing that you should remember when driving at any time of year is the **two second rule**. The two-second rule is a rule of thumb by which a driver may maintain a safe following distance at any speed. The rule is that a driver should ideally stay at least two seconds behind any vehicle that is directly in front of the driver's vehicle. It can be applied to any speed. It is equivalent to one vehicle-length for every 8 km/h (5 mph) of the current speed. It also tells a defensive driver the minimum distance needed to reduce the risk of collision under ideal driving conditions. The allotted two-seconds is a safety buffer, to allow the following driver time to respond. To increase the level of safety, use the two second rule with increases of one second per factor of driving difficulty. Factors that make driving more difficult include poor lighting conditions (dawn and dusk are the most common); inclement weather (ice, rain, snow, fog, etc.), adverse traffic mix (heavy vehicles, slow vehicles, impaired drivers,

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pedestrians, bicyclists, etc.), and personal condition (fatigue, sleepiness, drug-related loss of response time, distracting thoughts, etc.)

- The second thing to remember is that your total stopping distance is a combination of your reaction distance or “thinking time” plus your actual braking distance. The following chart shows how these two factors add to produce your total stopping distance on dry pavement.

Speed	Reaction Distance	Braking Distance	Total Stopping Distance
30 km/h	20.9 m	13.1 m	34.0 m
50 km/h	34.8 m	36.4 m	71.2 m
80 km/h	55.6 m	93.2 m	148.8 m
110 km/h	76.5 m	176.2 m	252.7 m

- So as you can see, the combination of reaction time and braking distance makes for a significant stopping distance. But what if we add in icy roads?

Speed	Reaction Distance	Braking Distance	Total Stopping Distance
30 km/h	20.9 m	22.9 m	43.8 m
50 km/h	34.8 m	63.7 m	98.5 m
80 km/h	55.6 m	163.1 m	218.7 m
110 km/h	76.5 m	308.4 m	384.9 m

As you can see, your total stopping distance increases dramatically on icy roads. Of course, this can be reduced by increasing your follow distance, by using a 3 second rule, or more, depending on road conditions. It can also be reduced by equipping your car with good quality winter tires, and maintaining your brakes.

We hope that you enjoy your Holiday Season, and if you see us out and about in the Village and would like to say hi, or have a question, please wave us down.

Peace Officer Sgt. Dean Young and Peace Officer Jason Welin

In case of EMERGENCY remember to dial 9-1-1 and ask for either fire/ambulance or police

Seba Beach Public Library – Judith Watts-Mott, Library Manager

It was a busy summer and seems so long ago as I watch the November snows. We had a great time with our Summer Reading Club (SRC) and its travel theme of “Go”. Sophie Neveu did a good job providing the program and helping me with library work. Also special thanks to community members who helped with our SRC: Gail de Vos, Cecilia Hartum, Marg Legrow, Lise Maisonneuve, Edith & Andrea Guthrie, Shadybrook Campground, and Paul Kantor & the Edmonton Yacht Club. Our parade float won 3rd prize so thanks to all the children who participated, and to Michael Mott who built a giant travel book for our float. Our annual Used Book & Movie Sale was a success raising over \$400 and providing buyers with some excellent deals. This event is also powered by great volunteers such as: MariAnn Mathew, Norman Mathew, Marnie Szczepanowski, Leanne Guggenheimer, Carole Byrne, and Gail de Vos. Running a one person library most of the year is a challenge so thanks to volunteers who help with operations: MariAnn Mathew, Betty Moulton, and Judy Berezanski. Donations of books, movies, CDs, magazines, etc. are greatly appreciated from our generous community too! Fauntie Phillips has donated books about quilting and fabric art which will be available in December... stay tuned.

Some new fiction books are:

- 100 year old man who climbed out the window and disappeared (literary fiction)
- A lesson in secrets (Maisie Dobbs detective series)
- Gone girl/ By Gillian Flynn (murder mystery)
- Omens/ By Kelley Armstrong (paranormal fiction series for adults)
- Rose harbor in bloom/ By Debbie Macomber
- Silver star (a story about sisters & family abuse by author of the Glass Castle)



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Some new non-fiction titles:

- Creative cables: 25 innovative designs in Debbie Bliss rialto yarns (popular knitted fashions)
- Cure for everything: untangling the twisted messages about health, fitness, and happiness
- Low-GI slow cooker (low cholesterol & sugar recipes)
- Proof of heaven: a neurosurgeon's journey into the afterlife

New TV series titles:

- Breaking Bad
- Castle
- Dexter
- Downton Abbey
- Glee
- Supernatural
- Walking Dead

New Movie titles:

- Argo (Academy Award Winner for best picture)
- Despicable me
- I bought a zoo
- Les Miserables
- Life of Pi
- Salmon fishing in the Yemen
- Time traveller's wife
- War horse



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Happy holidays to one & all!

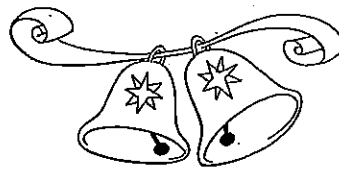
HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS – Sandy Drummond

Season's Greetings with Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2013

True appreciation with warmest thanks to our student hostesses: Crystal Fedio, Paige Clements, Hailey Billey, Madison McKee, Sidney and Leslie Stogryn along with Renee Bliss and Jessica Redmond for their support managing the Gift Shop and museum this past summer. The volunteer time and support was sincerely appreciated. Thanks also to Gerard Lemieux and his accounting skills.

With awareness to Seba's environmental concerns, the museum's new outhouse project with holding tank has been completed along with wheelchair accessibility. Thanks to Doug Thomas, Rick McPhee, Steven and Neil Thomas and the Regatta Committee for their support on this project. Each and every contribution helps to make the Seba Museum a continued success.

Event planning for next summer has begun. The museum is looking forward to hosting an Art Show in late July featuring many talented local artists. Anyone interested in submitting their work for show consideration or information regarding may apply to sebamuseum@shaw.ca. Extended thanks also go to Sue Evans, Susan Stuart and the Village staff for their continued community and museum support.



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REGATTA – Marie Caley

2014 Regatta falls on August 2nd, 3rd and 4th ...Regatta Weekend has always been one of my favourite holidays. The weather is usually great and it comes at a time of vacation. Vacation from work and of course summer vacation from school. It is hard to believe it is already time to start thinking about fun at the beach. Its success relies on volunteers and support from the village and sponsorships.

Reflecting on the Summer Regatta I remember the many children, parents, grandparents and friends who participated in the exciting events. Once again we will have the land events, parade, fireworks, volleyball and pancake breakfast just to name a few of the events. We are always looking for volunteers with new ideas.

*How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment
Before starting to improve the world*

Thanks to all the volunteers we have. They do a tremendous amount of work on their events and help the whole committee. Please join us if you are interested. We have lots of fun. Please call if you are interested we would certainly love to have more volunteers. Phone Marie Caley at 780 451-1491 or 780 797 3050.

SEBA BEACH SENIORS – Diane Coulthard, Communications

It has been an exciting time at the Seba Beach Seniors since our last communications. We recently received a grant from the Provincial Government to match what we, as a club, had raised through fundraisers, a raffle, and donations for The ACCESS FUND, and we are now in the process of making our building barrier free to all who visit our Centre. This includes rebuilding the bathrooms so they are wheelchair/handicap accessible, replacing exterior doors so they meet the building code for wheelchairs, and installing a lift so wheelchairs and people with mobility issues can access the upper level hall. We are extremely thankful to the Provincial Government, and to all individuals who continue to support this effort.

The Social Committee and the Program Committee, under the very capable leadership of Peggy Haire and Lynn Berg, have given us all some very enjoyable times to socialize with our friends and fellow members. The Socials included June BBQ, Evening Potluck and Bunco night, Rockin' with the Oldies, and now we are looking forward to our Christmas Party on December 7th. Programs continue to include Bridge, Yoga, Quilting and Fibre Arts, Jam Sessions, and Jamborees. Programs are not limited just to our members, but are open to everyone in the community. Call Lynn Berg at 780-797-3054 for information.

The Seniors Thrift Shop, under the direction of Dot and Bob Melmoth and dedicated volunteers, continues to provide the community with a place to socialize and to recycle their sellable unwanted items, and, of course, a place to find wonderful bargains. You never know what you might find! Please remember to donate your usable, clean items to the Thrift Shop - this is a major source of income for the operation of our building. More volunteers are always welcome as well.

The Seba Seniors would like to wish you all a **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**. Please check us out, join in our fun events, feel the joy of volunteering and making new friends, and support this wonderful community resource. We would also appreciate your input as to what programs and social events you would like to see happening at our Centre. Call Lynn Berg at 780-797-3054 with your ideas, comments, and questions about the Programs/Socials or about the Club in general. She would love to hear from you.

We can also be contacted at 780-797-3087 (Wed. & Sat. 10 - 3), by mail at Box 293, Seba Beach, T0E 2B0, or by visiting us at 109 First Street, Seba. See you there!

FARMERS MARKET – Carol Blake and Margy LeGrow, Managers

We had another busy and interesting market season. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported our market. We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas with your family and friends. See you all on May 10th (our opening) through to September 20th, 2014. If you haven't been to the market yet, it's really something you should come down and experience, there is something for everyone. Have a wonderful winter!