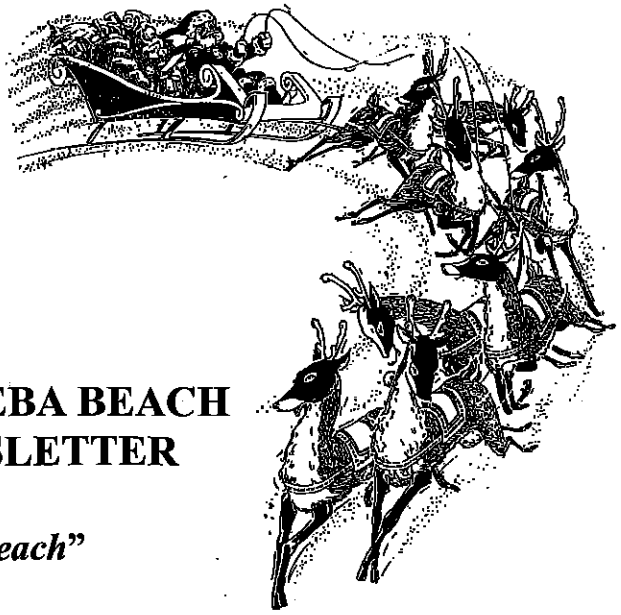

SUMMER VILLAGE OF SEBA BEACH
DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

"Ins and Outs of Seba Beach"

MAYORS MESSAGE – Doug Thomas

Greetings from your Mayor - 2012 was another great year at Seba Beach. All indications suggest we will finish the year with another small surplus in our operating account. Given the fact that we have to continually deal with the upward pressure of expenses this is no easy accomplishment. Sue Evans and her staff should be commended for another year of excellent service.

Public works was very busy again this year keeping your village manicured in the summer and free of snow in the winter. I would especially like to mention the long hours spent by Bill Back, Roy Petlyk and Greg Blair preparing the platform at the end of the main pier for the August fireworks display. I personally witnessed a commitment far beyond the call of duty that allowed us to enjoy the fireworks on that Sunday night in August. I would be remiss in my duties if I neglected to mention the recent retirement of Roy Petlyk. Roy has been a dedicated employee of Seba Beach for 40 fabulous years. His services will be sadly missed by all of us but we wish him complete enjoyment in retirement.

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 another job that takes a huge amount of dedication, patience and commitment. Please feel free to let them know how much we appreciate the service they perform. I would also ask that we make an extra special effort to obey the posted speed limits within the municipality and all other bylaws that they are asked to enforce.

The transfer of the administration of our fire department to the County of Parkland is now complete. Please remember that the fire department is always looking for new volunteers. Contact the office if you would like more information.

Council has recently been considering a "Seba Clean-up day" for some time in June. The specifics have not been finalized but, the purpose of the project would be to specify a time when we could all volunteer our time for one day and help to clean up the village. Thanks to Gene McMullin for his input into this very worthwhile endeavor. We will provide you with additional details as they become available.
Please have a safe Holiday Season and a Very Healthy and Happy New Year.

The Seba Beach Administration Office is a drop off point for FOOD BANK AND SANTA'S 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.

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 pcm1@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 Sonnleitner.

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 21st 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.

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Deputy Fire Chief Rick Hart

Another winter season is upon us and with it comes cold weather and slippery driving conditions. So far the weather has not been extremely cold so this would be a good time to check your furnace and fireplace / wood burning stoves to make sure they are in good working order. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned if required, have your furnace inspected and serviced if need be by a certified repair person.

If you are travelling on the highways in the province make sure you are equipped with an emergency travel kit i.e. extra clothes, bottled water, granola fruit bars, flashlight batteries, blankets/sleeping bags, cell phone and car charger and a warm pair of winter boots. Let family and friends know your route of travel, departure time and estimated time of arrival.

For all of you who enjoy winter activities such as ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and snowshoeing, make sure that the ice is thick enough and safe before going onto frozen lakes, ponds and rivers. Dress accordingly for the outside conditions. Remember to play safe and when travelling, be patient, drive according to road conditions and **arrive alive.**

Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the members of the Seba Beach / Parkland County Fire Department.
In case of emergency call 911 and request the service that you require: Police, Fire or Ambulance. Ensure that you are clear when stating what your emergency is, and what is needed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT – Peace Officer Jason Welin

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from your Peace Officers! We've recovered from another busy summer, and are already longing for sun, beaches and warm weather.

I'd like to take this opportunity to provide some information on Braking Distances on Icy versus Dry Pavement. As a Parkland County Volunteer Firefighter and a Peace Officer, it's a topic that I see the effects of quite often, but not something that everyone takes the time to think about. 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, 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

So 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.

Other things that we'd like you to remember this holiday season:
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 the use of 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 to going to and from the trails, lake or roads out of the village.

With the Holidays, comes the sharing of "Christmas Cheer". Please remember to drink responsibly, and if you drink, don't drive. 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. These new regulations shouldn't stop anyone from having a drink with dinner or friends, but if you have had too much "Cheer", please don't drive!
Dean and I 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.

Merry Christmas from Peace Officers Jason Welin and Dean Young and our families!
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Seba Beach Public Library – Judith Watts-Mott, Library Manager

Season's greetings! Our public library system of the 21st Century provides a "buffet" of traditional resources and new media/technologies. Alberta's prosperity has provided one of the best public library collections in Canada, expanding our knowledge base, cultural reservoir, and recreational opportunities. After decades of buying and organizing materials, our regional public library system boasts over 3 million, multi-media items.
Here are some of the **new** materials at our library. Some **new** best seller books for adults are: **Secret keeper** by Kate Morton and **Perfect hope** by Nora Roberts. We also have the Giller Prize winner **419** by Will Ferguson. **The End of Growth** by Jeff Rubin and **Energy of slaves** by Andrew Nikiforuk are new non-fiction titles. New movies include **Hunger Games** and **Hugo**, and TV series such as the Emmy winning **Breaking Bad, True Blood**, and **Boardwalk Empire**. New books for kids include **13 treasures** and **Big Nate: in a class by himself**, and **Scorpio races** and **Sorta like a rock star** for young adults. New audio books include the **Grand finale** by Janet Evanovich and **Fallen masters** by John Edwards. A new graphic novel for young adults/adults is **Hark: a vagrant** that spoofs characters from history and literature while **Redwall** is a graphic novel for kids about a mouse who tries to protect his Red Abbey from an evil rat pack.

There are also **new** digital resources available. **Zinio** is an online magazine service that provides access to 50 popular titles such as: **Us Weekly, Motor Trend, Popular Science, MacWorld, OnSpec**, etc. Another new service, **Learning Express** provides online training for kids and adults. For students from elementary to high school, there are exercises to develop reading, writing, and math skills, and homework help service. There are practice exams & tutorials for preparation for military and police aptitude exams, for TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication), for Canadian citizenship exams, and for GED practice. For adults, there are computer and software training, including Adobe & Microsoft programs. The job and workplace training includes writing for business and resume writing.

Another **new** service is **OneClickdigital** for downloading eAudio Books to mobile devices. It works with Macintosh products, Windows and android products. Best selling authors such as Charlaine Harris, Robyn Carr, and Diana Gabaldon have audio books in this service.

The automated library system Polaris has been updated to provide a more streamlined catalogue, with some features like Google and Amazon, as well as free downloadable Apps for your mobile convenience. Don't forget that Mango Language Learning, Consumer Reports, Travel Information, Maps, and many other e-Resources are also available. See our website at http://www.sebabeachlibrary.ab.ca or the regional headquarters' website http://www.yrl.ab.ca . Look for eResources on the menu bar or scrolling banner. You can also like us on Facebook at "Seba Beach Public Library".

Our adult programs of French Club & Writers' Club will continue into 2013. These are both free programs for adults at the library. French club meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7:00-8:30 p.m. while Writers' Club meets monthly on Thurs. night at 7:00-9:00 p.m. We will sponsor Zumba with Cecilia Hartman at the Pavilion in 2013. Her classes will resume in February on Tues. nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m., and you can pay for the series or for a drop-in class.

The Library Board has approved a new policy so that **babies** will be given **free memberships** to our public library. We have many board books and pre-school picture books, books about babies and parenting, and musical CD's for babies and young children. Here's a reminder that **seniors 60 years and older** can register for their **free** public library memberships too. Remember that membership at our library allows you to access over 170 public libraries around Alberta as well as university, college, and government libraries in our province too. Join the library net!

I need to thank our community for their generous donations of books, magazines, movies, etc. over the past year. Sharing these resources helps build our library collections, provides access for neighbours and people all around the province, and raises money for the library. Thanks to Cheryl Melmoth and the Seba Beach School for their participation in the Young Readers Choice Awards Contest each year. Thanks to the Shadybrook Campground for supporting our Summer Reading Club. Special thanks to our volunteer library assistant MariAnn, our volunteer French teacher Lise, our volunteer Library Board members, and the Village Council for years of support!

The library will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 24-28th. Keep on reading, and enjoy a safe & happy Christmas holidays!

HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS – Sandy Drummond

This summer's Yard Sale, Golf Tournament and Bridge on the Beach events were well attended and enjoyed by all. Sincere thanks go to everyone, participants and organizers. Without your support, these activities would not be possible.

Special thanks to Renee Bliss, Pat English, Sophie Neveu 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 appreciated accountant skills.

In our project to upgrade the museum's displays, six panels have now been completed. Sincere thanks to Betty McTavish, Michael Mott and Gail DeVos and Margy LeGrow for their help to achieve this. The glass display cases show two new displays featuring antique dishes and early bathing suits. Anyone interested in developing or helping with a display would be welcomed.

In awareness of Seba's environmental concerns, a holding tank has been installed beneath the museum's outhouse. A new outhouse with wheelchair accessibility is currently under construction and should be finished next summer. The museum thanks the Regatta Committee for their support in this project.

Extended thanks also go out to Sue Evans, Susan Stuart and the Village staff for their continued community and museum support. These guys are great.

The Seba Beach Heritage Museum wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

REGATTA – Marie Caley

Hard to believe it is already time to start thinking about summer at Seba Beach. The August Regatta weekend exemplifies the spirit of the Seba Beach community. Its success relies on volunteers, support from the village and the sponsorships.

The 2012 Regatta had excellent weather, and the participation at all events was tremendous. The popularity of the Regatta continues to grow with more and more people attending and participating.

Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you
it is the attitude you bring to life;
not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind
looks at what happens.

This of course places increased demand on volunteers, as well as on the services provided by the village. The residents of Seba Beach had a different agenda, they were decorating floats and boats, practicing water sports and getting teams together for volleyball and cribbage.

As I visited or participated in the activities the volunteers organizing each event continually inspired me. It is a pleasure to write about the August weekend as there is great pleasure in sharing the successful efforts of our volunteers, the village and our sponsors. Their hard work means Seba Beach had a wonderful Regatta Weekend.

Once again we look forward to the Pancake Breakfast. We will begin planning 2013 Regatta on Sunday May 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Seba Heritage Pavilion. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the activities is welcome.

The Regatta Committee wishes the staff and administration of Seba Beach and all the residents a Happy and Safe Christmas Season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all participate in Regatta Weekend next summer.

SEBA BEACH SENIORS – Donald Hall, President

Once again the seniors of Seba Beach and surrounding areas have come together and had a successful year. We started the year off with a bar-b-q which everyone enjoyed and a very good turnout. We hope to continue this event for many years to come, Thank You! We also installed a much needed boardwalk under the guidance and direction of Peter de Vos and with the help of many men in our society.

Programs: Social bridge is continuing on Thursdays from 1 – 4 pm or 6:30 – 8:30 pm. All levels are welcome. Debbi Read's Decorative Art Classes are starting up, information available from Lynn Berg. Quilting will resume on the first Wednesday of each month, everyone is welcome. If anyone is interested in playing pool, shuffleboard, darts, floor hockey, card or board games etc. please let us know. We welcome ideas for any other programs, general interest, specific hobby, guest speaker etc, let Lynn know. Potluck lunches will be held the third Monday of each month unless otherwise posted. Jam Sessions are continuing on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Centre. Bring an instrument and your singing voice or just come to enjoy the music. Our Thrift Shop is a busy place on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Pick up a brochure that has all the information and dates so you can join us. Thank you, we hope to see you at the Seniors!

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed, Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

FARMERS MARKET – Carol Blake, Manager

We had another busy and interesting market season. There were 25 indoor vendors and 10 outdoor vendors for our mixed market. A total of 82 vendors that were available for your summer shopping needs.

Margy and I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas with your family and friends. See you all on May 11th (our opening) through to September 7th (long weekend) and also September 14th and 21st for our Harvest Markets.

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!
Carol Blake and Margy LeGrow, Market Managers

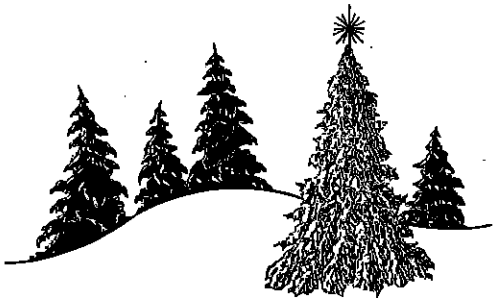
EDMONTON YACHT CLUB - Paul Kantor

Another season went by and as usual we should pause for a few minutes and reflect on our good fortune of being able to share and enjoy the natural beauty of Lake Wabamun, that is ours to use and protect. When winter comes, spring is not far away .... The ice will melt, the boats and summer toys will come out and we will start a new season.

Let's do out boating in a responsible and safe manner. The rules of the road and safe boating practices are the law and we should be our brothers' keeper. Let's show our youngsters a good example. Don't tell them to practice safe boating, show them by setting a good example.

As in the past the EYC will share its resources with the community. There will be courses available for all aspects of boating. Our association with the Northern Alberta Sailing College goes back over fifty years. The Club has a Saturday morning junior sailing program, available to all members of the community. PCOC. (Pleasure Craft Operator Card) Courses will be offered during the spring and summer. As always, we are welcoming members of the Seba Beach community to all of our activities.

Wishing all the best of this festive season!



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