

# MARCH 2020 NEWS UPDATE

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday monthly at 7 PM at the Sunset Point Office.

**For the month of April, we are moving to a digital platform.** If you have an item you would like added to the agenda, please submit to Dennis Evans one week in advance.

## COUNCIL CONTACTS

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Bob Bidney Photographer

## EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

- **Fire, Ambulance, RCMP Emergency** 911
- **RCMP Stony Plain Non Emergency** 780 968 7200
- **RCMP Stony Plain Emergency** 780 963 2217
- **Community Police Officer/Animal Control** 780 924 3434
- **Health Link** 811
- **Alberta One Call** 1 800 242-3447
- **Power Outages** 780 310-(WIRE) 9473

### **Development Permits and Compliance Certificates**

Diane Burtnick Box 339, Sangudo, AB T0E 2A0 Ph: 780 284 0410

Email: [valquentindevelopment@yahoo.com](mailto:valquentindevelopment@yahoo.com)

### **Safety Code Permits - including Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Sewage & Gas Permits**

Development or construction in the Village requires a Safety Permit

Superior Safety Codes Inc. 14613 - 134 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5L 4S9 Ph: 780 489-4777

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ... IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?

It's important to have an emergency kit with 72 hours of supplies as well as an escape plan for your family.

Having the essentials and an emergency plan prepared can keep you and your family comfortable and safe.

For More Information on Emergency Preparedness:  
<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca>

Canadian Red Cross Website: [redcross.ca](http://redcross.ca)

To Purchase First Aid Kits or Emergency Preparedness Items please visit: [shop.redcross.ca](http://shop.redcross.ca)

In 2019, as per requirements by the Emergency Management Act, Ste Anne Emergency Management Agency was formed, and is comprised of the following municipalities:

Yellowstone; South View; Sandy Beach; Sunset Point; Val Quentin; Silver Sands; West Cove; Ross Haven; Sunrise Beach; Nakamun; Birch Cove and Ross Haven.

**Regional Director:** Shari Ives

**Director of Emergency Management (DEM) for Val Quentin:** Janice Christiansen

**Agency/Advisory Committee Representative:** Marlene Walsh

If you are interested in getting involved, or would like more information, please contact Dennis Evans at 780 446-1426.



COVID-19 Updates  
[albertahealthservices.ca](http://albertahealthservices.ca)



In an attempt to keep our children safe and minimize the spread of the Corona Virus, the Summer Village of Val Quentin urges residents to refrain from using the playground equipment.

We encourage the continued use of park spaces and pathways as long as the physical distancing of two metres is maintained. Please avoid shared surfaces like handrails and benches.



## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

**Is your street address displayed on  
your property?**

In order for emergency personnel to quickly identify your property in an emergency, please ensure your street address is displayed on your property.

Residents are encouraged to provide emergency contact information for all properties in the Village. If you wish to provide an emergency contact number/email, or if you prefer to receive your Newsletter by email, please notify Dennis Evans at [d.evans@valquentin.ca](mailto:d.evans@valquentin.ca).



## DRAINAGE PROJECT

During the Summer/Fall of 2019, Lamb's Construction completed drainage work in the village.

The project was completed with funds made available through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) grant through Municipal Affairs Alberta.

If you have any questions or concerns or notice any problem areas within the ditch and culvert system, please contact Dennis Evans at [d.evans@valquentin.ca](mailto:d.evans@valquentin.ca).



## ICE HUTS

*Ice Fishing is a popular and enjoyable sport at Lac Ste Anne and has resulted in an increase of ice fishing shelters/huts on our lake. We strongly recommend ALL ice huts be removed by March 31, 2020!*

*Abandoned huts result in a number of negative consequences including pollutants in our lake, hazards for other lake users such as boaters and swimmers, unsightly debris on our lakeshore, and risks for those who are left with the task of removing these abandoned huts.*

### **Action on Ice Huts**

*The ASVA is advocating for provincial regulations related to responsible ice fishing hut removal from Alberta lakes.*

*Discussions are underway regarding the real need to establish a registration system or regulations for ice huts. A request has been submitted to the Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks requesting a registration program be developed for ice hut placement and removal.*

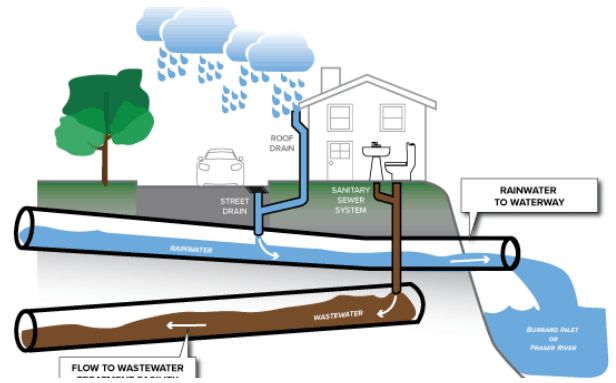


**Want to rent an ice shack for a day... Check out Jones' Generals Ice Shack Rentals on Facebook!**

# TRI VILLAGE REGIONAL SEWER SYSTEM

In 2019, a new force main was installed in the Village Of Alberta Beach.

In recent years, and most noticeably in 2019 the Tri Village Regional Sewer Services Commission (TVRSSC) experienced extremely high flows throughout the system during rain fall events.



In several instances, the system was running at full capacity to keep up, and in some cases additional trucks were required to haul from lift stations out to the lagoon in order to keep up and prevent backups. This causes additional wear and tear on the system, roads and other infrastructure as well as additional expenses for the commission for the additional maintenance and repairs required. These expenses are then passed on to the end users via taxes and utility rates through each member municipality.

Seeing extremely high increases to flows during rain events identifies that we have some infiltration issues, as well as the possibility that some properties may have tied in their sump pumps, eavestroughs, floor drains in garages and patios. Under our current bylaws, it is prohibited to tie in any sumps, eavestroughs and yard drains. The only permitted connection is for a sanitary sewer connection, all other connections, if identified are subject to penalty under the bylaw.

In the near future, the TVRSCC will be looking at having a testing agency perform smoke testing throughout the system. This is a non toxic, non invasive means of testing for leaks and identifying potential non compliant connections. In the mean time, if you know of any connections to sumps, eavestroughs, etc. we ask that you disconnect them if they are yours, or notify us with locations of possible non compliant connections. TVRSC is reviewing illegal sewer connection fine with the proposed plan to increase to \$2,500? Please remember it is a portion of the tax dollars and utility rate collected for each property that helps pay for the operation, maintenance and repairs to the sewer system.

## INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATIVE FRAMEWORK (BILL 25) (ICF)



The revised MGA requires all municipalities that share a common boundary to adopt ICF bylaws by April 1, 2020. The Summer Villages of Val Quentin and Sunset Point are working collaboratively with the Village of Alberta Beach and the County of Lac Ste Anne to ensure we maximize our opportunities to work together on Core Services including Transportation, Emergency Services, Water/Waste Water, Solid Waste and Recreation. Other services that benefit residents in more than one municipality are also being reviewed.



# SNOW REMOVAL

Check Facebook for Schedule updates:  
Val Quentin, Sunset Point, West Cove and  
Yellowstone snow removal.

## Effective snow clearing tips



Unless otherwise indicated, with signage, by the property owner, windrows will be cleared of snow on all driveways on a regular basis coinciding with snow plowing of the roads.

Windrow removal service will be provided only when the windrow is an accumulated height of 6 inches or greater. No windrow removal service will be provided to residents who push snow from their driveways into the windrow for removal by the Village. The intent of the windrow removal service is to knock down the windrow and allow for vehicle passage. It is not the intent of the program to provide full clearing and cleaning of the entire width of a driveway, from edge to edge. Approximately 12" of snow will be left to avoid damage to driveway entrances.

Windrows will be removed from the edge of the roadway inwards to a maximum of 4 feet and a maximum length of 20 feet. Property owners with rear entrances must post signage indicating that you want the driveway entrance cleared. The plow operator does not enter private property to clear windrows.

## WILDFIRE SEASON STARTS EARLY IN ALBERTA

March 1 was the official start of the wildfire season in Alberta. To report a Wildfire, please call:

**Toll Free: 310-FIRE (3473)**

For more information please visit <https://wildfire.alberta.ca/>



The Summer Village of Val Quentin supports Lake Isle & Lake Ste Anne Water Quality Management Society. We appreciate the efforts being taken to manage Invasive Species



Visit Us on Facebook!

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR INQUIRIES,  
PLEASE CONTACT LILSA.**

780-967-6811 OR E-MAIL US  
[AT: LILSAWATERQUALITY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AT:LILSAWATERQUALITY@GMAIL.COM)

# ALBERTA BEACH MUNICIPAL LIBRARY



## EDUCATIONAL FREE WEBSITES

LEARNINCOLOR.COM

### MATH

- Funbrain
- Prodigy
- Math Playground
- Splash Learn
- Math Game Time
- Khan Academy

### SOCIAL STUDIES

- Crash Course (YouTube)
- Who Was? App/site
- Nat Geo Kids
- Google Earth
- Time for Kids
- Smithsonian for Kids

### SCIENCE

- Discovery Mindblown
- NASA Kids Club
- Amazing Space
- Code Academy
- How Stuff Works

### OTHER

- Brain Pop
- Ted Talks
- PBS Kids
- Duolingo
- Hello Kids (drawing)

Check out e-resources at <http://www.yrl.ab.ca/eresources>

**ALL LIBRARIES IN THE PROVINCE ARE CLOSED UNTIL THE PANDEMIC POSES NO MORE RISK TO PEOPLE'S HEALTH.**

The SV of Val Quentin is a member of Yellowhead Regional Library, The Regional Automation Consortium (TRAC) and of The Alberta Library (TAL).

Your library card gives you access to millions of items in over 230 Alberta libraries.

Residents of Alberta Beach, Sunset Point, Val Quentin, and the County of Lac Ste. Anne may acquire a library card provided that proper identification is shown.

Children 16 and under need parental consent to obtain a card. Your library membership entitles you to borrowing privileges at any library in Alberta (some restrictions may apply).

Membership Cost \$15 per family annually!



### Breathe it in

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## EAST END BUS SERVICE



BOX 540 ONOWAY, ALBERTA T0E 1V0  
780.905.3934

## RURAL CRIME

A reminder to all residents that we are the eyes and ears of our communities.

If you see suspicious activity, report it immediately to the RCMP or visit the website below and download the Alberta Rural Crime Watch app and report any crime or suspicious activity as it happens.

Contact Information: Alberta Beach Patrol:  
**780-924-3434** or via email at [patrol@albertabeach.com](mailto:patrol@albertabeach.com).

Direct Number to Non Emergency RCMP:  
**780-424-4001**  
Spruce Grove/Stony Plain RCMP Drug Tip Line:  
**780-968-7212**

### RESPONSE TO COVID-19

To our valued patrons, we wish to inform you that as of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Lac Ste Anne East End Bus Society will be suspending all scheduled trips and excursions. This is a step we must take to ensure the safety of our patrons and employees of EEB.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of our loyal patrons who have been supportive of our service and rest assured that we will be back and ready to implement our service when the threat of COVID-19 does not exist.



**Health Link**  
Health Advice 24/7



# SAVE THE DATE... 5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BBQ

## JULY 11, 2020 - CANTIN PARK - NOON TO 3 PM

Photos from previous Annual Picnics at Cantin Park!

The sun was shining down, and residents gathered with friends and family, listening to the sounds of Trace Jordan who provided great ambience and an enjoyable afternoon of music!

Honourable Shane Getson, MLA, Lac Ste Anne-Parkland, spent time with our residents, and shared experiences and highlights from his first few months in the Alberta Legislature.

Once again, the team from Alberta Beach Library brought out their games kit and shared in the fun with the kids. here was a continuous line of kids getting their faces painted by our creative artist, Danyella, from Dan's Face 'n Bod Art!

Special thanks to our Amazing Community Partners - North West Fire Rescue Team for joining us again this year to showcase their equipment and expertise and provide information on Being Prepared! We also sincerely appreciate the support from Ste Anne Gas Co-op for delivering the BBQ and tents - -and setting up the tents!



### *Cantin Park Picnic In The Park*





# SPECIAL PLACES AND SPACES



## SUNSET





## A NOTE FROM COUNCIL

During this challenging time, we want to thank those who continue to keep our essential services strong!

This includes Snow Removal, Healthcare Workers, EMS, Fire, Water and Wastewater Operators and all others who are stepping up to make a difference.

Canadians are resilient, and by working together, we will get through this.

Like many of you, Council members are working from home and will continue to check emails and voicemail.

Please check our website at [www.valquentin.ca](http://www.valquentin.ca) for updates or email us and we will reply as soon as possible.



### Association of **SUMMER VILLAGES** OF ALBERTA

<http://www.asva.ca/>

The Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) was formed as a not for profit association to provide a common forum for all Summer Villages in the Province of Alberta.

ASVA represents the interests of its members in dealings with the provincial government as well as those between ASVA and other organizations.



Small communities spotlight: message from Angela Duncan, Small Communities Committee Chair

## WELCOME HOME SNOWBIRDS

All travellers returning to Alberta from outside Canada in the last 14 days **MUST** self-isolate immediately for 14 days after the date of return and monitor for symptoms.



Arriving home from a  
trip outside of Canada?

**Don't stop for groceries!**

**Don't run errands!**



Have them delivered, or have someone drop them off on your door step.

**You MUST self-isolate for 14 days when arriving from outside of Canada!**

LEARN MORE: [Canada.ca/Coronavirus](https://Canada.ca/Coronavirus)



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