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Val Quentin, AB



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Mayors Message



LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER 2022

Hopefully, Covid-19 is becoming something we can look back on shortly.

As you have received your tax notice you are able to see your Council has been able to keep the tax increase to a minimum. However, in the coming year we are facing considerable head wind due to reduced funding from the Provincial Government and increased downloading onto Municipalities such as the increasing costs for RCMP services.

We hope to offset these increases by finding methods of reducing our operating costs working with the Summer Villages, Alberta Beach and The County of Lac Ste Anne. We have a number of meetings scheduled over the summer to help achieve this goal.

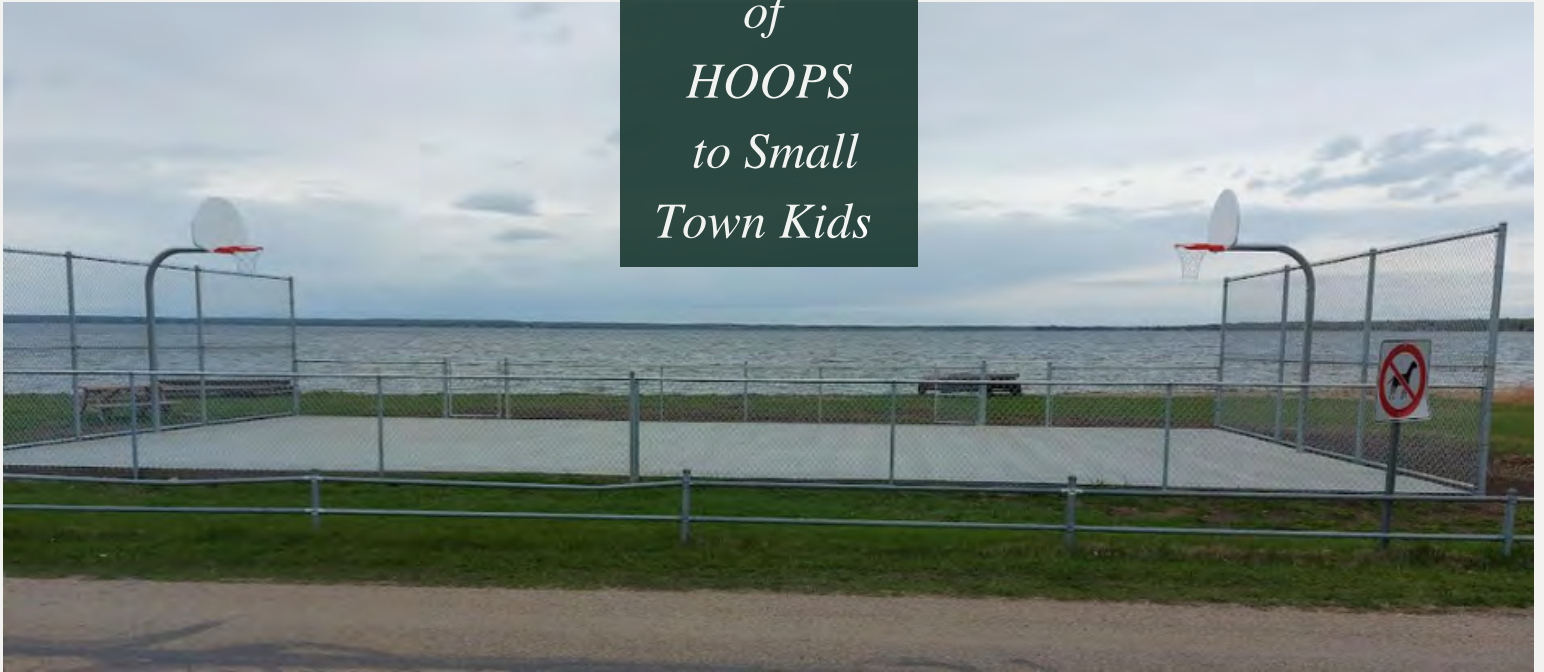
I would also like to thank Kathy Dion, Al Christiansen, Janice Christiansen, Dennis and Sandra Evans for all their hard work over the last year. These certainly have been trying times.

Thank-you to all of our volunteers and residents who continue to make Val Quentin a great place to live. Also, just a friendly reminder that ALL Boat Lifts, Pier Sections, Pier Stands, and Stored Boats must be off the Parkway's by May 31. This is to facilitate lawn mowing and spring cleanup!

Please consider joining us for the grand opening of our new basketball court on May 28th and Picnic in the Park on July 9th where we will also be recognizing former Mayor Bob Lehman and former Deputy Mayor Marlene Walsh for their hard work in our community.

Roger Montpellier

*Supporting
Regional
Collaboration*

**MLA Shane Getson
Lac Ste Anne-Parkland Constituency**

I went to a school that had all total about 300 people from kindergarten to Grade 12. In my class of 31, we were one of the largest classes to have “So Many Kids” for such a long time. As kids on the playground, we played football every chance we could. Hockey at the time for most was out of reach, as we didn’t have enough kids, or parents that could coach. For many, traveling to the adjacent towns or schools wasn’t an option.

One thing that our school did have however was basketball, and it was a big deal to us, to be able to try out for those school teams when we were old enough.

Finally, when we were big enough, several of us tried out and made the team, and we never looked back, we were hooked. As luck would have it in grade 9, the seniors coach, our high school principal also became our coach for the season. At 6’6 (at least) he was huge to us kids. The fact that he played for the U of S and had a passion for the sport went a long way for us. He never cut anyone from his teams, you cut yourself.

Mr. Thompson wouldn’t even have balls in the gymnasium for the first five practices of the season, you ran. When you had finished running, he made us do strengthening exercises, then, more running, and running. If you made it through the first 5 practices it showed you would not give up and were willing to work for him, and the team. We played against bigger schools, larger teams, larger kids, they had in a number of cases some amazing all star players, but they could hardly ever match us when it came to work ethic, and stamina.

We won many games against other schools simply because, we worked harder than them, and always played as a team.

With those fond memories, and lessons learned as a kid, I am very happy to see the outdoor basketball court opening up at Val Quentin for everyone to enjoy.

Basketball is every bit as Canadian as hockey, as both were invented by Canadians. The equipment is basic, the rules easy to follow, and the hours of fun are endless. I hope that the court is well used, that it brings families out this summer, and for many more to come in droves to enjoy all the game has to offer.



**Burton
Park**

**Basketball Court
Grand Opening**

Saturday, May 28 , 2022

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Community Basketball Game

Ribbon Cutting - 1:30 PM

Light Refreshments



**Please join us as we celebrate
with Bob Lehman - and
thank him for his service to
our Community!**



Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional
Emergency Management Partnership

BE READY FOR ANYTHING

Residents are encouraged to Create your own 72-hour emergency kit, so you have everything necessary to help you and your family until emergency responders can assist you.

MUSTER POINT - CANTIN PARK

Did you know ... in the event of an emergency where evacuation is required - the Gazebo at CANTIN PARK is the MUSTER POINT for the Summer Village of Val Quentin!

Block Captains

are neighborhood leaders working to make our community safe and livable places to live, work, and play.

By becoming a Block Captain, you can build and strengthen partnerships with neighbors, crime prevention, and emergency response services.

Are you Interested?

email: Janice or Marlene at
summervillage.remp@gmail.com



BEING CONNECTED...

CAN SAVE LIVES IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

ALL-NET CONNECT

ALL-NET CONNECT is one central portal used to manage and disseminate messages to all our residents via e-mail, smartphone apps, text messages, social media and voice phone lines. Emergency alert messages from Alert Ready can also be automated to broadcast on resident's smartphones without any local effort.

The Connect App also provides residents with a communication link for the latest municipal information and can include direct feeds from municipal websites for notices and events.

To sign up, visit the www.valquentin.ca website.

STREET ADDRESSING

IS YOUR STREET ADDRESS PREDOMINANTLY DISPLAYED ON YOUR PROPERTY?

It is imperative that all properties are identified with their street address which is clearly readable from the roadway. This is the only way that emergency personnel such as fire, ambulance or police can quickly identify your property in case of emergency.

COMBINED ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES

Notices were mailed on April 28.

If you did not receive the notice please contact the office for a replacement.

Taxes must be paid by June 30, 2022 to avoid penalty.

WHAT CAN GO DOWN THE DRAIN.. SAFELY

Tri Village Regional Sewer Services Commission

WHAT CAN GO DOWN
THE DRAIN AND WHAT
CAN NOT!!



Do not flush ,
Wipes, Feminine hygiene
products, Condoms, Grease of
any kind

Eavestroughs should
not be tied into the
sewer.



Bath, dish and laundry
water are acceptable

Food Scraps should be
composted not put down
the drain



Helping us by doing your
part, helps preserve the
environment and our
sewer system

Big pat on the back for the Summer Village of Val Quentin!

As the country begins to open back up following COVID-19, we slowly see a resurgence of normality. Friends and family come together once again to celebrate and spend time with one another - however, some of our most unsung demographics are the rural, smaller populations of Alberta, who have persevered and triumphed through all the challenges they have faced in the past few years. Citizens, artists, and business owners in the Summer Village of Val Quentin, I recognize your strength and we are grateful for your contributions in the Canadian economy.

I recommend the Summer Village of Val Quentin newsletter to stay updated with events, services, and showcases of local art and businesses happening in the community.

Gerald Soroka, MP

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Invitation

**Council of Alberta Beach, Sunset Point and Val Quentin
will be holding an Appreciation Ceremony
to recognize and show our appreciation
to our First Responders.**

Friday, May 27, 2022

2:00 P.M.

The Alberta Beach Fire Hall

4923 – 46A Ave

Everyone is welcome to attend

Come out to help recognize our amazing First Responders.

**Come to the Alberta Beach Village Office and sign our posters
and help show our community appreciation.**

**Posters will be available for signature until Victoria Day
May 23rd, they will also be available Saturday May 21st at the
Bottle Drive / BBQ in front of the village office.**

Congratulations to the Krassilowsky Family on the opening of K's General Store!

K's General Store is a locally owned small
business located at
5039 50th Ave, Alberta Beach!

They are focusing on sourcing most of their
products from local suppliers like Roane Lake
Farms Team.

Their soaps, some of the signs, and coffee
roasters are all locally made!

They sell ice cream, baked goods, coffee, candy,
and more!

Stop in, say hi, and join us as we welcome this
new business to the community!

Phone number: 587 988 4233
Ksgeneral8@gmail.com

Alberta Beach Library News

SPRING 2022!

(780) 924-3491



Hello everyone!

It's been a busy spring for us here at the library and we are eagerly anticipating a wonderful, hot, long summer.

Over the past several years, we've noticed a lot of new faces in the library and our communities. We decided to think outside the "library box" in late winter and started with a four week "Meet Someone New in March" program.

With the last several years of pandemic and the movement restrictions, we thought these nights may be a good way to bring people together and feel like a part of our great community. There was a great response with many new and not-so-new people coming out and enjoying some social time.

We may offer these nights again in the early fall, likely October, when people are once again looking for something to do indoors.

In April, we offered a four week "Learn to Crochet" class, as we heard that there were a lot of people who wanted to take up crocheting. The classes filled up in record time and surprisingly there were a number of younger kids (boys and girls) who registered. At the end of the four weeks, the participants were proficient enough to crochet their own wool hat. We hope to offer this course again in the fall and possibly a more advanced course if there is interest.

To take advantage of our spring weather, we are currently offering an outdoor program called "Walking Wednesdays". People meet at the library at 6:45 pm on Wednesdays (weather permitting) and go for a walk together. It's a great way to meet someone new (or maybe someone you already know) and have a chat while also enjoying some fresh air and exercise. This program will run until June 22. Everyone is welcome but sorry no pets allowed.

Throughout the year we partner with Onoway Public Library to produce monthly adult and kid craft bags for our community members. They have been tremendously popular and are quickly snapped up within a day or two of availability. We also are extremely happy to partner with Grasmere School to exhibit the students' artwork on our art wall. Every month or so another colourful display goes up on the wall and is a wonderful addition to our space. In April we did a "Little Art Show" fundraiser where, for a donation, we provided participants with a small canvas, some brushes, and paint and had them produce a picture for us. We had almost 70 people return their canvases and were so amazed with the talent and the vision of some of our supporters. Drop in the to library before the end of May to see what people came up with.

We have received a grant to hire a summer student this year and are pleased that we will be able to offer some kid/youth programming once again. In addition to our summer reading club, we are hoping to have weekly lego/craft sessions, outside games, button-making, and whatever else we can come up with. All kids are welcome to join these free events.

Many of the programs that we offer are funded by FCSS grants we receive from various communities including Val Quentin and we are very grateful for this support.

Be sure to check our website (www.albertabeachlibrary.ca) for program updates and like us on facebook (Alberta Beach Municipal Library).

Article submitted by: Cathy Brennan, Library Manager





standstone WASTE & WATER

Wishes all the residents of the Summer Village of Val Quentin a safe and happy summer!



Waste collection services are provided in the Summer Village and collections are every Monday. Please place cans at the roadside or the front of your property by 7:00 am for collection. All waste must be bagged and placed securely in a lidded waste receptacle to prevent animal access.

Development Officer - Summer Village of Val Quentin

Development in the Summer Village of Val Quentin requires a permit be obtained.

This pertains to the following:

- Construction or excavation, in, on, over or under land
- In the making of any change/alterations in the use of any building: also included in this is the removal of top soil; the demolition of a building, the digging of a well or installation of a water cistern, erection of a tarped garage and operating a home-based business.

For all development questions, Development Permits, and Compliance Certificates please contact:

Mr. Tony Sonnleitner, Box 2945
Stony Plain, Alberta T7Z 1X9

Phone: 780-718-5479 Fax: 866-363-3342

Email: pcm1@telusplanet.net

LILSA - Lake Information
Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne
- Water Quality Management Society
www.lilsa.ca
Hydrometric Information

Did you know that LILSA:

Advocates for the health of our lakes;
Is working hard to slow and prevent the spread of FLOWERING RUSH, an invasive species that is taking over Lake Isle and making its way to Lac Ste Anne.

Completed a State of the Watershed Report and is working with other organizations to develop a Watershed Management plan;
Partners with municipal and provincial governments to apply for grants and improve the quality of our lakes;
Is working on short and long-term solutions to improve our lakes and keep them healthy and useable for generations to come;
Needs more members to keep doing their important work!

Become a LILSA Member today!

There is no time commitment required. You can do as little or as much as you choose.

By becoming a member you will:

Help support the health of our lakes;
Be able to vote at our AGM;
Be eligible to run for the board;
Be a part of the solution!

Annual Memberships are \$20
(individual or family) & can be purchased at:

Alberta Beach Village Office (4935-50Ave)
Lac Ste Anne County Building
(56521 Rge Rd 65)
Onoway Town Office (4812-51St)

Community Updates

Message from the Ag Society

We are busy planning Polynesian Days 2022 which will be held on the weekend of July 29-Aug 1, 2022.

The majority of all your favourite events will be taking place including our Parade on Saturday July 30 and our family movie night on Sunday July 31.

If you have an event you would like add, please let us know all the details by June 15th.

Please watch FB and our website for updates to the events.

Don't forget about our Farmer's Market held every Sunday from 11:30 AM - 3: 00 PM during the summer.

We are in need of some volunteers to help out with the markets so if you can spare a couple hours one Sunday - we would love to have your help :)

As always, our organization meets the 4th Thursday of every month and would love to see some new faces and get some new ideas from our community members.

Membership is only \$1!

Come and see what we are all about. contacts:

Polynesian Days

Natasha (780)983-0131

abag.polynesiandays@gmail.com

www.polydays.com

Polynesian Days vendors Kimberly (780)267-0171

AB Ag Society abagsociety@gmail.com

www.abagsociety.com

Farmers Market abeachmarket@gmail.com

Alberta Beach & District Lions Club



Founded in 1974 by a group of community minded citizens who were strongly committed to volunteering within the community!

Lions Club Volunteers work at events like:

- Sno Mo Days in February Annually
- Wabamum Hotel Meat Draw - every 2nd Saturday
- Polynesian Days - serving Beef on a Bun
- BBQ's and Bottle Drives
- 50/50 and Meat Draws throughout the year
- Christmas Hampers annually in December
- Sundays Food for those in need

NEW THIS YEAR

- Fireworks Project - to have fireworks a couple times

The Lions Club events help to support Christmas Hampers campaign in December, Beachwave Park, Camp he ho ha, Food Bank, Stars Air Ambulance, Cadets, Grad Students and fireworks.



We are looking for NEW MEMBERS!
We invite and welcome your SUPPORT!

Please join us at our meetings, held the 4th Tuesday monthly at the Agriplex at 7 PM or email us at lionsab74@gmail.com



Now Open!

We will be open

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday

10 am-4 pm

until all the plants in our greenhouse have a new home!



Hello from the Blanchfield Family

B-Hive Gardens is a family-run greenhouse, gardens & market with a passion for growing and good health.

Gardening has always been a hobby for us. We often browsed greenhouses enjoying the ambiance and talked about how cool it would be to own a little garden center. We moved to Alberta Beach in the fall of 2017.

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The seeds we had planted some 20 years ago with dreams of a little garden center have started to produce fruit. We are now living it together and teaching our kids to reach for their dreams and keep reaching regardless of obstacles.

We have been blessed with the help we've had along the way!

Thank you to everyone in the community who have been here helping us and to all who have purchased plants and products from our family. Your support is heartwarming, it really does take a village and we are thrilled to be a part of this one. Have a wonderful gardening season.

Terry, David, Andrea, Jasmine, Mark & Pumpkin

Look for us throughout the growing season as products from our gardens become available.

Follow us @bhivegardens on Instagram or Facebook.



We are looking so forward to
once again hosting the
Picnic in the Park
on
July 9, 2022
at Cantin Park

Special Thanks to our Partners

- Alberta Beach Municipal Library
- Ste. Anne Natural Gas CO-OP

and Our Sponsors

- Tim Hay Trucking and
- Standstone Waste & Water




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WASTE & WATER

Wishes all the residents of the Summer Village of Val Quentin a safe and happy summer!



Community Updates

CHECK US OUT!

Alberta Beach Active 50+ Club

Finally we are headed into warmer weather and greener pastures. I hope you are doing well and able to enjoy time outdoors in the sun. I am working in my garden and enjoying the tulips and daffodils that brighten my day.

Our General Meeting had forty-one people in attendance.

The new lighting was welcomed. Our library now has proper lighting and a cozy corner in the pool room area. Our bathrooms will be completed once the order arrives to make them more wheelchair accessible for washing hands. A new fridge has been donated to our Club thanks to Wayne and Dee for accepting this gift and the maintenance team, who got it over to our hall.

I am working to receive quotes on the cost to fix our sound system. More information to follow.

We are seeking your help for Nominations for the AGM on Monday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m. Please give me a call if you would like more information. (780) 913-0063. Let me know if you would like to serve. Joan Charbonneau will run the election at the AGM.

To all our Volunteers who have helped with programs, maintenance, cleanup, serving in leadership, communication and the many tasks that happen because of All of You, Thank You!

President, Wendy Lipka:

Seniors Without Walls

A message from Cydney Henderson

Our last meeting of Seniors Without Walls will take place on Thursday, May 26, at 4 pm, our usual schedule. We will begin meeting again in the fall--likely mid to end of September.

See you there!



Onoway Regional Medical Clinic
Telephone: 780 967 6477 4927
Lac Ste Onoway, T0E 1V0

The Summer Village of Val Quentin participates in an agreement with Lac Ste Anne County and other surrounding municipalities to operate the Onoway Regional Medical Clinic.

This clinic provides access to local medical professionals. Onoway Regional Medical Clinic are open for appointments until 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

Alberta Beach Community League 780-924-3167

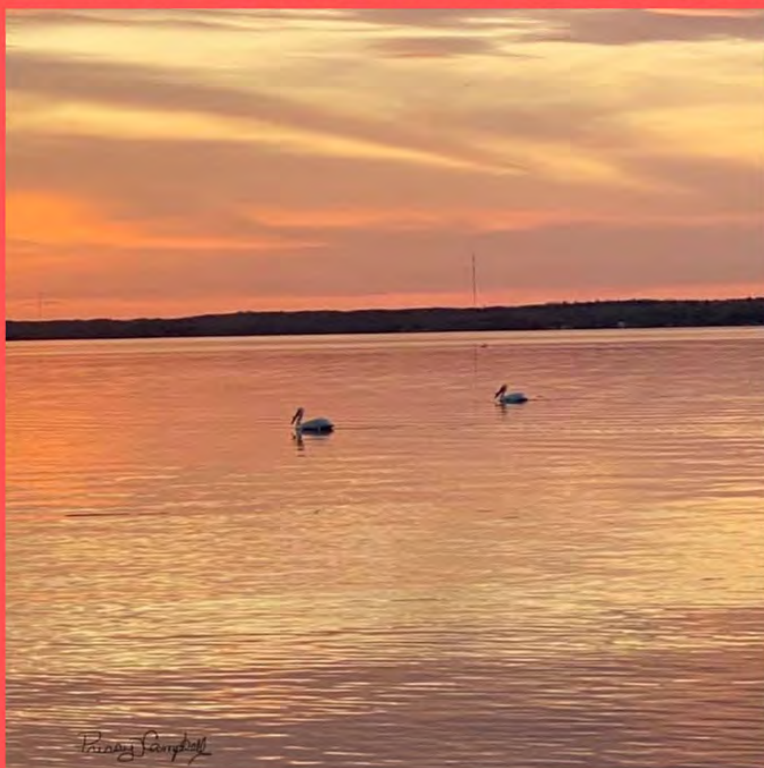
Alberta Beach Community League has its minor ball program going in full swing.

It's been 2 years since we have been able to get these kids out.

Stay tuned - we will be having our annual meeting where volunteers would be welcomed.

May 2022

Newsletter



Come Visit
Val Quentin
Lac Ste. Anne

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If you have an item you would like included in future editions of the Summer Village of Val Quentin Newsletter, please email marlenehwalsh@gmail.com