



FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

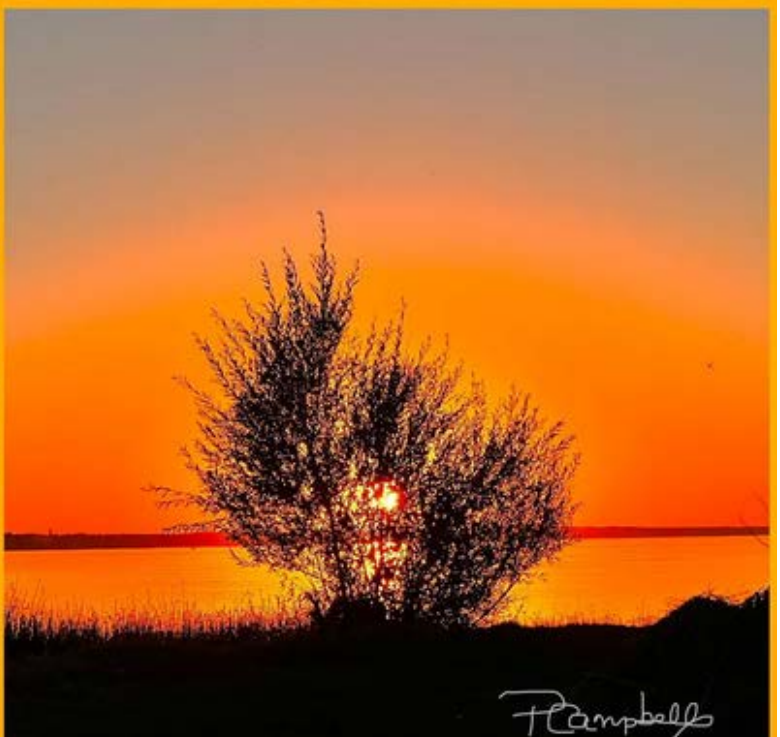


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THE SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN

Council Meetings are typically held on the 3rd Wednesday monthly, at 7 PM at the
SUNSET POINT MULTIPURPOSE OFFICE located at 4719 SUNSET DRIVE.

Agenda Items for the council's consideration are welcomed!

Please submit via email to cao@valquentin.ca a minimum of 7 days prior to each meeting.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Article submitted by Mayor, Kathy Dion
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403-923-8694



I am excited to have the opportunity to represent the Summer Village of Val Quentin as Mayor.

I have enjoyed getting to know the community and surrounding area the last two years as a permanent resident. It has been wonderful to sit on my deck or be out for a walk or bike ride and see so many of you enjoying your permanent or seasonal home in Val Quentin and sharing that space with family and friends.

I hope that you have had an opportunity to enjoy our many parks, playgrounds, lake and the new basketball court. I welcome all of you to our community and for making it such a vibrant place throughout the year.

Council, with the support of our CAO, will be reviewing our bylaws and policies this year, ensuring we are meeting the current standards. We will also be working on a 3 and 5 year strategic plan exploring long term health and care of our parks, roads and services.

As a council we will strive to ensure that the Summer Village of Val Quentin continues to maintain its unique history and community while addressing the challenges and opportunities that come along. Our Council looks forward to ongoing participation and feedback from our residents in order to provide the best possible service to our community.

As a summer village we are fortunate to have a close working relationship with our neighbours, Alberta Beach and Sunset Point. The Tri-Villages continue to meet regularly to explore ways to share large infrastructure costs such as paving, water and sewer.

We are working together applying for grants to ensure work is completed in the most cost effective way and appreciate that collaboration.

As summer turns to fall and fall to winter, I hope you get the opportunity to enjoy the seasons of Val Quentin.

Website: www.valquentin.ca

Facebook: Summer Village of Val Quentin @lacsteanne

We welcome articles for the Newsletter.

Please send any information via email to cao@valquentin

If your email address changes, please let us know.

And encourage your neighbours to provide their email address in order to receive the digital newsletter

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Emergency Contacts



Fire, Ambulance, RCMP Emergency	911
RCMP Stony Plain Emergency	780 963 2217
RCMP Stony Plain Non Emergency	780 968 7200
Community Police Animal Control	780 924 3434
Health Link	811



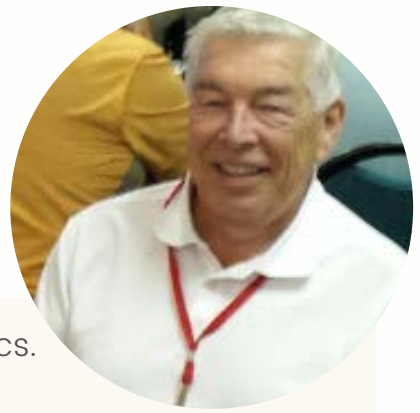
Alberta One Call	1 (800) 242 3477
Power Outages	780 310 9473
Tri Village Sewer System	780 924 3665
<u>Onoway Regional Health Clinic</u>	780 967 6477
Westview Health Centre Stony Plain	780 968 3600



Lac Ste Anne Veterinary Clinic 55022 Ste Anne Trail, Gunn, AB	780 967 5152
<u>Onoway Veterinary Clinic</u> 5119 Lac Ste Anne Trail, Onoway, AB	780 967 2967



CONGRATULATIONS TO DENNIS EVANS AS HE RETIRES



Congratulations to CAO, Dennis Evans as he retires from municipal politics.

Throughout his career, Dennis Evans has worked collaboratively with Val Quentin Council and our regional colleagues to help maintain healthy working relationships with our partners in neighbouring municipalities in Lac Ste Anne County.

Dennis has been a strong leader, taking a very balanced approach to negotiation and problem solving when challenging or sensitive situations presented. With his guidance and leadership, a strong foundation has been set for Council to continue the work with our regional partners.

Dennis and Sandra Evans provided sound fiscal management, and took the lead on several grants in order to aid with completion of multiple projects in the Summer Village of Val Quentin. Dennis professionally represented the Summer Village of Val Quentin liaising with all levels of government, and when working with residents to help manage their concerns.

Dennis was actively involved in many different areas, including Alberta Summer Villages Association, Lac Ste Anne Counties East, Tri Village Sewer Commission, and was also the CAO for Birch Cove, CAO for Ross Haven. The team from ASVA share their good wishes and respect and appreciation for the leadership Dennis has provided.

Dennis has certainly helped improve the quality of life for the residents and visitors to the Summer Village of Val Quentin.

Congratulations Dennis - we wish you all the best and sincerely hope you will enjoy your retirement!



TRIBUTE TO BOB LEHMAN

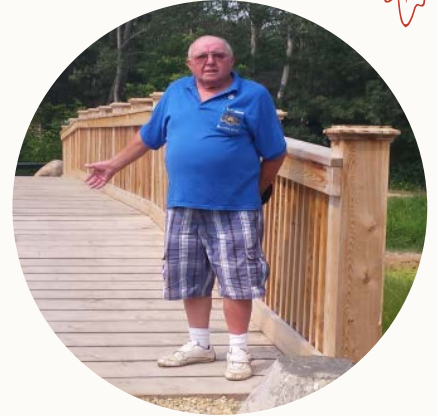


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Throughout his life,
Bob
placed great importance on
serving his community.

In addition to coaching hockey
teams, Bob was very active in
local politics, having served as
a county councillor, a school
board member, and Mayor
of Val Quentin for 13 years.

Bob passed away peacefully
on August 8, 2022.
He is survived by his loving
wife, Gael, his sister
Evelyn Scheideman,
and numerous nieces and
nephews.



***"He was one of the
finest individuals
I've ever known or
worked with,"
said
Roger Montpellier***



Acknowledging our friend
&
Community Leader
Bob Lehman





BUILDING COMMUNITY, TOGETHER



Submitted by: Angela Duncan, Mayor - Alberta Beach

Alberta Beach, Val Quentin, and Sunset Point are intricately connected; three distinct municipalities within one community. When it comes to community building, this presents both opportunities and challenges.

I believe there are 2 vital pieces to building community: collaboration and informed and engaged residents. The ability for separate administrations and Council's to work together is an important part of building a thriving community. Collaboration between Councils and municipalities has improved drastically over the last few years.

For example, the three villages have been working together to find areas where we can collaborate to realize cost savings, and also to move our larger community forward and ensure we can flourish in the future. While individual Councils and councillors have an important part to play, their role is often strategic and sets the tone for how the entire community will work together. In addition to working with each other, community building also involves collaboration with volunteer organizations, business leaders, other levels of government, schools, and our citizens. Much can be said about the importance of each of these stakeholders, but it is really our volunteers and community groups that are at the forefront of building community. These organizations and people operate our community halls, provide food hampers at Christmas, run our amazing community events like SnoMo Days and PolyDays, provide sports and social activities, and ensure there is a safe place for people of all ages to get together, to name a few.

Another vital aspect to building community is having informed and engaged residents, who help shape the future of our community and keep Councils accountable. To be successful, communication and engagement must go both ways. One might be surprised at how much information is available on our municipal websites. Information like Council meeting packages and minutes, financial statements and budgets, bylaws and policies, contact information, etc. Monitoring these websites is the easiest way is to stay up to date and informed. If you want to kick it up a notch, attend a Council meeting (you may even be able to stream them from the comfort of your home) or contact a Councillor. Additionally, volunteering is a great way to stay informed and to directly shape what happens in our community. You can also keep up to date by following our various social media feeds. However, as wonderful as it is for community conversation, social media alone cannot solve concerns or move the community forward. It does not easily lend itself to meaningful discussion of issues nor real-life solutions.

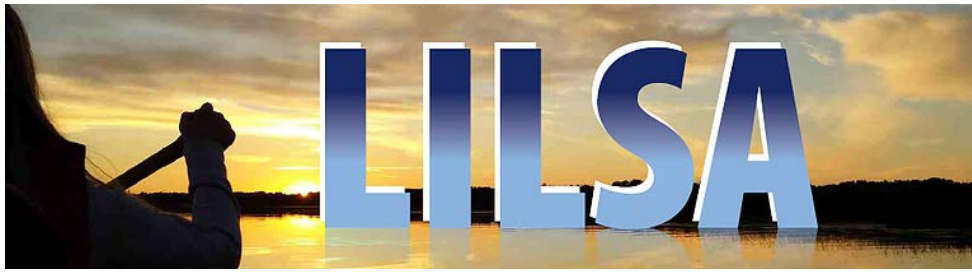
As an elected official, I really appreciate when people reach out to talk about the community, what they want to see, and how we can work together to improve things. Attending Council meetings and speaking with Councillors are great ways to get to know your elected officials and to keep them accountable.



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LAKE STEWARDSHIP



LILSA is a non-profit society committed to promoting the preservation of Lake Isle and Lac Ste Anne Lake, located 40 minutes west of Edmonton, Alberta. Our goal is to maintain and improve the quality of the water. Our society is run entirely by volunteers.

The next LILSA organizational meeting is Sept 27th @ 7 PM.

Zoom link <https://bit.ly/3TBJvu0>

How Can You Help Our Lakes?

Blue-green algae thrives on Phosphorus and Nitrogen. We can decrease the amount of these nutrients going into the lake in many ways by reducing the amount of nutrients produced (e.g. not using fertilizer) or by increasing the natural absorption of nutrients before they reach the lake. Plants with deep root systems (trees and shrubs) absorb these nutrients and decrease the amount going into the lake. This is especially important along the edges of the water (riparian zone).

THERE ARE MANY THINGS WE CAN DO TO DECREASE OUR NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE LAKE.



The Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) and its members are active in providing a link to individuals, local communities, educational institutions, governments and industry across Alberta who are interested in lake and watershed management.

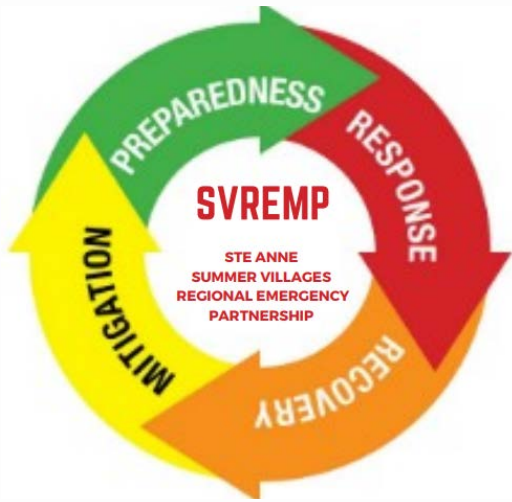
Interested? [click here for more information!](#)



Invasive Species

Plants and animals that are not native to Alberta can become invasive if they are released into our waters. These species are known as aquatic invasive species and can harm our environment, economy and human health.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Interested in being a Block Captain?

for more
information

summervillage.remp@gmail.com

To act as a communication LINK for residents and first responders including RCMP, Fire and EMS.

Responsibilities may include:

1. Contacting new neighbors who move into the area, to see if they are interested in registering with the Block Watch Program.
2. Assist as required during an Emergency (door-to-door evacuation process/roadblock control/etc)
3. Keeping the Block map or group contact information current.
4. Sharing information with Block Captains for distribution to residents.
5. Encouraging residents to participate and communicate to help "spread the word" about suspicious activities in the neighbourhood.
6. Block Captains can work with the DEM/DDEM to fan out information via telephone or email



Northwest Fire Rescue & Training

Thank You
for providing professional services
to residents ... and
Thank You
for your outstanding
COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

MUCH
appreciated



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Every winter, we deal with winter climate conditions in Alberta.

People can be vulnerable to the effects of snow, ice, slush, and low outdoor temperatures. One of the best ways to be a good neighbor is to keep an eye on nearby seniors during the coldest and, for them, the most dangerous months of the year.

1. Plan to Help; Don't Wait for Them to Ask - Make a plan to reach out to them, to offer assistance

2. Check on Your Neighbours Before and After Storms

Keep informed on up-to-date weather forecasts, and check that your neighbors are doing well. Encourage them to have a battery-powered radio, a first aid kit, their prescription medications, and all other needful supplies.

3. Keep in Contact Regularly

Offer to exchange phone numbers with neighbours so you can be in touch, or walk over and check up on your neighbor periodically. Ask if they are feeling in good health and if they have things like smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and operational heat and water.

4. Help with Shovelling and Walking on Ice

Consider shovelling walk and driveways when appropriate. Slipping can occur on even a small patch of ice, salt and sand. Encourage investment in snow-melting mats that can be placed on walkways leading to the home, ensuring that pathways stay clear and slip-free all winter.

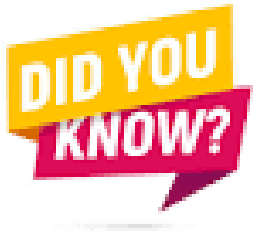
5. Try to Keep Them From Venturing Outside

A breath of fresh air may do everyone good, but in the wintertime, the elderly can easily get frostbite or hypothermia if outside in freezing temperatures for very long. Bring your elderly neighbor's mail or newspaper to the door and pick up groceries or other items for them on your way home from work to minimize their time out in the cold.

6. Invite Your Neighbor Over for a Hot Meal

Consider inviting your neighbor over for a meal or bringing it to them to eat at home. As most seniors who live alone enjoy every chance they get to converse with a friend and have to fight hard to ward off the "winter blues," chances are that your efforts will be appreciated for more than just the delicious meal.

Community Standards Bylaw 283-22



The purpose of the Community Standards bylaw is to help keep our community safe, healthy and enjoyable for everyone.

The new Community Standards bylaw encourages residents and property owners to be responsible and respectful of their neighbours and contribute to the health, safety and vibrancy of our community.

BOULEVARDS

As part of the regular property maintenance in the Summer Village of Val Quentin, residents are responsible to care for the boulevard, alley and driveway crossing adjacent to their property line. This includes the portion of property between the curb or road's edge and the adjacent front property line.

Maintaining the Boulevard includes:

Cutting grass to a reasonable length on your portion of the boulevard and ditches.

Removal of fallen leaves and debris from the boulevard and ditches beside your property.

Pruning of trees and shrubs around your property so they do not hang over or beyond your property lines.

All the great efforts by residents are appreciated and contribute to the beautification of the village.

Special Thank you to James and the team from JR Wilson Holdings Inc. who do an excellent job managing the grass cutting and grounds in the Summer Village! Your efforts are very appreciated!

Inspect your culverts for blockages.

Over time debris can build up against the openings of your culverts, restricting or even stopping flow. Regularly inspecting your culverts and clearing debris is one of the simplest and most effective steps to minimize potential flooding.

STREET ADDRESSES

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR STREET ADDRESS PREDOMINANTLY
DISPLAYED ON YOUR PROPERTY?**



It is imperative that all properties are identified with their street address clearly readable from the roadway.

This helps emergency personnel such as fire, ambulance or police quickly identify your property in case of emergency.



TRI VILLAGE REGIONAL SEWER SERVICES COMMISSION

For information related to the Tri Village Sewer System,
please visit this new

WEBSITE
<http://tvrssc.com>



The Lac Ste. Anne Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) is a partnership between Alberta Children's Services, Lac Ste. Anne County, Town of Onoway, Village of Alberta Beach and Summer Villages of Birch Cove, Castle Island, Sunset Point, Sandy Beach, Ross Haven, Val Quentin, Silver Sands, Yellowstone, Sunrise Beach, West Cove and South View.

The FCSS grant provides funding to programs/services that enhance the social well-being of individuals and families including but not limited to parent-child development activities; support services for young school age children; parenting & family life education; retirement planning; programs enhancing self-awareness and personal growth; self-help socialization activities; education & information services; volunteer recruitment and training resources to support volunteers, etc.

East End Bus Service



East End Bus Society is a cooperative effort of the Lac Ste. Anne County, the Town of Onoway and the Village of Alberta Beach to provide affordable transportation for seniors and handicapped. With additional financial support from 10 Summer Villages, Yellowstone, South View, Silver Sands, Val Quentin, Sunset Point, Sunrise Beach, Birch Cove, West Cove, Nakamun Park and Ross Haven.

Service consists of scheduled shopping/medical trips to West Edmonton Mall, and Spruce Grove along with excursion and rentals by service clubs, special interest groups and community members.

Contact: Lorna Porter, Coordinator Phone: 780-905-3934
Email: eastendbus@gmail.com
Additional information is available by clicking this [link](#)!

ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM



It Takes a Village

Speaking as a small nonprofit organization, we could not exist and provide the community with our amazing Heritage Park Village/Museum without the help of so many people. We are very grateful and appreciate all of your support.

The Alberta Beach Museum finds that acquiring volunteers each season has become an ongoing dilemma. From what we understand, it's not just us who are struggling with this problem. The majority of community groups out there are experiencing the same issue. That is why we feel it is so important to urge every organization to act now. By reaching out to other local groups, not just to ask for help but to offer it we can hopefully make a collective difference in each other's future. Cheers to our success!

This year we would like to extend a huge heartfelt thank you to: The Alberta Beach +50 Club, The Lions, The Ag Society, Alberta Beach Library, Sunset Point Christian Camp, Onoway FCSS, Lac Ste Anne County, The Village of Alberta Beach and all of the local businesses that have supported our various fund raisers.

The Alberta Beach Museum

www.albertabeachmuseum.ca



Alberta Beach Municipal Library

Alberta Beach Library News! September 2022

Hello everyone! It's been a busy and wonderful summer for us here at the library. After two years of zero summer programs, we were thrilled to be able to offer our Wednesday morning summer club once again.

We had full-house attendance at these sessions and, with the beautiful July and August weather, we were happy that we could move some of our activities outside. We also resumed our Friday STEAM programs, where our participants built and experimented with our robots, Lego, K'nex, circuits, etc. All-in-all a busy, LOUD, fun summer! In mid-July we were happy to bring our games and fun to Val Quentin for the annual family picnic. Our summer student Jazmyn and several volunteers enjoyed a beautiful afternoon playing games like parachutes, snakes and ladders, and Connect Four with attendees. The hotdogs and goodies were also enjoyed by all!

At the end of July we once again hosted our very popular parking lot book/dvd sale over the Poly Days weekend. Thank you to all who donated books/dvds, to those who volunteered their time to help, and to those who so generously donated and took items home to enjoy. It was a tremendously successful sale and we are always grateful for the tremendous generosity of our patrons and visitors. We are collecting already for next year so if you have any books or dvds to clear out while you fall clean, please consider donating them to our library.

Over the past year, we have welcomed a lot of new faces to our library and community, especially a lot of new kids. We're very impressed with their interest in reading. To keep them engaged, when you come visit us at the library you will notice that we have a great selection of new books and graphic novels in our juvenile section, with more being added all the time. These books are full of colour and fun and are flying off the shelves.

We've also been busy buying new picture books and level readers for our younger readers. The level readers also don't stay long on the shelves – especially the ones with superheroes, unicorns, or horses!



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Alberta Beach
Municipal Library



With the end of summer, it is time to look ahead to fall and fall programming. Our book club starts up again this month, after a summer siesta. We have a large group who meet each month (usually last Monday of each month) to discuss the current book. We have a couple of spots open if anyone would like to join us. All you need is a library membership – we order the book each month and have it ready here for you.

We will hopefully start our knit/crochet group again. We received a lot of yarn over summer for our group to make items for the Lions Christmas Hampers and we are amassing an impressive pile of beautiful garments. If you have any yarn you would like to give to a good home, please let us know so we can arrange pickup or please drop it off at the library. Our craft bags for kids and adults will resume again before the end of September. Each month we offer these bags free on a first come-first served basis to our community members. This month the kids will be making a leaf wreath and spider web and the adults will make a wooden scarecrow sign. Other new program ideas we might try are Lego club and Story Time for 0 - 5 year olds, both of which will likely start in October – stay tuned to facebook, our web site, and our outside building sign for more information.

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) and like us on facebook (Alberta Beach Municipal Library) so you get the most up-to-date information about programs. If you have any questions, our email is ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca and our phone number is 780-924-3491. Hope to see you soon!



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Hope to see you soon!

SHOWCASING LOCAL BUSINESS

JUNK REMOVAL **780-222-5723**



Fall Clean Up

Get rid of your yard junk or purge items before the cold snap and the snow flies!

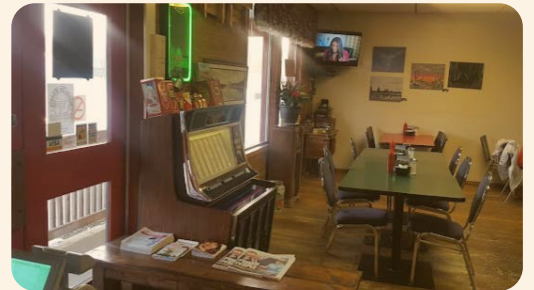
Reasonable rates, fast friendly service

Trailer drop off service for full loads, smaller load pick up as well.

For a Full load - You load it, we haul it away

Smaller loads we arrange pick up times

Text 780-222-5723 or direct message to book



mamasinthekitchen@outlook.com
780-924-2468

At Mama's in the Kitchen, we're a down home family-style cooking restaurant. Welcome.
We want you to come in and feel like you're part of the family.

We are a fully-licensed family restaurant with everything on the menu. If you've got something you'd like to see added, just let us know.

Everyone is important to us, and your concerns and feedback are greatly appreciated. See you soon!

Fantastic staff, fantastic food.

Always a great experience.

Check out the menu

Mama's just may become your favorite weekend go to!

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The Estates Bakery.
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SHOWCASING LOCAL BUSINESS



CALL OUR EXPERTS TODAY
780.967.2118

Regular Waste Pickup is Every Monday

Organics Pickup Service will be provided from May - November annually

Plant Waste Only - No Pet Feces

Val Quentin has a burn pit for the disposal of tree branches, as well as a compost area to dispose of aquatic vegetation and organic yard waste. You are welcome to contact any Council member for key and access information.

Val Quentin residents are also welcome to use the Recycling Depot located at the Alberta Beach Public Works Shop at 5009 49 Avenue (Behind the Village Office)

Your cooperation in sorting Cardboard and Paper Production into their appropriate bins is essential.

Onoway Medical Centre

#2, 4927 Lac Ste. Anne Trail, Onoway, AB, Canada, Alberta
(780) 967-6477 onowaymedical.ca

Onoway Regional Medical Clinic renovations are completed!
The clinic is bigger and better than ever! The clinic has increased capacity to provide increased medical services to the Lac Ste. Anne region!

Onoway Regional Medical Clinic is owned and operated by Lac Ste. Anne County in partnership with the Town of Onoway and the Summer Villages of Silver Sands, West Cove, Ross Haven and Val Quentin.

The County acknowledges its municipal partners for their continued vision, collaboration and investment in this vital community health facility.





FORTIS ALBERTA POWER LINE UPGRADE



To our Lac Ste Anne
Lake Community Customers,
FortisAlberta is upgrading overhead power lines in your area.

This project involves the removal of lines and poles impacted by environmental factors for more than 50 years. It will ensure homes and businesses in the area experience fewer outages and faster restoration when an unforeseen power disruption occurs.

You may notice ribbons, Alberta One Call flags and survey staking. This indicates to crews the extent of the work required. You may also notice brushing, hydro vac and power line crews, as well as large vehicles. We ask all community members to keep their distance to ensure the safety of those on-site.

Roadways in work zones will be reduced to one lane. Traffic control workers will keep traffic flowing as efficiently as possible.

Field technicians may require access to your property to complete work or relay information on a planned outage. Any disturbances to your property will be restored following construction. If a power outage is required, it will take place on a weekday and you will be notified 72 hours in advance.

We ask that you confirm your contact information is up-to-date with your electricity retailer (*the company that provides your monthly utility bill*).

Thank you in advance for your patience.

For more information on this work,
please call FortisAlberta at **310-WIRE (9473)**.

FORTIS
ALBERTA

STREET LIGHTS OUT OR COMING OFF AND ON

If this is occurring, please call Fortis and report the concern.

Please be ready to provide the correct street address
where the defective street light is located.

Municipal customers are encouraged to contact 310-WIRE (9473) regarding general inquiries. More information regarding Fortis is available at: fortisalberta.com.





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