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Newsletter

Embrace the beauty of Lac Ste Anne at Val Quentin



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Summer Village of Val Quentin Newsletter,
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<u>Onoway Regional Health Clinic</u>	780 967 6477
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Lac Ste Anne Veterinary Clinic 55022 Ste Anne Trail, Gunn, AB	780 967 5152
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*Greetings from
Mayor Kathy Dion*



Our spring started out with very dry conditions resulting in our Emergency Management team being activated to support Lac Ste Anne County fires.

Big thank you to Marlene Walsh and Janice Christianson for ensuring our community was safe and prepared for an emergency and supporting our neighbors.

Thank you to everyone that supported our community fire ban to help keep everyone safe.

We are looking forward to Summer in Val Quentin and we are kicking it off with our Annual Picnic in the Park. Please join us for food, fellowship and fun. There will be activities for the children and information tables for adults. Please come by for a hot dog and spend time with your council team!

Summer brings road repairs, and we are currently preparing for paving portions of 50 Ave (Lac Ste Anne Trail) this summer. We recognize that it would be ideal to pave all of our roads as many areas need repair and maintenance. Unfortunately, our budget will only allow us to repair part of our road. Thanks for being patient while we are under construction in the coming months.

Council has been busy this year developing our Strategic Plan to prepare for a strong future in Val Quentin. Additionally, we have been reviewing and moving towards updating our Policies and Bylaws to meet the current standards and future growth and development of Val Quentin.

We will begin final work on these areas in 2024 and will be reaching out to you for input so stay tuned.

I hope everyone has a safe fun summer enjoying your lake property and our many parks.



July 8, 2023 Noon - 3 PM

**6TH ANNUAL
PICNIC IN THE PARK
AT CANTIN PARK**

**Bring your family and your lawn chairs and enjoy an
afternoon of entertainment and fun!**

**Visit with Neighbours
Enjoy the Sounds of Trace Jordan**

Thank You to Tim Hay, Our Sponsor

**for the Community BBQ - Hot Dogs; Beverages
Watermelon**

Face Painting, Games, Demonstrations and More!



Save the Date



2023 PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE JUNE 30, 2023

Property Taxes are assessed under the Municipal Government Act.

Taxes levied for the current year are deemed to be due on and from January 1 of the current year ending December 31.

If you are paying your taxes by cheque, Please make your cheque payable to:

Summer Village of Val Quentin

Mailing Address: PO Main Box 3115, Spruce Grove, AB T7X 3A4

Any payment for property taxes forwarded by mail shall be deemed to be received on the same date as the POSTMARK stamped on the envelope in which the payment was mailed.

Please ensure your cheques are completed properly, including drawn on the proper bank, correct date and amount and signed. Penalties will not be waived if a cheque must be returned for corrections and has not been received back by the Village before June 30th, 2023.

Payment may also be made via E-Transfer.

Due to deadline, please ensure transfer is completed at least **3 BANKING DAYS** before June 30th, as bank documents are not transferred after hours or on weekends.

Please provide a follow-up email with the security code for your question to cao@valquentin.ca. The answer must be exact (i.e., capital letter, spaces, etc.)

Where taxes are paid by a mortgage company, the owner is responsible to ensure the taxes are paid on time. A receipt for paid taxes can be requested via email or by the phone number shown on the front of the tax notice.

Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program (SPTDP) The Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program (SPTDP) allows eligible senior homeowners to defer all or part of their property taxes through a low-interest home equity loan with the Alberta Government. Please contact the Alberta Seniors Information Line at 1-877-644-9992 for more detailed information on how you may qualify for this program, please visit alberta.ca/seniors-property-tax-deferral-program.aspx.



Don't Gamble with your Sewer System!

Items that should NEVER be put down the Drain

Most people rarely think twice about what gets put down the drain, and often don't realize the gambles they take. Gamble, you ask. When items like grease, baby wipes/personal wipes, and feminine hygiene products, just to mention a few, are put down the drain, there is a significant risk of expensive sewer backups that could easily be prevented. Interestingly, if a sewer back-up occurs on your side of the property line, YOU are responsible to cover the bill, if it occurs on the municipal side, we all get to pay.

There are other troubles, too, that can come from putting the wrong stuff down the drain, damage and wear on the pumps, increasing costs for cleaning the reservoirs and lagoons, and person power and contractors to deal with backups and pump failures. That doesn't even take into account the environmental impacts, because everything we put down our drains, cleaning products, paint, detergents, medications, chemicals, etc., will eventually end up in the Sturgeon River.

Help protect and preserve our environment, sewer system, and wallets by not flushing items like: coffee grounds, eggshells, cigarette butts, q tips, grease, fats & oils, cat litter (even if it claims to be flushable), paper towels, baby and personal wipes (again, even if it claims to be flushable), cotton balls, dental floss, feminine hygiene products, condoms, paint, cleaning products, chemicals, detergents or medications. Please dispose of these and similar items responsibly to help us maintain an effective sewer system.

Also, make sure that sump pumps, weeping tile, eaves troughs, and yard drains are not connected to the system. Not only are they bad for the sewer system but you could receive a hefty fine too.

The costs associated with the maintenance and repair of the wastewater (sewer) system are ultimately paid by you, the user. When the cost of maintenance and repair goes up the utility rate goes up. The TriVillage Regional Sewer Services Commission (TVRSSC), which services Alberta Beach and the Summer Villages of Val Quentin and Sunset Point, asks that everyone assist us by doing your part to properly dispose of items that do not belong down the drain.

This will help to reduce maintenance and repair cost, thus saving you from a hefty bill or rate increases to cover these expenses.



Pump clogged with wipes and feminine hygiene



Pipe clogged with grease

Tri Village Regional Sewer Services Commission

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



Do not flush ,
Wipes, Femine 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
enviroment and our
sewer system**



A pump clogged with wipes



A chunk of wood and a pile of hair causing a blockage in a pump



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.

FIRESMART

FireSmart teaches residents and stakeholders how to mitigate the risks and impacts of fires that affect communities and infrastructure.

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.

ALL-NET CONNECT is used to share messages to residents via e-mail, smartphone apps, text messages, social media and voice phone lines.

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

For more information or to sign up email
cao@valquentin.ca

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

Thank you to all residents who continue to maintain your properties in a tidy condition that contributes to a safe, welcoming, and beautiful summer village!

Val Quentin Council is working closely to review, identify and address properties that are in an Untidy / Unsightly condition.

Where necessary, we will engage with the Development Officer to address these concerns.

DID YOU KNOW...

THE VAL QUENTIN BYLAW 283-22 COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW STATES in part: PART II - PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

1 – Land and Buildings

a) A Person shall not cause or permit a nuisance or unsightly condition to exist on land they own or occupy.

b) A nuisance or unsightly condition in respect of the land means land that shows signs of a serious disregard for general maintenance and upkeep, whether or not it is detrimental to the surrounding area, including but not limited to:

- i. excessive accumulation of material including Building materials, appliances, household goods, boxes, tires, vehicle parts, whether of apparent value or not, etc.
- ii. loose litter, garbage or refuse, whether located in a storage area, collection area or elsewhere on the land;
- iii. damaged, immobile, dismantled or derelict vehicles whether insured or registered or not;
- iv. parking of heavy commercial vehicles/farm equipment;
- v. smelly or messy compost heaps;
- vi. unkempt grass or weeds on Property;
- vii. production of dust, dirt or smoke;
- viii. production of any generally offensive odor; and
- ix. any tree shrub or other type of vegetation or any structure:

- that interferes or could interfere with any public work or utility,
- that obstructs any Sidewalk adjacent to the land, or
- that impairs visibility required for safe traffic flow at any intersection adjacent to the land.

c) On-Site Vehicle Storage

- i. no person may conduct any repair work on a Motor Vehicle, including mechanical repairs, auto body work frame repair, collision repair, auto painting of modifications to the body or rebuilding of a Motor Vehicle, on any Property in a Residential District;
- ii. no more than one (1) unregistered motor vehicle shall be permitted to be kept or stored on any residential parcel upon which a single detached dwelling is located.
- iii. no unregistered motor vehicle shall be allowed to be kept or stored on a residential parcel that does not have a dwelling located on it.
- iv. no person shall park or permit the Commercial or Heavy Vehicle to be parked in any area within the Summer Village for more than 24 hours.
- v. this prohibition shall not apply to vehicles of the Police Department or Fire Department or commercial vehicles of any public utility company engaged in the performance of public utility work, or vehicles making local deliveries or rendering service to occupants of buildings within the Summer Village of Val Quentin.

Schedule "A" references the penalties that may apply

Visit www.valquentin.ca to see the full bylaw.



Alberta Beach Municipal Library

DID YOU KNOW...

Alberta Beach Library is supported by
Yellowhead Regional Library

Spring 2023 is in the books and it was a busy one for us here at the Library!

Along with all of the lending and other services we offer, we were pleased to host some fun programming for our communities.

We partnered with Lac Ste. Anne County for two terrarium building workshops. Participants could bring a glass container or use one we provided and build their own terrarium with the plants we supplied. Lorraine Taylor with LSAC provided excellent information about the process and the plants and a great time was had by all.

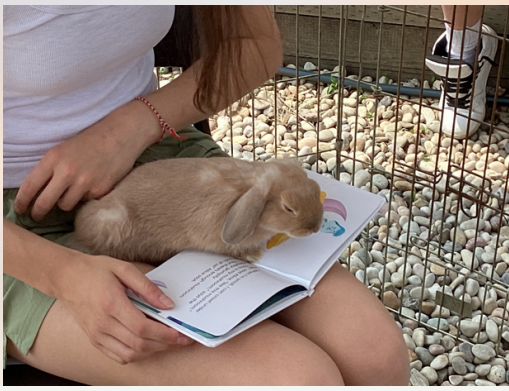
Our book club, going on its 10th year, meets every month. This is a very popular club, with over 25 people reading the book each month and, on average, 15 people coming to talk about it. We tell our participants.... “come to the meeting, even if.....you didn’t read the book, you didn’t finish the book, you hated the book, your cat ate the book....” Part of the purpose of the club is social – come for a little chat with the other members – and learn from others – everyone has a different perspective on each month’s selection. That is what is so fun. The books that most people didn’t enjoy are the discussions that we remember the longest. The best compliment for us planning the book club is when someone says, “I would not have picked that book for myself but I’m glad I read it”.

We have a writers’ group that meets here every couple of weeks to discuss ideas, get feedback, and get inspiration to continue the writing process. Sometimes the participants are challenged to do a task before the next meeting and they find this very motivating to continue working on their project.

Our group of crocheters/knitters continue to meet every week to share ideas, inspire each other, and have some social time.

We love to see the creations from this wonderful group of ladies. Last year they crocheted and knitted enough items so that each person receiving a Lions Christmas Hamper also received a special crocheted/knitted item. Amazing work!





In April we were able to host two nights of watercolour painting sessions. These were extremely popular and the spots filled up fast.

Similarly, the two soapstone carving classes that we held filled up in record time. We hope to offer more art and carving classes in the fall.

And finally, to cap off our beautiful spring, we welcomed Wallingford Farm's baby animals for our "Read to Baby Animals" fun event.

The weather was spectacular and everyone who came out had a wonderful time with the animals. There were several instances when parents were shocked that their child was reading to the animal, because he/she "never reads". One parent took a picture to send to her child's teacher because it was such an amazing moment. It is these experiences that are so inspiring to us.

Summer planning is now in full gear. Our summer clubs and STEAM fun sessions will run on Wednesdays and Fridays, starting July 5.

More details will be provided as soon as all is in place.

Through the month of July (until August 9) we will be hosting a Value Village FUNDrive fundraiser.

During this time we will have a trailer in our parking lot to collect all your unwanted household items, clothes, shoes, books, dvds, tools, etc. Value Village will pay us for all the items that we collect and the money will be used to support all of our programs and purchase new library materials. Please bring us down all of your unwanted items – we want them!

And finally, we will once again hold our annual Book/dvd sale in our parking lot during Poly Days weekend (August 5 and 6). Be sure to mark your calendar and come out to support all that we do here at the library.

If you (your family members, neighbours, friends, we aren't fussy!) can spare a few hours that weekend to help us with set up and take down for the sale (tables set up and boxes moved in and out of library), we would greatly appreciate it. It takes a lot of volunteers to put on this event; we can't do it without them.

Stop in sometime and say "hi". We'd be glad to meet you. Library memberships are only \$15 per year and can be used anywhere in the province. If I haven't convinced you yet that we are not "just books", keep reading. We lend puzzles, wifi hubs, magazines, dvds, and audiobooks. We have eaudiobooks and ebooks available through our Libby app., fantastic for trips and long rides in the car. In the winter we lend snowshoes and this year we may add a metal detector to our items for loan. Year-round we have a rack of books you can purchase by donation! We sell chocolate bars and ice cold water for \$1.00 each. There's something for everyone.

For more information about any of our programs, if you have any questions, or you would like to volunteer to help with our book/dvd sale, email us (ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca) or phone (780-924-3491).

You can check us out on our web page www.albertabeachlibrary.ca and follow us on facebook (Alberta Beach Municipal). #notjustbooks Have a great summer!



Community Updates



Ag Society Message

We are preparing for Polynesian Days 2023 being planned for August Long Weekend - August 4 - 7, 2023!

The majority of your favorite events will be taking place, including the Parade being planned for Saturday, August 5, 2023 and our Family Movie Night being planned for Sunday, August 6, 2023!

Alberta Beach Farmers Market
When you buy in Alberta Beach, you receive some of the best and freshest food and produce available, as well some of the most unique items from local vendors. By shopping locally, you are supporting the community of Alberta Beach and the local economy.

WHEN:

The Farmers' Markets run Sundays, starting in early May and running until September

WHERE:

Agliplex Hall 4811 - 47 Ave. Alberta Beach

TIME:

11:30 AM - 3 PM

VENDOR INFORMATION:

For vendor applications and information please visit the market website

www.abeachmarket.com

Alberta Beach & District Lions Club

Alberta Beach & District Lions club was Incorporated in 1974. We support:

MEAT DRAW RAFFLE

- Draw held every second Sat. at Wabamun Hotel
- 15 packages of meat are raffled one at a time

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Collect sort and distribute 90 to 95 hampers of food and toys(much of it donated) for needy families in the area.

Eye Glasses

- Collect Glasses for those in need.

Sno Mo Days

- Is an Alberta Beach Family day long week end winter festival

Visit our website at snomodays.com

We welcome NEW MEMBERS

Please join us at our meetings held on the 4th Tuesday at 7 P.M. at the Alberta Beach Agliplex

Alberta Beach & District Active 50+ Club

The Alberta Beach Activities Active 50+ Club is run by a group of dedicated volunteers. We are always looking for more ways to service our community. If you have any ideas please drop in for a cup of coffee, 5012 – 49 Avenue (behind hotel) – or just send us an email!

Please visit our website for details on how to book your next special event for your family and friends!

Become an active member of the Alberta Beach Activities Active 50+ Club and take a membership out today.

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE

Want to get friends, neighbours and family together and be a part of it .. here's the application form!



2023 Polynesian Days Parade Entry Form

Sponsored by the Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society
Saturday, August 5th, 2023

Note the timings: Assembly at the Agliplex parking lot at 11:00 a.m. Judging starts at 12:00 p.m. Parade rolls at 1:00 p.m.

Name of Entrant: _____

Responsible Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

City of Town: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Description of Entry (Float, walking, vehicle, etc): _____

Number of Participants: _____

Please describe your entry so we are able to categorize it accurately: _____

I acknowledge that parade events like this one always involve some risk of injury. I am voluntarily participating in this parade despite that risk, and I am assuming that risk. I also agree to ensure that all persons participating in this parade entry conduct themselves safely and with due regard to the safety of others, including spectators.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

2023 Parade Guidelines

- 1.All participants are required to use caution in participating in the parade activities.
- 2.No alcohol is permitted.
- 3.Use of water guns, water balloons and water canons is prohibited.

For more information, please contact Sherrie Westerlund at 780-915-5967

Submit your entry for my email to sherriewesterlund@gmail.com

Community Updates

Maintaining the Boulevard

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!

Water Distribution Feasibility Study

The Tri Villages, comprised of Alberta Beach, Sunset Point and Val Quentin have been awarded grant funding through the Alberta Community Partnership to proceed with a Water Distribution Feasibility study for the Tri-Village area.

This study will provide the necessary details for informed decision making in preparation for implementation of a potable water distribution system in the Tri Village Region Partnership.

The study will align with Alberta Environment Regulations, Standards and Guidelines to ensure environmental objectives are met. Under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, approved waterworks systems – including potable water storage facilities and water distribution systems must meet specific design, performance and monitoring standards and produce water that meets all relevant quality standards.

Public engagement and information sharing sessions will be offered to key groups, local residents, business owners and the public.

These stakeholder sessions will increase awareness and understanding to better support implementation of the potable water distribution system.

CHECK OUT SHOP THE COUNTY

HOMER'S HUT COFFEE SHOP
PH # 780-924-2244
OPEN FROM: 9:30AM to 5PM
Thursday to Sunday

This Week's Soups

♥ Bacon & Corn Chowder Soup ♥
♥ Hamburger Tomato Macaroni Soup ♥

Delicious Homemade
DESSERTS & PIES
♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥
COFFEE & DAILY DESSERT
\$6.95

**Cabins, Motel Room
And Campground**
Located at #3321 Ste Anne Trail
Lac Ste Anne County
(66Str in the S.V. of Val Quentin)
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Alberta Beach Museum



Alberta Beach Heritage Village and Museum would like to invite district Senior's groups, day homes, Mom's and Tots groups, and school groups looking for an outing, to come and visit us.
We have something for everyone.

We are open on weekends until July 1, and then full time, except Tuesdays, from 12:00 to 5:00.

If you would like to visit during weekdays in June, please phone 780-405-6068 and it can be arranged.

Onoway Regional Medical Clinic



East End Bus Schedule

Facilitating independence and access for everyone!



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. Oneway Regional Medical Clinic are open for appointments until 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.



StandStone Waste & Water provide collection services for Val Quentin residents.

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.

Standstone Waste & Water Service Collection

Special Places...

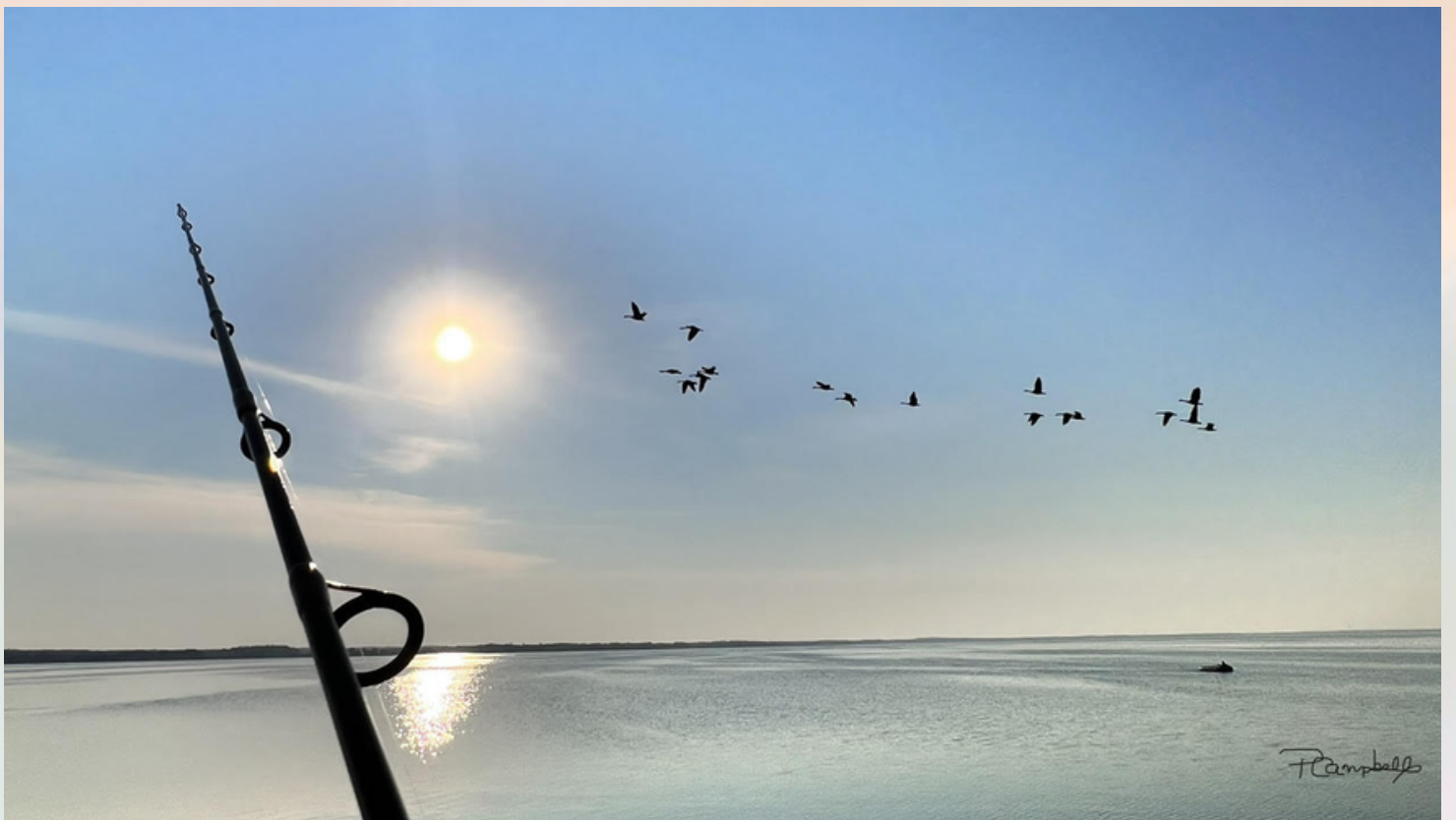
Enjoy the Amazing Sunsets while making Special Memories - Val Quentin



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