

# Happy Holiday Greetings

from Mayor Kathy Dion  
Deputy Mayor Alan Christiansen  
and Councillor Roger Montpellier

We hope you had a wonderful summer at the lake and have enjoyed our mild fall weather, although I am sure those wanting to ice fish and participate in winter sports are anxiously awaiting snowfall and cooler temperatures. On that note, I hope that you have a wonderful Winter Season with your family and friends.

As a council, we have had a productive year! We have continued to develop our Strategic Plan, focusing on short and long-term goals for Val Quentin. It was exciting to start Stage I of our paving projects and we are looking forward to completing our first phase next year and then addressing our next paving section.

We sincerely appreciate the support from our residents in your continued efforts to ensure our community is clean and well-maintained in Summer and Winter.

As residents of Val Quentin, whether permanent or seasonal, we encourage you to reach out to us!

## TOGETHER - WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD A SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY!

We look forward to seeing you, your friends and your family out over the Winter months enjoying the lake and your properties.

### FAST FACTS



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#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meetings are held the third Wednesday monthly at the Sunset Point Office

Agendas are posted on facebook and the website

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#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### ALL-NET MUNICIPAL MESSAGING

**Connect - By All-Net** is a central portal to manage and disseminate messages and alerts to all residents via e-mail, smartphone apps, text messages, social media and voice phone lines.

Click here to [signup](#) today!

**PICNIC IN THE PARK: SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, July 13, 2024**

Special Thanks to our Amazing Sponsors and Community Partners

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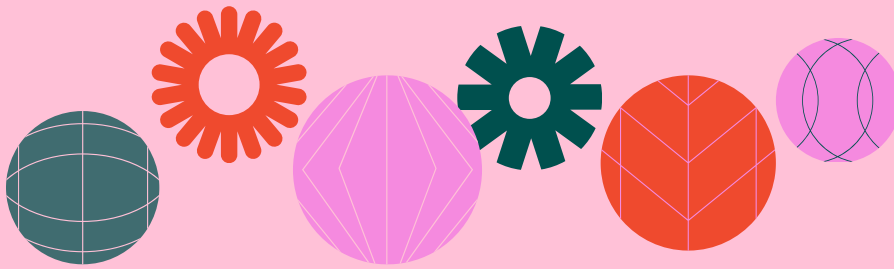
BigWay Foods Onoway

Tim Hay Trucking and Construction

SANG - Ste.Anne Natural Gas Co-op Ltd.

Alberta Beach Municipal Library





# 2023 Council Highlights

## REGIONAL COLLABORATION

We continue to work collaboratively with our municipal partners on initiatives at Joint Tri Village and Regional Information Sharing Meetings.

## FINANCIAL

Set competitive tax and fair mill rate with only modest incremental increases when required  
Ensure adequate funding for capital projects including local and regional wastewater and road maintenance.  
Access grant funding opportunities

## COMMUNICATION

Val Quentin Communication Plan continues to focus on increasing communication with residents in person, using ALL-NET messaging, Newsletters, Social Media and via Canada Post.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Enhanced CPO Services  
SVREMP Regional Emergency Management Initiatives - Work collaboratively with residents and regional partners to be prepared for emergent situations

## GOVERNANCE

Review and update Policies and bylaws in compliance with MGA Requirements

## ENVIRONMENT

We have been awarded an ACP Grant and are working on a Tri Region Water Distribution Feasibility Study.  
Inform and educate residents about provincial regulations on dock and boat lift placement.  
Support community and shoreline cleaning and promote strategy around the lake  
Front Entrance to Val Quentin enhancements underway  
Support Spring shoreline cleaning and promote strategy around the lake  
Road Maintenance Projects including crack sealing; snow removal and Paving project

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### Tri-Village Regional Sewer Services Commission (TVRSSC)

Members make decisions and provide direction for the safe and efficient operations of the Commission

## PUBLIC WORKS

Work collaboratively to plan for park maintenance - playground and gazebo  
Weed Control, boulevard cleanup, removal of dangerous trees and walking trails maintenance

## FAST FACTS

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#### FCSS

Essential to our region's strong social fabric, the Community Services department manages programs, services and facilities designed to enhance the quality of life of residents in the Lac Ste. Anne region.

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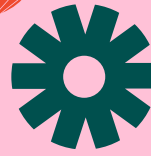
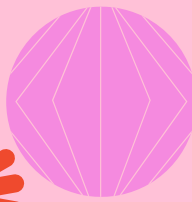
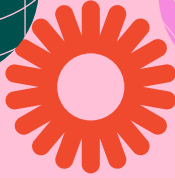
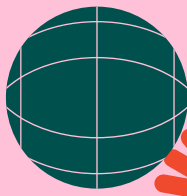
#### ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT FUNDING

Tri Region including Val Quentin, Alberta Beach and Sunset Point were awarded a \$200,000 Grant to support the undertaking of a potable water feasibility study.

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#### ENVIRONMENT

Front Entrance to Val Quentin enhancements underway  
Education and cleanup campaign to encourage residents to take action on untidy and unsightly properties.



# Public Works

## CELEBRATING OUR PUBLIC WORKS TEAM

We celebrate the Public Works services and accomplishments provided by Roger Montpellier and Alan Christiansen. The efforts of these Go-To Guys, make a huge difference in the Summer Village.. not to mention the savings to residents in 2023 were more than \$5,500!

Following are just a few of the tasks they managed in 2023! When you see them in the village... make sure to give them a big High Five!

- Weekly & Monthly playground inspections.
- Placement and removal of fire ban signage
- Rake pea gravel at parks
- Spray and pick scentless Chamomile
- Spray Himalayan Balsam at compost pit
- Cut trees on walking trail
- Replace and reinstallation of signs
- Cut trees Jeffery Haney Park
- Place signs in parks.
- Repair gates at Basketball court
- Relocated sea can
- Repaired 2 park benches Cantin Park
- Onsite meetings with Contractors



# Road Maintenance

## LAC STE ANNE TRAIL PAVING PROJECT UPDATE

Currently, there is a bottom lift or 1/2 of the Hot Mix Asphalt down on the Lac Ste Anne Trail roadway that was rebuilt this year.

In the spring of 2024, after the road bans are removed, Border Paving will proceed with the next phase of the project. This work will involve cleaning the existing surface and applying a liquid asphalt tack coat prior to placing the top lift of Hot Mix Asphalt.

At the November 15, 2023 Council Meeting, Mayor Kathy Dion moved payment to be processed for completion of the 2023 work in the amount of \$251,920.87. This payment is from MSI funds allocated for this project.

Thank you for your patience as we work collaboratively to complete this project over the next 2 - 3 years to extend the life cycle of Lac Ste Anne Trail.

Special thanks to JR Paine and Associates and Kim Koda and the Border Paving Team for their excellent project management and service!

## FAST FACTS

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### ONOWAY REGIONAL MEDICAL CLINIC

Onoway Regional Medical Clinic within County borders, and is co-operated by six municipal partners (the Town of Onoway; Lac Ste. Anne County; and the Summer Villages of Ross Haven, West Cove, Silver Sands and Val Quentin).

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### SNOW REMOVAL

Val Quentin has retained the services of Tim Hay Trucking & Construction to manage the snow removal services for the 2023/2024 Season.

**Snow, Ice & Windrow Removal**  
**- Policy P-1-2023**

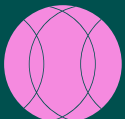
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### DISPOSAL AREA

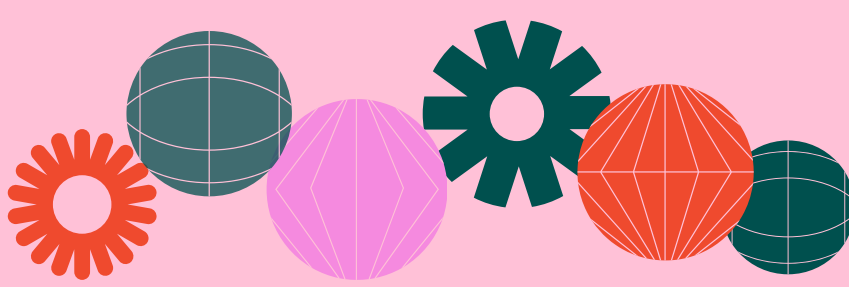
Val Quentin landfill is accessible to residents who wish to dispose of natural materials such as lake weeds, grass clippings, or tree branches. The key is available by contacting Mayor Kathy Dion or Deputy Mayor Alan Christiansen.

**44th Annual SnoMo Days February 17 - 19, 2024**

Check out the raffle of 6 helicopter rides on Feb 17, 2023







# Special Thanks to Our Volunteers

Dave & Cathy McLennan & Family  
 Barry Ronaldson  
 Ken Cummings  
 Chris Cummings  
 Wade Dawson  
 Dale Dawson  
 Kelly Gallivan  
 Butch Zaprawa



**“We make a living by what we get,  
 but we make a life by what we give.”**

- Winston Churchill.

**Council sincerely thanks our Volunteers for your Community Support**

Thank you for generously volunteering your time throughout the year!  
 Your willingness to give your time and service is greatly appreciated.  
 Your support helps us to continue to fulfill our mission as we work together  
 to serve the residents in our community each year.

# Community Spirit

**TRUNK OR TREAT 2023  
 WITH THE MCLENNAN FAMILY**

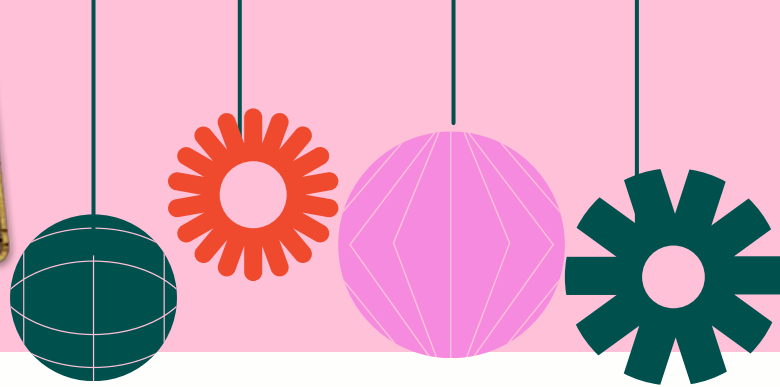
**POLYNESIAN DAYS PARADE  
 2023**



Alberta Beach & District Ag Society



Alberta Beach & District Lions Club



## Happy Holidays from Gerald Soroka, MP

To the Esteemed Residents of the Summer Village of Val Quentin,

As the holiday season approaches, I am happy to extend my warmest greetings to everyone in the beautiful community of Val Quentin. This time of year is a special opportunity for reflection, gratitude, and celebration, and I am continually inspired by the strong sense of community and togetherness that thrives among us.

The past year has been filled with both challenges and achievements. Witnessing the resilience, support, and solidarity within the community has been truly heartening. The way everyone comes together, offering support and kindness to one another, truly exemplifies the spirit of Val Quentin.

Looking forward to the new year, let's carry this spirit of unity and cooperation. The holiday season is a perfect time to strengthen our community bonds, look out for our neighbours, and carry forward the sense of mutual respect and understanding that defines us.

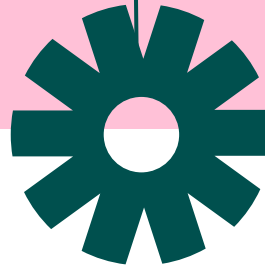
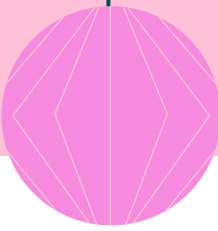
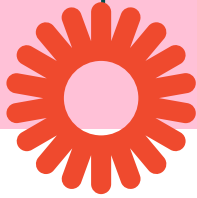
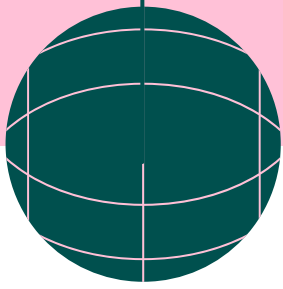
As your Member of Parliament, I am proud to represent such a vibrant and caring community. Your stories of success, community service, and neighbourly appreciation are what motivate me in my role, reminding me every day of the importance of service and community spirit.

During this festive season, let us also keep in mind those who may be facing difficulties. It is the compassion and generosity shown during these times that truly define the character of the village.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas, and a season filled with joy, peace, and happiness. May the coming year be prosperous and fulfilling for you and your loved ones.

With warmest holiday wishes,  
Gerald Soroka, MP  
Yellowhead





## Holiday Greetings from MLA Getson

As the holiday season approaches, I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize and celebrate the incredible year our community has had – one filled with significant milestones and exciting achievements for our region. As many of you know, in May of this year, I was deeply honored to be re-elected and get back in the saddle again as the MLA for Lac Ste. Anne – Parkland.

Being sworn back into the Legislative Assembly for the second time was no less special than the first. It meant more to me in several ways - it meant that I kept my word to you, and that you trusted me to be your voice. You trusted me to represent your best interests, and I will always cherish and honor that.

On the work front, the Premier has given me a few more things to manage this time around, including acting as Chief Government Whip and being named as a National Representative for our province. These positions allow me to ensure that Alberta's story is heard not only across our beautiful country, but abroad as well. Our area has one heck of a good story to tell, and I remain committed and excited to make sure folks in the south know how much of a role we play in the well-being of both our countries.

Between trail upgrades, improvements to community services, highway repairs, and numerous community events and initiatives, it has truly been a great year for the wonderful region we call home.

That said, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the residents of Val Quentin - your continued engagement, enthusiasm and support for your community is truly commendable and incredibly appreciated.

As our government wraps up the last session of 2023 at the legislature, our United Conservative government remains laser-focused on keeping life affordable, growing and diversifying the economy, improving the health care system, and defending Alberta and its jurisdictional rights.

Premier Smith and our entire United Conservative team are listening and responding to the needs of Albertans. Alberta is back, leading the nation in economic prosperity, freedom, and opportunity and we will work tirelessly to ensure this does not change. I look forward to working with my colleagues to make life even better for the families and businesses in the constituency of Lac Ste. Anne – Parkland in the years to come.

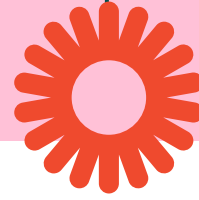
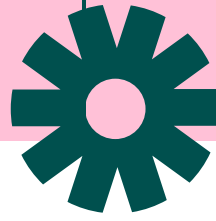
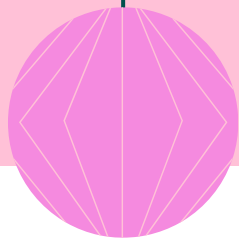
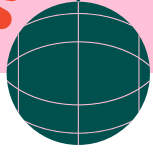
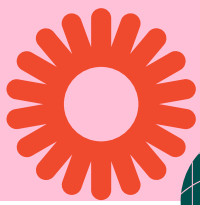
In closing, I am proud to represent summer villages such as Val Quentin. I feel so fortunate to represent places where families create lasting memories, where friends come together, and where the natural beauty of our incredible province shines.

As we gather with friends and family to celebrate the holiday season, let's cherish the achievements of the past year, celebrate the strength and unity of our community, and look forward to the promising future ahead filled with continued collaboration and growth.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for the new year!







## Seasons Greetings from Lac Ste Anne County



It's the season of peace and goodwill!

Here at Lac Ste. Anne County, we extend our goodwill and best wishes to our communities and neighbours. We understand the value of solid relationships and know we can make a difference with a collaborative mindset with our neighbouring municipalities.

You can look forward to our continued support, from Community Services endeavors to Public Works projects. We can accomplish more to support our regional citizens by working together.

On behalf of Lac Ste. Anne County Council and Staff, my sincerest wishes for a memorable and Merry Christmas!

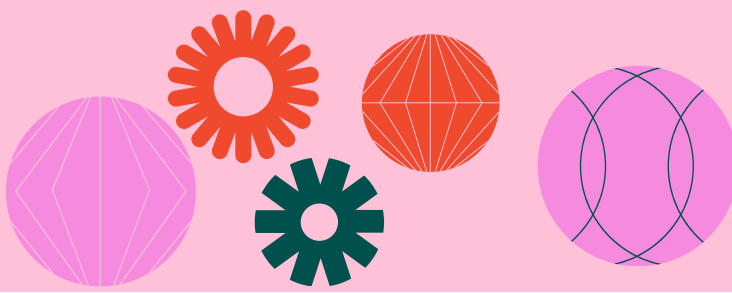
Sincerely,

*Joe*  
Joe Blakeman  
Reeve, Lac Ste. Anne County



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Be Merry!

# Season Greetings from Fire Rescue International

All of us at [Fire Rescue International](#) wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season! The men and women always answer our calls for help, night and day, weekends and holidays, all for a sense of pride that comes with serving their community in such an honorable way.

As you enjoy this holiday season with your friends and family ..... please keep our firefighters in your thoughts and prayers. Rest assured that when the calls for help come in....these firefighters will be there to serve this great community.

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## FAST FACTS

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### CRIME REPORTING

Alberta RCMP has a province-wide crime reporting tool that provides all Albertans the ability to report the following property crimes in a convenient and accessible way:

Reporting all crimes, gives information to RCMP for areas of focus.

The crime reporting app can be found at [this link](#)

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### FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO YOUR PROPERTY

This a friendly reminder to residents that the Village is billed every time there is a fire department response to a property.

This bill is then passed on to the property owner. Please check your insurance to make sure you have adequate coverage.

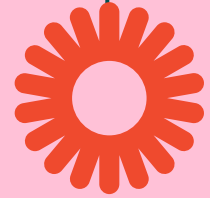
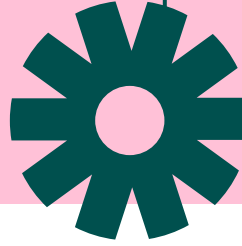
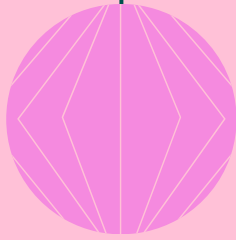
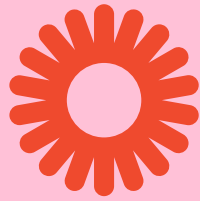
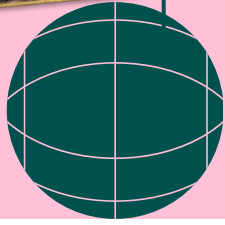
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### FIRE INSURANCE

#### **ARE YOU PROTECTED?**

You are encouraged to discuss with your insurance broker to ensure the coverage you have on your property is adequate for the potential costs you may incur including property damage/replacement, structure fire suppression, grassland fire suppression and call-out services.





# Development - 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 continues to work 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.

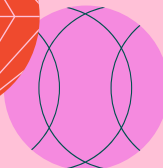
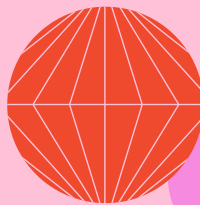
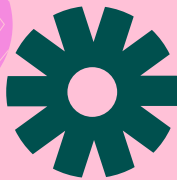
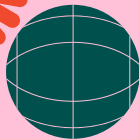
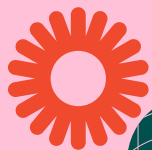
iv. no person shall park or permit the Commercial or Heavy Vehicle to be parked in any area within the Summer Village for more than 24 hours.

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](http://www.valquentin.ca) to see the full bylaw.**

**If you have photos or items you would like included in future editions of the Summer Village of Val Quentin Newsletter, please email [cao@valquentin.ca](mailto:cao@valquentin.ca)**



# Emergency Services

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2023 was an unprecedented Wildfire Season

Ste. Anne Summer Villages Regional Emergency Management Partnership (SVREMP)

- Worked collaboratively with emergency responders, mutual aid partners, residents, and regional partners within Lac Ste Anne County
- Audited Annual Emergency Management Plan for 11 Summer Villages
- FRIAA Grant Funding awarded - \$10,000 to be used for FireSmart Home Assessments starting in 2024
- Community Messaging through multiple mediums including Social Media; Firebans Alberta; Brochure; Alberta Beach Open House
- Information Sharing at 3 Community Events - Silver Sands, Southview and Val Quentin
- Regional Emergency Management Presentations at the 65th Annual Association of Summer Villages of Alberta Conference



# ALBERTA FireSmart™

Residents have the opportunity to receive a free FireSmart™ assessment to learn about important changes that can be made around your property to help reduce the impacts of wildfire.

**email [summervillage.remp@gmail.com](mailto:summervillage.remp@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up**

## TIPS FROM FIRESMART FOR WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

- Downloading the FireSmart Begins at Home app and undertaking a structure ignition-zone assessment.
- Raking and removing pine needles and dry leaves within a minimum of 1.5 metres of a home's foundation. As time permits, continue up to a 10-metre distance around the home. Dispose of collected debris in appropriate trash receptacles.
- Cleaning pine needles from roof and gutters.
- Getting out your measuring tape and seeing how close wood piles are located to the home. If closer than 10 metres, relocating and moving the pile at least 10 metres from structures.
- Sweeping porches and decks to clear them of leaves and pine needles. Raking under decks, porches, sheds and play structures.
- Mowing grass to a height of 10 centimetres or less.
- Removing items stored under decks and porches and relocating them to a storage shed, garage, or basement. Gasoline cans and portable propane tanks should never be stored indoors and should be located away from the home.
- For additional information, visit [www.firesmartcanada.ca](http://www.firesmartcanada.ca)



## Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



### PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



### PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



### LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



## After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

## FACTS

- ! **Almost one third** of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes more than **one in every five** of the fires.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Your Logo



## Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

### HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

### HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



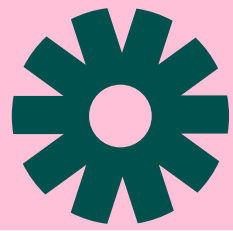
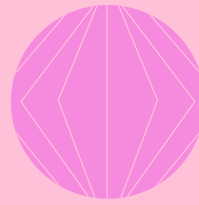
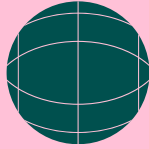
### Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

### FACTS

- ❗ More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.





# Waste Management

[How to properly dispose of things rather than dumping them down the drain](#)

(click link)

## **Spoiler alert: Those flushable wipes ... aren't actually flushable!**

As we move into the holiday season, don't let a clogged drain be part of your festivities!

**Put fat, oil and grease in the Green Bin during the summer months and in the waste bin during winter months – rather than in the sewer pipes.**

Many items we use daily cannot go down our toilets or drains.

Several products, even those labelled “flushable” or “biodegradable” do not dissolve and putting them down the toilet or drain can cause:

- Damage or blockages to your home or cabin plumbing, may lead to backup and flooding.
- Damage to Tri-Village Regional Sewer System, which could lead to backups and flooding in your home or cabin.
- Harm to the environment and aquatic habitat in the lake.

**To help keep the entire sewage system working well and prevent sanitary sewer blockages it's important not to flush or put the following products down drains:**

- **Hygiene products (e.g. sanitary napkins/liners, tampons, condoms, wipes, cotton swabs, dental floss, diapers and rags).**
- **Fats, oils and cooking grease.**
- **Medication (e.g. pills or liquid).**
- **Household hazardous waste (e.g. paints, pesticides, cleaning products).**
- **Car and garage products (e.g. motor oil, antifreeze).**

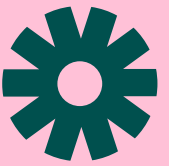
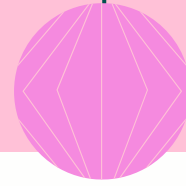
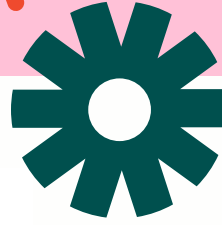
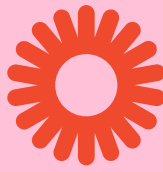
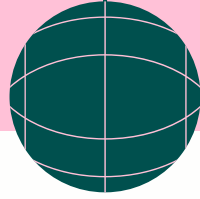
**Flushable wipes do NOT disintegrate fast enough to safely pass through the sewer system.**

**Even if they get through the plumbing in your home or cabin, they can create major problems in your system, resulting in inconveniences and very costly repairs!**

**When flushable wipes clog up your septic tank, sewage will begin to flood your yard where the tank sits. Even if the wipes do get through the plumbing in your home or cabin, wipes can create major problems in your septic system, resulting in inconveniences and very costly repairs!**

Visit the [Tri-Regional Sewer System website](#)





2024



SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN CALENDAR

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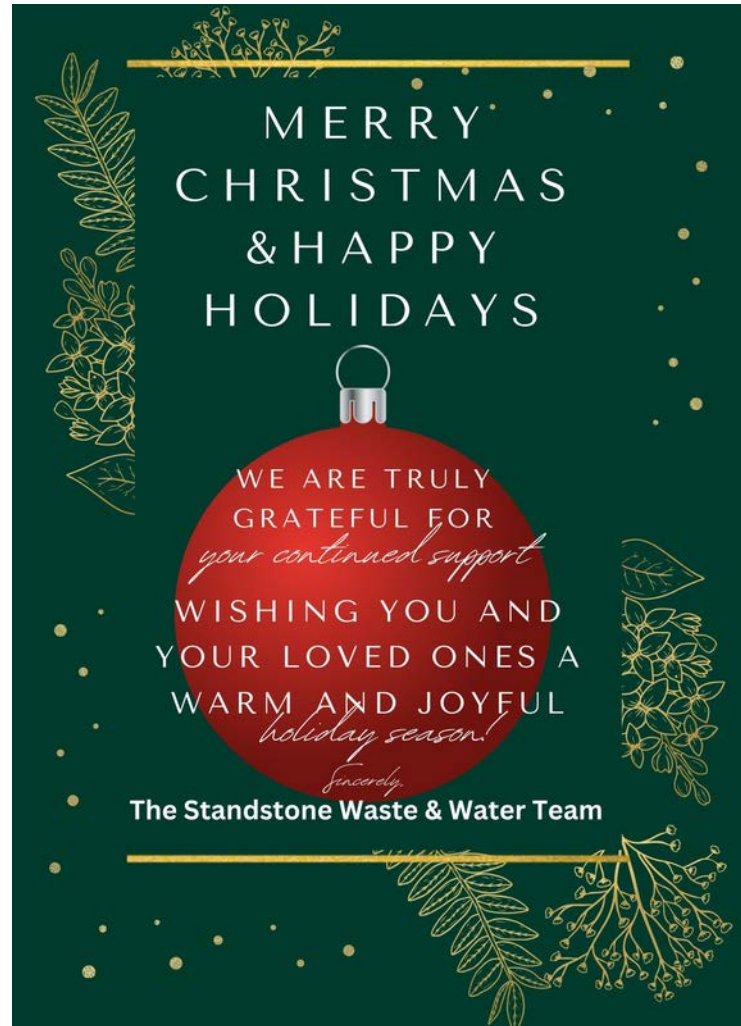
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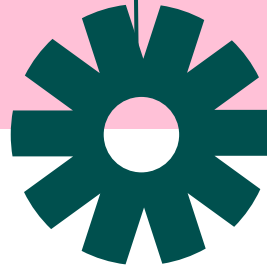
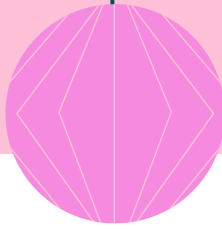
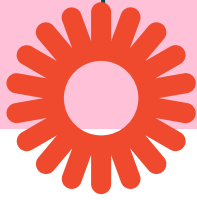
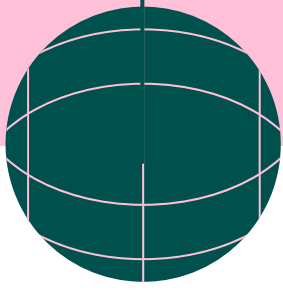
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Waste Waste & Organics



The Val Quentin Waste Pickup Schedule has been shifted from Monday, Dec 25th to Wednesday, December 27th, 2023





# Property Taxes

## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT REMINDER

**As per Bylaw 290-23 Summer Village of Val Quentin Tax Bylaw,** a penalty of eighteen percent (18%) will be added to all outstanding taxes and related costs that remain unpaid after December 31, 2023 and shall be added on January 1, annually .

Property Taxes are assessed under the Municipal Government Act.

If you are paying outstanding 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 December 31, 2023.

Payment may also be made via E-Transfer. Due to deadline, please ensure e-transfer is completed at least 3 BANKING DAYS before December 31, 2023 as bank documents are not transferred after hours or on weekends.

Where taxes are paid by a mortgage company, the owner is responsible to ensure the taxes are paid on time.

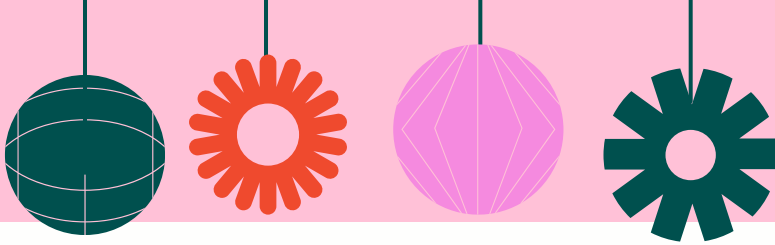
The Summer Village of Val Quentin offers the Pre-Authorized Tax Payment Plan as an alternative method of tax payment. Once setup, this plan deducts monthly payments directly from your bank account.

For Additional Information, please visit the Summer Village of Val Quentin website at this [link](#), or contact the Summer Village Office via email at [cao@valquentin.ca](mailto:cao@valquentin.ca).



Wishing you a joyous Holiday season and a happy and peaceful New Year!





## THE BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ICE FISHING IN ALBERTA: GEAR, RULES AND BEST SPOTS



Ice Fishing is a popular and enjoyable sport at Lac Ste Anne and has resulted in an increase of ice fishing shelters/shacks on our lake. Please ensure your ice huts and all debris are fully removed prior to March 31, 2024.

Thank you for doing your part to maintain the health of the lake to ensure clean, safe places for fish populations to thrive.



## MUNICIPAL RESERVE USE FOR STORAGE OF BOAT LIFTS AND PIER SECTIONS

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for the ongoing management of Summer Village Municipal Reserve lands respecting the storage of boat lifts and pier sections on these lands. P-2-2033 Municipal Reserve Use for Storage of Boat Lifts and Pier Sections

Our process for permitting the placement of docks and lifts in front of municipal land and for the storage of equipment on municipal land is working quite well.

This is a gentle reminder that stored equipment must be registered and approved in advance with the Summer Village Office and that the owner's tag number must be clearly displayed on the equipment, both when it is in the water and when stored on shore.

## ICE THICKNESS GUIDELINES

Safe Ice Depths



### **THICK AND BLUE, TRIED AND TRUE. THIN AND CRISPY, WAY TOO RISKY.**

Uncertain if the ice atop a body of water is solid enough to walk upon? The little ditty above could serve as your guide. And perhaps prevent disaster.

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength – clear blue to black ice is strongest, and likely the deepest. You should only skate on ice that is 20+ cm thick.

White opaque or snow ice should be avoided. Grey ice indicates the presence of water and is unsafe to stand on.

## Happy Holidays from Alberta Beach Municipal Library



The Alberta Beach Library is so much more than just a building that houses books!

It is the Community Hub for the Tri Region and surrounding area!

Visitors can access free internet or printing services, receive help crafting a cover letter/resume, participate in classes for learning to knit or crochet, painting classes, planting classes and so much more!

Did you know....

The Alberta Beach Municipal Library  
is a member of Yellowhead Regional Library,  
as well as the Regional Automation Consortium (TRAC) and The Alberta Library (TAL).  
Your library card gives you access to millions of items in more than 230 Alberta libraries.

Box 186, 4815 50 Avenue, Alberta Beach AB T0E 0A0

T: 780.924.3491

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).

If you lose your card, please contact the library immediately to avoid the unauthorized use of your library card. If you move or change your phone number, please notify them as soon as possible in order to keep your file up to date.

### Membership Cost

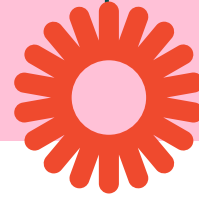
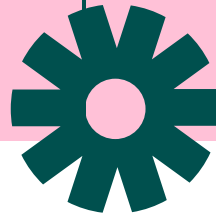
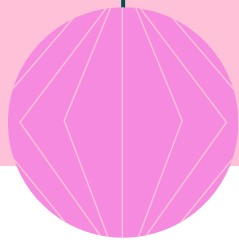
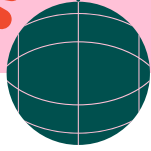
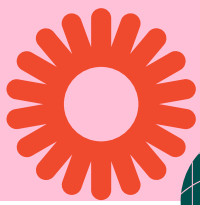
Library cards are issued for one year and cost \$15 per family. The cost is the same for new and renewing members.



Check out the Book Club!!







# Happy Holidays from our Community

*Libraries are magical places*

Libraries can transport you back in time to days long past, or propel you into the future, imagining what might be.

Libraries help you explore outer space to learn about galaxies, planets and stars; or your inner space with self-help and how-to guidance.

Libraries can help you discover lifesaving health information, or life-affirming music, dance or poetry.

Whatever your interests, your local library is a great place to visit.

Best of all, memberships are free at most libraries.

If you haven't been to your local library recently, now is the perfect time to check out not only all the fabulous titles available, but also the programming offered for people of all ages. Programming varies from location to location, so be sure to check your library's website for all the latest news.

Learn. Play. Explore.

That's the magic of your local library.

*Wishing you the most magical of holiday seasons!*

Yellowhead Regional Library

yrl.ab.ca



Lake Isle & Lac Ste Anne Water Quality Management Society (LILSA)

## ABOUT LILSA

Lake Isle & Lac Ste Anne Water Quality Management Society

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.

We appreciate and thank the volunteers who manage this Society and we encourage you to get involved if it is of interest.

Click [here](#) to learn more

## Alberta Beach Active 50+ Club!

Alberta Beach Seniors Active 50 Plus Club Community Activities offers a huge variety of social activities, fosters friendships & strengthens bonds of companionship for our community adults, seniors, and their families.

## About the East End Bus Society

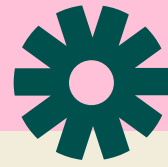
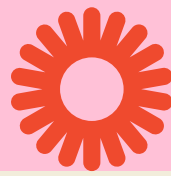
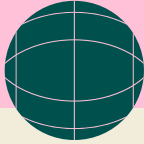
The East End Bus Society provides affordable transportation to seniors and people living with disabilities in the east end of Lac Ste. Anne County. For more information about the society and its service, visit their Facebook page, or contact them at 780.905.3934

## Alberta Beach Museum

The Alberta Beach Museum can be rented for outdoor weddings and other special events.

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**We wish you  
love, peace, and joy**

**THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

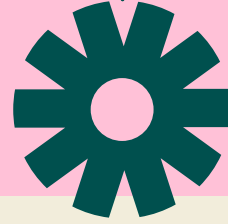
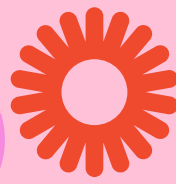
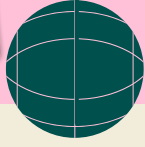


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*May your days be*

**MERRY  
& BRIGHT**



**Tis the Season to be JOLLY!!**



EMBRACE THE BEAUTY

# *lac ste anne*



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Son: "Dad, I think I'm old enough now. Is there a Santa Claus?."

Dad: "Ok, I agree that your are old enough. But before I tell you, I have a question for you. You see, the "truth" is a dangerous gift. Once you know something, you can't unknow it. Once you know the truth about Santa Claus, you will never again understand and relate to him as you do now. So my question is: Are you sure you want to know?"

Brief pause...

Son: "Yes, I want to know"

Dad: "Ok, I'll tell you: Yes there is a Santa Claus"

Son: "Really?"

Dad: Yes, really, but he's not an old man with a beard in a red suit. That's just what we tell kids. You see, kids are too young to understand the true nature of Santa Claus, so we explain it to them in a way that they can understand.

The truth about Santa Claus is that he's not a person at all; he's an idea. Think of all those presents Santa gave you over the years.

I actually bought those myself.

I watched you open them.

And did it bother me that you didn't thank me?

Of course not!

In fact it gave me great pleasure.

You see, Santa Claus is THE IDEA OF GIVING FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING, without thought of thanks or acknowledgement.

When I saw that woman collapse on the subway last week and called for help, I knew that she'd never know that it was me that summoned the ambulance.

I was being Santa Claus when I did that."

Son: "Oh."

Dad: "So now that you know, you're part of it. You have to be Santa Claus too now. That means you can never tell a young kid the secret, and you have to help us select Santa presents for them, and most important, you have to look for opportunities to help people. Got it?"

Help each other this Christmas and...be kind

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