

SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHISPERING HILLS

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COUNCILMEETINGS

Council meetings are held regularly and if you would like to attend or have an issue discussed, please contact the administration or one of your council member.

WEBSITE

Please check it out at svwhisperinghills.com for information pertaining to the summer village. Comments welcome.

SEWAGE INSPECTIONS

The deadline for having your sewage system meet the standards has now passed and we are very pleased to say that our summer village now has a 99% rate of conforming to our bylaw. Fines will be now issued and our goal is 100% by the end of 2012. Thank you to all of our residents for making this project work. We have been very pleased with the co-operation received.

CLEARCUTTING

We have had some issues with the clearcutting of trees, weeds, shrubs etc. on the shoreline in front of their residence. This is not an acceptable practice in our summer village as it interferes with a healthy lake and causes erosion. The provincial Department of Environment is also very strictly opposed to these practices. Council is in the process of amending our land use bylaw so that 35% of trees have to be left on all residential lots in the village.

ATV's

When you are travelling in the Summer Village have fun, but be considerate and most of all, be safe. Restrict the use of your ATV's after ten at night. Drive your off road transportation on the road on your way to the trails. Council has passed a by-law that ATV's are not allowed in the ditches. This will reduce the possibility of being hit by a vehicle at a driveway and help keep our ditches from getting torn up. For ATV enthusiasts, we recommend using the crown land immediately east of the summer village border.

COUNTY ROAD

We are pleased to announce that we are making progress with the county and we are quoting a recent article from the Athabasca Advocate regarding the September 29 council meeting in which County council unanimously agreed that something needed to be done with the road.

NEW SUBDIVISION

The new subdivision had some building activity in 2011 and we expect more of the same in 2012.

SOLAR BEE

For more information on the Solar Bee go to: www.h2ologics.com.

BEARS

On October 6th, Fish and Wildlife trapped a black bear in our village and successfully relocated it. So beware, they are around the area on occasion.

TRAILS

The walkway trails system in the new subdivision is slated for completion in the spring of 2012.

BOAT LAUNCH

Council is very pleased that the new boat trailer parking facilities as outlined in our spring newsletter was used by everyone without complaint. Thanks to everyone for their co-operation.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

The office will be closed from the end of December until the Middle of March. If you require any permits during this time, please make sure that you have them before that date. If you have an emergency during this time, please contact one of your council members. Also, will be checking our email during this time. Thank you.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

The Athabasca River Runners Snowmobile Club now has 75 km of groomed trails west and south of Baptiste Lake. There are directional signs, five rest stops complete with fire pits, firewood and tables. The club is hoping to add washroom facilities at each rest stop this year. The club has also produced a directional map of all the trails. These are available from Dennis Irving at 780-675-4888, Mickey Borshowa at 780-675-5935 or Nolan Loitz at 780-675-2032.

*Have a great holiday season and enjoy
some safe winter fun at the lake.*

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