

# Summer Village of Birch Cove



## Newsletter Spring 2017

### Town Hall Meeting

The Town Hall meeting will be held at the Community Cook shelter on Saturday May 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Council is looking forward to your attendance and open discussion.

### Off-Highway Vehicles (Quads)

The Summer Village has received several complaints about the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles. These complaints vary from younger drivers (without supervision) driving continually on the roadways, to operators travelling at excessive speed, to quads that make excessive noise due to modified exhaust systems. The operation of all Off-Highway Vehicles is controlled under the Provincial Highway Traffic Act. If you are not familiar with this Act, it is the Act which regulates the operation of all motor vehicles, whether you have an operator's license or not. Under provincial law, Off-Highway Vehicles are prohibited from operation on all highways and roadways. The Summer Village of Birch Cove passed an Off-Highway Vehicle Bylaw to allow the operation of Off-Highway Vehicles on their roadways, with conditions such as having the vehicle plated and insured. Do not allow one or two offenders take this privilege away from you. **If you see illegal operation of an Off-Highway Vehicle please report it to the RCMP.**

### Community Dock Installation

All of the people using the common dock, should be at the dock area at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday May 20, 2017, to help install the dock system and boat lifts in the lake. See you there!!!

### Community Dock

The group looking after the community dock is purchasing more dock sections this year. If you have a boat lift located on the dock, a \$200.00 fee is due. Please see Eugene Dugan for payment.

### Street Lights

If you notice problems such as not lighting at all, staying on all day long, or flickering on and off, please call Fortis Alberta at 780-310-WIRE or 780-310-9473 to report the problem and location.

### A Special Thank-you

A special thank-you to all those property owners who look after the lawn maintenance on the boulevards which adjoin their properties. This goes a long way in beautifying the overall look of the Village.

### Contacts

Mayor Eugene Dugan  
Deputy-Mayor Steven Tymafichuk  
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## Council Meetings

If you have any suggestions or matters you would like addressed by Council, please contact the Administrator to be placed on the Council Agenda. Council meeting dates may change, please contact the administrator for times and location. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Contact Information

Fire Emergency 911  
Ambulance Emergency 911  
RCMP Emergency 911  
RCMP Barrhead Detachment Emergency  
780- 674-2696  
RCMP Barrhead Detachment Non-Emergency  
780-674-4848

## Development Permits

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

**Tony Sonnleitner**  
**Box 2945**  
**Stony Plain, Alberta**  
**T7Z 1Y4**  
**Phone: 780-718-5479**  
**Fax: 866-363-3342**  
**email: [pcm1@telusplanet.net](mailto:pcm1@telusplanet.net)**

## Safety Codes Permits

All construction in the Village requires Safety Codes Permits. Please contact:

**Superior Safety Codes Inc.**  
**14613 - 134 Avenue**  
**Edmonton, Alberta**  
**T5L 4S9**  
**Phone: (780) 489-4777**  
**Fax: (780) 489-4711**  
**Toll Free Phone: 1-866-999-4777**  
**Toll Free Fax: 1-866-900-4711**  
**(Includes Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Sewage and Gas Permits)**

## 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 which is clearly readable from the roadway. This is the only way that emergency personnel such as fire, ambulance or police can quickly identify your property in case of emergency. If you are not sure what your address is, please contact the Village office and confirm it.

## Municipal General Election This Year

2017 is an election year for all municipalities in Alberta. This year the Local Authorities Election Act has been changed to allow Councillors a four year term. Voter identification will also be required. If you are at all interested in running for Council, please contact the Administrator, as there are several materials available for anyone interested in running. There may also be seminars put on for candidates. The dates have been set as follows;

- **Nomination Day:** July 8, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to Noon at the Community Shelter in Birch Cove
- **Election Day:** August 5, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Shelter in Birch Cove. (If Required)

## Dogs - Barking and Running Loose

Once again, over the past few months, we have received complaints about dogs running at large, defecating on the parks and walkways, and getting into garbage. Please keep your dog confined to your property or on a leash. All residents should ensure that they have proper garbage cans or containers for their trash. Garbage not only attracts dogs, but many wild animals such as skunks, foxes, and porcupines.

If your "best friend" is one who:

- barks till the wee hours of the morning
- chases cars or people
- runs loose and leaves "gifts" in the parks or in your neighbours yard
- lopes straight for a garbage can to rummage through at 6:00 a.m.

Remember, it is the owner who is inconsiderate, not the dog. Please be responsible!

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