

*We missed an AGM and a newsletter in the early stages of Covid-19 lockdowns in 2020 so hopefully this one will bring everyone up to date. Anyone feeling a bit like Rip Van Winkle waking up to a very changed world? Those who are new to our community, WELCOME! We take great pride in our chunk of paradise so please practise the same good stewardship of our lake and community as that of all Sunset View Beach residents. The following information will be useful. Please share it with those using your cottage.*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our AGM will be held on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am via the web-based ZOOM platform due to Covid-19 restrictions. Internet service is not strong in lake country on a long weekend so the meeting will be kept brief. SSVB ratepayers wishing to participate in the AGM need to:

- Email your full name and SSVB property address to [ssvhamlet@gmail.com](mailto:ssvhamlet@gmail.com) by May 19<sup>th</sup> 9 am. This will be your commitment that you wish to participate. An invitation link will be emailed back to you approximately two days prior to the meeting.
- Have an internet connected device (laptop, desktop computer, tablet, or smartphone) to access the AGM.
- Have your mail out package in front of you; copies will not be shared on the ZOOM screen.
- Connect to the ZOOM meeting early to ensure your device is working properly. The host will have a virtual 'waiting room' area set up. The meeting will commence at 9:30 sharp.
- Be prepared to stay for the full meeting as there will be nominations/voting for Board positions. Consider taking your turn.

**ORGANIZED HAMLET BOARD**

- TWO board positions need filling (Ray/Gerald). Nominations/voting at AGM.
- The Sunset View Beach Hamlet Board thanks Ray Fenrich for his many years of service to our community both as a board member and the community maintenance man. We wish Ray and Sheryl all the best in their new home in Battleford!
- Current board members include Gerald Nickel 306.441.9963 and Jason Krueckl 1.639.536.0008
- Ron Gramlich, RM of Mervin Councillor for our area and Deputy Reeve 306.845.3811
- Myron Melnychuk, SSVB Maintenance

**PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD**

- TWO positions need to be filled (Sheldon/Gerald). Nominations/voting at AGM.
- Current board members include Sheldon Hood 306.441.6484, Dustin Garrett 306.821.7576, and Gerald Nickel 306.441.9963. Lorri Eskelson, Board Secretary/Treasurer 306.317.6532
- Pay your water bill by JULY 31<sup>st</sup> by etransfer ([sunsetviewppub@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetviewppub@gmail.com)) or cheque (Box 30 Livelong SOM 1J0)

## **ORGANIZED HAMLETS 101**

There appears to be confusion amongst some community members as to our roles and responsibilities as an organized hamlet. This section should clarify things. Your Organized Hamlet Board is an *ADVISORY* branch of the RM. Three volunteer Board Members are responsible for the following:

- preparing an annual budget for our community representative of the needs of everyone.
- having the budget approved by the RM of Mervin.
- administering this budget to ensure the infrastructure of Sunset View Beach is well cared for. This includes roads, drainage, beaches, docks, boat launches, public areas, and garbage.
- operating under the rules, regulations, and bylaws of the RM of Mervin.

Organized Hamlets operate differently than Resort Villages or Town Councils. The following may help to clarify how an Organized Hamlet AGM operates:

- The *only* binding votes at an Organized Hamlet AGM are when new board members are elected.
- Motions made at this level are non-binding.
- Committees formed by a motion at this level are not recognized by the RM.
- Discussions amongst ratepayers at an Organized Hamlet AGM are necessary and encouraged and an appointed secretary will take minutes. Minutes will be submitted to the RM and presented at next year's AGM.
- Should you feel strongly about an issue, you are encouraged to state these concerns in a letter or in person to the RM of Mervin in Turtleford or speak with RM Councillor for our area, Ron Gramlich.
- SSVB Board Members are not RM Councillors nor are they personal contractors, property managers, bylaw officers, conservation officers or RCMP. They are volunteers. Plan your communication accordingly.

## **NEW INITIATIVES**

- Grant proposal for \$25,000 with Sask Lotteries to help fund new initiatives. The following initiatives will be discussed at the AGM:
- Pickleball court construction
- Adult outdoor circuit fitness equipment
- Horseshoe pits x 2
- Warm up shelter for marina rink

## **GARBAGE**

- There are TWO bins at SSVB. The big red bin is for bagged HOUSEHOLD waste only. The yellow recycle bin is for FLATTENED cardboard. Please use the appropriate bins for your waste. Read the signs if you are unsure. It costs (all of us) close to \$1000 every time we need to get the bin dumped so please take YOUR junk (tires, toilets, old vanities, building materials, compostables, etc.etc.) to the transfer site. Fish remains can be frozen and returned to the middle of the lake on your next fishing trip.

## **SWIMMING LESSONS**

- Red Cross Swimming Lessons will be offered this summer at SSVB by certified instructor, Harley Phillips for two separate sessions: July 12-16<sup>th</sup> and August 2-6<sup>th</sup>. Register early to reserve a spot at 1(639)844-7588. Info on the Sunset View Beach, Turtle Lake Facebook page and RM website.

## **FIREWORKS/FIRE BANS**

- Watch for signs and announcements for fire bans. Should you light a fire during a fire ban, the RM of Mervin Fire Department will be called at the property owner's expense.
- Fireworks must be launched over the lake from the beach only and cannot be used during a fire ban. Please clean up the beach area following your celebration.

## **BUILDING PERMITS/REQUIREMENTS**

- Building Permits are required and are available at [www.rmofmervin.com](http://www.rmofmervin.com). Contact the RM's Municipal Planning Department at (306)845-7333 before doing any development on your property.

## **PUBLIC RESERVE**

- Refrain from storing trailers, ice shacks, seasonal toys, or unused vehicles on green space along hamlet roadways. Pull these items onto your property. Grass cutting occurs weekly along public reserves. Should you require additional storage space, contact Rick Matthews to rent a storage spot at (306)845-2404.
- RV, camper, and boat parking is permitted on the road in front of your own property for a short term. The RM Bylaw is 48 hours but in consideration of long weekends, we allow 72 hours.
- No camping permitted on public reserve.

## **THE OTHER STUFF**

- Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our library remains CLOSED until further notice.
- Quiet Time is 11 pm to 8 am. Sound travels so be respectful of your neighbours.
- Speed limit within our community is 20 km/h. Watch for children playing.
- Pets must be leashed in public areas and understandably, are not allowed on beaches and playgrounds.
- Be a responsible pet owner and STOOP & SCOOP your pet's waste.
- Cutting of trees on hamlet property, public reserves, and in unopened laneways is not permitted.
- Our roadways in the SSVB Hamlet are public and as such, Saskatchewan Highway Traffic Bylaws are in effect. Golf carts/ATV's/motorbikes should not be used as babysitters for youngsters on these public roadways. If there is a concern, speak with the parents or call the RCMP.
- AED's (3) are in our hamlet for emergency. There is one at the north beach, hamlet office, and at the south end of the hamlet.
- Odd/Even outdoor watering schedule continues so our water plant can sustain adequate levels during heavy summertime population. Conserve water and do not water during the hottest part of the day.