

Spring Newsletter

Message From The Mayor

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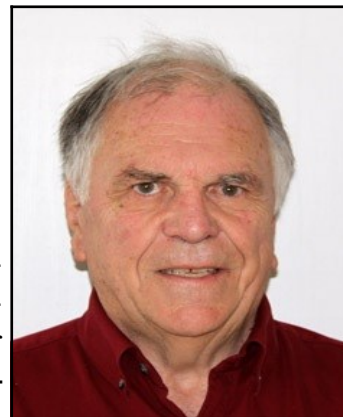
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Special points of interest:

- Mayor’s Message.
- Annual Open House Saturday, July 8th, 2017, 10:00 AM at the Baptiste Firehall.
- 2017 is an Election Year and Nomination Day is July 22nd 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Municipal Office.
- The Advance Poll is Saturday August 12th, 2017. Location is 724 Baptiste Drive.
- Election Day is Saturday August 19th, 2017, at the Firehall.
- Additional Information will be placed on the Summer Village Website as we approach Election Dates.

SPRING AT LAST:

Greetings and well wishes from your Council of the Summer Village of South Baptiste. It would appear that Spring has arrived and we look forward to another great year at Baptiste Lake.



Mike Isaac, Mayor

ELECTION YEAR 2017:

It is an election year for Alberta municipalities, an opportunity for you to send a message to your elected officials by voting at the polls. At our most recent regular council meeting the date Nomination Day was set at **Saturday, July 22nd, 2017**. You can drop off your Nomination Forms at the Municipal Office, 724 Baptiste Drive Between the Hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. Nominations will close at 12:00 noon.

If you wish to serve the Community by running for Council you should contact C.A.O. Ed Tomaszuk prior to Nomination Day to get your nomination papers so that you can have them signed by five electors in plenty of time.

Election Day is set by law to be four weeks following close of nominations; as a consequence, this year the election (if necessary) will take place on **Saturday, August 19th, 2017**, at the Baptiste Firehall.

There will also be an **Advance Poll** one week prior to election day, namely **Saturday, August 12th, 2017** for a period of four hours. Voting will take place at 724 Baptiste Drive. Further details will be available at the meeting and on the notice board at the entrance to the Summer Village.

There are identification requirements, all voters will be required to complete (and sign) a statement of eligibility in front of the returning officer. Most identification issues can likely be resolved by producing a valid Alberta operator’s licence, but if in doubt feel free to contact our summer village administrator, who can provide answers for your particular situation.

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Mayors Message

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This year the Annual Information Meeting will be held at the Baptiste Firehall and will run from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on **Saturday, July 8th, 2017**.

PROPERTY TAXES 2017:

Rates of Taxation have been addressed by council, this year the minimum tax is \$350.00 for each property on the property tax roll, in addition there is a Special Road Levy of \$220.00 per property. This is down from \$275.00 in previous years. These changes resulted in 69 residents having their taxes increased and 19 having a decrease. The average increase is \$22.79 per property. The Municipal Milrate is 2.3490 a slight decrease from last year. Having said that, we are pleased to say we are doing fairly well financially: monies have been budgeted for continuing road maintenance and improvements.

We continue to look to improve the signage within the SV to allow for better accessibility for emergency vehicles such as ambulance, police and fire. This improved signage will allow for quicker response in the future.

FREE HAZARDOUS FUEL DISPOSAL WEEKEND:

Athabasca County, in cooperation with the Athabasca Regional Waste Management Services Commission (ARWMSC); will be conducting a FireSmart project again this May to help property owners with their FireSmart spring clean-up.

The project will include the **“Free Hazardous Fuel Disposal Weekend”**; all waste transfer sites will waive the fees to ratepayers for disposal of waste brush and trees during the long weekend in May. This program has been a very cost effective way of encouraging FireSmart practices. We will offer the free FireSmart week from May 19th to 29th as we have done in years past around the May long weekend holiday.

Advertisements will be placed in the Athabasca Advocate prior to the May long weekend. As in past years, ARWMSC will invoice the County for the entire program. The County will then invoice each Summer Village with their share.

MANDATORY HELMETS FOR ATV USERS:

A new Provincial law, mandating helmets for riders on off-highway vehicles comes into effect on May 15, 2017. Bill 36, **“An Act to Enhance Off-Highway Vehicle Safety”**, applies to riders on public land, meaning Crown land, public roadways and highway rights-of-way.

The law is intended to give authorities more power in enforcing against dangerous ATV use thereby saving lives. The legislation is limited to recreational riders on public lands, so farmers and ranchers who use OHV for chores will not be affected. Helmet Legislation is similar to laws already in effect in other provinces.

Have an enjoyable Summer!!! (And please lets make it enjoyable for all your neighbors)

Best Regards,

Mike Isaac, Mayor

Are you Moving?

Please inform the Municipal Administration if you change your address including your Email address. If we cannot find you, not only do you miss out on the Village News, but Tax Notices and other information will be mailed to your last known address. There are penalties for late payment of taxes and the fact that you forgot to tell us you moved is usually not acceptable justification.

Important: “Please ensure that your civic address signs are properly installed and visible from the road for use by Emergency vehicles that may be seeking a specific location within the Summer Village.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

The Summer Village Annual Open House will be held on **Saturday, July 8, 2017, commencing at 10:00 AM** at the West Baptiste Fire Hall and Recreation Center, 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, AB.

Date: Saturday, July 8, 2017
 Time: 10:00 AM
 Place: Baptiste Fire Hall & Recreation Centre

Should you require any additional information in relation to the open house please contact Ed Tomaszuk by Email or telephone 780-675-9270.

Baptiste Drive Maintenance

Baptiste Drive wintered quite well with a minimum number of areas requiring immediate attention during the summer. There will be the Annual road inspection with David Gray sometime in the near future to assess the condition of roads and to identify those areas in need of repair.

The Summer Village of South Baptiste Municipal Office is Located:

2.6 Km North of the County Beach along Baptiste Drive with an old Threshing Machine next to the Driveway.

Administration

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Members of Summer Village Council

Mayor, Mike Isaac
 Deputy Mayor, Blaine Page
 Councilor, Steve Hamilton

Summer Village of South Baptiste: Election 2017

The following constitutes formal Notice for a Summer Village Election in accordance with Section 12, 26, 35, and 46 of the Local Authorities Election Act. 2017 is an Election Year for all Municipalities.

Notice of Nomination Day For Summer Villages Local Authorities Election Act (Section 12, 26)

Local Jurisdiction: Summer Village of South Baptiste, Province of Alberta.

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is Saturday, July 22nd, 2017, and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon at the Municipal Office, 724 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta.

THREE (3) COUNCILLORS

Dated at the Summer Village of South Baptiste, in the Province of Alberta, this 14 day of May 2017.

"Ed Tomaszuk"
Returning Officer

Nomination Papers can be picked up at the Summer Village of South Baptiste Municipal Office located at 724 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta or by contacting the Returning Officer, Ed Tomaszuk at 780-675-9270.

Dated at the Summer Village of West Baptiste, in the Province of Alberta, this 14 day of May 2017.

In the event that an election is required:

Notice of Election Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 12, 35, 46)

Local Jurisdiction: Summer Village of South Baptiste, Province of Alberta.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filing of the following offices:

THREE (3) COUNCILLORS

Voting will take place on the 19th day of August, 2017, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Voting stations will be located at the Fire Hall at 945 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta.

An advance vote will take place on the 12th day of August, 2017, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office at 724 Baptiste Drive, West Baptiste, Alberta.

Dated at the Summer Village of West Baptiste, in the Province of Alberta, this 14 day of May, 2017.

"Ed Tomaszuk"
Returning Officer
