



# MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We are planning to hold our annual meeting this year on June 8 at 10:30 am at the Firehall (Double check date and location on website prior to). Bring your lawn chairs! If anyone has any specific items they would like addressed, please send them to Kim at [bancroftkim@hotmail.com](mailto:bancroftkim@hotmail.com). The 2023 financial report is currently on the website and if anyone has any questions on them, please send them Kim.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please make sure that administration has your current information including an email address and phone number for notification in the event of an emergency. If your email and phone number are not shown on your tax notice, we do not have them.



## BOAT LAUNCH

The boat launch was repaired by the end of last season. We are expecting some settling to have happened over the first winter and have plans to make adjustments as required. Note that the new boat launch is concrete slabs with spaces in between, not the smooth solid concrete piece that was there in the past. It is also narrower. Go slowly and use caution when backing up!

## FIRESMART SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Athabasca Regional Waste Management Services Commission (ARWMS) is hosting a Free Yard Debris Disposal Program from May 17th to May 27th. Fees for disposing of yard debris including grass, leaves, branches and wood, will be waived at all Athabasca Regional Waste Transfer Stations. For more information and hours of operation please call 780-675-1117.

## COMMUNITY HALL

The hall is currently undergoing an expansion and we are expecting the work to be completed this summer. This work was done entirely using grant funding.

## TAXES

You may notice an increase in your taxes this year. This is largely in part to the school taxes as they went up significantly from last year. We also feel the need to start increasing the amount if our reserve funds for any emergency funding that could be required in the future. (Note that the increase in taxes is not related to the hall renovation which was done entirely with grant funding)



### **WATER FILL STATION**

Island Lake South, along with the other Summer Villages in the area and Athabasca County and the Town of Athabasca have been exploring the possibility of a water fill station nearby. This would be completely mostly with grant funding. We are still in the process of exploring grant opportunities.

### **RECREATION SOCIETY**

The Rec Society is looking for new members. If you are interested the next rec club meeting is being held on June 1st at 10am at 127 Shank Drive. Come and share your ideas for any community recreational activities that you might have. All are welcome!!

### **FERTILIZER AND HERBICIDE BYLAW**

A friendly reminder that council has passed a fertilizer and herbicide bylaw for the Summer Village. The Bylaw can be viewed on our website at [www.myislandlakesouth.com](http://www.myislandlakesouth.com). All chemical fertilizers and herbicides are strictly prohibited except in the case of noxious weeds as defined in the Weed Control Act.

### **FIRES / BURNING GARBAGE**

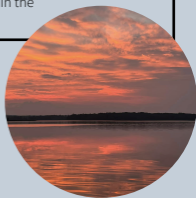
Please watch for signs about fire bans being in place. Island Lake South follows the FPA (Forest Protection Area) when it comes to our fire level ratings, not Athabasca County. This is because we are completely surrounded by the FPA on all sides. We recommend that everyone visit [www.albertafirebans.ca](http://www.albertafirebans.ca) and sign up for alerts for the Summer Village of Island Lake South. This way you will be notified whenever the rating is changed. Also, be cautious of sparks from your ATVs. This seems to be a high cause of forest fires in recent years. DO NOT burn your garbage. Please take garbage to the landfill.

### **DEVELOPMENT PERMITS**

Just a reminder that the Summer Village requires development permits for all construction projects. The province of Alberta requires that any construction be completed in accordance with the Safety Codes Act. You must have permits for all gas, plumbing, heating, electrical and building construction. You also need a permit for any demolition project or any clearing that may affect the contour of the land.

### **BOTTLE RECYCLING**

Just a reminder that there is a bottle bin at the hall. All proceeds go to the recreation society.



### **DOGS**

This is a reminder to all residents that dogs are not permitted to be off leash when off of your property and your dogs are not permitted to wander on to your neighbours property without their permission. There are strict fines for breaking this rules. Owners are also responsible for picking up after their dogs. Dangerous Incidents with dogs should be reported directly to the RCMP. Other dog issues should be reported to administration.

### **LANDFILL AND TRANSFER SITE SUMMER HOURS**

Please check the landfill website for hours of operation as they may change [www.athabascaregionalwaste.com](http://www.athabascaregionalwaste.com)

### **ATV'S**

Remember to keep your ATVs on the roads and out of the ditch. Please respect your neighbours when passing other residences and keep a reasonable speed.





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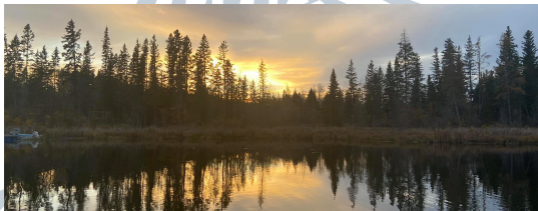
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### HALL RENTALS

Anyone interested in renting the community hall, or wishing more information can contact Bonnie Kluthe at 780-974-6654. Rental forms and information are also available on the community website at [www.myislandlakesouth.com](http://www.myislandlakesouth.com)

### WEBSITE

Please check for any updates that may happen in between newsletters and for fire ban and other information [www.myislandlakesouth.com](http://www.myislandlakesouth.com)

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AT THE LAKE !!**