



# Summer Village of Ghost Lake Newsletter

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September 2014

## Council Committee Representatives

Following is the list of the 2014-15 Council representative appointments:

**Mayor** – Brian Oblak  
**Deputy Mayor** – Warren Wilson  
**Councillor** – Noel Betts  
**Public Works** – Warren Wilson  
**Fire & First Response** - Brian Oblak  
**Dock Sub-Committee** – Noel Betts  
**Natural Environment & Lake Stewardship** – Noel Betts  
**Communications & Village Social Life** – Brian Oblak

## Council Meeting Schedule

Next Council meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday, November 5, 2014 5:00 pm

Agendas are posted online a couple of days prior to each meeting.

Meetings are held at the Community Services Building - 601 Ghost Lake Village. Please check the Village Notice Board or call the Village Office to ensure that the meeting will be held.

*All Council meetings are open to the public. If you would like to attend a meeting to observe Council, please feel free to drop by. If you would like to speak with Council on a specific matter, please contact the Village Office one week prior to the meeting to be placed on the agenda.*



## Volunteer Appreciation Social – October 4th

Council is extremely pleased with the amount of volunteers support given by residents to maintain Ghost Lake as the wonderful community it is.

In order to salute all of the special people – Council is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation

Social on **Saturday October 4, 2014 from 6 pm – 8 pm** at the Community Services Building at Ghost Lake.

**Council is inviting everyone** to come out to be recognized as a volunteer and/or to show your appreciation to the volunteers. It will be a casual event – with families asked to bring a Pot-Luck dish. Refreshments (pop, juice, water and coffee) will be provided by the Village.



Volunteers can enter their names into the draw box for an assortment of prizes being offered. All volunteers will go away with a prize!! (*must be in attendance to claim your prize*)

*Special Note: There will be a few premier prizes from our partners that will be drawn for throughout the evening courtesy of Delta Kananaskis, Direct Energy (Wildcat Hills Plant), Shell Gas Plant and TransAlta*

To make sure that there is a **balance of Pot Luck dishes** at the event please let us know the type of dish you are planning to bring by logging in online at:

<http://www.PerfectPotluck.com>

Coordinator Last Name: Ghost Lake  
Password: 1234

Place your name beside the dish you are bringing. *If you do not have internet access, please contact the Village Office and let us know what you are bringing and we'll add it to the list!*

This will be “the” **SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON** .....Plan to be there and be prepared to have a great time .....

*Anyone willing to help with set up, please meet at the Community Services Building at 4 pm*

## Side Show - Slide Show

If you would like to share any digital photos from this past year at Ghost Lake – great sunsets, fun activities, volunteers in action....start collecting them up for our *Side Show - Slide Show* and send them to Brian Oblak [boblak@telus.net](mailto:boblak@telus.net) by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## Looking for Help.....

### Filling Potholes – Sat Sept 20th

Anyone interested in helping fill potholes on the roads– please meet at the Community Services Building at 10am on **Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>**.

### Putting up Snow Fence – Sat Oct 18th

We've already had a reminder of winter .... Time to prepare – we are looking for volunteers to help put up the snow fence on **Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>** (*yes, lets hope that is much earlier than really needed*) Please contact Warren at [wl.wilson@hotmail.com](mailto:wil.wilson@hotmail.com) or 403-888-8705

## Library News

Regular visitors will have discovered something new in our Ghost Village Library over the last few weeks. Thanks to Robyn and Chris Carrier, we now have over 50 DVDs for residents to borrow. Please sign them out in the same way that you do for books, treat with care and return promptly. If you wish to donate DVDs or books to the collection, please contact Renee (881-2485) or Chris (881-3934). Thank you to the Carrier's for their thoughtful contribution.

## Natural Environment Committee News

Bow Point Nursery has agreed to come out to the Ghost Lake on **Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon** (*timing to be finalized closer to the day*) to identify the plant species that inhabit our natural areas. They will also be collecting seeds at this time. The Environment Committee will be posting notices so that anyone who is interested/able to come is aware of the timing.

The Ghost Lake 2013 water test results and 1994 comparisons can be found on the Village website under "documents" Thank you Dana and Karen Laustsen for coordinating the 2013 Lake Watch program.

## Emergency Broadcast Alert

If you have additional phone numbers that you would like added to the broadcast list, (cell phones, family members, renters, etc) please contact the Village Office and your number(s) will be added to the phone list. – Note: the system accepts both Canada and US numbers.



*Please note that the emergency broadcast is an informal "best attempt system" for the Village to try to advise as many residents as possible of a potential emergency in the Village. It is not 100% accurate and the Village does not assume any liability for missed or dropped calls.*

## Garbage Bins – Off-Season Service



Garbage Bin Service at Ghost Lake Village **will drop down to 3 bins effective October 17<sup>th</sup> for off-season service.** Council will monitor the usage of the bins

to determine if the reduced off-season service proves to be cost-effective for the Village.

## Storage at Ghost Lake

The Summer Village offers seasonal storage for up to TWO items per household at Ghost Lake. Space is limited so it is first come first served. ALL items must be clearly marked with your Ghost Lake House number. Anyone with docks are asked to store them in the area east of the tennis courts (no boats stored in this location) Boats to be stored in the regular storage area. Remember this area is to accommodate seasonally used items ie. docks and boats - items that are permanently stored in the seasonal storage area will be removed and disposed of by the Village.

## Parking Seasonal Boats and Trailers on Boulevards

If possible, Council would like to avoid passing a bylaw which then gets into enforcement, ticketing and towing. In an attempt to gain the cooperation of Village residents, Council is asking all residents to please abide by the seasonal boulevard parking guidelines: Recreational vehicles and equipment (includes trailers and boats) may be parked on the boulevard directly in front of your home from April 1 – October 31 and must be removed from the boulevard from November 1 – March 31 each year.

At the Council meeting in November, Council will be assessing how well residents adhered to the guidelines and determine at that time if a bylaw needs to be enacted. They are really hoping in the spirit of community pride and cooperation – everyone will follow the guidelines.

## 2014 Regatta

Thank you to Leah Fink and her wonderful group of volunteers for putting together another successful Regatta event. Thanks also goes out to Jeff Zambory for providing the spectacular fireworks display and to everyone who made donations towards the fireworks.

## Projects in the Works

In the near future .....

Council is investigating the cost of resurfacing existing roads in the community with a cold mix material, similar to what is currently on most road surfaces in the Village.

The Dock Sub-Committee is reviewing options for creating additional dock space along with the costs associated with the options.

## Reminders:

### Clean Up After Your Dog

Remember to take along a doggie bag and pick up after your pooch when off your own property.

### Fire Insurance

Reminder - if there is a fire on your property and fire trucks are called in from the MD and Cochrane, Council may forward the cost of fire fighting to you. Please check with your fire insurance provider to determine if you have adequate coverage. Cost of fire fighting can add up to thousands of dollars – please make sure you are adequately protected.

### False Alarms

If you have a security monitoring system and the Fire Department is called out – costs associated with responding to a false alarm will be billed back to the property owner.

### Development in the Village

Are you thinking of some improvements to your place? Most improvements will require a development permit and/or a building permit. For development permits please contact Planning Protocol at **(403) 230-5522**. If you happen to commence development without the appropriate permits you could be faced with double permit fees or the expense of removing the development if it does not meet land use specifications or building code regulations.

**Plan ahead**

### Do you have an email address?

If you have received your newsletter by mail and you have an email address, please send us your email address and help us with our pursuit of becoming paperless.



### Multiple Family Owned Properties

In the future, if you are part of a multiple family owned property, we will be sending newsletters via email only to the email addresses attached to the property and will **not be mailing newsletters** to the other property owners. You can either access newsletters via the website, ask other owners of your property to provide you with the newsletter or easiest yet.....provide us with your email address and you will receive email notifications directly. Send your email address to [admin@ghostlake.ca](mailto:admin@ghostlake.ca) (please note that taxes and assessment notices will continue to be mailed to all property owners).

### Lakefront Use (All seasons)

The lakefront is for the use of **Ghost Lake residents and accompanied guests only** – If you invite your friends to access the lakefront you must be there with them. No open unaccompanied invitations permitted.

### Landlords

Please ensure that your tenants are aware of the Village rules and regulations. Also ask them to register with the Village Office, their phone numbers for the Emergency Broadcast Service and their emails to receive Village news.

### Off Road Vehicles

ATV's have been seen driving through the woods by the windsurf beach as well as by the rocks on the east end of the Village to gain access to lands above the Village.

Please note that off highway vehicles (including ATV's) are not permitted on public lands except

- for the sole purpose of servicing a boat in the lake or launching a boat or
- removing a boat from the lake,
- solely for gaining access to or leaving the frozen waters of the lake by way of the boat launch or
- when working with a Village sanctioned work crew on a project.