



# Summer Village of Ghost Lake Newsletter

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## Volunteer Appreciation Pot Luck Social - October 17

5 pm – 7 pm

Council is extremely pleased with the amount of volunteers support generously 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 17, 2014 from 5 pm – 7 pm** at the Community Services Building at Ghost Lake. (*note date change!*)



**Council is inviting everyone** to join them at this social get together and 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.

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

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 10<sup>th</sup>. A great presentation to view during the event.

## Fire Services for Ghost Lake

**Current service:** The Cochrane Fire Department provides fire services to the Summer Village of Ghost Lake. When a 911 fire call comes in, Cochrane Fire Dept. is dispatched. If Cochrane is unable to respond, another fire department is dispatched.

The Summer Village of Ghost Lake has a community service building which holds an emergency vehicle. This vehicle and equipment is used by Village residents that are part of our initial assist team. This team are NOT fire fighters. They have obtained limited training from Cochrane, several years ago on how to help out with combatting a fire occurring in the Summer Village before the fire department arrives. They DO NOT enter buildings.

**What's happening in the future:** The Cochrane Fire Department has notified the Summer Village that they will be soon be unable to provide primary fire protection services to the Summer Village of Ghost Lake.

The Summer Village has contacted the MD of Bighorn to see if they would be able to provide fire protection services to the Summer Village. At the present time, the MD of Bighorn has a very small fire brigade at Jamieson Fire Department and would find it very difficult to provide services based on their limited number of volunteer fire fighters on the roster. They have great equipment at Jamieson and it would be an excellent arrangement if we could utilize that service.

**We are asking you...**we'd like to ask if there are any residents at Ghost Lake that would be interested in joining the Jamieson Fire Department as a volunteer fire fighter. If Jamieson is able to find several additional fire fighters for their roster, we may be able to convince them to provide service to the Summer Village. If you are interested or have questions about the requirements for becoming a volunteer fire fighter, please contact the Village Office and we will connect you with the right people.

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## Lake Levels – Flood Mitigation

Council has written several letters to the Minister of Environment and Parks regarding adverse effects experienced at the Summer Village as a result of the flood mitigation measures undertaken this year. The Minister is listening and Council will be meeting with government staff this fall to review our concerns.

## Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 18, 2015** commencing at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the **Community Services Building at Ghost Lake.**

If you would like to speak with Council on a specific item, please forward your written request, either by mail, fax or email, stating the nature of your presentation, to the Village Office at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

***Reminder** - all council and committee meetings are open to the public for observation – consider this your invitation.*

## Garbage Bins – Off-Season Service



Garbage Bin Service at Ghost Lake Village **will drop down to 3 bins effective October 15<sup>th</sup> for off-season service.**

## 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.

## Consider joining a Committee...

If you are looking for an opportunity to *Make A Difference* at Ghost Lake ..... join a Village committee. There are opportunities available to meet a variety of interests.....

Communications & Village Social Life  
Public Works

Please contact the Village Office for more information.

## Parking Seasonal Boats and Trailers on Boulevards

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.**

## Bylaw Bits

We are introducing a new section in our Newsletter that outline actual questions the Village Office has been asked about municipal bylaws. *(this section is for information only – and shall not be construed as a legal opinion)*

Q: I have a vacant property at Ghost Lake, what can I use it for?

A: A vacant property is to remain vacant. It cannot be used for parking vehicles, recreational vehicles, trailers or watercraft or as storage of anything including vehicles, watercraft, building materials, recreational vehicles, recreational equipment, other equipment, barbeques, swing sets, outdoor furniture, etc. (Bylaw 195)

Q: Can I set off fireworks to celebrate my birthday?

A: It is illegal to set off consumer fireworks in the Summer Village of Ghost Lake at any time. The only fireworks permitted in the Summer Village are the commercial fireworks operated by a licensed pyrotechnic during the Regatta celebrations. (Bylaw 224)

## Reminders:



### **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.

### **Fire Insurance**

Reminder - if there is a fire on your property and fire trucks are called in from the MD, Cochrane and other fire depts, Council may forward the cost of firefighting to you. Please check with your fire insurance provider to determine if you have adequate coverage. Cost of firefighting can add up to thousands of dollars – please make sure you are adequately protected. Also make sure your insurance provider is aware that the nearest MANNED fire department to Ghost Lake is at the Town of Cochrane.

### **Clean Up After Your Dog**

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

### **Development in the Village – Plan Ahead**

Are you thinking of making 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.

**For more information on applying for building, gas, plumbing, sewage and electrical permits,** check out the following website:

<http://www.safetycodes.ab.ca/Public/Pages/CodesPermits.aspx>

### **Off Road Vehicles**

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.

### **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.

### **Burn Pile**

Please place your trees and branches on the burn pile *not* in the garbage bins or in the compost pile. No construction debris and definitely no nails or spikes (many of your fellow neighbours that have volunteered to look after the Burn Pile have had to repair tires because of nails and spikes founds in the debris.)

Also, do not place ashes in the burn pile. If not completely cooled, the ashes can cause an unexpected fire putting your home and your neighbour's home at risk.

**Be sure that all ashes have thoroughly cooled** before you dispose of them. A suggestion is to place ashes in a lidded metal container to prevent a possible fire and provide a sturdy place to store them. Ashes make good fertilizer in gardens, flowerbeds, etc.

### **Garbage Bins**

Disposing of garbage at the garbage bin site at Ghost Lake Village is restricted to **only household garbage** and only when **placed into the garbage bins**. Do not leave any garbage along side the regular bins. The contractors will not pick up those materials and your neighbours end up having to clean up after you!

### **Compost Pile**

When disposing of grass clippings or leaves, please place them on top of the existing compost pile instead of beside it to avoid making the compost area larger than needed.

### **Recycling**

The Cochrane Eco Centre is open to Ghost Lake Residents located at 50 Griffin Industrial Point Wed-Sat 8 am – 6 pm (closed holidays)

The Cochrane **Waste and Recycling Hotline** is available 24/7 at 403-851-2277

### **Ghost Lake LIVE – Social Email**

If you are interested in receiving social news about events and happenings in and around Ghost Lake, sign up for Ghost Lake LIVE. Please email Corinne at: [ghostlake@live.ca](mailto:ghostlake@live.ca)