

RESORT VILLAGE OF AQUADEO NEWSLETTER – 2015

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Hours: SUMMER (APRIL 1 to SEPTEMBER 30) Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
WINTER (OCTOBER 1 to MARCH 31) Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
CLOSED STAT HOLIDAYS

Council: Mayor Cameron Duncan; Councillors, Ron Spence, Murray Hollick, Ken Milnthorp, and Eva Iwanchuk.

Maintenance Foreman: Brian Whitehead

Administrator: Darlene Moline

Water Treatment Operators: Dale Woytiuk, Lidya Murphy, and Larry Hujber

Building Inspections: Professional Building Inspections Inc. (Ryan Shepherd)

Website

This past year we were unable to keep up our website the way we would like. In the future we are hoping to include updated information concerning the Village, such as this Newsletter, council names, contact information, Village events, and Council Meeting Minutes, and bylaws. If you can't find what you're looking for, please call the office and your questions will be answered. Also, if there is something you would like to see on the website, contact the Village office.

Email Address

We would like to be able to correspond with everybody in an efficient manner. Not only do we want your telephone numbers, but we want your email address as well. We can send out our newsletter, tax notice, and any other notifications as well. This will cut down on office costs such as postage, envelopes, and office time, etc. It is important that we have updated contact information in case of emergencies such as fires, breakin, etc.

Personal or Property Issues

Any issues after business hours such as water leaks/broken lines, call the office at 386-2942 and follow the prompts to forward a message to our maintenance personnel. Issues pertaining to the disruption of the peace, out of control parties or unlawful activities, phone the RCMP at 446-1720. Council members do not enforce the law!

Council Meetings

Regular Council Meetings will continue to take place on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 8:30 am.

Tax Information

In the past two years we have seen our operational costs explode. Because of the closure of the Cochin land fill, we were forced to build a transfer site just north of the village. Our costs to handle refuse from the village has increased by six times. As well, our costs to operate and maintain the water treatment plant has also increased for the village. This as well as power, gas, equipment upgrades, employee wage increases, and lawyer fees for a human rights dispute, have forced council to complete a very difficult round of budget talks. In 2015 we will be asking for a Waste Management levy of \$50.00 plus a base tax increase of \$50.00 for each property. We will also be increasing the mill rate by 1 mill.

Just a reminder, the 15% discount offered to ratepayers only applies to municipal taxes and will be graduated, meaning that the discount from January to March will be 15%; April to June will be 10%; and July to August will be 5%. Taxes are due August 31, 2015. After this date there will be an additional 2% interest added to your tax bill. Prepayments of taxes prior to the May levy will be calculated based on the prior year's taxes. Remember, we encourage prepayments and post dated cheques. Tax notices will be mailed out as soon as the Budget is struck for 2015.

Golf Carts

All Golf Carts will require a licence to operate within Village Limits (excluding the golf course carts). This licence can be picked up at the Village office for a one time cost of \$25.00. Golf carts fall under the Highways Act and therefore, you must carry a valid driver's licence, this means *No Underage Drivers*. If infractions are noted by security the licence will be recorded and owners will be issued a ticket. You should only be driving your golf cart between a half hour before sun rise and a half hour after sunset. The liability is your responsibility- please take it seriously. **We will be enforcing this Bylaw this year.**

Garbage & Recycling

The recycle bin west of the Community Hall is being used extensively. This office has had very positive feedback about this bin! Our future garbage concerns relate to this recycle bin, as it will hopefully reduce excess household garbage being thrown out. In the past year we had ten full bins of recycle material removed.

Remember, please flatten all cardboard before placing in the recycle bin, saving room for more recycle material. As tax payers, the more the bin has to be emptied, the more it costs.

As you are probably aware our transfer site has been operational for the past year. We are hauling all household garbage to bins which are picked up and hauled to North Battleford dump site. The transfer site is only available to village staff. We are also allowed to burn branches at this site. Any tree branches picked up will be control burned. We ask that if you are hauling your own trees please place them at the designated site just north of the Village Hall. **NO TREATED WOOD.** If you are disposing leaves and garden material please dump your bags in the designated area behind the hall. There will be no spring and fall cleanup this

year.

Please make sure that all garbage is in proper containers and protected from animals and birds.

Lake water quality

Citizens of the village have approached the council about the ongoing poor quality of the lake water. Last year we took the initiative to have a detailed sample taken of water in three different locations of the creek and lake. We are going to do this, on an ongoing bases, to have a record of the quality of the lake water in and around our resort village.

Lake Frontage Bylaw or Annexation

This past year The RM of Meota initiated a movement to create a bylaw which would regulate the use of lake frontage at Jackfish and Murray Lakes. The intial plan was to have docks and lifts licenced and controlled thru their office. Our village as well as Cochin, Metinota, and possibly Meota are opposed to this bylaw and are proceeding to have the lake water in front of our villages Annexed so that we have control of what takes place in front of our own villages. The RM of Meota have not approved the annexation process so we have taken this thru to an appeal process. We have hired a Community Planning Company to take us thru this process.

Reminders

The Community Hall is available for rent. For prices and availability, call the Village office at 386-2942

Addresses and Contact Information Please install address numbers on your property and inform the village office of changes to your phone number and email so that you can be contacted.

Boaters, please respect the purpose of buoys and obey boating speed limits.

Boat storage fees should be paid to the Village office by May 31, 2015.

Streetlight out? Report it to SaskPower at 310-2220 – only you know the exact location.

Building / Plumbing Permits: are required prior to construction – permits are available at the Village office. We have had a number of building and yard projects take place in the last year which did not have permits. **Please make sure you are on your own property and check to see if a permit is required before beginning any project.**

Business Licenses: if you are contracting anyone to do work for you, make sure they have acquired a Business License from the Village office.

Pet stations are located at the west-end of Poplar Crescent, by the public washrooms on the main beach and at the far west end of the Aqualane. No dogs allowed in the playground area. Dogs must be on a leash, just remember to carry your pooper scooper and use it.

Volunteer(s) Needed

We are in need of a Volunteer fire chief and also increasing our number of Volunteer Firefighters. Please put your name forward to help the village protect your properties against fire. Contact the office at 306-386-2942 or any of the existing firefighters.

The Village is currently looking for a volunteer EMO Co-ordinator. If interested, please contact the Village office (306) 386-2942.

Volunteerism is the foundation of many village assets . Become involved in your wonderful community.

Community Events

- 7th Annual Dot & Trapper Memorial Children's Fishing Classic July 11 & 12, 2015

This is an amazing & fun event every year!! Contact Larry Foster (306) 948-5430.

In conjunction with this, residence of the village have stepped forward to initiate a **Family Fun Day**. They are planning a full slate of events starting at 1:00 pm and including:

- **Bounce houses**
- **Cotton Candy**
- **Popcorn**
- **Snow Cones**
- **Golf cart Drive-up evening family movie on the beach (beginning at dusk)**

Charges for the events are donation only and all proceeds from the day will be donated to the Heart and Stroke foundation in memory of Marjorie Lafortune.

All events will take place in the park by the playground. In the event of inclement weather the activities will be held at the Village Maintenance shop.

We would also like to incorporate a **golf cart parade** on the family fun day. We are looking for someone to co-ordinate such an event. We are hoping that this day will turn into an annual event for the village. **Look for Posters!!!!**

Community

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new residents to our village, we hope you will enjoy your time at the lake. Please feel free to contact the office at any time for information or concerns. If you have suggestions or changes you would like to see, please send a letter to council.

-Be respectful to your neighbour and their property.

-Fire works – please obtain a permit from the office (they are free).

-Please keep our community clean and remove all derelict items from your property

Attached is a copy of the A.C.R.A. Happenings and Events for this spring and summer season.

