



PARKLAND BEACH NEWSLETTER

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[PARKLAND BEACH TURNS 40!](#)



The Summer Village of Parkland Beach was incorporated by an Alberta government Order in Council on **January 1, 1984**...so...

WE TURNED 40 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR!

[What is a Summer Village?](#)

Spring/Summer Hours of Operation

The administration office for Parkland Beach is in full operation at the Administration Centre in the Community Hall. Please drop in and meet Harold Wynne, the Chief Administrative Officer, and Gwen Auvigne, the Administrative Assistant. They will be pleased to answer any questions you may have about your summer village.

From June 3 to August 30:

Mon—Wed: 9 am-4 pm

Office is Closed on Thurs-Fri and Weekends

403-843-2055 office number

Parkland Beach Community Hall Rental

Residents are encouraged to rent the Parkland Beach Community Hall for family occasions and other private functions. Please contact Gwen in the admin office or visit our website if you wish to rent the hall (parklandbeachsv.ca).

LOTS FOR SALE

Parkland Beach has 8 beautiful lots for sale in Aspen Rise. Join our friendly, relaxing community and enjoy spectacular sunsets.



For more information contact:

Tracy Thody
Royal LePage Network Realty
403-358-8604
tracythody@royallepage.ca

ASSOCIATION OF
SUMMER VILLAGES OF
ALBERTA

VISIT THE
COTTAGE LIFE
WEBSITE

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Meet our new Bylaw Enforcement Officer: Nathan Busse

Nathan is a local resident who lives near Parkland Beach. Nathan worked as a summer student with our Public Works department for the past 2 years. He is enrolled in the Criminal Justice-Policing Program at Lethbridge College.

Please welcome Nathan and say hello when you see him.
Contact Nathan at 403-843-2055



Summer Village Bylaws

The Alberta Municipal Government Act allows Councils to pass bylaws that provide an effective way of setting community standards and responding to a range of issues. The Parkland Beach website includes a list of active Bylaws in the summer village.

Highlights from Featured Bylaws:

Parking:

No parking is allowed on any roadway or ditch in Parkland Beach. [[Traffic Bylaw # 2022-07, 6\(6.1\)](#)]

The only exception is for passenger vehicles, for up to 72 hours, if the property you are visiting does not have sufficient space for parking. This exception does not include RV's, trailers, or off-highway vehicles. Contact the admin office if you need a 72 hour parking pass.

Golf Carts

Golf carts are classified as "miniature vehicles" and they cannot be operated off private property by anyone under 16 years. [[Traffic Bylaw #2022-07, 7\(7.4\)](#)]. Refer to the Alberta Traffic Safety Act.

However, Parkland Beach is a golf cart friendly community that allows the responsible use of golf carts. Read the [Parkland Beach policy on golf carts](#).

Off-Highway Vehicles

Off-highway vehicles are permitted on summer village highways under 10 conditions ([read the conditions](#)). [[Traffic Bylaw # 2022.07, 7\(7.3\)](#)]

Noise

Parkland Beach has a [Noise Bylaw \(#2019-08\)](#) to control sound that may unreasonably annoy, disturb, injure, or detract from the comfort, repose, peace, health or safety of persons within the community. Use of domestic or construction equipment is permitted from 8:00 am-10:00 pm.

Please respect the peace of the community, and report serious infractions to the summer village office or the RCMP after hours (403-843-2223).

Animal Control

No person who is the owner of any dog, cat or other animal shall permit the animal to run at large within the summer village. [[Animal Control Bylaw #2011-05, 4\(4.1\)](#)]

Burning and Firepits

No open burning is permitted in the summer village. Any grass, leaves, tree branches or other garden waste may be burned in an approved concrete or brick container having a base of similar non-combustible material and the container must include a spark arrestor mesh screen ([Burning, Fire Pit and Cost Recovery Bylaw 2010-01, 3.1](#))

[PARKLAND BEACH
BYLAWS](#)

[ALBERTA TRAFFIC
SAFETY ACT](#)

FINANCES

Tax Notices

The 2024 Tax notices were mailed to property owners on May 8, 2024. The due date for property tax payments is June 30, 2024. Tax payments received after this due date are subject to a penalty of 15%.

Assessment

Every year, property taxes are calculated based on the assessed value of the property in the previous year. Residents may view the 2023 assessment values for every property in the summer village by consulting the [Assessment Roll](#).

Parkland Beach contracts with Wildrose Assessment in Red Deer to conduct the annual assessment for the summer village. Numerous factors are considered by the assessor when calculating the assessment value for individual properties. Refer to the Wild Rose Assessment Presentation in the sidebar for information on the property assessment process. If you wish to discuss your property assessment contact the assessor:

Rod Vikse, Assessor
Wild Rose Assessments
403-343-3357
rod@WILDROSEASSMT.COM

Tax Rate

The 2024 Property Tax Bylaw shows the tax rates for each category of properties in the summer village. The tax rate that applies to your property is also included on you tax notice. The municipal tax rate that is applied is used to provide revenue for summer village operations during the year. The education tax rate is assigned by the province and the summer village remits this revenue to fund Alberta Education operations.

Financial Statement

The summer village contracts with BDO from Red Deer to conduct the annual municipal financial audit each year. Every municipality in Alberta must complete and submit audited financial statements to the provincial government by May 1st. Refer to the 2023 audited financial statement link in the sidebar, and if you have any questions please contact Harold Wynne, Chief Administrative Officer.

2024 Budgets

Each year, Council sets annual operating and capital budgets for the summer village. The 2024 budgets were adopted by Council resolution on April 15 and they may be viewed by clicking the link on the sidebar. If you have any questions regarding either of these budgets, please contact Harold Wynne, Chief Administrative Office.

3-Year Operating and 5-Year Capital Financial Plans

Council is in the process of developing 3-year (2025-27) operating and 5-year (2025-2029) capital financial plans and these will be shared with residents once they are completed. Residents are encouraged to contact a Councillor or the CAO with any suggestions for items to include in these financial plans.

[WILD ROSE
ASSESSMENT—
PARKLAND BEACH
PRESENTATION](#)

[2024 TAX BYLAW -
PARKLAND BEACH](#)

[2023 FINANCIAL
STATEMENT—
PARKLAND BEACH](#)

[2024 OPERATING AND
CAPITAL BUDGETS](#)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning

There are three plans that are used to guide the development of Parkland Beach. These are the [Municipal Development Plan](#), [Strategic Plan](#), and [Land Use Bylaw](#).

The [Intermunicipal Development Plan](#) includes Ponoka County as a partner, and this ensures that growth and development in the area surrounding Parkland Beach is undertaken in a collaborative, coordinated manner.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan outlines actions to achieve the vision of the community for the period 2020 to 2023. With the assistance of Parkland Community Planning Services, a performance evaluation of this strategic plan is being conducted. When this evaluation is completed, it will provide information about the extent to which Parkland Beach achieved its vision, objectives, and outcomes over the three-year period.

**We would like to hear your views
about the Strategic Plan.
Please contact a Councillor or the CAO**

Land Use Bylaw

The Land Use Bylaw provides direction for all residential and commercial development in the summer village. The LUB defines what constitutes a “development” and what types of development do, or do not, require a “development permit.” It also describes the requirements for obtaining a “development permit.” The CAO, Harold Wynne, is the Development Officer and along with the Municipal Planning Commission, they constitute the “development authority.” If an applicant does not agree with the development authority’s decision, they may appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

Policies

The Parkland Beach Council also enacts policies to guide decision-making and following are some examples:

Fire Bans

The summer village has formally adopted Ponoka County Regional Fire Protection [Bylaw 6-16-16-FP](#) and any amendments thereto as their functioning and relevant bylaw for fire protection in Parkland Beach. (#2017-02)

Tree Maintenance & Reserves

The Summer Village of Parkland Beach has established guidelines for [Tree Maintenance in Reserves](#) and all public spaces, and for general care and maintenance of the Reserve areas. (July 27, 2018)

Public Participation

This [Public Participation Policy](#) has been developed to recognize the value of public participation and create opportunities for meaningful public participation in decisions that directly impact the public. (July 27, 2018)

**We would like to hear your views
about policies to consider.
Please contact a Councillor or the CAO**

**PARKLAND
COMMUNITY
PLANNING SERVICES**

**PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
POLICY**

FIRESMART YOUR PROPERTY



The Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) is the area within 30 metres of your home and structures. It is made up of three priority areas: The Immediate Zone, Intermediate Zone, and Extended Zone.

The HIZ shows how you can minimize your home and property's vulnerability to wildland fire by addressing threats in each of the three priority zones, starting with the most vulnerable area, the Immediate Zone, and working your way outward. The HIZ focuses on reducing the opportunity for the spread of flames, and removal of points where embers can gather and ignite objects or buildings. Learn more about the HIZ and how you can reduce your risk, in our [FireSmart Begins at Home Guide](#).



PROTECTING PARKLAND BEACH FROM WILDFIRE

We all have a responsibility to protect Parkland Beach from wildfire.

Check out these resources to help protect your property and community:

[FireSmart Begins at Home Guide](#)

[Last Minute Checklist](#)

[FireSmart Guide to Landscaping](#)



[ALBERTA EMERGENCY ALERT](#)

[CANADIAN RED CROSS](#)

[DISASTER PREPAREDNESS KIT](#)

PUBLIC WORKS

Meet our Public Works Team

Meet our Public Works Team — Keenan Jones, Public Works Manager, and Tia Paris, summer student. Please say hello when you see them around this summer.



Let them know how they are doing!

Road Maintenance

Roadways in Parkland Beach are our most significant capital investment and must be well maintained. While there are no capital road projects planned for 2024, the roadways will continue to be swept and cracks and potholes in the pavement filled.

To protect our roadways, the Traffic Bylaw restricts road weights in Parkland Beach to 75% gross vehicle weight at all times. [Road Permits](#) are required for the movement of heavy loads exceeding 75% GVW along summer village roadways. Be sure to have your contractors apply for road permits for gravel, soil, building materials, or heavy equipment that exceed this weight restriction.

Ponoka County has a maximum load restriction of 50% GVW on Parkland Beach Road (in front of Jorgy's Hot Spot). Loads in excess of this maximum require a [Road Permit](#) from Ponoka County.

Beach Maintenance

The beach area is a precious Parkland Beach asset. The Public Works Team endeavors to keep the beach area groomed, cleaned, and maintained over the summer. Highlights for this summer include:

Slide area

Due to low lake water levels, the slide has been removed and swimming in the pond left behind is not recommended, due to the possible presence of harmful algae.

Seeding and Sanding

The dredged lake bottom material was spread last season and has been seeded to grass. We are considering the prospect of adding supplemental sand to some beach areas.

New buoys

Friends of the Lakefront have generously offered to donate new swimming buoys for placement this summer.

Ball Diamond & Golf Course

Last summer, new bleachers and a backstop were added to the ball diamond and this summer, the field will be fenced. Rent the ball diamond by contacting the admin office.

New signage has been added to the frisbee golf course. Use the QR code on the sign to display the golf course map.

A parking lot plan is being developed to accommodate parking for users of the community hall, ball diamond, and golf course.

**We would like to hear your views and suggestions
about public works activities.**

Please contact a Councillor, the CAO, or the Public Works Manager

[LANDSCAPE GUIDE
FOR CANADIAN
HOMES](#)

[ENVIRONMENTALLY
FRIENDLY
FERTILIZERS](#)

RECREATION PROGRAM

Recreation Program for Kids'

Last summer, some Parkland Beach moms suggested that a recreation program for kids should be developed. If you believe this is a good idea and are prepared to volunteer on a Recreation Advisory Committee, please contact Harold Wynne, Chief Administrative Officer.

Sports Fields

The baseball diamond has been upgraded and, along with the beach volleyball area and frisbee golf course, these are the sports fields that serve the community.

There has been a suggestion that pickle ball courts be developed, We are interested in your views on this possibility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

New Waste Carts Arrive

Cast-A-Waste has delivered new Waste Carts to every Parkland Beach residence. These 64-litre, wheeled carts are being provided at no charge to residents.

USE OF THESE NEW CARTS IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE CONTINUING WASTE COLLECTION AT YOUR RESIDENCE.

The carts must be placed on the street at the end of the driveway with wheels curbside by 7 am on Monday, the weekly waste collection day. Residents may contact Cast-A-Waste for additional waste collection services, including purchasing additional carts.

For more information contact Cast-A-Waste (403-704-7159) or the summer village office (403-843-2055)



1st Annual Jorgy's SHOW N' SHINE June 22, 2024

Rev up for our 1st Annual Jorgy's Show n' Shine! Whether you ride on two wheels or cruise on four, there's a class for everyone, including a special under 18 category! Entry is \$10 for motorbikes and \$20 for all other vehicles. Let's showcase those wheels in style!

[Registration Form](#)



Jorgy's Hot Spot Presents LIVE MUSIC AT THE LAKE Saturday, June 15

It is almost time for our THIRD session featuring Breathing Under Water. The party starts at 6 PM as the patio opens up, and the music kicks off between 7:30 - 8 PM.

Secure your spot in the summer of epicness by snagging your wristbands in-store for just \$15 each.

All band nights are 18+ events, ensuring an unforgettable experience for all. See you at the lake!

[27 SUMMER CAMP
ACTIVITIES](#)

[GULL LAKE
EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

[PONOKA
EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

[BENTLEY
EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

[RIMBEY
EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

CONTACTS

Councillors

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Gwen Auvigne, Administrative Assistant (admin@parklandbeachsv.ca)

Keenan Jones, Public Works Manager (admin@parklandbeachsv.ca)

Nathan Busse, Bylaw Enforcement Officer (nbusse@parklandbeachsv.ca)

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Website—parklandbeachsv.ca

Emergency Services

Police and Fire Dispatch—(call 911)

RCMP-Rimbey—24 hour Non-emergency (403-843-2223) Administration (403-843-2224)

Utilities

G.L.D.C. Gas Co-Op Ltd, Emergency (1-403-843-1050)

Fortis—24 hour Emergency (310-9473)

Development Permits

Development Permit application forms are available by contacting the admin office or downloading from the Parkland Beach website.

[Development Permit Application Form](#)

All developments are subject to the [Land Use Bylaw](#) which is also available on the website or from the admin office.

For building, gas, plumbing, and electrical permits contact [IJD Inspections Ltd](#) (403-346-6533)



Live Concert being hosted by the Gull Lake Community League!!

Come down to the Summer Village of Gull Lake Community Hall to enjoy live music with John Hewitt!! Stay afterwards to enjoy a professional display of Fireworks.

Sunday, June 30 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm, doors open at 6:00pm.

Ticket sales open now, please call Sue at 403-748-2382

\$30.00 per ticket. Tables of 8 may be reserved at time of purchase. Must be over 18 years. Cash Bar is available (wine, beer and coolers).

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