

BITTERN LAKE VILLAGE VIBE

“What’s New and upcoming in your Village”

(February 1, 2011)

Join us to Celebrate Family day with a BANG!

The Third Annual Bittern Lake Family Fireworks will be on Sunday, February 20, 2011.

Time: 5:30 – 9:00pm

Location: Picnic Shelter beside the Skate Shack

Hot Dogs and Hot chocolate to be served, with the fireworks at about 8:00 pm.

Anyone interested or available for assisting with this event, please call the office (780) 672 – 7373.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with cooking hot dogs, basic clean up after the event, etc.



General Information:

- The pet registration deadline has passed. The pet registration is now:
Cat: \$ 30.00 for a spayed cat, \$100.00 for non spayed cat.
Dog registration is now \$40.00 for Spayed and \$80.00 for non spayed dogs.
Kennel Fee applies; four or more dogs or cats -- \$ 50.00.
- Why is it a good idea to register your pet? In the event that your pet goes missing or is collected by the Bylaw officer, we can arrange to return it to you. We would like to encourage responsible pet ownership.
- Snow Removal Gratitude: We have had several residents stop by the office and request staff to include a “Thank you” in this month’s Vibe.

Thank you - Peter and your snow removal crew for all your snow removal efforts.

Thank you – to Mr. Bud Beadle for his snow removal contributions.

Thank you – to all the neighbours that have been helping to make life easier with all the extra snow. It is a great thing to hear about all the community efforts supporting each other through this record snow fall year.

Bittern Lake Business of the Month

New to our beautiful Village...

Robyn's Hair Booth

A full service hair salon.

Offering haircuts, colors, foils, perms, up do's, sets,
and facial waxing.

Get your hair done in the comfort of your own village with an
experienced, professional and licensed hair stylist
with reasonable rates.

Available Day, Evening and Weekends.

Call to book your appointment today 780-781-8200

Business of the Month: If you are a local business, requiring advertisement, or you simply would like to inform your neighbours about your services, please contact the Village office. That way we can feature your business next month.

Council News:

- **Bittern Lake Community Hall Update:** At the Regular Meeting of Bittern Lake Council, a resolution was unanimously passed to sell the Bittern Lake Community Hall to the Bittern Lake Community Association. Council has full intentions to continue with the Grant commitment to replace the furnaces at the facility.
- **January 25, 2011** – The Bittern Lake Community Association declined the offer to purchase of the hall.
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Village Council has been working on the Disaster Preparedness Plan and requires information regarding personal needs if there ever needed to be an evacuation. In order to collect this information; council and administration will be proceeding with a “Door to door” Campaign. This will consist of a simple questionnaire and will also be an opportunity for you to obtain your copy of the Municipal Sustainability Plan.
- **Municipal Sustainability Planning:** Last year the Village held several community engagement sessions to obtain information from you to assist council in determining the direction you would like the village to focus on. This report will be circulated; council would like to generate awareness and feedback on the document.
- **Pump house Update:** The initial designs are almost complete; the Engineers will be presenting them at the next council meeting. If you would like more information, make arrangements to attend and check it out.
- **Pipeline Replacement:** Atco gas is scheduled to replace sections of the gas line sometime this spring. The line location is parallel to the highway. Pipeline crossing agreements are being prepared.
- **Gas Wells in the Area:** We have also received notification that two gas wells will be in operation sometime in the near future. The location of the well sites is just outside the village limits.

Mayor’s Message:

Hopefully we’re through the worst of winter. January’s snow was a bit of a challenge for most of us but I think that the general consensus is; we needed it. Hopefully there is enough snow to fill the lake again, if not I hope we have more.

You look at the weather around the world, not to mention the political unrest; and one must conclude that we are very lucky to live where we do.

Having said that; there is always room for improvement. This is where the residents of Bittern Lake come in. Council needs your input. In order for council to address the needs of the citizens; we must know what your needs and wants are. Council will be going door to door; first to provide an information package to every home in the village. This will be followed by a questionnaire to every citizen of Bittern Lake. This endeavour is to compile a list of questions, concerns, comments and ideas that will steer council in the direction that the residents need, want, and require.

Once we identify our goals as a community, and implement them, as a community, I feel that we will be an unstoppable community, through the process of achieving them.

Regards,

Mayor Ken Feth

- **Next Council meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 7:00 pm Village office.**
- *Please submit your agenda items by the Thursday prior to the council meeting.*

Please note the council meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of each month.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.
Check us out at our website www.villageofbitternlake.ca.
If you have any questions please feel free to call or stop by the office.
(780) 672 – 7373

Our office hours 9:00am – 4:00pm, Monday – Friday.