

# **BITTERN LAKE VILLAGE VIBE**

*“What’s New and upcoming in your Village”*

(June , 2011)

**Join us!!!**

**Mark your calendar and join us for the First Annual Bittern Lake Trail Clean up.**

**Saturday, June 25, 2011**

**9:00 am at the skating Rink**

**Free Hamburgers and Juice!!! Be There!!**

**To Reserve your Hamburger!!!(er, I mean help.... ☺) Call Jarred at (780) 608 – 2405, even if you can assist for a portion of the day.**

**Your Help makes all the difference!!**



**General Information:**

**Welcome Back!** Sarah has now returned to work at the office, feel free to stop by and say Hi!

**Village Garage Sale:** Thank you to all residents that participated in the Annual Village Garage Sale. A special thank you to Amber Naslund for assisting with advertising and promotion of the event. Another thank you to the Brattinga boys for creating the signs that were posted along the highway. Great job!!!

**Hey, Where’s my water Bill?** The June utility invoices are delayed. The water meter reader was in for service, and consequently the billings have been delayed. The Penalty timeline will be adjusted to accommodate this.

**Post Office Closure:** Currently we are fortunate that our postal services are still up and operating. In the event of a postal strike you will still be expected to keep your utility accounts in good standing.

**Tax Notices:** Village of Bittern Lake Tax notices have been mailed out on May 25, 2011. If you have not received your tax notice, please contact the Village office.

**Due Date for Tax Payment:** September 28, 2011. In order to avoid penalties, please arrange to pay your taxes in full prior to September 28, 2011.

**Assessment Appeal Deadline:** July 25, 2011 is the deadline to appeal your Property Assessment amount. If you have questions, please feel free to call the Village office or the Assessor at 1 - 888 - 419 – 2128. Contact the Village office if you require more information regarding an assessment complaint. Assessment complaint forms can be found on the Village website.

**Tax Agreements:** Tax agreements are available to arrange for monthly payments of next year’s taxes. Please call the office if you are interested in more information.

**Seniors Education Tax Breaks:** Information can be obtained from the Village office.

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## **Council News:**

- **Community Hall Update** – New furnaces have been installed.
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Door to door campaign is continuing; council members and staff are making their way to your neighbourhood.
- **Recycling Survey Results:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Recycling Survey, your input was very valuable and appreciated. The survey results were: 18 out of 19 responses use the facility, 17 out of 19 responses wanted the services to continue, and continue to operate as a central depot. 3 responses out of 19 wanted curb side pickup.  
Consequently, council has selected to continue with the services as they are. 9 responses out of 19 preferred to be billed monthly for the recycling services vs. annually.
- **Recycling:** Recycling contract has been awarded to Kyle and Kurtis Brattinga, with the assistance of Peter for transporting the recyclables to Centra Cam. We ask that all residents do their best to sort their recyclables in the specified areas to speed up the process.
- **Pump house Update:** The project is scheduled to be re-tendered in July, to obtain competitive pricing.
- **Next Council meeting scheduled Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 7:00 pm Village office.**
- *Please submit your agenda items by the Thursday prior to the council meeting.*

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.  
Check us out at our website [www.villageofbitternlake.ca](http://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.**