

# GULL LAKE NEWSLETTER

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# **Important Reminders**

2025 Municipal Election Announced!

Important Dates:

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# Register your golf cart today

All residents who wish to drive their golf carts in the Summer Village of Gull Lake must now <u>register their golf cart</u> and obtain a permit sticker and affix it to the golf cart.



### To Apply:

- Download & complete the Golf Cart Permit Application Form
- Submit Application form and \$20 Fee to Summer Village
- Know the rules <u>Designated Highways for Golf Carts</u> & <u>Golf Cart Bylaw</u>

### Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP)

Introducing the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP), a program that allows you to pay your property taxes monthly instead of one payment in June.



### To Apply:

- Download & complete the <u>Tax Installment Payment Plan Application</u>
- •Submit Application form in person at the office or via email to

admin@summervillageofgulllake.com



# Summer Village of Gull Lake MUNICIPAL ELECTION August 9, 2025

What You Need to Know

I. Candidate Information Highlights

To qualify for nomination as a councilor in a summer village, a person is not required to be a resident of the summer village but must be;

- entitled to vote in the summer village election and,
- have been a resident of Alberta for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding election day.
- complete and return the Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance

Nominations will be accepted until July 12, 2025, contact Harold Wynne for more info.

2. Voter Information Highlights

To be eligible, voter must be 18 years or older, a Canadian citizen, and;

- a resident in the summer village on election day; or
- named on a certificate of title as a person who owns property within the summer village;
   or
- the spouse or adult interdependent partner of a person who is named on a certificate of title as a person who owns property within the summer village.



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#### 3. Three Councilors Needed

• Municipal election is being held to fulfill the role of three (3) councilors. Interested? Contact the office at Summer Village of Gull Lake.



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HELPFUL LINKS:

Local Authorities
Election Act

A Candidates
Guide

Municipal Elections
Overview



For More Information contact Harold Wynne, Returning Officer 403-748-2966 hwynne@summervillageof gulllake.ca



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# Important Updates

- Dock Permits
- Spring Hazard Season

Did you know you need a permit from the Government of Alberta to put out a boat dock, swimming platform, or boat lift in the Summer Village of Gull Lake? To apply you will need to:

- Complete & Submit the Application Form: Revised Dock TFA Application Form
- Obtain a consent letter from the waterfront landowner (Summer Village of Gull Lake) contact us today!

For more information on waterfront, semi-waterfront, & backlot properties: <u>User Guide For Dock Authorizations</u>

# **Spring Hazard Season**

#### Wildfire

- Wildfire preparedness
- Prepare to Evacuate
- Wildfires Fact sheet
- FireSmart Guide

#### Storms

- Tornadoes and extreme winds
- Thunderstorms, lightning, heavy rain and hail
- WeatherCan

### **Flooding**

- Flood preparedness
- Emergency Tip Video
- Financial Resiliency





# Composting: What's In and What's Out

The Summer Village of Gull Lake is proud to offer a compost area for residents to help divert organic materials from the landfill and return valuable nutrients back to the earth. It is essential that residents follow the posted rules and contribute only approved materials to maintain efficiency & effective management of the compost.

What's Accepted The compost site is meant for soft, easily degradable yard and Kitchen scraps (fruit and vegetable peels, coffee Grass clippings garden waste. Accepted grounds, etc.) materials include: Garden clippings What's Prohibited Some materials don't decompose properly or Trees and Branches Wood pose hazards in the composting process. These are strictly prohibited:

# Keep It Clean

Unauthorized dumping is considered littering and may lead to fines. Help us maintain a clean and effective composting program by following the rules and spreading the word.



Plastics (Including Garbage

Bags)

Let's work together to protect our environment and keep Gull Lake beautiful.

Metals

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Composting
Do's
&
Don'ts

For more information on:

Where to get free mulch

Safe disposal of burn pit ashes

Composting FAQ's

Click here.





# **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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# **Strategic Plan Development**

Council and administration continue to work with the Parkland Community Planning Service to develop a 3-year Strategic Plan intended to guide future direction and initiatives within the summer village. It is crucial that community residents are involved in the development of the Strategic Plan. Please read the first draft of the 2024-28 Gull Lake Strategic Plan and provide your comments in confidence to: Strategic Plan Comments



# We Want To Hear From You!

Comments? Suggestions? Ideas for initiatives? Please forward in confidence to Comments & Suggestions



The public participation page is a feature of every newsletter, as Council and administration are very interested in your feedback.



# PREPARING FOR SUMMER 💥

# **Beach Day Tips**

- Create Shade: Use a beach umbrella, tent, or even a towel draped over beach chairs for shade.
- Cooling Towels: Wet and wring out a towel to place on your neck or forehead for evaporative cooling.
- Sand-Free Zone: Lay a fitted sheet on the sand to create a sand-free play area for kids.
- Free Activities: Explore walking, running, playing beach games like volleyball or frisbee, or building sandcastles.
- Pack Snacks & Drinks: Bring a cooler with plenty of water, snacks, and maybe some fruit or sandwiches.
- **Beach Toys:** Bring beach toys like shovels, buckets, and toys for sandcastle building.
- Stay Hydrated: Bring plenty of water and electrolytes.



# Helpful Hints:

Beach Day Tips & Be Sun Smart

Want more? Give us feedback on what you'd like to see in the newsletters



For more information on heat related illnesses, click here.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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Featured Above in ribbon cutting ceremony (Left to Right): MP Blain Caulkins, Mayor Doug Francoeur, Community League President Lynn Henkel, & Lacombe County Councilor Allan Wilson

**THANKYOU!** For joining us in celebrating the Grand Opening of the Centennial Park Gazebo on May 18, 2025.

We are delighted at the outpouring of support we have received from;

- The Summer Village of Gull Lake,
- Canada Community-Building Fund,
- Gull Lake Community League, and
- Lacombe County.

This gazebo is a welcomed addition to Centennial-Park, as it will provide shelter for families enjoying picnics and recreational activities, including pickleball, basketball, and playground facilities



In Case you Missed It:

In 2024, the Gull Lake Community League worked with Council to design and construct an outdoor structure in Centennial Park.



### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**





# Annual Ratepayers Meeting

The Annual Ratepayers Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 12p.m. (noon).

Card
Games
@
the
Community
Hall

The Summer Village of Gull Lake Community League presents Card Games in the EVENINGS on Mondays. Bring a game you want to share with others or just come to play.

Mondays 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

@ the Community Hall

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# Cornhole Coming Soon

July 10 & 24, 2025 6:30 pm-8:30pm Centennial Park

Bring your favorite beverage & appetizer to share

Upcoming Concert Sammy Volkov



July 5, 2025 7pm-9pm Click here for details



## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**



# 'Appy' Hour

Join your neighbors at the Gull Lake Community Hall 'Appy' Hour. Please bring your own refreshments plus an appetizer to share.

3rd Friday of the month, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Gull Lake Community Hall

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Gull Lake Summer Recreation Program is back beginning in July 2025.

Contact the office for details.

# Rent the Community Hall

The Gull Lake Community Hall is a spacious and inviting facility that is ideal for group events, family get-togethers, birthday parties, meetings, and socials. The hall includes a fully-stocked modern kitchen facility, tables and chairs, a curtained stage area, and floor markings for games. Catering to events is also available by third-party providers. Contact the admin office to book your dates.

Hall Agreement and Rental Rates



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#### **CONTACTS**

#### **Councillors**

Mayor Doug Francoeur—(doug.francoeur@gmail.com)

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Councillor Lon Kasha—(lonkasha@gmail.com)

### **Administration**

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Website—summervillageofgulllake.com



Police and Fire Dispatch—(call 911)

RCMP-Blackfalds—24 hour Non-emergency (403-885-3333)

Administration (403-885-3300)

#### **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 Gull Lake website.

### **Development Permit Application Form**

All developments are subject to the <u>Land Use Bylaw</u> which is also available on the website or from the admin office.

For building, gas, plumbing, and electrical permits contact <u>IJD Inspections Ltd</u> (403-346-6533)

Alberta One Call, Utility Line Locatesg—(1-800-242-3447)







