

# SUMMER VILLAGE of Itaska Beach

## 2024 Summer Newsletter

### Annual Information Meeting & Picnic

The Annual Information Meeting (AIM) will be on Saturday, July 13th at 2pm in the Itaska Beach Park. Councillors will report the year's news, and there will be a Q & A. The meeting will last about an hour. After that there will be a picnic in the park. Please bring your own meat to BBQ, plates, cutlery and even your own tablecloth to make your picnic table fancy.

### Canada Day Celebration

Bring your kids and grandkids and join your neighbours from 2-5pm in the Itaska Beach Park, for ice-cream and a bouncy castle!

### Road work

Road drainage work will be completed near #76 & #83 this year. When that's done, our regular grading and dust control will be applied, along with the speed bumps.

### Tennis & Basketball Court

The Plexipave will be resurfaced this year to protect and extend the life of the pavement. It's also great for consistent bounce and spin of the ball, sure footing and predictable grip and traction.



### Living in Cougar Country

Evidence of cougar activity has been noted in the Summer Village of Itaska Beach. Alberta Fish and Wildlife has been notified. While sightings are rare, the Pigeon Lake area has a stable population of cougars. It is very rare for people to hear the sounds cougars make. They normally vocalize only when they are mating, feeling threatened or communicating with their kittens. The Alberta government has essential information about living in cougar country. Check this website: [alberta.ca/cougars](http://alberta.ca/cougars)



### Radar Sign Data

The radar signs are not only a visual reminder to drivers to slow down and stay within the speed limit, but they also collect traffic data. We can use that data to analyse the speed of traffic (both incoming and outgoing), including time of day. This data is shared with the RCMP to help focus enforcement on a day or time that may have higher speeds.

Overall, we are seeing strong compliance in drivers. For 2023:

For the sign near Lot 24, 83% of the drivers were lawful (0 - 20km/hr). 14 % were between 21-29%, and only 2% were 30 - 39km/hr. For Lot 47, we wanted to compare inbound vs outbound drivers, and found the data was very similar:

They both show 42% of the drivers between 0 - 20 km / hr. For 21 - 29 km / hour inbound has 43% of drivers, while outbound has 45% For 30 - 39 km / hour inbound has 14% of drivers, while outbound has 12% For 40+ km / hour inbound has 2% of drivers, while outbound has 2%

The full report can be found on the November 21 agenda, item #6.4, which is on the Itaska Beach > Council page.

### Funnies

A friend of mine used to live in a lake filled with ducks, but he moved out when he got fed up with all the bills.

Why did the elephants jump in the lake?  
They had their trunks with them.

Who carries out operations in a lake?  
A Sturgeon.

## Notice of Public Hearing:

During the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, **September 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** at the RMA Office located at 2510 Sparrow Dr, Nisku, AB or on zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89894478987>

A public hearing will be held for

- a) the Intermunicipal Development Plan with Leduc County and the Summer Villages of Sundance Beach and Golden Days  
And
- b) the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with Leduc County  
And
- c) The Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with the Summer Village of Golden Days.

## Garbage Bins on Road

Residents are reminded garbage bins need to be pulled back from the road as soon as garbage pickup is complete. If you are not going to be home after garbage has been picked up, please arrange to have a neighbour pull your bin back onto your own property.

## Large Item Garbage Collection

**Date: Saturday July 13, 2024**

There will be one major clean-up this summer where residents may put their garbage out at the end of the driveway (the same place you would place your garbage bin). Check [www.itaska.ca](http://www.itaska.ca) for guidance on what can be discarded.

## Fall Leaf Pickup

**Date: October 15, 2024**

Leaves must be placed in a clear bag and placed at the end of your driveway. Any material other than leaves, or not in a clear bag will not be picked up and you will be responsible for disposal.

## Boulevard Landscaping Project

Planning is being done to finish this project. The wildflower areas will be replaced as they did not take; some areas will have mulch added, some with a wild grass turf. The damaged trees were broken by our community moose rubbing his neck on them. We are trying to save the trees, and while they may not grow to their original full height they will likely bush out and still be a nice tree. Some additional bushes will be added to fill in some open spaces.

### Council Connections

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## Boating Safety Tips

1. **Wear a life jacket!**  
According to the Canadian Red Cross, wearing a life jacket could prevent up to 90% of boating-related drownings.
2. **Don't boat while impaired!**  
This is the law. Just like driving a vehicle, being impaired by alcohol and/or drugs can severely impact your ability to stay alert, react, and your motor coordination. In fact – passengers on a boat may only legally consume alcohol if the boat has permanent cooking facilities, permanent sleeping facilities, and a permanent toilet and if that boat is docked or anchored.
3. **Get your boating license.**  
This is required!
4. **Keep flares on board in case you get stranded.**  
Similarly, keep paddles on board as well.
5. **Brush up on the nautical rules of the 'road.'**  
Learn how to avoid a potential collision.
6. **Try not to boat after dark.**  
If you do choose to boat at night, make sure you have navigation lighting and visibility lighting on the boat.
7. **Don't tow a water skier or tuber after dark.**  
This is against the law.
8. **If you are towing a water skier or tuber during daytime:**  
Ensure that there are no boaters in the immediate area and that the tow rope is clear from the propeller. By law, a boat that is towing a water skier or tube must have a designated passenger to watch the individual(s) being towed. This cannot be the driver.
9. **Follow posted speed limits. Inside the buoys, the speed limit is 10 kms/hr.**
10. **Keep an eye on the weather.**  
It can be unsafe to boat during a storm