

District of Katepwa

NEWSLETTER

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COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Every 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm at the Katepwa Community Centre. Public forum for fifteen minutes following meeting.

GARBAGE PICK-UP:

Every Monday following the long weekend in May. Hot weather pick up starts at 6:00 a.m. PLEASE, keep garbage bag weight at **20 lbs maximum** and remember to put the **red flag** out if you have garbage to be collected.

SUMMER LANDFILL HOURS:

May to September - Monday, Friday and Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm

DISTRICT OF KATEPWA OFFICE:

Summer hours
May 1 - September 30th.
Monday – Friday
9:00am to 4:00pm,
CLOSED over lunch hour.
Phone 332-6645 or email at
katepwabeach@sasktel.net

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

if you are moving or have already moved PLEASE let the District of Katepwa Office know so that we can update your file.

WI FI:

Now available for all rate payers at the Katepwa Centre. Bring your portable devices and log on! Password - katepwalibrary.

SAND CASTLE BUILDING CONTEST

What's better than building sandcastles in the sand? And this years contest offers a number of categories to showcase your building talent and "wow" the judges. Registration opens at 11:00 a.m. at the gazebo on main beach with the contest starting at noon on Thursday July 15th and Saturday August 14th. Judging will take place in the afternoon with prizes being awarded. *Anyone wishing to sponsor this event or donate prizes is welcome to call the office.*

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO GO THE MILE?

The Katepwa Mile that is! This is a time honored tradition at Katepwa and this year, the horn blows on July 22nd at 2:30 p.m. Come out in your best racing gear or come out to cheer on the racers! An awards ceremony will follow. Register at the gazebo on Main Beach by 2:00 p.m. on race day.

SANDY BEACH RATEPAYERS MEETING:

There was an error in the last newsletter about the dates of the Sandy Beach meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday June 12th, 10:00 a.m. at the Sandy Beach office. Meetings are also scheduled for July 10th, and August 14th. Plan to attend; the last meeting was very informative!

COMMUNITY RECYCLING BINS:

PLEASE remember the "**NO GGF**" RULE - No GLASS, No GARBAGE and No FOAM (including Styrofoam). Throughout the District there are recycling bins located for the use of residents - located at Sandy Beach, Katepwa District Office and Katepwa South. These bins (and the service to empty the bins) are paid for by tax dollars, including the penalties and costs for handling materials found in the bins that don't belong (like GGF!). The District is charged every time the bin is unloaded; please flatten all cardboard to maximize the dumpster space.

HEY, THE HILLS ARE PRIVATELY OWNED!

All hillsides are privately owned and the owners of these lands have asked that ratepayers and lake visitors respect the fact that this is **private property** and that they do not want people **trespassing** on their land. PLEASE, no riding of ATV/Quads, motorbikes or snowmobile use on any of the hillside property surrounding the District.

NOISE BYLAW NO. 19-05

The District of Katepwa has noise bylaw that is enforced. The bylaw is in effect from **Midnight to 7:00 a.m.** on weekdays and Saturdays and **Midnight to 9:00 a.m.** on Sundays and Holidays. So, even if you happen to wake up with the birds, please don't start mowing your lawn!

CORRECTION NOTICE

Editor's apology - ATV/Quads: The May 2010 Newsletter mentioned that the ATV/Quads needed to be registered in a similar fashion as boats. The SUMA convention 'approved' a resolution that the Government would be approached about implementing or requiring registration of these vehicles. That is where it is current, in the "approaching" stage. Mayor and Council support this resolution and will lobby for implementation.

Make the greener choice.



Install a low-volume or dual-flush toilet.

The #1 water saving device is you. Take part in the Provincial Toilet Replacement Rebate Program and replace your high-volume toilet with a dual-flush or low-volume model. When you do, the Government of Saskatchewan will give you a \$50 rebate.

gogreensask.ca



HOT TOPIC: WATER WORKS

Being self contained utility managers, all cottagers within our lake system need to be well versed on how to maintain safe drinking water on their properties and how the larger water projects in our valley impact each and every one of us ratepayers. Over the past year you have heard considerable discussion on the status of our lagoon. Last summer you may have participated in the Water Quality Chemical Analysis. Then there is the quality of the lake water. Here's what's happening.

Many homeowners participated in the Water Quality Chemical Analysis in the summer of 2009. This ground water quality study was conducted by the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority and the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority has released the results of the study and how to ensure the safety of your groundwater supply. This report was sent out in the 2010 tax notices. From more information regarding drinking water and other water-related concerns, consult www.saskh20.ca

The well for the Village of Katepwa is tested for proper chlorine weekly by a local resident and sent quarterly to the provincial lab for more extensive bacterial testing. Also during the year the health inspector makes surprise visits to the office and takes different samples of the water for analysis.

With respect to our waste-water, the cells in our lagoon are currently at capacity. The lagoon was built to supply 300 permanent residents. In the summer, our population swells to over 3000 residents. Councils past and present have reviewed many possibilities for prolonging the life of this system and we have applied for many grants but have had little success to date. Within the next 3-5 years we will require more lagoon capacity and your council is budgeting for this project. Estimated cost is up to \$2.9 million.

And finally, the lake water - the District of Katepwa participates in the Western Lower Qu'Appelle River Watershed Advisory Committee. This committee is working co-operatively to consider and provide accurate information, identify issues and concerns, and recommend solutions for the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Plan in an integrated and environmentally sound manner. Their focus is on the quality and quantity of our lakes, rivers, streams, aquifers and drinking water. Administrator Glenda Hodson and Councilor Bob Burnett represent the District on this committee.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Summer's here (finally, maybe?) and like the changing season's in Saskatchewan, the District of Katepwa is also changing, becoming more sophisticated all the time - in a home grown sort of way!

Naturally, with change comes growth and with growth comes some...head scratching? Where to start. There are many things going on in the areas surrounding the lakes, development being the biggest change. How do we know if we are making the right choices for the District and the people who enjoy the lakes? How do we deal with the growth that is inevitable? This is much bigger than we are, so Council has engaged the services of a community planner to help us address the development of the village and, with our link to other communities, the whole valley. Things like - how will we proceed into the future and what will our future look like? Are we ready for the changes? These are all important considerations and Council is trying to address them appropriately before approving any further development. Very soon you will be hearing a lot about this topic as work with the Community Planner will get underway this summer. You will be asked to weigh in with your thoughts and be given the venue to ask questions - **WATCH** for the date of the Public Hearing Meeting this summer.

One of the areas that need immediate attention to keep up with the Community is the lagoon. Followed very quickly by the landfill and our roadways. All of these areas will be funded in part by our municipal property taxes. As councilors (and residents) we strive to keep the costs down. That said, these issues must be addressed sooner rather than later and while we are taking steps to limit the financial impact it should come as no surprise that you can expect a property tax increase - it should not be significant.

Speaking of taxes... my favorite subject is the education tax portion of your property tax. There is no indication that the Government is going to increase the mil rate set last year that saved our community roughly \$250,000 but the fight is not over. My initial meeting group has come up with several ideas on how to fund education tax and now I'm looking for 6 volunteers for two meetings only to give us 'fresh eyes' on these ideas and help me with the 'pros and cons' of each one before presenting it to the Government. Call me at home 332-4806 or email me at 'weekley@sasktel.com'; I will accept the first 6 folks that call.

On behalf of Council and as your Mayor, I would like to extend a very BIG thank you to the Communications Committee. Lead by Councillor Cathy Cuddington and volunteers Jennie Avram, Irene Pisula and Theresa McQuoid, this Committee is responsible for the newsletters new format, the revamping of the telephone directory (about to come out) and the development of the new 'web page'.

Fred Weekley, Mayor

2010 PROPERTY TAXES

The pencils were sharpened and the numbers crunched and at the end of the day, the operating budget for the District of Katepwa has been approved. The budget reflects the estimated amount of expenditures for the operation of the District and includes the estimated amounts of revenues from taxation, services provided and any grants that the District receives.

The cost of providing services to the District continue to increase and this years budget reflects these costs while remaining focused on the established long range plans for the District -

Expansion and upgrades to the lagoon;
Maintenance and upgrades to roads; and
Landfill upgrades

FOR THE 2010 TAX YEAR -

Municipal Mil rate 6.1% : this rate is established by Council, based on operating budget requirements.

School Mil rate 10.08% : this rate is set by the Provincial Government and is based on land size.

Minimum tax on land and improvements is \$300.00: rate set by Council and levied against all properties in the District.

REMINDER ABOUT THE MAYOR'S CHALLENGE - STILL LOOKING FOR A NEW LOGO!

As published in the last newsletter, the Mayor and Council are seeking a new visual identity for the District and are inviting your submissions. Deadline of June 30th is fast approaching; submit your design to the Village Office by email katepwebeach@sasktel.net or by mail P.O. Box 250 Lebret, SK. S0G 2Y0.

Council continues to research and source funding opportunities to assist with the upgrades that are needed (helping to keep taxes down). Most government funding opportunities, including the Revenue Sharing grant, are "per capita" based and as mentioned in the last newsletter, the current per capita funding formula doesn't equal enough funds to pay for these upgrades. Council continues to work to getting this formula changed. Council is also working to get the Ministry of Environment to put money towards the much needed upgrades to the Provincial Park and to the District infrastructures.

Tax notices have been mailed out - please call the office if you have not received your notice. **Receive a 15% discount IF taxes ARE PAID BY JUNE 30, 2010. All payments are due by June 30, 2010.**

THINK RECYCLE A LION'S CLUB INITIATIVE

The Katepwa & District Lion's Club is a small club of 19 members who live up to the Lion's motto - "We Serve". Every year, this dynamic club carries out a number of service activities throughout the District and their **Think Recycle** campaign is one of the latest.

The Katepwa & District Lions Club has partnered with **Think Recycle** to provide a disposal option for cell phones, digital cameras, and printer cartridges. This program allows the Lion's Club to earn funds through recycling while helping to protect the environment. The Lion's have located four **Think Recycle** bins conveniently throughout the District (the Landfill Office, the Lorras site at Katepwa South, the Information Kiosk at the Sandy Beach office, and the Katepwa Center at Katepwa Beach). It's simple - return your unwanted items to the bins and the Lion's club will collect, package and send all material to Greentec for recycling. Greentec is a world leader in reverse logistics, specializing in the collection of electronic waste.

Recycling is a big initiative for the Lion's Club, as valley residents themselves, they feel there is a need for all of us to be more aware of our impact on the valley and lakes. Items like cell phones, digital cameras, and printer cartridges contain large amounts of lead, mercury, and other harmful chemicals that will seep into the soil and eventually find their way into our water systems. The **Think Recycle** program provides an alternative to landfill disposal for these e-waste products, helping to prevent the entry of toxic chemicals into our wells, streams, rivers and lakes.

As the Katepwa & District Lion's Club welcomes a new slate of executive officers (Corey Hodson, Colleen Meyer, Bob Banbury, and Darwin Chatterson) they are also busy planning upcoming events like the **Texas Hold'em Tournaments** (held on the fourth Fridays of June, July and August at the Katepwa Centre), organizing the community **Flea Market/Garage Sale** (July 1st, Katepwa Beach) and getting ready for their **Annual Grey Cup Pool** (tickets available July 1st)!

The Club is always happy to welcome new members and invite anyone interested to contact Bob Banbury on line at banburyfarms@sasktel.net or by phoning 331-9261.

SUMMER STUDENT NEEDED!

The Village has an immediate summer position available. Duties will include opening the library on Saturday's and to facilitate many of the programs scheduled in the park throughout the summer. Anticipated start date is June 20th for a term of 10 weeks, approximately 30 hours a week with a salary of \$9.25/per hour. Those interested should email their resume to katepwabeach@sasktel.net attention Glenda Hudson.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS ON THE BEACH!

Canada Day Volleyball Tournament:
Register your 3 person teams between 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
at the Main Beach on July 1st. Games will begin at noon.

Cost is \$10.00 a team.

This year, there are two age groups: 12-17 or 18 and older.
This promises to be a great tournament with prizes
for the funniest dressed team.

Fireworks:

Beginning at dusk on the main beach.

Fireworks are brought to you by the District of Katepwa.
PLEASE, no private fireworks on the beach at any time.

Have you been to www.katepwabeach.ca lately?

Be sure to check out the new website!

Changes are ongoing and information is up to the minute.

Log on for current community information, up to date event schedules,
past newsletters and so much more!

FUN IN THE SUN - SUMMER BEACH ACTIVITIES:

Various activities (games, crafts, etc.) are being planned at the gazebo at the main beach starting Monday July 5th and running thru to Friday August 6th.

Events will be scheduled Monday – Friday at various times throughout the day. Everyone is welcome, if you are interested in registering your beach baby for these fun activities, please call the District Office at 332-6645 (or email katepwabeach@sasktel.net) at the earliest time as activities will be held based on registration.

Weekly activities will be posted on the website www.katepwa.ca (or are available by calling the office).

The Recreation Committee is looking for 2 people (16 years or older) to supervise these activities. Supervisors are needed 3 hours per day, Monday to Friday. Those interested can pick up a form at the District Office.

Dog owners: "scoop that poop"



The District office has received several complaints about dogs messing on private and public property. Please be courteous to your neighbours, keep your dog on a leash and **clean up after them**.

It is the **LAW** (Bylaw No. 8-05)

Thank you for keeping our village clean and beautiful!!