

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**.

#### LANDFILL HOURS:

May 1 to Sept 30:  
Monday, Friday and Saturday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**\* Will also be open the entire May long weekend:  
Fri, May 20 – Mon, May 23**

#### DISTRICT OF KATEPWA OFFICE:

Summer hours  
May 1 - September 30<sup>th</sup>.  
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.

#### WI FI:

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

### WEEKEND WARRIOR TENNIS LEAGUE

Jim Peter from Sandy Beach is getting a tennis league going for the 2011 season. He would like to see tennis players of all levels come out. Jim would like to get a list of interested players together along with their skill levels to set up games on weekends during the summer season.

Anyone interested in playing tennis for the 2011 season please give Jim a phone call @ Home 306-775-0359 or Cell 306-737-1550.

### FLOOD FORECAST FOR KATEPWA

There is reason to be concerned about flooding – there is no storage capacity in the system. The slews are full, the soil is saturated, and many lakes and creeks are full in Saskatchewan. Having said that, Katepwa Lake is the lowest level it has been since 1944.

Flooding from runoff depends on two factors: both the anticipated precipitation and the RATE of melting. The best melt is when it occurs slowly – that is, melting during the day and freezing at night.

Unfavourable weather conditions between now and spring runoff, such as above normal precipitation and or a rapid melt, will significantly increase the level of flooding and flood damages. It is every land owner's responsibility to protect their own property. In order to assist residents with this, the District of Katepwa has purchased sand bags. They will be available for sale at 50 cents each. It is the responsibility of the land owner to fill the bags. Contact the village office at 332-6645 for more information.

A map of flood plains can be found on the website [www.katepwabeach.com](http://www.katepwabeach.com) under "maps". Visit the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority website for information on the flood forecast [www.swa.ca](http://www.swa.ca)



### PROVINCIAL ELM TREE PRUNING BAN STARTS IN APRIL

Pruning of elm trees is prohibited from April 1 until August 31 in Saskatchewan to reduce the risk of Dutch Elm disease. Provincial regulations ban the pruning of elms during this time to protect elms from Dutch Elm disease fungus. Trees pruned during the ban are susceptible to the Elm Bark Beetle that carries the fungus spores from tree to tree. The Elm Bark Beetle is drawn to the sap that seeps from pruning cuts. All Elm Trees are at risk so if you suspect a tree may have Dutch Elm disease, contact the office at 332-6645.

We have an officer who is trained to detect the presence of the disease.

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.

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# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2011

### DON'T WE LOOK GOOD!!

This is the debut of the new District of Katepwa logo.

**Joelle McCall, a cottage owner at Katepwa has worked patiently to create many options for logos. Here is the final result. Thank you to Joelle for her time and expertise; we are very proud of our new identity.**

### YOUR OPINION MATTERED!

*Results of the Community Poll*

The What Matters to You in Your Community opinion poll was conducted for the District of Katepwa as part of the development of an Official Community Plan (OCP). The common themes and issues raised in this survey will form the basic framework for developing our District's Official Community Plan.

The survey was mailed to 800 permanent and seasonal residents in October 2010. A total of 204 questionnaires were received. The response rate of 25% is extremely high and more than four times the expected response, highly indicative of your interest in this process. The candid comments were appreciated.

The survey asked the following key questions:

1. What are the important attributes/assets of the District that resident's value and wish to protect?
2. What are the issues which are cause for concern and require attention and possible correction?
3. Rank the shorter term action items you believe are important.

Residents were also asked what they wanted their community to become within 15 years.....the overall message: maintain the current rural "resort" quality that we all enjoy so much!

It was evident from the responses that the focus is on protecting and preserving the areas. Some of the highlights in each category:

Most important Municipal Attributes:

1. Peaceful & Quiet Quality of Community
2. Natural Beauty
3. Access to Lake and quality of experience

Most important Municipal Challenges:

1. Infrastructure and Environmental Issues (lagoon, landfill, septic tanks, natural eco-systems)
2. Growth Management of Future Development (concerns about over-development, particularly on the hill sides).
3. Road Maintenance and Infrastructure

Municipal Actions

1. Improvements to Services and Amenities
2. Maintenance and Improvement of Roads
3. Growth Management of Future Development

Council has felt strongly, and has communicated on many occasions, that the Official Community Plan is YOUR plan. The Council is pleased to have received a very high response rate to the survey. Your collective voice has been heard and the results will be incorporated into the OCP. It is anticipated that a draft of the OCP will be available by June, 2011 and we will keep you informed on further opportunities for input.

Full results of the survey are available on our website:  
[www.katepwabeach.com](http://www.katepwabeach.com) under Resident's Services, Building/Development.



MAYOR’S REPORT

As Schwarznegger (Arnold) said .... ‘I’m Baacckkk’; we’re back as well!

We are going into a new season with some of the same issues as last year and some new ones. I will try to give you an overall view of what you can expect.

- 1. At the SUMA (Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association) and PARCS (Provincial Association of Resort communities) Conventions, we heard a number of issues that are common across the board:
  - a. Infrastructure funding and completion; (this means roads, lagoons, landfills, water supplies, equipment etc.),
  - b. By-laws and protective services
  - c. The main issue is having a reserve built up to be able to do preventive work rather than rebuilding work. Our District is fortunate being one of the few in a positive cash position. We need to continue to build this reserve so that we can meet the provincial guide lines and regulatory structure.
- 2. Education is still a priority but apparently (for the government) not this year. The work we did previously started the ball rolling and it appears that we may have to take the forefront again to work towards eliminating Education Tax from property. We’re working on it.
- 3. One of the programs we looked at previously is the ‘**Darken the Skies**’ program. This program has a community adopt the policy of reducing the light transmission into the evening sky. The era of the ‘great tall light fixture’ might be gone. Overly bright street lights might be gone as well; but all this has to be done with safety and security in mind.

We are researching (that’s researching only) the possibility of changing our street lights and large yard lights to the new style ‘LED’ light. These lights are more efficient by up to 62% and can still meet all the safety standards. Beyond the safety standards (if we wished to proceed) the lighting would have to meet the Community Plan’s goals. Remember the community plan includes your input.

- 4. You will notice some new signs throughout the District.
  - a. New ‘Katepwa District’ signs will be up this year at either end on Hwy 56.
  - b. New signs will be going up on road allowances to the lake to let folks know that they are public property. These road allowances must be kept free of nuisance. Public access areas that show up as problems will be video monitored so that we can take care of our little slice of nature.
- 5. If you have any questions or concerns, there are several ways to communicate with the District and your council:
  - a. Come to a council meeting. At the end of each of the 12 monthly meetings, there is an open session for our rate payers (that’d be you) to bring up anything they wish.
  - b. Write a letter or send an email to the District office; it will get addressed at the next council meeting.
  - c. Call a Councillor in your ward; I’m sure they would be pleased to hear from you.

We communicate to you through our web page [www.katepwabeach.com](http://www.katepwabeach.com) (on 24/7), and 4 newsletters yearly.

We’re looking forward to an awesome summer, and we deserve it! More than 6 continuous days we hope! See you at the lake!

Fred Weekley Mayor

HIGHWAY #56

The curvy little highway with dips and hills that brings all of us to our tiny piece of tranquility which we fondly call “the lake” is none other than Highway #56 - literally the life line to the District of Katepwa. We all know what the highway is and what it does for our community but what we tend not to do is pay attention to the fact that it is indeed a secondary provincial highway with varying types of traffic. Flanked by the Trans Canada Trail to the east and cottages to the west, Hwy 56 sees a lot of action and has been the topic of many debates over the years. To name a few, traffic speed on the highway, parked vehicles on the shoulders, pedestrians, overcrowding vegetation, the condition of the road and the list goes on!

What does this mean to us? Because the District of Katepwa does not have jurisdiction over the highway any rules, maintenance, etc. are not regulated by Council, but we do have concerns over how it affects residents and visitors.

- ☐ Parking that obstructs the free passage of traffic on the highway is not permitted!
- ☐ Berry pickers and pedestrians are advised that it is very dangerous to use it as a sidewalk, and disrespectful of motorists who need to swerve into opposite lanes to avoid them. Pedestrians should use the Trans Canada Trail rather than the side of the road.
- ☐ Unlicensed vehicles are not permitted on the highways – that means ATV’s and golf carts.
- ☐ Drivers...simple road rules like passing and speed have to be acknowledged.

Let’s remember, it is a highway!

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** and put waste in your **OWN** garbage bin.

It is the **LAW** (Bylaw No. 8-05)  
Thank you for keeping our village clean and beautiful!!

NEW BUILDING ON THE BLOCK!

The new storage facility adjacent to Katepwa Centre was built by volunteers!

Thank you to:  
Gerry Racette, Darwin Chatterson,  
Elmer Pletz and Terry Fay

VOLUNTEERS MAKE KATEPWA ITS BEST:

Every community has a group of folks that have a knack for making things work. They jump in, roll up their sleeves and make sure events for their Community are successful. They are called Volunteers! There are many programs that are only possible because of volunteers in the District.

On behalf of all of the residents of Katepwa, **THANK YOU to the Lion’s Club volunteers for everything they do to make Katepwa a better place to live and play!!**

HATS OFF TO THE  
KATEPWA & DISTRICT LIONS

The lyrics of “*The Lion Sleeps Tonight*” by the Nylons truly do not describe the Lions of the Katepwa District! Under the leadership of President Lion Corey Hodson, these Lions were very much awake and not asleep all the long days and nights of the past winter. They could often be observed with their house lights on late into the night or “roaring” around the district during the day – planning, preparing events and providing community service. The Lions continued the friendly driver program which assists residents in need of transportation for medical appointments. They constructed the storage building adjacent to the Katepwa Center. They provided Christmas pole lighting for the residents and visitors at Katepwa South and Sandy Beach. The recycling program continued - items were collected from the bins, packed, and shipped away. The Nylons song goes on - “A Wimawe, A Wimawe, In the Jungle, the Mighty Jungle” . . . but, not here! The Katepwa and District Lions were out on The Mighty Ice of Lake Katepwa where they hosted an ice-fishing derby on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds of this fund-raising event are ear-marked for recreational equipment at Katepwa South.

Thanks to Vivian Pletz for this article

If you have the desire and time, we can use you!  
The following programs need some volunteer support.  
Please contact Glen Horvath at 551-5315 if you are able to help:

- Supervisor for July 1 activities •
- Breese Park Development Committee •

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM,  
A VOLUNTEER CALL!

*Communities in Bloom* is a provincial and national program that recognizes community participation in projects involving beautification, heritage, and environmental awareness. Participating Communities are judged on the quality of the municipality’s green spaces, diversity and originality of its landscaping, general tidiness, environmental awareness, heritage, and the level of community involvement. A great opportunity exists for communities to generate civic pride and local participation, while gaining recognition across the country. More information about Communities in Bloom can be found on [www.spra.sk.ca](http://www.spra.sk.ca)

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is the provincial coordinator of Saskatchewan’s Communities in Bloom initiative. Administration and delivery is carried out by staff of SPRA with the assistance of community volunteers to promote the initiative and provide mentorship and evaluation support. This is a great opportunity to showcase the beauty of Katepwa and its public and private properties. A volunteer is needed to be a champion for this program on behalf of Katepwa, working with SPRA to promote the Communities in Bloom initiative to the community. Those interested should contact the District of Katepwa office for more information.



IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE  
PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATOR CARD  
EXAM WILL TAKE EFFECT APRIL 15, 2011

All operators must now have their Pleasure Craft Operator Card. Carry it ON BOARD at all times.

On April 15, 2011 Transport Canada will implement changes to the Pleasure Craft Operator Card exam. Stricter exam standards will come into effect. The exam will increase from 36 to 50 questions. Online exams will no longer have to be supervised, but boaters will be required to complete a 3 hour online boating course, successfully passing progressive questions for each learning module before proceeding to the final exam. In person exams and classroom classes are still available through various providers.

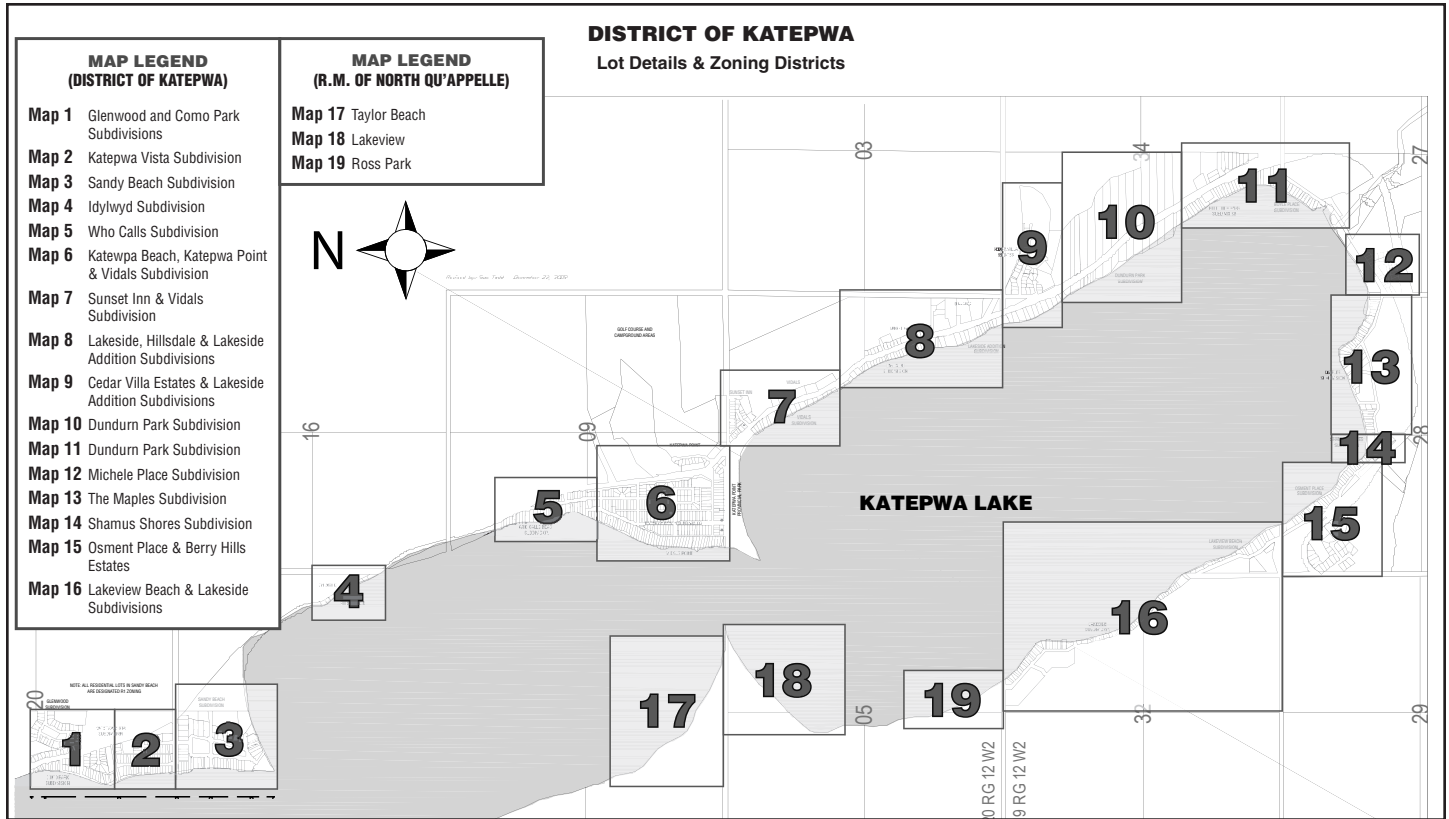
Whether you complete the exam prior to these changes, or plan to complete your exam after April 15, 2011 your Pleasure Craft Operator’s Card will be valid for life.

Those who already have their Pleasure Craft Operator’s Card will not be affected by the change. This includes all tests successfully passed before midnight on April 15.

## DEMYSTIFYING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The OCP survey revealed that there is some confusion about the boundaries of our District. The District of Katepwa is comprised of sixteen subdivisions around the lake. Areas identified as #17, 18, and 19 are NOT part of the District, rather are part of the neighbouring RM of North Qu'Appelle. The areas around the subdivisions (ie: hills above or behind the zoned areas, flats, etc.) are not under the control of the District, but of the RMs of Abernethy and North Qu'Appelle. Also, Highway 56 is not within the jurisdiction of Katepwa.

The District of Katepwa does not control the zoning or development in these areas. It is the intent of council to work with the adjacent Rural Municipalities to have them adopt similar planning for these portions of their RM's that lie within the "Katepwa Valley".



# BREESE PARK REVISITED

*Editor's Note: In the past edition of this Newsletter, an article about Breese Park was featured. This article provides more historical information, thanks to **Eldeen Boehmer**, on this lovely area of Katepwa.*

*Breese Park is located in the Maples Subdivision of Katepwa South. East and West Maples are separated by the creek.*

In 1996, a local landowner, Mickey Boyle had a vision - a golf course, the Lakeside Country Club. The golf course was to be developed on Mr. Boyle's land starting on the north side of the river, crossing the river, and across the flats (presently known as Michele Place Subdivision) including the land adjacent to the road and behind The Maples. Upon the demise of the Lakeside Country Club (due to lack of sufficient membership), members' funds were donated to the Village of Katepwa South specifically to develop a recreation area on that land.

The Village Council and Mr. Boyle traded some land and in the year 2000, the Village of Katepwa South obtained the Certificate of Title for the 42 acres at the end of the lake. The land was sprayed and seeded to grass; seedling trees were obtained, planted, watered, and weeded - this all done by residents of Katepwa South who volunteered many hours of manual labour. In 2002, 158 pine trees were transplanted around the park area at the entrance to the Village. How much was accomplished and acquired in those few years through the hard work of its residents needs to be commended.

***'Breese Park Revisited' continued on reverse***

### ***'Breese Park Revisited' continued from front***

On July 31, 2004, the Villages of Katepwa Beach, Katepwa South and Sandy Beach were amalgamated, and became the District of Katepwa. At that time, Mr. Breese (in particular) and South Katepwa residents requested that the funds originally donated by the Lakeside Country Club members be set aside for construction of a structure/hall/senior citizens recreational complex (on the shore across from Breese Park - to be accessed by both water and land); and, for horseshoe pits for which he had already donated the horseshoe sets. At that time there was not even a community centre in Katepwa.

Just before the amalgamation of the 3 villages the Council of the Village of Katepwa South voted to name the park after the village's one and only Mayor (1990 - 2004), Mr. Edward Breese. The Breese Park sign and cairn (donated by David Thauberger and John Boehmer) were erected and the Breese family donated the park bench, arbour (gateway to the park), shrubs and plaque.

The current council is respecting the wishes of the late Mr. Breese and Katepwa South residents. Plans to develop the park have been moved forward by Glen Horvath, Recreation Committee Chair. Those plans, outlined in the previous newsletter, include a walking trail to encircle the park, park benches, sand volleyball court, children's play structure and a tennis court.

## **DISTRICT OF KATEPWA CAREERS**

**The District of Katepwa is looking for a motivated individual who is interested in keeping our village safe and enjoyable.**

**Job Title: By-Laws Officer**

**Date: May 1 to September 30**

**Description:**

- ☐ To respond to complaints with the intention of educating the individuals on bylaw infractions,
- ☐ Move to resolve minor issues;
- ☐ Work with District personnel on more serious matters;
- ☐ To patrol and monitor ongoing situations.

**Must be self-motivated, possess a vehicle and valid driver's license, and be readily available during daylight hours, especially on weekends. Cell phone is provided. The officer is never asked to respond to a complaint after dark or to go into an unsafe situation.**

***Resumes can be forwarded to:***

District of Katepwa, Box 250, Lebreton, SK S0G 2Y0

Fax: 332- 5808

Or email: [Katepwaadministrator@sasktel.net](mailto:Katepwaadministrator@sasktel.net)

For more information contact 332-6645



# **CANADA DAY!!**

Planning is underway for "**Canada Day at Katepwa**" by the Recreation Committee.

Glen Horvath has many events planned for the day including performance by Saskatchewan's own, the **Alex Runions Band** will play before the Fireworks!

Saskatchewan is known for its "parades"; in fact, every self respecting community has a parade on Canada Day and since Katepwa is a resort community with a lovely lake, the Recreation Committee thought it was only fitting to have a **Boat Parade**. The parade will travel around the lake. Those entering are encouraged to decorate their boats, prizes will be awarded.

Other events like the Sand Castle Building and Volleyball Tournament are also planned for the day – it's tradition after all!

The day will be capped off by a fantastic fireworks display off main beach -  
**mark your calendars and plan to come out and take part in the celebrations.**