

<p>COUNCIL MEETINGS:</p> <p>Every 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00pm at the Katepwa Community Centre.</p> <p>Public forum for fifteen minutes following meeting.</p>	<p>BUDGET REPORT: <i>Submitted by Mayor Weekley</i></p> <p>The 2011 Balanced Budget was submitted and approved by council on May 21, 2011.</p>	<p>BYLAW CHANGE</p> <p>Regarding your Nuisance Abatement Bylaw (bylaw 16-05):</p> <p>A “Junked Vehicle”, (which means any automobile tractor, truck, trailer or other vehicle that does not have valid license plates) MUST now be covered by a secure tarp.</p>
<p>GARBAGE PICK-UP:</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Council has approved a mill rate of for 2011 of 7 mills, up slightly from last year. The minimum tax is now \$325.00. The Education portion of your assessment has decreased slightly to 9.51 mills (for residential properties).</p> <p>The District and Council continue to maximize tax dollars to bring all residents excellent services. The 2011 budget continues to address the priorities of our long range plans, mitigate the costs to our infrastructure, and concentrate on future projects as reflected in the community survey.</p>	<p>KATEPWA AND DISTRICT LIONS ANNUAL HIGHWAY CLEANUP June 13, 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Our Club will attempt to complete the annual highway cleanup June 13. Please meet at the Hotel at 1:00 PM. All members and volunteers will meet at Lions Betty and Ron McKinnon’s at 136B South Katepwa Drive for a BBQ after the cleanup. Everyone willing to help is invited.</p>
<p>LANDFILL HOURS:</p> <p>May 1 to Sept 30: Monday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Lagoon is top of the list. I understand roads are important however if you have no place to (well you know) then you won’t need a road to get here! The funds have been set aside both last year and this year; there is a plan but we need to come up with a very large sum of money to finish the job (figuratively speaking). Two years ago the estimate was \$2.9 million. We are looking into other options including grants and infrastructure assistance but we are expected to contribute a significant portion on our own.</p>	
<p>DISTRICT OF KATEPWA OFFICE:</p> <p>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</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Roads? The land fill road and Katepwa South should be done in the next while, funds were in place a couple of years ago and have been carried forward to cover those costs. All we need is the contractor to show up. If he doesn’t show up this time I will give you his name.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Flood repair for damaged roads? Roads especially in Katepwa South and Sandy Beach took a beating. The DARP (there are lots of Government acronyms) Disaster Assistance Recovery Program will cover these costs. Remember we aren’t the only flooded folks in the Province so it could take time.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Taxes must be received by June 30 in order to be eligible for a discount</p>	
<p>CHANGE OF ADDRESS:</p> <p>if you are moving or have already moved PLEASE let the District of Katepwa Office know.</p> <p>WI FI:</p> <p>Now available for all rate payers at the Katepwa Centre. Bring your portable devices and log on! Password - katepwalibrary.</p>	<p>The 2011 budget will be posted on the website www.katepwabeach.com</p>	
	<p>RESIDENTS, BE AWARE:</p> <p>Residents are advised to be cautious when someone knocks on their door and “say” they are inspectors for various organizations. There is more activity in the area than usual because of the flood, and it is in your best interest to ask for proper identification.</p>	<p>JULY 15 FRIENDS OF KATEPWA PARK PICNIC 5:00 – 7:00 pm Katepwa Provincial Park</p> <p>Bring your favourite picnic supper and blanket (Prizes for best blanket)</p> <p>7:00 p.m - Saskatchewan Express (sponsored by the Provincial Park)</p> <p>Aura Lee MacPherson, Donna Alport and Sue Hertz are excited to invite you to the first meeting for “Friends of the Katepwa Park”!</p> <p>This is so new, we are not even sure if this is the correct name.</p> <p>This year, our beloved Katepwa Provincial Park is turning 80 years old!</p> <p>As a “Friend of the Park” we would work with the Provincial government, the District of Katepwa , local businesses, First Nations and the Lions group to care for our park. We will take this time to listen to your dreams for the park.</p> <p>We are looking forward to seeing you!</p>
<p>COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM, KATEPWA STYLE</p> <p>Volunteers are needed to be champions for the Communities in Bloom program on behalf of Katepwa. You would be a leader in working with Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association to promote the Communities in Bloom initiative to the community.</p> <p>This is a great opportunity to showcase the beauty of Katepwa and its public and private properties. Please contact the District of Katepwa office at 332-6645 for more information.</p>		



JUNE 2011

THE FLOOD OF 2011 – A TIME WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Put it in the record books – Katepwa Lake levels reached new peaks, causing significant property damage and an incredible cascade of events.

It all started in the dead of winter, when we were aware there would be higher than normal run-off and lake levels. The District of Katepwa purchased sand bags in anticipation of the need for property protection and posted advisories to residents.

For the first two weeks of April, Katepwa staff and residents dealt with property damage due to significant run-off. New creeks were flowing where they had never seen before, roads were damaged and properties were flooded. Our one man crew (Corey) was kept busy trying to redirect water to safe areas!

Then came the much more ominous high lake level threat: **on April 16, 2011, the District of Katepwa declared a state of emergency due to significant risk of property damage.** This allowed the District to secure resources to assist residents to create sand bag walls to

protect against high water levels in advance of the deluge.

The water levels rose steadily until Wednesday, April 28, when Katepwa reached a new peak of 479.54 meters above sea level, breaking the 1974 level of 479.5 meters. It eventually peaked at 479.59 meters above sea level.

On April 29 and 30, “Mother Nature” did her worst. Just as the ice was breaking up, and with the lake at peak levels, high winds and waves created the “perfect storm”. These waves, up to 7 feet high, crashed into sandbag berms and knocked several feet of it down in places, flooding some properties. After a very hard fight, residents and volunteers had to succumb to the battle and were evacuated in the name of safety.

Wave action with unprecedented high water marks continued to damage shorelines throughout the shoreline properties for several weeks. The impact of this will be felt **forever**.

Organizing the manpower and equipment to deal with trying to hold back a lake of water was an incredible feat. With Mayor Fred Weekley at the helm, and assisted by Administrator Glenda Hodson, “Flood Central” was immediately created (and underwent many modifications over the following weeks). Armed with a plan of attack, volunteers were organized, fed, directed to areas of need and kept safe. Equipment was brought in. A chain of information gathering and sharing was created.

Warren Bobbee, formerly an Emergency Measures Coordinator for the City of Regina and now a resident of Katepwa, became our new EMO coordinator – we cannot say enough about his leadership in this time of crisis! Curtis Kemp, a police officer by training, was our Emergency Centre Coordinator. Don Urzada shared this role. Corey Hodson and Ben Behnke were Warren’s “Right-Hand Men”, incredibly valuable in getting jobs done, working **very** long hours for extended periods of time.

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Welcome to our new bylaws officer
KEN ROSS.

For bylaw related issues,
please call him at (306) 765-5337

The flood of 2011 continued...

The leadership team that stepped up to the plate also included Elaine Chatterson and Eileen Fisher, as coordinators of the volunteers. Team captains were Dwight Fisher (Sandy Beach), Mitzi Brittner (East Maples), Karen Behnke (West Maples), Lorne Bennett (Boyle Place) and John Bergquist (Lakeside). Marg Smith coordinated all the food, and Eldeen Boehmer and Ann Meyer were at the sand bagger every day serving it to volunteers. Sandy Weekley was at Flood Central daily, taking minutes for every meeting, taking on any job asked of her. Many others, too numerous to mention, were there every single day.

Katepwa also became a hub to assist residents in other districts. Our volunteers created sand bags for residents of B-Say-Tah, RM of North Qu’Appelle, Standing Buffalo Reserve, Fort San and Echo Lake. Many people came from surrounding communities to get the “official update” every morning, which was reported by Warren Bobbee. As Warren stated, we were “kind of a big deal”.

Many stories will remain, but one continuous theme that was, and will be said many times – the greatest resource was its volunteers!

There were stories of 40 people coming to the rescue at once, forming a human chain to transport sand bags to hold in rushing water, incredible donations of human time and energy (from far and wide, including from other provinces), people providing food for volunteers, donations of equipment, etc. Other communities came to our aid, too - help came from Youth Groups and the Balcarres Fire Department, Lions Clubs from Balcarres, Fort Qu’Appelle and Indian Head for example. Many people were there at the sand bagger, driving the ATVs, and supplying equipment. Unfortunately they are too numerous to mention – the list includes 500 people!!

While there are many examples of good deeds, the devastation this has caused to many residents is awful and overwhelming. We are grieving for those whose property and homes were affected by the flooding.

The “flood story” was well documented by pictures taken by staff and residents. A photo gallery is on the website www.katepwabeach.com.

THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM MAYOR WEEKLEY

It’s with a great deal of pleasure that I can say...I’m proud to be from the District of Katepwa beach’!

You folks have shown what team work and neighbours are all about and you can be proud of what you have achieved as well!

Our community is small - on our own, we could NOT have protected our properties without help of other communities as well! And then... out of the woodwork came volunteers! Young and old, neighbours from near and far!

I’ve met more people whose names I can’t remember but whose faces will stay with me a long time. We have had help from everywhere and everyone; so many that I almost can’t start to thank each and every one. Young people from the Fire Commissioner’s Office, Water Rescue teams, our volunteers that helped sandbag, those terrific ladies who fed us all, the Carpenters (not the musical group), folks all towns and cities around us. Our neighbours; I’ll bet you know people now that you didn’t know last fall!

Remember I said almost? Well it is families like Val Todd’s family and their friends; they were here days on end. They even missed some school to stay and ‘bag’. They had fun but they worked hard and were covered with mud from... well you get the idea.

I saw a hitch cover that embodies our/ your efforts at the Lake....’git ‘er done’!

Now the cleanup begins. Please do not put the sand in the lake, Ministry of Environment frowns on it and they have a pad full of blank tickets that they are willing to help you fill out should you not take heed!

Clean up locations will be detailed further along in this late spring letter but it is important to NOT take lake refuse to the landfill. Other arrangements have been made to handle this overload.

Recovery and restoration will be foremost on your minds, our Administrator (Glenda) has all the details you will need and will be communicating with residents information on what they can expect and how to go about receiving compensation for flood recovery and protection. Watch the web site for updates.

So Buck up, there’s a July 1st party coming and a volunteer party about to happen.

A closing note... prior to this flood we were a loose (sometimes awkward) association of three communities. Now we are the District of Katepwa Beach and I’m proud to say that’s where I call home!

See you at the lake!

Fred Weekley, Mayor

FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR, GLENDA HODSON:

I wish to extend a sincere, personal THANK YOU from myself to Council, Staff and Volunteers for all their support during the state of emergency.

DID YOU HELP WITH THE FLOOD EFFORT AT KATEPWA?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT
SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH
4:00 – 7:00**

If you were part of the volunteer force that worked during the flood, you are invited to attend!

- Breeze Park (South end of the Lake)
- Food will be served (Ray’s famous beef)
- Short program and prizes
- Bring your own lawn chair!
- Please return all pallets, in any condition, to Breeze Park

***DONATIONS** for the event are welcome. Please make cheques payable to District of Katepwa, or drop off donations in the office.*

KATEPWA AND DISTRICT LIONS:

Lion’s April activities were the same as every resident in the District! We had all members involved in flood prevention and volunteer support at the Control Center.

In addition to our efforts, the Lions Clubs from Balcarres, Fort Qu’Appelle and Indian Head sent volunteers to join the fight to save homes and waterfront. Our thanks to them.



CLEANING UP AFTER THE FLOOD:

Now that that flood waters have receded somewhat our minds (and bodies) shift to the great clean up that faces the District. There are a few rules that must apply –

There are two designated stations to take sand bags and other flood related debris – please do not take anything to the landfill:

- Sandy Beach - Area near tennis courts; and
- Breese Park - South end of Katepwa Lake

Sandbags: Sandbags in proximity to the lake must be removed once no longer needed. Sandbags should not be dumped into or around the lake. Sand can be deposited on your lot above the high water mark as long as the sand is contained so that it cannot erode into the lake.

Depositing sand into the lake or on the shoreline can harmfully alter or destroy fish habitat. Depending on its source, sand can contain harmful substances that are prohibited from entering the lake. Dumping of sand into the lake or on the shoreline is a potential violation of the *Federal Fisheries Act* and/or the *Provincial Environmental Management Protection Act*. Violations can result in substantial fines and remediation of the site to its original state.

Deposit all plastic sheeting and empty sand bags in the **BLUE BIN**. Dump the sand beside the bin. Private contractors are available to dispose of sandbags. Please call the office at 332-6645 for more information.

Flood Debris from Interior spaces only (e.g. drywall, insulation): Deposit into the **RED BIN** located in **Breese Park** only (south end of Katepwa Lake)

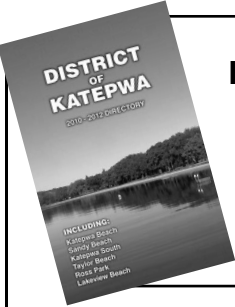
Lake Debris: Any debris removed from the lake can be taken to either of the above sites. Please do not take this to the landfill; other arrangements have been made for disposal.

Lost & Found: If you have lost something, or found something that isn’t yours, in the wind and waves have a look at these sites you might be able to retrieve your missing property. (Eg. sets of stairs, signs, chairs, tables, etc.)

Shoreline Damage/Repair: ALL repairs to shorelines require a *Shoreline Alteration Permit*. This can be obtained by contacting the Ministry of Environment at 332-3215.

ALEX RUNIONS TO HEADLINE KATEPWA LAKE’S CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS!!

The Recreation Committee has put together a great day of events and Saskatchewan’s own Alex Runions band will be playing before the fireworks display. Nominated for 2 Saskatchewan Country Music awards in 2010 and an album under his belt, Alex Runions is ready to take the country world by storm. Alex has been working hard for the last 7 years in the country music scene performing at a number of venues such as Craven Country Jamboree, The Pump Roadhouse and Casino Regina just to name a few and now he can add Katepwa Lake to his list!



Have you got a copy of the Directory? This is a two year directory.
Extra copies are available in the office. Pick yours up today!

HOW TO SPREAD THE WORD

You just need to look at how quickly things were pulled together by Glenda Hodson and Mayor Fred Weekley and EMO coordinator Warren Bobbee during the floods ensuring that residents were continually updated with the right information to appreciate the work involved. In addition to the website updates that were daily, volunteers rallied to phone residents with requests to help. It was evident that those manning the phones were up to the minute with details on every area and quite honestly with every property!

The key to an emergency response and preparedness plan is having the correct contact information for each resident. There have been many pleas in the past to make sure that the office has your current contact information (phone, cell, email) and after this spring you understand why. With your tax notices you will find a form requesting information from you. Please take the time to complete the details and return the Emergency Contact Sheet with your tax payment. Please don’t assume that people know how to get a hold of you – in the eye of an emergency there isn’t always time to track you down!

ST. JOHN’S AMBULANCE BOATING COURSE

Are you interested? Everyone should have a Boating License in order to operate motorized watercraft of any kind.

If 10 or more people are interested, we can host a course right at Katepwa! Once we have sufficient numbers, this will be organized for you.

Please contact the office at katepwabeach@sasktel.net or call 332-6645.

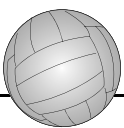




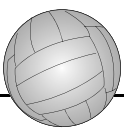



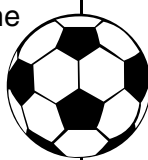
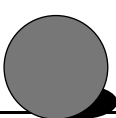
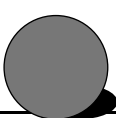








KATEPWA AND DISTRICT LIONS TEXAS HOLDEM’ TOURNAMENTS:

July 22nd, Aug. 26th, and Sept. 23rd

Katepwa Center, 7:00 p.m.

Get ready for our Football Pool - once again a great fundraiser.

Watch for Posters for more details for these activities.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 1:00-4:00 Extreme Volleyball Extravaganza 	5 1:00-4:00 World Cup Soccer Games 	6 1:00-4:00 Katepwa Roughriders Football Game (Wear rider gear if you want) 	7 1:00-4:00 Katepwa's Kickball Classic 	8 1:00-4:00 Frisbee Fiasco and Tremendous Tag 	10
11 1:00-4:00 Beach Ball Baseball 	12 1:00-4:00 World Cup Soccer Game 	13 1:00-4:00 Extreme Volleyball Extravaganza 	14 1:00-4:00 Katepwa Roughriders Football Game (Wear rider gear if you want) 	15 1:00-4:00 World Cup Soccer Game 	16
18 1:00-4:00 Katepwa's Kickball Classic 	19 1:00-4:00 Science Day (Fun day filled with science experiments!) 	20 1:00-4:00 Katepwa Roughriders Football Game (Wear rider gear if you want) 	21 1:00-4:00 Beach Ball Baseball 	22 1:00-4:00 Frisbee Fiasco and Tremendous Tag 	23 SAND CASTLE COMPETITION! Registration-2:00 Begin- 2:30
25 1:00-4:00 World Cup Soccer Game 	26 1:00-4:00 Paper Bag Puppets 	27 1:00-4:00 Extreme Volleyball Extravaganza 	28 1:00-4:00 Katepwa Roughrider Football Game (Wear rider gear if you want) 	29 1:00-4:00 Captain Katepwa's Treasure Hunt (We will lead you to exciting prizes and treats) 	30

- Elyssa Stepan and Cadie MacPherson, will be running this program on behalf of the District of Katepwa
- If kids aren't interested in the games scheduled for the day, we have many arts and crafts activities, including bracelet making and coloring.
- The scheduling of activities may change.
- Everyday we'll meet in front of the swimming lesson building at the main beach (brown building). On rainy days we will meet in the same place but work inside.
- Children may come and go as they please, so parents should stay near in case your child doesn't want to participate.
- Children 5 and under will be asked to be accompanied by a parent.
- This program is free of charge so come on down and have some fun!



Canada Day at Katepwa Beach!

Canada Day Celebrations are always a great time in Saskatchewan but definitely an event to behold at one of our provinces premier parks. Starting at 11:00 a.m. with Sand Castle Building and ending with Fire Works at 10:00 p.m. the day promises to be a lot of fun for residents and visitors alike!

A Day at the Beach – two great events planned on the beach, sponsored by ***Knight Archer Insurance*** and ***Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centers*** (a division of SARCAN)

- **Sandcastle Building:** Registration at **11:00 a.m.**; Competition begins at 11:30 a.m. Bring your tools and talent down to the beach. Open to all ages (and talent level!). Sculptures will be judged and prizes awarded.
- **Beach Volleyball Tournament:** Registration at **1:00 p.m.** Competition begins at 1:15 p.m. One court, 6 teams, judges, double knock out... a perfect recipe for a great day at the beach! Register your 4 person team.

Katepwa Boat Parade – sponsored by ***Fries Tallman Lumber; Plainsview Credit Union; and Katepwa Beach Golf Course***

What Canada Day celebration doesn't have a parade? But how many can boast a Boat Parade! Starting at **2:00 p.m.**, all boats will rally in front of the Katepwa Beach boat launch. The parade will make its way around the lake and return to main beach before breaking up. Decorate your vessel in true celebration form for chances to win. Let's make this the best parade in the valley!

Concert on the Beach – sponsored by ***Saskatchewan Lotteries***

The ***Alex Runions Band (country)*** takes center stage from **7:00 - 9:30pm** on main beach Katepwa. Alex Runions and his band are ready to entertain the great folks of Katepwa with top notch country music - you do not want to miss this show!

Fireworks – sponsored in part by ***Markusson New Holland***

Closing this spectacular day of events in true Canadian style with a great display of fireworks on the beach at **dusk or 10:00 p.m.** whichever comes first! Bring your lawn chair

See You There!