

Happy New Year 2008

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Projects Completed

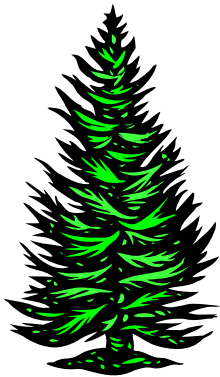
Council was excited to complete many projects this past year, with most of the projects being funded through new government grants:

- **TENNIS COURT:** Professional plexipave surface. With anticipation of a busy tennis season this year, a **sign-in board** has been created and will be posted on the side of the tennis court. There will be a place for you to sign your name when you first start playing. You can also write your name down if you are waiting to play - this will allow you to leave for 20 minutes, and come back without losing your place in line!

- At the end of the year, we were able to get the new **BEACH VOLLEYBALL COURT** completed. There will be a bit of landscaping in the spring, but it will be ready for play.

SPRUCE TREES

Myrna & Ralph Johnston donated 10 spruce trees, as well as mulch, dirt, & a portion of installation cost. 7 of the trees were planted in the Playground Park, 1 in Smith Park, and 3 at the end on Beach Road.



SMITH PARK:

- Planted new low growing junipers, reset the rocks on the original slope and positioning

BOAT LAUNCH

- shoreline stabilization
- rock work
- clean-up, cutting, pruning and re-establish ditch
- Frost boil spots repaired

ROAD WORK

- Pulling and reshaping road shoulder by foot bridge
- Repair frost heaves
- Reclaim drainage ditch on north side by removing undergrowth

Welcome Our New Council:

Jerry Rudnisky - Mayor
Ralph Johnston - Deputy Mayor
Ian Bradley - Councillor

Thank you!

- Colin Bland - for doing a great job as Games Master at our Picnic this past year
- Ralph Johnston - for all your extra work, including cleaning up the pile of garbage left from the big bin dumpsters
- Dave Luckwell - for cleaning up garbage

Email:

Please submit your email address to the Administration office to receive newsletters and most Village correspondence via email - it is a quicker and cheaper form of communication!

Picnic in the Park

The Annual General Meeting is held the third Saturday of July. In the afternoon, we host a picnic in the park (beside the Tennis court). Residents bring their own meat to bar-be-que, and Council supplies the rest



of the picnic. After supper, there are games and prizes for the children. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbours and enjoy a day in the park.

Insurance

Ambulance and Fire services are available by dialing 9-1-1. Itaska has agreements in place so that these services are available, but actual costs for a call-out will be paid by the rate-payer. Please consider adding these services to your insurance so you are covered in case of emergency.

This spot could be yours!

For \$25 / newsletter, you can advertise your local business or services.

Summer Village Collection Schedule

Notes:

Oct-07						
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Collection Day marked in Red

Jan-08						
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Jun-08						
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Biweekly Collection Cycle starts October 8, 2007

Designated collection day is marked in RED

Have cart out by 7:00 AM collection day

Have cart as close to road way as possible



Itaska Beach Residents. Have your guests commented on the waves of Green sludge washing ashore? Do you have second thoughts about swimming in the water? Do you wonder if the investment in and your enjoyment of your property will drop?

The Pigeon Lake Watershed Association (PLWA) has been formed to enhance and protect Pigeon Lake and its watershed. You can get more information on the Association, its objectives and its activities on the internet, at: www.pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com/.

The Association's initiatives include:

- Preparing a baseline report on actions required to protect and enhance the lake;
- Monitoring blue green algae and reviewing short and long term solutions;
- Supporting the Regional Wastewater Strategy;
- Recommending no new significant residential development until the wastewater strategy is operational;
- Reviewing implementation of Pigeon Lake Fishery Management Plan;
- Seeking recognition by the EUB on the unique nature of the watershed; and
- Pursuing issues with elected officials regulators and other concerned groups about:
 - water quality,
 - fish stocks,
 - real-estate development; and
 - oil & gas operations

You can help by becoming a member and participating in PLWA activities by completing and mailing in the Membership Form on the back of this letter with a cheque for \$10 for one member or \$20 for a family membership or Sign-up online on the PLWA web site.

Your membership is important! The influence of the Association will be enhanced when dealing with municipal and provincial governments as more residents become members of the PLWA. The Association is also accepting donations from concerned individuals and has commissioned a base-line report on the lake including actions that can be taken to protect it. Any donation you can make will be appreciated!

More information on these events is posted on the Association's web site. If you have any questions or comments about the PLWA give me a call or send me an e-mail.

Thanks

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Director, Pigeon Lake Watershed Association



BECOME A MEMBER

Individual: \$10 or Family: \$20 (up to two adults and all youths in the same family, residing at the same address - 1 vote per adult)

Visit and Signup: http://pigeonlakewatershedassociation.com/Become_A_Member

Or complete and return with your cheque to:

PIGEON LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
Box 70 Ma-Me-O, Alberta
T0C 1X0

YOUR INFORMATION:

First Name(s): _____
Last Name: _____
Home Phone: _____
Alternate Phone: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City/Town: _____
Province: _____
Postal Code: _____
E-mail: _____

NOTE: you are consenting to the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association storing your personal information and providing you with information and updates via the e-mail and/or the surface mail addresses provided

Lake/Watershed Location (Beach/Community):

Type of Property (Acreage, Back Lot, Farm, Lakeshore, Ranch or Other):

If Interested in Volunteering Please Circle Your Area of Interest:

Shoreline Cleanup, Membership, Communications, Public Education, Government Liaison, Technical/Research, Fundraising, Website Mgt, Database Design/Mgt, Special Events Planning, Hospitality/Social and Phoning Committee

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

November 21, 2007