

Dear residents of Chitek Lake,

We hope everyone is having a safe and healthy autumn despite the ongoing challenges with Covid-19 restrictions and lifestyle changes. As a community, we have been adhering to the guidelines set forth by the Government of Saskatchewan and as such, have kept our community healthy. We intend to keep adhering to the guidelines as Covid continues to change and will keep our residents both informed and up to date in attempt to continue to have a Covid free community.

Due to Covid, we are looking at some form of Christmas Celebrations for the community; more to come in the following weeks. Please note that the Christmas hours for the office and septic service will be as follows:

Office & Septic Service: Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 9am to 12pm

Office & Septic Service: Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th – CLOSED

Office & Septic Service: New Years Eve, Thursday, December 31st – 9am to 12pm

Office & Septic Service: New Years Day, Friday, January 1st – CLOSED

Septic Service will resume regular service hours on Monday, January  $4^{th}$ . The office will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, January  $5^{th}$ .

\*Please call for pump outs approaching Christmas to ensure services.

## A Message from Chitek Lake Sunshine Group

"Greetings from Chitek Lake Sunshine Group. We wish everyone good health during these trying times. The seniors have not had a regular meeting since March. We also had to cancel our annual potluck suppers and socials (April & September) with seniors from Leoville and area. We did sell tickets on our annual quilt raffle. Winners were Lyla Levandow and Dennis Olekson. Thank you to all who sold tickets and to all who bought tickets. Proceeds go towards our rent payments."

A special thank you to the members of council who have been putting many volunteer hours in assisting with "to do list" items within the village. We appreciate your involvement in the community!

As a reminder to all taxpayers who use the septic service, please ensure your house or cabin numbers are legibly marked in order to ensure septic service ease and efficiency. We ask that the house or cabin number be clearly visible from the front of the dwelling. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Some members of the community have expressed interest in renting spaces or stalls for their boat lifts during the off season. Council would like to get an idea on how many individuals would be interested in storing their boat lifts come Fall / Winter 2021. Any interested individuals are asked to contact the village office at (306) 984-2353.

Lagoon Update: We are happy to announce that the new lagoon is now fully operational and functioning. The decommissioning of the old lagoon is ongoing and is going as planned. The Resort Village is planning on having a Lagoon Grand Opening at the new site in Spring / Summer 2021 – stay tuned for more details!

The Resort Village of Chitek Lake office staff have been working diligently and hard in terms of internal management and controls, system updates and changes, etc. in order to achieve a higher level of efficiency in its day to day operations. The goal is to achieve more accurate record keeping and correspondence, a higher level of standard in terms of office practices and procedures, compliance, stricter adherence to Bylaws and policies and professionally adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by our governing authorities. We thank you for your patience thus far and for your understanding during this time in which these office changes are taking place.

A large endeavour that the village office is undertaking effective January 2021 is converting to an online e-filing system for all property files. This means that all properties will be in an online filing system and will include every document that the office has acquired on a certain parcel of land whether it be permits, title transfers, business uses, tax notices, etc. This involves hours of work and due to other higher priority office demands, will be completed around Spring 2022. This will essentially localize property information, details and documents online through our server which in turn allows us to operate with a much higher level of accuracy and avoid mismanagement on many levels. Chitek Lake is among the first to do this through the online municipal accounting system, MuniSoft, and we are looking forward to paving the way for other municipalities to do the same.

## Fall Funny:

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

