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How [seasonal] things change:



Coming Events!

- **Teen Cliff-Climb & Wiener Roast**
Fri. July 15 — 9 - 11:30 p.m. — Parking Lot
- **Masters Tennis Tournament**
Sat & Sun, July 16 & 17 — Tennis Courts
- **200 Meter Open Swim**
Sat. July 16 — 11 a.m. — Pier
- **Children's Masquerade**
Sat. July 16 — 6 - 7 p.m. — Sports Ground
- **Fishing Derby**
Sun, July 17 — 9 a.m. to Noon — Pier
- **RM/VB Council Meeting**
Tues, July 19 — Sports Club [Pine Rd] — 7 p.m.
- **Junior Tennis Tournament**
Wed & Thurs, July 20 & 21 — Tennis Courts
- **Men's Golf Tournament**
Friday, July 22 — Tee-offs at 8 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. — Golf Course
- **Teen Movie Night**
Friday, July 22 — Clubhouse
- **Sports Day**
Sat. July 23 — 10 a.m. to Noon — Sports Ground
- **30+ Tropical Dance**
Sat. July 23 — Evening — Clubhouse
- **Ladies Golf Tournament**
Wed. July 27 — Tee-off: 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. — Golf Course
- **Teen Scavenger Hunt**
Friday, July 29 — 8 p.m. — Clubhouse
- **Sandcastle Building**
Sat. July 30 — 10 a.m. - Noon — Clubhouse Beach

President's Message

We all owe a huge thank you to Michelle Brownell, Judy Walker, their families and their small army of volunteers who ran the Flea Market last Saturday. Thanks also to the teenagers who answered a slightly frantic call for help in loading the trucks, beginning at 7:30 a.m. We know the early start time goes against your natural sleep pattern and we truly appreciate your willingness to show the VB volunteer spirit! This popular event is a major fundraiser for our community club and we are pleased to see so many volunteers keep it alive.

In spite of some complications regarding keys and cords, a lively Beach Events took place last Saturday co-ordinated by Maria and Dave Erickson and their volunteers. This was closely followed by our annual Book Sale, where crowds of people picked up used books at bargain prices, thanks to the McMurray, Neusendorf, and Sister families.

Our programs are now in full swing, although we are still hoping for lots of hot, dry and windy weather so that the RM can get their equipment into the Sports Field to mow it for us.

We will be looking for a new Events Convenor for next summer. This volunteer position involves recruiting and contacting convenors for our special activities (e.g. the beach events, bike race etc) as the need arises. Our current Events Convenor is willing to work with the new volunteer for their first summer. Without an Events Convenor, we cannot continue to offer our huge slate of activities. Remember, if we all do our part, no one's share is too large. If you are curious about the job, please call me at 756-2736.

Summer weather has begun! Let's get out and enjoy it. And while you are at it, thank a volunteer today!

Marg Birley
VB Club President



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2005 Men's Golf Tournament

The annual Victoria Beach Men's Open Golf tournament will be held on Friday July 22. The event is limited to 144 golfers with 72 playing 18 holes in the morning and another 72 golfers playing in the afternoon. This is a men's tournament and all players must be 18 years of age or older.

The sign up sheets have been at the golf course since July 1st. Please contact the golf course if you are interested in playing. This event tends to fill up so make your inquiry as soon as you can. The cost of the tournament is \$10.00, plus green fees for non-members of the course.

Once again Labatts brewery will be sponsoring our event. We are always looking for prize donations. If you are in a position to donate a prize, please deliver it to the golf course or call me at 756-8115 and I can arrange to pick it up.

For those who are registered, please remember the morning shot-gun-start begins at 8:00 A.M. That means that we want all players to the holes at that time. You should arrive at the golf course and register and be ready to walk to your assigned hole by 7:45 a.m. If you have not registered by 7:45, we will start give spots away to those on the waiting list. The same applies for the afternoon. We want the players at their holes for 1:30 P.M. this means all players must be registered by 1:15 at the latest.

See you on the 22nd of July!

Ken Rowson
Tournament convenor

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The band is called . . . "Old School" . . . and they'll offer Top 40 from the 60's to Today!

Tickets are \$45 each and will be available at the tennis courts on Friday, July 15 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 16 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Capacity is just 200 people and when the tickets are gone, they're gone.

Strategically-placed snipers, Navy Seals and helicopter patrols will ensure nobody without a ticket gets in. For those of you who look good (and look younger than 30), you may be asked to provide identification at the door and/or when you buy your tickets. There is a limit of four tickets per person.

The Moonlight Inn will provide a delicious assortment of kebabs, wraps, chicken wings and other finger-lickin' good foods.

Doors open at 7:30.

Volunteers are needed for both set-up and clean up. Please call 756-3120 if you feel like lending your back to the effort.

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Policeman's Corner

■ Bears!

As we all know, bears are beautiful, intelligent creatures and we have the opportunity to see them in their natural habitat as we enjoy the summer and the lake together (occasionally side by side). Sometimes we get anthropomorphic when thinking of bears and images of Care Bears, Berenstein Bears, Yogi and Boo-Boo and good old Smokey the Bear spring to mind.

Please be mindful of the fact that if there is one thing you can rely on, it is that bears can never be relied on. They are UNPREDICTABLE.

Last night the Police got summoned to an address in the restricted area re: a bear in the garbage. Which brings me to my next point — please do not encourage the bears to come to your cabin by putting the garbage out the night before or by feeding the birds all summer long. These actions only ensure that you will have nocturnal visitors.

While it took Police a few minutes to arrive on-scene as they were responding from patrolling Albert Beach, the bear was still chowing down when Police arrived. The bear was undaunted by shouts and other attempts to get him to exit stage right. And that is problem #3 — when the bear gets to this stage, it's an unpredictable wild creature who has been trained by our poor habits to eat human food and now will not leave. Would you leave Rae and Jerrys (or Wendys) if someone was yelling at you??

We are now at problem #4—what to do. For the safety of the human folk at the lake, Police have no option but to destroy the animal. Once a garbage bear, always a garbage bear. Relocation is not an option as they will always return. Bears are territorial creatures. So my officers cleared the area of people, and the bear was shot. Now, you would think that having a one ounce ball of lead go through your body at 1680 feet/sec would pretty much drop you on the spot. You and me-y. Yogi—nope. In fact, what occurred next was that the bear turned and charged the officer resulting in 2 more shots being fired before the animal was stopped. Hence the UNPREDICTABILITY of bears.

Read this over twice and please take the points mentioned to heart:

- bears are beautiful
- bears are intelligent and resourceful
- bears are UNPREDICTABLE
- bears are encouraged by humans to come around for food (bird feeders/garbage left out)
- bears are UNPREDICTABLE
- bears become unafraid quickly
- bears are UNPREDICTABLE

Police do not enjoy shooting bears and this action is taken reluctantly and only as a last resort. Want to save a bear? Take in your bird feeders . . . put all garbage out the day of and not the night before . . . feed pets inside, bring in tablecloths, clean your barbecues. Bears even go for plastic gasoline cans - go figure.

I thank you and Yogi and Boo-Boo thank you.

[Editor's note: If you just can't get through the day without more bear info — there's another article on the subject in this issue.]

■ Seat Belts

Just a reminder about seat belts. They are mandatory on all Manitoba roads and they are there for your safety. CLICK IT OR TICKET.

Which one for you? \$235 and 2 points? . . . or wave at the cops as you drive by? (Please use all 5 fingers).

Stewart Macpherson
VB Police Chief



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Junior Tennis Tournament – 2005 Wednesday & Thursday July 20 & 21

Sign-up sheets for this year's Junior Tennis Tournament are now posted at the tennis courts and will be removed at 9 pm Sunday, July 17th.

The draw will be posted at the tennis courts by 6 pm Tuesday, July 19th.

A total of 3 events may be entered from the following categories:

Singles:

Girls 12 & under-Boys 12 & under
Girls 14 & under-Boys 14 & under
Girls 16 & under-Boys 16 & under
Girls 18 & under-Boys 18 & under

Doubles:

Girls 14 & under-Girls 18 & under
Boys 14 & under-Boys 18 & under

Mixed: 14 & under- 18 & under

Parent & Child (competitive)

Parent & Child (recreational)

Note: Age classifications match those of Tennis Manitoba. Age refers to the child's age in the calendar year 2005. (For example, if you are currently 14, but will be turning 15 by December 31st, 2005, you must play in the 16 and under category, NOT the 14 and under category.)

Registration fees are \$2 PER EVENT, which must be paid prior to competing. Competitors must be members of the V.B. Club and show their shoe tags.

Last year's winners are asked to return their trophies to the convenors at the tennis courts on Wednesday, July 20th between 9 am and 4 pm.

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Children's Masquerade Saturday July 16th

Calling all Children of Victoria Beach to get a costume and come out to the Children's Masquerade on July 16th starting at 6:00 PM.

The Masquerade will be at the Sports Field providing that it is dry enough. Alternatively, the Masquerade will be held in front of the Moonlight Inn at the Village Green. If it rains, the event will take place inside the Clubhouse.

The Masquerade is a Victoria Beach favourite and all parents are encouraged to be as creative as possible with the different clothing odds and ends at your cottage.

Everyone is welcome and everyone gets a prize. Make sure that you bring a piece of paper with your child's name, costume name, and age for publication in the Victoria Beach Herald.

Don't miss this one!

Bob and Katina Sudermann and family.

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Well, it seems that this summer's events are off to a terrific start. I would like to once again take this opportunity to thank all the convenors and volunteers who make these happenings possible.

As special events co-ordinator, I have had a first hand opportunity to see the amount of effort and dedication it takes behind the scenes, in order to provide beach goers with what always appears an uncomplicated good time. My hats off to all of you... too many to mention.

In upcoming news, we have Pam and Dave Borutski taking over the sandcastle building event to be held on July 30 at 10:00 AM.

Every new volunteer adds their own spin to these events, keeping them fresh and entertaining. With this in mind, we invite you to consider doing your share in the coming year. It is fun, easy, and quite personally rewarding. Contact me at 756-8092. I will look forward to hearing from you.

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Anglican Church News

How can it be? That the days of summer disappear in their fullness so quickly? Here I am talking about mid-July activities at the Anglican Church.

This Sunday (the 17th) is a regular church service with The Rev. Judy Whitmore saying the Holy Eucharist. Please join us. Other services continue on the 24th and the 31st of July.

We have two events in August that we hope you will mark in the family calendar at the cottage: On August 7 it will be our pleasure to honor members of the seniors' community at Victoria Beach — those in summer residence as well as the seniors who run programs year 'round through the Seniors Scene and the H.E.L.P. Centre. Some of these people include members of the executive and committee chairs of the many activities that entertain, provide services for those in need, and the seniors who pick up each day for each other in the way of volunteer support and caregiving.

A week later (SATURDAY, August 13) we have the Bauch Family Pop Concert. Jonathan, a cellist, his sister, Kristina, a violinist, and their parents, Karen and Richard, both members of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (she a violinist and he who plays the viola and is organist and choir director at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Charleswood.) The Bauchs have worked up a wonderfully entertaining program for the evening and we look forward to presenting them with a full house to applaud their music.

May sunny skies shine down on your days at the Beach!

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July 17	Fraser Muldrew	United
July 24	Alex Cross	Wayside Gospel Chapel
July 31	Ian MacDonald	United

Chair Practice 10:20 a.m. - Everybody Welcome!



Library News

This year's book sale was a huge success. We raised over \$900. A huge thank-you goes out to all the volunteers:

Lauren Nerfa
Rachel Duncan
Andrew Ruban
Julian Kennedy
Maddie Loader
Eleanor Wattis
Peggy Ansons
Maureen, Rex, and Scott Neudorff
Jeff, Cathy, and Julia Sisler
Riley, Keith, and Louise McMurray

A big thank you to **Michelle Brownell and Judy Walker** for our new library chair and the pick up of all the books. Our volunteers were awesome! We couldn't have done it without you.

Make sure to drop by for the story time every Wednesday morning during Library hours. Also, please make sure to always have your wristbands with you at library. You need them to take out books.

Thanks and happy reading!

Laura Neudorff and Dana McMurray

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Monday Night Bridge

The first game of the season got underway with 5½ tables of enthusiastic bridge players. It is always nice to see familiar faces and also some new ones.

Congratulations to **Mac Young** who was the evening's winner with a score of 6020. Runner-up was **Don Simonson** with a score of 5460.

The annual duplicate bridge tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, so circle that date on your calendar and line up a partner.

See you next Monday, 7:30 PM at the clubhouse.

*Fran Pollard
Donna Thain*

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Saturday "Sizzles" at the Flea Market

Three cheers to another successful VB Flea Market! We had an amazing group of volunteers who assisted us with this huge undertaking. Above all the effort this event entailed, we were overwhelmed by the tremendous sense of camaraderie and community shown by those who gave up a beautiful sunny Saturday to help the club.

We would like to express special thanks to:

Dan Sudermann and the Moonlight Inn
Brad and Janice at the Bakery
Marina Chapel

While we had many wonderful volunteers, the following people really made a difference. Huge thanks go to:

Erik Hildahl (Rookie of the year!)

Aynsley Walker
Jeremy Walker
Brian Walker
Tim Walker
Emily Brownell
Sam Brownell
John Brownell
John Forrest
Connie Forrest
Dave and Elaine Allwright
Greg Daniels
Bernie Plett
Laureen Johnstone
Geraldyn Roualt
Pam Lloyd
Sheila Grover
Pat Spangelo
Ian Milne
Glen Tongeson
Lloyd Bloomer
Peggy Ansons
Stacy Ansons
Jenny Butler
Sharon Kreutzer

Together the Flea Market and the Silent Auction raised approximately \$3000.

Hats-off to more of our great volunteers! (Hope we didn't miss anyone, and apologies for any spelling errors on the names). Your time and efforts were very much appreciated.

Drivers:

Dave and Elaine Allwright
Chris Trainor
Kevin Ateah
Greg Daniels
Cassidy Quinton
Terry Boyce (with Pat Hasting's truck)
Dan Sudermann
Ben Peterson
Dan Schott

Movers:

Erik Hildahl
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Eric Pollard
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Sandwich Crew:

Joan Ruban
Carole Wright
Marj Pritchard
Joyce Howes
Donna Plante
Barb Sudermann
Laureen Johnstone
Pam Lloyd

Flea Market Crew:

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Emily Birley
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Bill Jennings
Bev Bloomer
Lucy Szkwarek
Angie Glowa
John Brydon
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Lisa Hastings
Jean Doharty
The Police
Michelle Reimer
Margaret Meulyndyk
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Debbie Rhymer
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*Michelle Brownell
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Silent Auction Report

I would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who generously donated to our Silent Auction table at the Flea Market.

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Ian Milne
John Forrest
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This event could not have been successful without my dedicated cashiers **Laine Gendron** and **Tara Loader**. Special thanks also to **John Heppenstall** and **Greg Loader** for industriously securing many of the donors.

After 3 years of co-ordinating this event, I would like to hand off this opportunity to another loyal VB'er. You can call me at 756-8471 and I'll gladly guide you through your first year experience.

Carol Loader

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Meet us at the parking lot where you can register at 8:00 PM or pre-register Friday from noon to 1:00 at 312 - 4th Avenue.

The cost is free to teens with wristbands and \$5.00 for those without wristbands.

Remember to bring the following:

- Bike
- Wear your swimsuit
- Towel
- Bugspray
- Flashlight
- Ice cream pail

Parent volunteers are needed so please don't hesitate to call me at 756-2263.

I'd like to thank Herb, Allan, Michelle, and the Rec staff for setting up and supervising last week's movie.

Again, please call me if you can help out.

Melanie Charbonneau



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BERT VALLENBUUR

Chess Club at VB!

Hi everyone!

I am very interested in starting a brand new chess club at VB for adults [and teens over 16].

We will begin registration at 7:15 and start chess at 7:30. We would welcome players of all levels and you will be matched with players of your own ability.

We have 24 spots available, so it's first come first served. Our second night will be on Monday, July 18th.

If you have any questions, please call me at 756-3886.

Timothy Ruhun
Chess coordinator

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[Editor's note: Here's a rather intriguing, historical, and nostalgic article that Fred Greengrass wrote in 1978.]

In 1731, a French voyageur named Pierre de La Verendrye camped on the west shore of Victoria Beach as he made his voyage from the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers to Hudson's Bay. He called the peninsula which is now Victoria Beach - "Indian Portage" . . . and he called Elk Island - "le la Biche". What later became the early settlers' trails on Victoria Beach and Elk Island were first the Indian pathways and later the traders' and explorers' trails. It wasn't until these voyages became long forgotten memories that a permanent settlement was established in this area.

Historical Development

The first permanent settlement at Little Elk Island, [as Victoria Beach was then called], was established around the year 1880 when two men, Henry and James Hampton, came to settle on what is now the north-east quarter of the peninsula. These two men came from the New England States and were descendants from the old Loyalist stock. By 1885, a third settler had arrived and settled on what is now the north-west quarter of the peninsula. His name was Isodore Lacioe, and he was a Metis. These three men had one thing in common. They were fishermen and saw on the crests of the banks of Little Elk Island (Victoria Beach) an ideal site to establish a fishing lodge. Surrounding the island was an abundant supply of fresh Lake Winnipeg water with a plentiful, annual supply of sturgeon, sauger and perch. Since the island was too small to support adequate game, those men would sell their fish to Ewing and Fryer of West Selkirk, Manitoba, who were fish wholesalers.

The first surveying of this island was completed in 1885 by a man called Joseph Coupe. He found on the island an abundant supply of spruce, poplar, birch, jackpine, juniper and balsam. These trees were in thick, massive groves and covered the entire island. He also found that there was a sandbar connecting the mainland to the island and when the lake was low, the island would become a peninsula. Surrounding this sandbar was marsh and muskeg and breeding grounds for large populations of geese. He found the soil to be light clay and sandy loam, unsuitable for agriculture.

It was in 1897 that Charles W. N. Kennedy foresaw the prospects of establishing a summer resort. He arrived on a steamer that was captained by John Thomas, whose purpose in coming here was to cut eight hundred cords of pine and birch from the north-west quarter for a saw mill at Selkirk. Mr. Kennedy did not waste time. He purchased this land from the Dominion government as soon as he arrived back in Winnipeg.

In 1898, Henry Hampton had secured the title to his property as a homestead on the northern half. A few years later, his son had purchased as a homestead, the north-west quarter. Isadore Lacioe had disappeared by this time and as a result did not purchase land. So Henry Hampton was not only the first settler but also the first homesteader.

In 1904, Charles Kennedy purchased the eastern half with the same view as he held earlier. To the reader, it would indicate that Charles Kennedy had brought this land solely for speculation, but this was not so.

In 1905, Jerome Fontaine, a Metis, came to homestead on the south-west quarter. In the years that followed, he lost much of his land through water erosion. Today, his entire building site is under water.

Also in 1905, Charles Kennedy, along with group of associates, acquired a right of way through the previously mentioned swampland from the Provincial government. At this time, Charles Kennedy was concerned with an access to the future summer resort other than by boat and therefore felt that he must purchase this swamp before the government

encountered a prospective buyer. By 1908, these associates had purchased the swamp area all for the purpose of ensuring that there would be an access to the planned resort totally under their control. Also, they would prevent other developers from acquiring this property and in so doing, depreciate the value of the property that Kennedy had purchased in earlier years. Kennedy also purchased the south-east quarter in 1905 which consisted of a long sandy beach and mixed woodland. So, it seemed clear that he had plans for the future of the resort.

After 1908, the Kennedy family and some friends began summer vacationing on the peninsula — some building small cabins. In 1912, a Federal government pier was built for the commercial fishermen.

By 1913, Kennedy and his associates had become incorporated as "The Victoria Beach Investment Company Ltd." Many lots were sold to friends of Kennedy in Winnipeg, most of them being of British origin. He was rather selective in deciding who was to buy property at this resort. One of the first people to purchase a lot form the Beach Company was a Dr. Neil John McLean, a prominent Winnipeg physician. He did not, however, build his cottage until later and had the logs shipped from Elk Island.

The Beach Company established coveys on the property it sold wishing it to remain strictly a cottage resort. The name of "Victoria" for the beach resort was derived from Her royal Majesty, Queen Victoria. Kennedy wished to establish, in this resort, a country village setting that was of the kind typically found in England.

The Railroad Arrives

The Beach Company and the few cottagers realized the need for a railway to be built to the beach and the negotiations with the Canadian Northern Railway were successful despite the small number of vacationers. The tracks were laid and the first train arrived in 1916. During the same year, the Beach Company built a hotel on the point where the early vacationers resided. The hotel was named "Pinhurst Inn".

As more cottages were built, the residents realized the need to elect a council and the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach was formed in 1919. Kennedy was elected reeve and the councillors included Henry Hampton, Fred Kennedy, Neil McLean and William Webster. The lots were assessed at three quarters of their market value which was approximately \$1,000.

Further Development

The need for recreational facilities had been a major concern of the summer residents at this time and in 1921, the Victoria Beach Club was organized. In 1925, a Club House was built and financed entirely by the summer community. The land was leased to the club by the Beach Company.

There were over a hundred cottages built in the subdivision during 1921, many of which were built by Albert Larson. So the resort was becoming very popular at this time. Larson also built a grocery store and a bakery shop for the Beach company. Many of the cottages were built of tamarack logs which came from Elk Island.

The Beach Company had control over the businesses established at Victoria Beach. It did not want to encourage entrepreneurs for fear the resort would be commercially exploited as had been the case with other resorts. The lessees were carefully selected.

The Federal government reserved a small portion of the south-east quarter as a landing field for the Air Board of Canada in February, 1922. Hangars for the aircraft and cabins for the pilots and crew were built as well. The air base did not last long and was moved to Lac du Bonnet in 1927. The hangar floor boards were then used as tennis courts by the community club until new courts were built.

Victoria Beach — Its History and its People!

Because of the railway's acquisition of a right-of-way, the summer residents began to fear that should the Canadian Northern withdraw its interests, a provincial road might take its place. This would attract transients and vehicles which they felt would destroy the unique beauty of the resort. So, in 1933, through negotiations with the Provincial government, the council passed a by-law which granted them traffic control within the beach area.

The Beach Company started a municipal water system which was operated by gas pumps and began a fire protection system. The VB Company's growth over the years had been startling and for a long time it had been the largest tax contributor to the municipality when there were few cottage owners. It had to borrow money to pay these taxes and because few people were buying lots in the 1930's, the company was losing money. So, in 1934, it announced the unusual sale of all the remaining lots it owned in the subdivision.

What had been occurring during the thirties and forties was a population growth of both summer residents as well as permanent residents. These two groups often had conflicting values on certain issues. One such issue was the construction of a road into the beach area. The summer residents were against this because they felt that the road would attract too many people and their cars. The permanent residents needed a road for the importing of supplies and services. The weekly train was insufficient for this purpose.

In 1951, a councillor, John Ateah, proposed that the council support the construction of a public highway. He and others were successful in persuading the Provincial government to build a road to Victoria Beach in 1954. The cottagers, however, were as adamant as ever against any traffic within the beach area and John Ateah agreed to operate a parking lot outside the beach area to accommodate in-coming traffic during the summer months. The paved highway was completed by 1957. Parking lot rates were set by the council.

John Ateah was born at Victoria Beach. His father and mother, Michael and Sophia Ateah, acquired their homestead on the south-east quarter in October, 1911. They come from Mauktara, Mount Lebanon, Syria in 1897 and originally settled at Winnipeg Beach, later moving to Fort Alexander to trade furs with the Indians. John's brother Alfred established a mink ranch on the homestead in 1932 and this was the start of the mink ranching industry at Victoria Beach. John, as well as most of his brothers and sisters, established their own mink ranches during the thirties on the homestead. It was after Alfred's tragic death in 1939, that John was determined to see that a road was built into the beach.

Local Issues Arise

The electric power issue arrived in 1955. A referendum was held to learn the wishes of the summer residents. Power had been supplied to most of the permanent residents in the previous year. Most cottagers felt that the erection of power poles and lines would mar the natural surrounding of the cottage area. The idea, therefore was opposed. By 1958, another referendum was held and small majority of the people approved of the project. As a result, electric power was installed and most cottages were supplied that year.

The Canadian National railway was losing money because more summer residents were driving to the beach. As a result its interests were withdrawn from Victoria Beach and the last train pulled out in the autumn of 1962.

An important issue developed in 1967 when the beach company became desirous of selling its interests. The council, concerned with this issue, convinced the entire municipality that it should purchase the Beach Company as a measure of protection against an ever pressuring private enterpriser or the

Provincial government. The municipality was forced then to incur the debt that the company left behind.

Elk Island

Most of Elk Island is also within the township but because there has never been any permanent land settlement, there has been no historic development. Elk Island was surveyed by W.J. Deans in 1917. He estimated it to be two miles long and one mile wide. He reported that it was covered with thick groves of jackpine, poplar, balsam, spruce, birch and tamarack. The soil, like Victoria Beach, was found to be light clay loam and unsuitable for agriculture. He mentioned that there were no minerals of any economic value and that game was scarce and any subsistence way of life would be impractical. He further mentioned that raspberries and blueberries were plentiful their season. In September of 1970, Elk Island became a wildlife reserve under the Grand Beach Provincial Park.

The Physical Resource Base

Basically, the soils of both Elk Island and Victoria Beach have no agricultural value. This is why there are few farming activities in this region. The chief texture of the soil is of a light clay and sandy loam and with a high lime content. There are a few vegetables in the southern half and the north-west quarter. Because the limitations of a low to poor moisture holding capacity, there are no attempts made to engage in large scale agricultural activities. Elk Island has a slightly lower soil capability for agriculture. Most of the soil in Elk Island and Victoria Beach ranges from a fine to coarse sandy texture. There is also some clay and silty clay textured soil, particularly into the low lying areas or swampy regions. Because of the poor drainage on clay textured soil, the land generally has limited economic value. Since a clay textured soil prohibits adequate drainage, it would not be too difficult to elevate the land. For this reason it was possible to build a railway and highway across the swampland from Victoria Beach to the mainland without fear of the land sinking. Most of the coarse sandy soil is found on Elk Island and contains a grey wooded profile. The rest of this region has a grey wooded, podzol or peaty grey profile.

The natural vegetation of Elk Island and Victoria Beach is mixed woods consisting of jackpine, balsam fir, white spruce, juniper, white cedar, tamarack, poplar, birch, aspen and maple. In the low lying areas there are found sedges, willows, and meadow grasses. Much of the tamarack used to build the old log cottages along Sunset Boulevard came from Elk Island; not that these trees were less frequent in Victoria Beach, but because Elk Island was crown land at the time. The vegetation at Victoria Beach was thick and it was this and the fine sandy beaches that appealed to Charles Kennedy on his early trips to the beach. When early permanent residents cleared the trees to establish their homesteads, they often left several acres barren. Cords of birch and poplar were often cut and sold to the summer residents for fuel.

When the trees were cut to make roads in the Victoria Beach Subdivision, strict orders were given by Charles Kennedy to make certain that only the necessary trees be cut. As a result of these instructions, the roads became narrow, winding and very beautiful, his policy ensured maximum privacy. An English professor, in 1926, commented that nowhere in Canada had he ever seen a landscape reminding him so vividly of the flower bordered lanes of England.

Many areas of Elk Island and Victoria Beach are abundant with raspberries, saskatoons and blueberries which mature in late July. The early permanent residents often gathered this fruit during its season and sold it to the cottagers.

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Most of Victoria Beach and Elk Island has a moderate to moderately high wildlife capability. Wild game, however, is scarce because of a lack of food supply. There is generally a poor distribution of landforms necessary for optimum habitat. Excess of soil moisture in the low lying areas and climatic factors reduce favorable habitat. There are abundant populations of chipmunks, red squirrels and ground squirrels scattered through out the region. Skunks and rabbits are less frequently found and bears and deer are occasionally found in Victoria Beach.

In 1923, Victoria Beach was declared a bird sanctuary because it encompassed over one hundred different species. There were thrushes, finches, woodpeckers, blue jays, brewers, black birds, crows, chickadees, robins, seagulls and pelicans, to name a few.

Wild flowers and garden shrubs were also very plentiful in the early days. The Beach Company looked after a very large flower garden in the downtown area for many years. The Canadian National railways also had a picturesque garden near the station platform. The Beach Club held garden competitions and both summer and permanent residents participated. Most of Victoria Beach and a large portion of Elk Island has the potential of producing perennial forage crops.

Geology

Victoria Beach has rolling landscape and ranges from an altitude of 713 to 750 feet above sea level. The highest point has a very gentle to moderate slope and it was here the 800 cords of pine and birch were cut which eventually gave the golf course its start. This company felt that the best wood was on the highest point of land. Most of Victoria Beach has a very gentle slope. The slope on Elk Island is also very gentle and the high point of land there is almost level.

Victoria Beach and Elk Island form part of the sandy end-glacial-moraine extending from this region south-east to the Sandilands. This end moraine was caused by water from glacial Lake Agassiz being forced to flow southward because of ice blockages into the north. As a result, much of the sand, clay and silt was carried south and deposited in this area forming a sandy end-moraine. The north-eastern position of Elk Island forms a bouldery end-moraine caused by the same forces.

Weather

Victoria Beach and Elk Island enjoy an average July temperature of 19c or 66 Fahrenheit, ideal for bathing and sun-tanning. This region receives approximately one hundred and twenty frost-free days per year, more than many southern areas. The reason for this is that Lake Winnipeg takes longer to freeze up in the autumn. The thick vegetation in Victoria Beach is largely due to the fact that it receives approximate 8 inches of precipitation in May, June and July when it is required most for maximum maturing. The fact that the snow in the bushes takes longer to melt in the spring than in open areas accounts for generally much more precipitation in the spring months. Almost half of the annual precipitation is received in the spring months. This area receives close to 20 inches of precipitation per year.

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Tennis News

The tennis season kicked off with a smash as many season veterans and keen new comers took to the newly surfaced courts. It is great to see so many people out at tennis lessons and round robins.

The Round Robin results are:

Adult — Monday July 4

1st — Ron Lapp/Hilda Morrish	75%
2nd — Carol Loader/Maureen Neundorff	56%
3rd — Irene Heiman/Michael Bilenki/Tim Ruban	50%

Teen — Thursday July 7

1st — tie Brian Forsythe/Rachel Duncan	85%
Max Gooding/Stephen Ston	85%
2nd — Allen Johnston/Brendan Nerfa	75%
3rd — Jon Turk/Noah Block	70%

Adult — Friday July 8

1st — Vic Garden/Sharon Blanchard
2nd — tie: Ian Ross/Lorraine Cook
Michelle Brownell/Debbi Rainey
Cathy Finnogason/Ruby Garden
3rd — Hedy Heppenstall/Ely Black
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Rec Director's Report

Hello all!

I am writing this as our first week of programming comes to an end, and I must admit that both Dave and I are so impressed with this community! Thanks to everyone for being patient with us as we wait for the Sports Field to dry up, and as we work out some of our first week kinks!

A few things to mention about the upcoming week: A reminder to make sure that everyone is wearing their wristbands to all activities, including Youth Sport & Children's Games, Arts and Crafts, Golf, Family and Teen Sport Nights, and Movies. The rec staff will be checking for these wristbands before these activities begin.

Our Arts and Crafts activity this week is Ceramic Flower Pots. Again, please keep in mind, crafts can be messy so please wear appropriate attire! Also, if you're a member don't forget to bring a loonie, and if you are not a member, arts and crafts will cost you two bucks!

Stay tuned for Tie Dye happening next week!!

Our Bike Hike this week will be out to the Sand Cliffs. Last weeks Hike was a big hit, and I want to thank all of the parents who volunteered to come out with us. Parents are always more than welcome to join us for our hikes, as extra eyes are always appreciated!

As usual, if you are planning to attend the hike, bring a lunch or snack and a bathing suit and towel. Because we are often biking on the highway, a bike helmet is a must on our hikes!

I would also like to encourage all parents to come out to Family Sport Night on Friday's, as this is our "Parent's vs Kids" night. It is always great to see Mom's and Dad's out playing on the field as well!

Speaking of playing on the field, it would also be fantastic to see some more girls out on the fields playing sports. The rec staff does a great job of ensuring equal participation, and making sure the field is safe for everyone. So come on out girls!!

And finally, a request to all who attend our infamous movie nights - please make sure to place all bikes in the bike stands in front of the clubhouse, as we need to keep the road and pathway to the beach clear.

Again, a big thank you to everyone for coming out to the events, it's been a great start to our summer, and we are looking forward to the rest!

Michelle Reimer
Rec Director



Your VB Club Rec Staff for 2005: [left to right] — Beth Giesbrecht, Katie Thomas, Cara Kennedy, Larissa Barr, Mark Lloyd and Rec Director Michelle Reimer.

2005 Victoria Beach Weekly Summer Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Tennis Lessons 8:45-9:45 Ages 7-9 Adult Tennis 10:00-12:00 Round Robin Play	Yoga 10:00-12:00 Adults and Teens Golf Lessons 10:00-11:00 Ages 7-11 Adult Golf Lessons 11:00-12:00pm	Tennis Lessons 8:45-9:45 Ages 6-8 Aerobics 10:00-11:00	Golf Lessons 10:00-11:00 Ages 10-18 Adult Golf Lessons 11:00-12:00pm	Tennis Lessons 8:45-9:45 Ages 10 and Up Adult Tennis 10:00-12:00 Round Robin Play Aerobics 10:00-11:00
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	Youth Sport 10:00-11:00 Ages 10-14	Arts and Crafts 12:30-1:30pm Ages 4-8		Arts and Crafts 12:30-1:30pm Ages 8-12	Youth Sport 10:00-11:00 Ages 10-14
	Childrens Games 10:00-11:00 Ages 4-10				Childrens Games 10:00-11:00 Ages 4-10
PM	Family Sport Night 7:30-8:30	Tennis Ages 11-18 6:00-7:00 Round Robin Play	Family Sport Night 7:30-8:30	Tennis Ages 11-18 6:00-7:00 Round Robin Play	Family Sport Night 7:30-8:30 Parents Vs Kids
		Movies 7:30-9:30pm	Teen Sport Night 8:30-Dusk Ages 12-19	Movies 7:30-9:30pm	Teen Night 9:00-11:30pm Ages 12-18

Encountering a Black Bear!



Thanks to Bob Whitlaw of 11 Bayview Blvd for sending along this photo of their latest cottage visitor!

Each encounter is unique. There is no guarantee what works in one instance will work in another. Here is what experts recommend you do:

- Stop, remain calm and assess the situation to try and understand what message the bear is conveying before you act.
- Never approach or crowd a bear, even if it does not seem agitated. If you choose to do so, you should be prepared to defend yourself. Never, never feed it!
- Never run unless reaching safety is a guarantee! Fleeing may trigger a chase response. Bears can reach bursts of speed of 50 km/hr (30 m/hr) and can outrun a person going up or downhill.
- Climbing a tree or entering water is no guarantee of safety since black bears are superior climbers and stronger swimmers. Standing on its hind legs is seldom a precursor to an attack. The bear is trying to get a better look or smell at something it's uncertain of.
- Consider taking a walking stick and carrying pepper spray attached to your belt.
- If you are near a building or car, get inside. If a bear is in a tree - leave it alone by vacating the area. When it feels safe, it will climb down and leave.

If a bear is unaware of you:

Move away quietly when the bear is not looking toward you. Keep your eye on the bear, but do not make direct eye contact because the gaze may be interpreted as a challenge.

If a bear is aware of you:

Let it know you are human. Talk to the bear in a low tone of voice and wave your arms slowly while moving away upwind, if practical, to give the bear your scent.

A Defensive Reaction by a Bear

The bear perceives you to be a threat - to it, its cubs, or it may be defending its food. These bears usually become stressed often giving visual and vocal cues like swatting or slamming its paw against the ground and blowing explosively through its nostrils. Other vocalizations may include: exhaling loudly, huffing, moaning or jaw-popping (snapping the teeth), or lowering the head with ears drawn back while facing you are all displays of aggression and are a bear's way of issuing a warning. Excessive salivation is a universal sign of nervousness. The response may escalate to an actual charge, usually a bluff where the bear stops and veers away before making contact.

Reacting to a defensive approach or charge:

Stand your ground.
When the bear has stopped its advance, slowly back away, watching the bear through the corner of your eye and talking to it in a calm low-toned voice.

Prepare your deterrent, such as bear spray, if you have any.

Reacting to a defensive attack:

Fall to the ground immediately upon contact. Lay on your stomach with your legs spread slightly apart, locking your fingers behind your head. If the bear flips you over, roll back on your stomach to protect your vital organs and face.

Do not struggle or cry out.

When the attack is broken off, do not move or make a sound until you are sure the bear has left - if you do, the bear may resume the attack because it still feels threatened.

Offensive Situations

If you encounter a bear that advances without acting or appearing stressed, the advance may be offensive. The bear either wants right of way, wants to assert dominance or, although it is unlikely, may be stalking you as possible prey. If this is the case, the bear's head will be up and ears erect.

As a first response, give the bear right of way by moving aside and watching the bear.

If it continues to follow you, slowly back away in a lateral direction keeping an eye on the bear.

If the bear continues to follow with its attention focused on you, stop - stand your ground. If you are with others, stay together and act as a group. Make sure the bear has a clear escape route. Act aggressively to persuade the bear you are not easy prey. Stare it in the eye. Raise your jacket to look bigger. Shout. Wave your arms. Stomp your feet. Slowly move uphill if it. Stand on a log or rock. Use your bear spray if within range.

Reacting to a predatory attack:

If the bear attacks silently without having displayed stress behaviour - fight back with anything at hand. Grab a rock, a stout piece of wood, a knife. Strike for the nose or eyes. Kick, yell, be ruthless - you are fighting for your life!

Attacks by black bears are extremely rare, and defensive attacks are less frequent than offensive attacks.

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[Editor's note: For more about bears, see "Policeman's Corner" in this issue.]

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Fishing Derby – Sunday!

The annual V.B. Fishing Derby is Sunday, July 17th. Perch have been plentiful and there have been lots of Silver and White bass, even the odd pickerel has been caught, as well.

So all Young Fishing Enthusiasts bring your rods and reels down to the V.B. pier Sunday, July 17th from 9:00 till noon and catch yourself some fun.

See you at the pier.

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Sign up sheets will be posted on Friday, July 23. They will be removed at the entry deadline of Wednesday, July 27 at noon. Please, please no late entries after this time. Draws will be posted Friday July 29 by 3:00 PM with first matches scheduled for 8 AM on Saturday.

We will use qualifying events in men's singles and doubles assuming entry numbers are at a high level. If they are low, this won't be necessary. Also, in an effort to increase ladies participation in the singles event, we will have a consolation round. Come on gals - sign up and have some fun!

In an attempt to finish up earlier on Monday, we will be playing a round or two later in the day on both Saturday and Sunday. So please plan your cocktail and dinner parties accordingly!

As usual, we will be using the "next match-on" schedule. That is, on Saturday and Sunday, there will be times set only for the 8 AM draw (matches one through six). Every other match will be numbered and will go on as soon as a court opens up. (The player in match number 7 should be ready to go at 8:15 if there's a default.)

Participants will be allowed to play in a maximum of 3 events and must pay their \$5.00 entry fee prior to their first match. Non members must pay a \$10.00 entry fee plus \$5.00 per event. To be eligible, players must have turned 18 years old by Dec 31, 2004 and be members of the VB Club. We will once again grant wild card entries to the junior tennis tournament winners in their respective events.

Please be on time for matches. The 15-minute default rule will be strictly enforced and the court attendants will time every match's warm-up to ensure they don't exceed 5 minutes.

Remember, this is the Victoria Beach Senior Tournament designed for VB cottagers. Encourage your fellow tennis players to sign up and have a fun weekend of tennis.

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Can we still join the VB Club?

You certainly can! If you missed the membership drive, or if you're renting at the beach and you and your kids want to enjoy the many activities — you can still buy your VB Club Membership throughout the summer at the following locations:

The Library, during regular hours . . . and at the Tennis Courts.

Memberships are available for a week; two weeks; three weeks, etc.

The many VB Club activities cost a great deal of money to operate. Through your membership, you are contributing to the continuation of these programs. Even if you don't participate in any of the activities, your financial support also helps fund the publication of this community newspaper - The Herald.

Your membership or donation is greatly appreciated.

Please note that your child will be asked to show his/her membership wristband at the various activities throughout the summer.

2005 Victoria Beach Golf Course Rates

Manager John Evans

Memberships

	Seasonal	Monthly	Two Weeks
Family Adult Couple	\$310.00	\$185.00	\$130.00
Single Adult	215.00	130.00	90.00
Junior 13-17	130.00	85.00	80.00
Child 12 & under	95.00	62.00	56.00
2 or more children same family (12 & under)	140.00	95.00	85.00

Green Fees

9 holes	Weekdays \$9.00	Weekends \$9.50
Children	\$1.00/round (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays only)	

Lockers

	Lower Locked	Upper Locked	Lower, Open	Upper, Open
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Monthly			\$20.00	\$15.00
Daily	\$2.00			

* All above memberships include GST - Children 12 & under may not use off-Saturday, Sunday or holidays unless after 10:00 a.m. and must be accompanied by an adult.

Employment with the Victoria Beach Community Club

Applications for employment with the VB Club must be received by February 15, 2006. Include your name, age, city address and phone number, beach address and phone number, as well as your email address if you have one.

Swim program applications: mail to Mrs. Alice Russell, 162 Garrioch Ave. R3J 2T5. A minimum of Red Cross WSI and Bronze Cross is required. LSI (Lifesaving Instructor) and NLS (National Lifeguard Service) or WSIT (Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Trainer) are definite assets.

Recreation Assistant, Tennis Court Attendant and Librarians: mail to Mrs. Marj Birley, 29 Tunis Bay, Winnipeg, R3T 2X2. These applicants should have certification in Emergency First Aid and Level B CPR. Certification in Bronze Cross is a definite asset in applying for a Rec Assistant position. Obviously past participation in recreation/tennis programs at Victoria Beach is an asset. Librarian positions require involvement on the part of family members of the employees.



Beach People

■ **Chris and Elaine Ford** are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter **Jen**, to **Oliver Meads** of Transcona, Manitoba. Jen and Oliver first met at Transcona Alliance Church. A July wedding is planned.

Jen's brother Rob, and his new wife Laura, will be visiting from Kelowna to celebrate this happy occasion, and to spend a few days back at the beach with family.

Chris and Elaine Ford

■ It was fun to welcome our English cousins, **Gail Bartle** and **Brian Tregunna** to Victoria Beach. Our neighbours, **Vic & Ruby Garden** and the **Fenske's** were not so happy to greet us at 12 midnight, when we got to the cottage with no keys!!!!!! But being the sports they are, we did finally get in. Not much beach to see, but they enjoyed the water and the warmth of people here. Gail was made welcome by the mosquitoes — they really did love her!!!! While here, they were introduced to peroghi and baseball — took in a game at the ball park. We hope they will come again.

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In Memoriam

Our friend Sheila Quinton

We will miss her dearly, but will remember her forever. She will always be with us in spirit. Sheila was a remarkable person, had a youthful heart, an adventurous soul, and was genuinely interested in others. She had a gift of humour, always smiling with a sparkle in her eye. She was optimistic about life and how she lived it. Sheila made a difference in our lives. We feel blessed as a family to have had such a remarkable person as a friend.

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Classified Ads

Classified Ad forms are available next to the Herald mailbox, in the VB Store, near the corner window. Just fill out and drop the form **AND** your payment in the box before Sunday at 4 p.m. [Rate: \$6 for the first 20 words, \$1 additional for each group of up to 10 words.]

Sun Country Arts & Crafts Inc. Exhibition & Sale - Sat. July 16, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Senior Scene, Victoria Beach. Sat. Aug. 6, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Victoria Beach Sports Club on Pine Road.

Northern Lights Craft Sales - Victoria Beach Sports Club, Pine Rd. (accessible by car). All times are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday July 30 and Sunday July 31; and "Christmas in September", Saturday September 3 and Sunday September 4. Many new vendors from across Manitoba... info: Nancy-Lou 756-3447 or Merrilee 756-3398.

North Star Studio - Art by Nancy-Lou Ateah. 24 Ateah Rd., V.B. 756-3447. Watercolours, acrylics and oils of local scenes and florals. Art is on display at Einfeld's Bakery, Birchwood Hotel and Northern Lights Craft Sales. Summer watercolour workshops - call for info.

Mar Desmet Paintings - 756-8896. (Also at Senior Scene July 16th & Sports Hall Aug. 6).

WANTED TO BUY OR BORROW: OLD VB POSTCARDS, HERALDS (pre-1960), PHOTOS SHOWING VINTAGE (1920s-1960s) VB SCENES. Contact Mark (stropke@ams.net), ph. 661-6469. (Winnipeg - leave message with contact info.)

Cottage for Rent - July & August - Sunset Blvd. Well water. Call 941-0176.

Designer Jewellery at affordable prices - One of a kind - Beaded bracelets/Anklets, Earrings, Necklaces/Chokers... with Semi precious stones, crystals, faceted fashionable glass beads, etc. **One day only, Saturday, July 16th, 2005** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 118 Birch Ave., up the hill from the bakery.

Flea Market Purchase - If you bought a dog kennel at the Flea Market, we still have the pan, which was left on the boulevard by the pick-up crew. You can get it at 407-6th Avenue, phone 756-2647 (Margaret Owen).

Lost - Man's wedding ring. Gold with silver rope inset. Lost in shallow water near the VB Clubhouse. Please call Terry 204-945-3144.

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Calling All Ladies!

Please reserve your babysitters now! Mark "Ladies Movie Night" on your calendars for Wednesday July 20th at the Clubhouse. The movie starts at 8:00 PM, but please come early for fun, frolic, and friendship. The prizes are bigger and better than ever!

Five dollars gets you in the door, a chance to win great prizes, refreshments, and all the popcorn you can eat.

Last year, there were more than 100 VB Ladies, all grateful for a chance to socialize, win prizes, and view a great "chic flick"! Please tell 2 friends who will tell 2 friends, who will tell 2 friends... see you there!

Shannon MacFarlane



Now Showing at the Clubhouse

Tuesday, July 19
The Sponge Bob
Square Pants Movie (G)

Thursday, July 21
E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial:
The 20th Anniversary (G)

Friday, July 22
Teen Movie - 9 p.m.
Meet the Fockers

Please note:

- July and August movies will all start at 7:30 p.m.
- [Teen movies at 9]
- The movies are approximately 2 hours in length.
- All Tuesday and Thursday movies are rated G [General] or PG [Parental Guidance] according to the Canadian Home Video Classifications.

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Beach Banter!

In times of personal emergency or community disaster, residents of Victoria Beach and surrounding communities depend on First Responders - Police, Fire and Ambulance.

Because we pay taxes, these services are expected, but what is exceptional is the dedication and overtime these First Responders put into their jobs. These people make a 12-month a year commitment to respond to our needs and keep us safe, but most especially when the population bursts in the high times of summer.

As taxpayers, however, we have been complacent in our responsibility to be stewards of this special place in our hearts to help lighten the load for the First Responders. Witness the increase in vandalism and beach littering. Add in the neglect of cottage owners to clear their property of deadfall and overgrowth in the name of fire protection. (On this last account, it was a pleasure to welcome the young man onto our property this last week as an inspector for the Fire Smart Program. Congratulations to Council for this grand initiative.)

However, is there more that we can do? I am dismayed and disgusted with the attitude that government or the municipality is totally responsible for the overseeing of what residents can and should do to better our community. Surely we can each make a personal commitment -- and then put our own plan into action. We must use initiative to defend and protect our beach and the gift given to us to enjoy its surrounds.

Finally, I am confounded by a contradictory element in our community: First, there are the generous contributions from so many volunteers who give time and energy to youth, adult and seniors' programs for the enhancement of summertime enjoyment; on the other hand and despite all that we seem to do, there is "a minority of a few" whose actions seem to be dedicated to destroying what this Beach stands for. How can we solve this?

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Joey Adamson



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Council Corner

Victoria Beach Water Treatment Plant

The present water supply system is under a provincial Boil Advisory and this advisory will not be cancelled until a water treatment plant is built that meets the provincial drinking water standards regulation. The Boil Advisory was ordered by the Province because the Municipality is required, under the provincial regulations, to operate a water system which supplies treated water meeting the minimum legislated standards. The provincial government is revising the present drinking water standards to improve the quality of water being distributed and the new standards will probably be passed into law this year. The present water system does not have the capability of meeting the existing and/or the new proposed drinking water standards.

In light of the above, municipal officials have met with the Municipality's engineer, Rudy Isaak, to establish a preliminary timeline with respect to the construction of a new water treatment plant. The "Call For Proposals" will be distributed to several engineering firms this month. The engineering firm selected by the Municipality will provide a plant design and we will then be in a position to establish a more accurate estimate of the total cost of the project. The preliminary estimate to construct a new treatment plant is — \$2,000,000. Before the project begins and any construction work takes place, property owners within the Local Improvement District (present water customers — connected and/or non-connected) will be advised in writing of the project proposal, costs, sources of funding, estimated pre-payment of capital levy, estimated annual levy if pre-payment option is not chosen, etc., a public hearing will be held and taxpayers will be provided with an opportunity to object to the proposed project. If no significant delays are encountered, the new plant could be operational for May 2007.

The existing water supply system will be operational while the new treatment plant is constructed and any equipment that was purchased this year for the interim supply system that can be used in the new plant will be moved after the system is shut down in October, 2006. The "old" water treatment plant was insured for replacement cost and we are presently waiting for the insurance company's offer regarding the amount payable. The insurance proceeds will be allocated to the construction of a new treatment plant to reduce the amount payable by the taxpayers in the service area.

We note that council had been considering a capital expansion of the water treatment plant for a few years prior to the fire as it was apparent that the existing plant that was destroyed by fire could not meet the new drinking water standards that were being contemplated by the provincial government. To assist with the capital cost of the proposed expansion, we submitted grant applications to the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program in January 2001, June 2003 and February 2005 with no grant money awarded to the Municipality to date. The 2005 application was submitted before the plant fire and amended following the destruction of the plant before the first round of grant approvals in early June 2005. Our grant application will be carried forward to the next round to be considered in the fall of 2005; we hope that some funding will be approved at that time. In addition to the grant applications, we have met with the Ministers of Intergovernmental Affairs (Ministers Friesen & Mihychuk) on two separate occasions to apprise them of various matters of concern including our unsuccessful attempts relative to our grant applications.

Council remains hopeful that some financial assistance will be approved by the government(s) before construction of the plant begins and will continue to do what it can to secure government funding and to reduce the net cost to the (water customers) taxpayers. Taxpayers in the service area will have to bear the entire cost of the project, less the insurance proceeds, if we do not receive a government grant.

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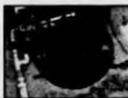
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