



The Hilah Life *Spring Edition*

Welcome to the great outdoors! Hilah Ayers Wilderness RV Park is pleased to introduce The Hilah Life newsletter; a publication that will be released periodically to provide campers with updates such as improvements to the park, events that will be hosted, and news of interest in general. In saying that, we would like to take the opportunity to proudly announce that we will **NOT** be increasing annual rates this season. We are well aware that the state of the economy isn't as favorable as in years past, forcing families to make several concessions, but we wanted to make sure that park membership was not one of them. It is our way of thanking you for your ongoing support and loyalty throughout the years.



Automatic Gates

Safety and security continue to be of great concern to our members and in our relentless pursuit to make Hilah Ayers a top ranked and recognized campground and RV community

in Canada, we have decided to take our efforts further. Automatic gates are expected to be fully operational by the time the park opens in May and we will be issuing entry remotes early on in the season. The gates will be left open during regular park hours until we are confident that all members have successfully obtained a desired number of remotes, at which time they will be initiated. Additional temporary and permanent remotes and proximity keycards will be available in the office in which a deposit will be required for each. Outside of that, access to the park will be granted remotely with permission from the assigned gatekeeper through a cellular service similar to that of modern apartments, or by foot. Supplementary public parking will also be available to those without park accessibility to prevent traffic congestion.

Modular Home

For those of you who haven't been by the park this offseason, we have installed a brand new modular home to replace the old one. Our maintenance manager, Tony Kowalik, and his family are occupying it in order to provide additional security and peace-of-mind, however, please respect the fact that this is their home and continue to visit the office for assistance. In case of park emergencies, contact information is posted, but Tony is willing to make himself available outside hours of operation so long as discretion is used to determine its urgency. If

you don't already know Tony, feel free to make his acquaintance by asking him to perform any unsavory chore you can think of as he has a great sense of humor and isn't nearly as scary as he looks! Ha ha!

Food Trailer

The food trailer is back for another flavorful season and will be offering a brand new chef-inspired menu. It is open to the general public so spread the word and come check us out at our new location just outside the campground's south entrance as it is a great place to go for a quick and delicious meal all season long. All forms of payment are now accepted including MasterCard, Visa, and Interac Debit for added convenience. Visit our website for hours of operation, updates, and news pertaining to it.



RV/Boat Storage

Over the course of the camping season, an enclosed storage facility will be built in a designated area at the north end of the

campground, completely separate from the rest of the sites. We have been lenient in the past when it comes to storing large items such as boat racks, RVs, cars, and watercrafts in the common areas of the park, particularly in the offseason, but due to an increased demand and limited space, this is an exception we unfortunately can no longer allow. We strongly recommend that you utilize our storage facility for chattels that do not fit appropriately within one's lot as it provides security and convenience at reasonable and competitive rates, but nonetheless, alternative arrangements must be made. Inquire at the office if interested.

Pigeon Lake Water Quality

As was commonly discussed, uncharacteristically severe algae blooms led to the release of intermittent public health and safety advisories last year, warning people and their pets to avoid contact with the water at times when conditions were most harsh. With that being said, we are happy to report that the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association in conjunction with the University of Alberta, environmental researchers, summer villages, and the government, among others, have been working tirelessly to uncover a solution. Recent breakthroughs suggest an application may soon be implemented to restore the water quality to its original, healthy state. We will continue to post updates regularly until this issue has been rectified.



Code of Conduct

As is always the case, we are a family-oriented campground and we would greatly appreciate it if all members honor that. A zero tolerance policy remains in full effect regarding bullying and we adamantly encourage witnesses to report any wrongdoing. In addition, please be mindful of your language as you never know when the innocent ears of a child may be listening. We want this park to be as enjoyable for everyone involved as possible so be considerate of your neighbors and fellow tenants. Familiarize yourselves with the terms and conditions of the lease agreement and try your best to adhere to them as they

are in place to promote peaceful coexistence. We are all in this together!

County of Wetaskiwin

The county of Wetaskiwin has made the startling decision to crack down on campgrounds whose tenants have disregarded some of their park regulations and have consequently increased property taxes as a result. Certain lots have been identified as exceeding building allowances such as the number of on-site structures, and deemed many of those structures immovable, also effecting tax rates. With no choice but to adhere to their property tax assessments, we would like to work with those identified to help meet the necessary requirements this season, otherwise we will be forced to pass associated costs along to them in following years. Identified tenants will be contacted individually and on a case-by-case basis as each deficiency may be different. The county's discipline could have been avoided by following the terms and conditions of the lease agreement, which is why we reiterate its importance. In order to eliminate future discrepancies, architectural guidelines will be upheld going forward and a summary of those guidelines are as follows:

- One shed per lot (maximum 10' X 10' dimensions)
- Fences shall not exceed 6' in height
- Fire pits must be safe distances away from all structures and trees
- A uniform selection of paint and stain colors must be used on all structures (to be determined)

- All structures must be on temporary, easily removable footings
- All Structural designs and satellite positioning requests must be written and are subject to landlord approval

Furthermore, there were a few isolated instances documented last season where electrical manipulations were made in order to increase amperage at certain sites. Please refrain from this as well as operating large appliances unless otherwise permitted as additional charges will be incurred.

Parting Shots

Please use the in-park bottle depot for all recyclables as we will be donating the proceeds to various local causes including the legion and the fire department. Be sure to circle the July and August long weekends on your calendars as we will be hosting our anniversary celebrations and you won't want to miss what we have in store for you this year! Additional events will be held frequently throughout the season; therefore we strongly suggest that you follow us on all social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for updates pertaining to them. The links are on our website at www.hilahayers.com and we will be posting summations of the updates there as well. We look forward to seeing everyone this camping season and we hope everyone has another great year, so sit back, relax, and enjoy the Hilah life!

