
Voices of the Village

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



Council approves Capital Plan and receives \$50 000 Asset Management Grant!

With spring and summer only a few months away, the Village of Marwayne is gearing up for a busy year of projects and routine maintenance. With Phase 2 of the Walking Trail Project moving forward, further upgrades to our water and wastewater infrastructure and road improvements on the horizon, the Village of Marwayne is committed to its **Vision**—Ensuring quality of life in a safe, viable and thriving community, it's **Mission**— Pursuing an active and sustainable community through growth and service excellence, and it's **Mandate**—To develop exceptional community infrastructure, involvement, support and growth.

To further advance Council's initiatives, administration applied for and received approval for \$50,000 in asset management funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

These monies will allow the Village of Marwayne to better development asset management plans, strategies and policies as a means of safeguarding our community's infrastructure for years to come. From the roads and bridges that keep people and goods moving, to the treatment plants that make our water safe to drink, local governments like the Village of Marwayne are doing their best to build better lives for their residents. As a small rural community, we want to make the most of every infrastructure dollar so that we can continue to provide you with reliable services and a great quality of life.

Although its cold outside, we encourage our residents to take advantage and enjoy all of the amenities that the Village of Marwayne currently has to offer. Amidst this pandemic, it is important now, more than ever, to show our local businesses support and *shop small—shop local.*

Upcoming Meetings, Events & Due Dates

Council Meetings	February 8 & 22	Horton Agencies Boardroom/Zoom Video Conferencing
Blue Bag Recycling	February 11 & 25	
Business Licenses Due	February 28	
Pet Licenses Due	February 28	

Operating Hours & Contacts

Office Hours: Monday through Friday
8:00am—12:00pm
1:00pm– 4:30pm
closed for lunch between 12:00pm—1:00pm
OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY FOR IN PERSON SERVICE

After Hours Water/Sewer Emergencies: Wilson Curtis 780-205-2993
Carry Grant 780-214-7933

Health and Safety Emergencies: Kitscoty RCMP 780-846-2870
RCMP, EMS, FIRE 911

For all non-emergency inquiries, or to file a complaint, please contact the Kitscoty RCMP at 780-846-2897

Transfer Station Hours: Wednesday 2:00pm—5:00pm
Saturday 10:00am—2:00pm

Residential garbage pickup: Thursdays 7:00am

During inclement weather, please call the Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Services Commission at 780-853-5561 to get updates as to whether or not transfer stations are open.

DID YOU KNOW...

...Mountain Pine, linden, Russian Olive, Schubert Chokecherry, oak, maple and poplar are just a few of the species of trees planted by the community hall.



Marwayne Ag Society

Happy February from the Marwayne Ag Society

January brought us some very nice winter weather. With February approaching we can only hope the weather continues.

What does Valentine Day Mean - Valentine's Day is a day **to celebrate romance, love and devotion**. It is usually celebrated by giving friends, family and especially significant others flowers and gifts to show affection. Valentine's Day is celebrated in honor of St. Valentine, a third-century Roman saint associated with love and marriage.

Wishing our Community a Happy Valentine Day and Family Day on February 15, and enjoy taking time for some family fun.

Happy Valentine Day.



BUSINESS LICENSES

Business Licenses are up for renewal and due no later than February 28th, 2021.

As per Business License Bylaw 567-18 , every business operating within the Village shall, as a prior condition of its operation, obtain a business license issued by the CAO or designate.

Forms were already mailed out that need to be completed and returned with payment to the Village administration office. Alternatively, forms can also be found online under

Home → Village → Local Government → Bylaws for any new businesses to Marwayne.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, payment can be made at the drop box at the Village Office, via a scheduled appointment, or online. Please call us for more information or with any questions or concerns you may have.



Statistics Canada is hiring local employees for the 2021 Census!

Schools, housing, health and emergency services are all planned using census data. We are hiring approximately 32,000 census employees to count every person in Canada.

Your census.

Your community.

Your future.

- Pay rates vary **by position** from \$17.83 to \$21.77 per hour, plus authorized expenses.
- Start and end dates vary by position and location, between March and July 2021.
- You must be available to work flexible hours, mainly during evenings and weekends.
- In the current context of COVID-19, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our employees at all times.

Help your community to plan for the future—**apply now!**

www.census.gc.ca/jobs



TTY (a telecommunications device for deaf persons): **1-833-830-3109**



PET LICENSES

As per Bylaw 557-17 "Every Person who resides within the Village and who is the Owner of a Dog or Cat that is over the age of three (3) months shall apply for a license."

Pet Licenses and License Renewals are due no later than February 28th, 2021. Given that the Village administration office is currently open by appointment only, payments may be made via our drop box, online, or by scheduling a timeslot with staff for in person services.

Pet Licenses Fees are as follows:

Animal License Fees		Fees	Late Penalty (after last day in February)	Fees if paid after June 30 (New Registrants Only)
Dog	Basic	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$15.00
	Spayed or Neutered	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$ 7.50
Cat	Basic	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$15.00
	Spayed or Neutered	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$7.50
Dog or Cat Breeder		\$15.00	\$15.00	\$7.50



Country Blessings Gift & Flower Shop

780-847-3333



Valentine's Day is just around the corner and we are excited to be able to provide you with beautiful fresh flowers for your sweetheart! We will have an assortment of arrangements and bouquets on hand for you to choose from. We would appreciate you pre-ordering by Feb 7th so that we can make sure we have enough product on hand.

Another supply of Chocohappy caramels and truffles from Whistler, BC will be here just in time for Valentine's. Reserve your favourite today before they are all gone!

New Product: Glee Jewelry from Victoria, BC. We love finding products within Canada, and these earrings and necklaces add a taste of simple elegance to our store. These products are hypoallergenic as they are nickel and lead free. Stop in and see which style is your favourite.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for shopping local!! Without you, we literally would not be here ☐

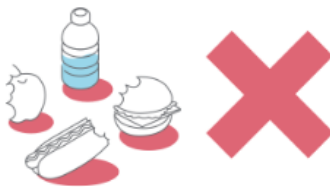
Store hours: Monday-CLOSED; Tuesday - Thursday 11:00-5:30; Friday 10-4

Look for the red door on Railway!!

RECYCLING—3 main rules



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

Every time you choose to recycle, you are giving that item a second life to serve a new purpose and save natural resources. Now more than ever it's important that only right items, free from contamination, make their way into your recycling bin to help keep recycling, and our shared planet, sustainable.


Marwayne Public Library

THE WINTER READING CONTEST IS BACK:



The Winter Reading Program is an annual program that brings children, teens, and adults into local libraries for reading and activities. The program runs

during January and February, and participants have an opportunity to win one of the 4 Grand Prizes of a \$100 gift card from Chapters with a matching prize for the participant's home library branch. Reading logs are at the library. If wish to participate, please contact us at 780-847-3930 and we will meet you at the front door with the log.

Marwayne Public Library has decided to also give away one of three  Chapters' gift cards within the community. All you have to do is read the required hours for your age group and get your name drawn. You still have the month of February, so get reading!

If you have not done so, please head to our website at <https://www.marwaynelibrary.ab.ca/> and fill out our survey. This survey is to help us provide better service to the community.

Pursuant to new Covid Restrictions put in place by the Alberta Government, Marwayne Public Library is currently closed to in person visits. However, we are offering curbside services. You may still use Tracpac at www.tracpac.ab.ca to borrow books, dvds, and audio. When the book arrives, we will call you and meet you at the door. E-Materials are still available at your convenience. Contact Carmen or Kirsten at 780-847-3930 for assistance.



26 Centre Street
Marwayne, Alberta
(780) 847-3101

1/2 Price Sale on:
All Winter Hats
Winter Gloves
Baseball Hats
Mobiles and Chimes

weekdays open: 6 AM - 7 PM
weekends open: 10 AM - 7 AM

Proudly Providing:
-RIVER VALLEY MEATS
-Sit-down & Take-out Coffee
-DELI, CULLIGAN WATER
-COLLECTIBLES

Call to see if we can be here after hours!

GRIEF A HARD JOURNEY / WHO WILL COMPANION?

Submitted by: Walking Through Grief Society – Shirley L Scott

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For those who are on this grief journey, realize you are on the hardest journey of your life? Often the journey seems too hard to navigate and we want to turn inward and shut out the world. Nothing is familiar. Your lives have changed forever but you are expected to carry on. How can we do this when it is a new journey, life is changed forever and we feel broken in mind soul and body. Often the journey seems too hard to navigate and we turn inward. Question- Is this where our loved one would want us to be? My challenge has always been : “ What we do with the rest of our lives is how we can honour the one we love and value” . Remember in the hard journey there are some factors that add to the weight of our grief and need to be considered.

In “Understanding Grief , Helping Yourself Heal” . Dr. Alan Wolfelt lists factors that have a part to play in our unique journey.

- The Nature of the relationship with the person who died.
- Circumstances surrounding the death.
- Circumstances surrounding your support system.
- Your unique personality.
- Unique personality of the person who died.
- Your own cultural background.
- Your Religious or Spiritual background.
- Other Crisis or Stressors in your life.
- Your biological sex
- Ritual of Funeral Experience.

Remember to be gentle with yourself as you work through your grief (You are doing the best that you can at this particular time). Learn all you can about the journey you are on and you will survive , one day at a time.

The other part of our topic and question .WHO WILL BE THERE TO COMPANION US ON THIS JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF?

A command in a very famous book (the Bible) says “Love one Another”. Companionship is love in action. The question often asked is ,what can I do?

From those who journey through this grief are some suggestions:

PLEASE DON'T

- Ask if I am over it yet.
- Tell me that they are in a “ better place”.
- Say God never gives more than I can bear.
- Say “ At least they are not suffering”.
- Say “I know how you feel”, unless you have had a loss the same way.
- Ask “Are you feeling better?”, grief is not a condition that clears up.
- Suggest to get busy and not to think about my loss.
- Say to grieve alone and not with others as it may upset them.
- Don't suggest that I find another companion, have a baby or there was a right time to die.

On the other hand:

PLEASE DO:

- Let me tell you my story and I may need to tell you again and again.
- Understand I am confused and hurting, not stupid.
- Let me cry when I need to , try not to be uncomfortable and fix me. I won't cry forever.
- Give a hug or touch me or hold my hand. When there are no words a touch says you care.
- Say my loved one's name. They are alive in the griever's heart, loved and important.
- Try to be real with me . If you tell me you don't know what to say we can work on that together.
- Join, if you can, with us to share our pain in the celebration , memorial of my loved one.
- Be willing to share in memory the anniversary, birth date and death date. We have not forgotten.

Sent from the desk of Sherri Lee Langlois- Solace Grief Service

To Contact of for more information contact : Shirley at 780-846-2576

Fireworks Bylaw 489-10

For the safety of our residents, the Village of Marwayne mandates that all firework displays are first approved by Council. Further, and as per Bylaw 489-10, no person, other than a fireworks display supervisor, may obtain, purchase, handle, set off, discharge, or otherwise, fireworks within the Village of Marwayne. No person, other than an individual who has a valid pyro-technician's card pursuant to the Explosives Act of Canada, shall set up, set off, operate or discharge a pyrotechnic display within the Village of Marwayne.

Those in breach of the Village's Bylaw 489-10 are guilty of an offence and are subject to a penalty ranging from \$100.00 to \$5000.00, as the case may be. As such, we ask that you please respect your neighbors and follow the proper procedures and protocols should you wish to discharge fireworks in our community.

A PASTORS GLEANINGS

"People matter more than things, more than principles, more than causes. The highest of principles and the best of causes exist for the sake of people; to sacrifice people to them is a perversion of the true order." (F.F. Bruce) The value or worth of a person is not determined by their ideology or possessions. We can cancel a philosophy but people should never be devalued, cancelled or deemed nonessential.

Paul wrote "The saying is trustworthy and deserving full acceptance, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." (1Tim1:15) It is people, all people that Jesus gave himself up for. The sacrifice for our sin, he is the great people Liberator for whoever receives him.

Bethel Lutheran Church Lea Park services on Zoom, Face Book, and You Tube, call Pastor Kevin 780 872 0070; Pastor Ed 780 808 5026