Voices of the Village January 2024 NEWSLETTER



THE SENIORS CENTRE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MANAGEMENT IN 2024!

The Village of Marwayne Seniors Centre is looking for someone new to take over the reigns of the organization. We are looking for someone who is eager to host community events for our seniors, educational seminars, game nights and even hot lunches—the possibilities are endless! If this sounds like something that may be of interest to you, we encourage you to contact the Village of Marwayne administration office for more Information. We have such a beautiful space for our seniors to gather and spend time together and we want to maximize its use moving forward.

We don't only need new management—we also are in need of new board members! If you'd like to be part of the action but don't necessarily want a front row seat, consider becoming a board member instead. Board members will be tasked with making decisions on the events hosted at the seniors center as well as managing the books. If you or someone you know wants to get outside of the house, spend more time with your peers, take part in community initiatives and give the seniors center the overhaul it needs, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Let's work together to make things happen!

A huge Thank You to Vern Tupper for his years of contribution to our Seniors Centre!







Important Dates

MEETINGS & DEADLINES

SERVICES

Council	Jan 15	Blue Bag Recycling	Jan 11 & 25
Office Closed	Dec 23—Jan 2		
FREE Pet License Deadline	Jan 31		
Business License Renewal	Feb 29		
EVENTS			
Jr. Curling Begins	Jan 10	Movie Night at the Hall	Jan 11
Mommy & Me Library	Jan 12 & 26	Free Pet License Deadline	Jan 31
Comedy Night w/ Kelly Taylor	Feb 10	Ladies Night w/ Jess Tetu	Feb 24

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Operating Hours & Contacts

In Person Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am—4:30pm

Office open Mondays and Fridays 8:00am—12:00pm & 1:00pm—4:30pm but staff will be working remotely. Drop box available 24/7

After Hours Water/Sewer Emergencies:	Wilson Curtis Carry Grant	780-205-2993 780-214-7933
Health and Safety Emergencies:	Kitscoty RCMP RCMP, EMS, FIRE	

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

Winter Transfer Station Hours	Wednesday	2:00pm—5:00pm
(Nov—Apr)	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.

Council Contacts:

Chris Neureuter Ashley Rainey Roger Parkyn

780-214-1410 780-872-8390 ctneureuter@gmail.com a_irvine@hotmail.com

2024 Business Licenses

Business Licenses will be up for renewal in the New Year and due February 29, 2024.

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 will mailed out to our current business license list. If you need an additional copy or if you are a new business, forms can be found on our website Marwayne.ca under

Living Here —> Bylaws —> Administration —> Business License

Forms are also provided at the Village office.

Council 2023 Year in Review

- The Village hired a new Bylaw Enforcement Officer named Michael Niesen in February. Officer Niesen addresses non-compliance issues with Village bylaws.
- Council reduced their composition from five (5) members down to three (3) members in February. The Village of Marwayne Councillors are currently—Mayor Chris Neureuter, Deputy Mayor Ashley Rainey and Councillor Roger Parkyn.
- The Village received \$50,000 from the County of Vermilion River towards the Fire Hall Addition that was completed in 2020-2021.
- The Village partnered with Service Line Warranties of Canada in April to ensure homeowners had access to insurance policies should their water or wastewater line need repair and/or replacement.
- The Village sold all of the available commercial lots on Centre Street except for one (1) located at 101 Centre Street—directly across from the post office on the corner. We are pleased to see the finalized construction of Beauty from Bees and ATB Financial/Lela and West Clothing Boutique.
- The Village hosted a public engagement session for our Area Structure Plan alongside Highway 897 in May. There will be one more open house on February 12th, 2024 before final adoption by Council.
- ASL Paving completed various asphalt resurfacing projects including but not limited to— Railway Avenue, 3rd Avenue N, 4th Avenue N and 3rd Street N.
- The Village celebrated the grand opening of our splash park in June. This project was
 made possible by the Federal Government through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund Program with a \$375,000 contribution as well as the County of Vermilion River
 with a \$25,000 contribution from their Park Trust Fund.
- The Village committed to partnering with the Marwayne Minor Ball Association to plant new trees at the ball diamonds on a cost-share basis.
- The Village celebrated the new tanker graciously provided by the County of Vermilion River to our volunteer fire department in August, The cost of the tanker was \$462,000.
- The Village provided a \$2.30 per capita contribution towards the Marwayne Library.
- The Village approved various Family and Community Support Services Program Applications, applied for several provincial grants and wrote letters of support as requested.

Marwayne History Books



The newest edition of the Marwayne History Book is now available. The cost is only \$50.00. Please contact Sharon Kneen by phone at 780-872-0011 for more information. Take advantage of this great opportunity to receive a piece of Marwayne's history today!

Marwayne Community Hall







A Unique Setting for Your Special Occasion

Consider the beautiful, quiet location of the Marwayne Community Hall

- Banquet seating for 375 in main hall
- Large meeting room with table-seating for 80, or use it to serve buffet-style banquet
- Large covered patio backs onto nature, accessible from main hall
- Modern, beautiful bathrooms
- Stange with dressing rooms & washrooms
- Excellent sound room with A/V equipment
- Camping on site or just 10 minutes north at Lea Park
- Just a 30 minute drive from Lloydminster

Contact 780-847-3962

For more information visit marwayne.ca







DID YOU KNOW...

The Village of Marwayne's Fire Department is 100% made up of volunteer members of the community. The Fire Department volunteers do not take any of the compensation offered to them for their services. Instead, they pool the money that they would otherwise receive and use it for other initiatives that benefit the community, a charity, organization, local families or another initiative of their choice. We are so grateful to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who serve our community.

A Pastor's Gleanings

The first article in the December 2023/January 2024 issue of *Truth* + *Life* Magazine, published by The Good News Broadcasting Association of Canada, is entitled *Don't Look Back*. As we pass from one calendar year to the next, we remember the highs and lows of the year we've just completed. But more importantly, we should turn to the possibilities of the year just beginning.

Jesus was clearly blunt when he said, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). Not many of us have guided a plow over a field. But we've all experienced temptation to veer off track, whether it be from distractions or difficulty. Maybe we've even quit our walk with God.

Jesus tells us we need to continue our walk with him, especially during troubling times. Yes, these times are troubling---wars, economic stress, and anxiety clamour for our attention. This isn't the first New Year to arrive in uncertain days.

Phil Callaway, in his article in the same magazine wrote: "There is *no* situation or circumstance that we face alone. God is everywhere. Proverbs 15:3 says, 'The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.' [And] Matthew 6:8 says, '...your Father knows what you need before you ask him.'"

Phil continues: "If you worry, preach to yourself this way: God is big enough to bring me through this, strong enough to carry this for me, and loving enough to cause it all to work together for my good. According to Romans 8, it will be alright in the end, so if it's not alright, it's not the end."

We have reason for hope and joy---even in these days. Don't look back to better times. Look ahead. Keep your hand on the plow and your eye on our Savior, Jesus Christ. His yoke is easy, and his burden is light. Amen.

Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park, services Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

Contact Pastors Kevin 780 872 0070 or Ed 780 808 5026.

2024 Pet License Reminder

As per Animal Control 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.



If you would like to renew your pet's information and email us a photo and/or bring them into the office so that we can take their photo, the Village of Marwayne will waive your 2024 pet licensing fee. Animal information, and photo must be submitted on or before January 31st, 2024 to be eligible. Any submissions after the deadline will need to be paid for in accordance with our Animal Control Bylaw. We are looking for specific information to update our files! Please print a copy of the form from our website or come into the administration office to get yours before the deadline! One form for each pet must be completed. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Draft Area Structure Plan

The Village of Marwayne is pleased to provide our residents with the draft Area Structure Plan (ASP) for the 17 acre parcel adjacent to Highway 897. An Area Structure Plan is a statutory document that aligns with the Village of Marwayne's Municipal Development Plan. In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, an

ASP outlines the future development of an area with regard to land use, transportation, natural environment, proposed population density and utility service requirements. The ASP is approved by Council and adopted by bylaw. Having an ASP reduces land use conflicts and ad hoc development that can have an impact on the natural environment, council's fiscal budget, existing roads, water and wastewater systems, and surrounding land owners. This land is located alongside Hwy 897 and feeds into Hwy 45. Please join us for our open house on February 12th, 2024 for more information on the ASP before its adopted by Council or visit our website for more information.



Cemetery News

Our thanks to all those who came out and helped with the levelling of graves this past spring. It's truly appreciated.

A huge thank you to Kelly Ferris who keeps the west side trimmed up so faithfully.

We would also like to thank all those who have given donations in memory of loved ones throughout the years.

-Marwayne Cemetery Committee



January Update

Our season kicked off in November and we have 8 men's teams and 7 ladies teams who all curl weekly in regular league.

Our Farmer's Bonspiel hosted in November was another huge success hosting 16 teams with players from Mannville to Paradise Hill and everywhere in between.

Our **Junior curling** program will be kicking of on January 10 for a 6 week session. This will include floor curling and ice time! It is only \$50 and all that is required is a clean pair of running shoes.

The most recent update to our club has been a large projector screen and spectacular sound system! Watch for dates as we plan to host **pub nights** upstairs in the lounge during hockey games, curling events and other televised sports events! Huge thank you to Ryan Rose who put in a substantial amount of work to acquiring all the equipment and installing it along with the help of Quinn Moon.

Upcoming Bonspiel Dates:

Sturling Family Day Spiel: February 19 Contact: Yolanda @ 639-536-4584 Ladies Bonspiel: March 1-3 Contact Tracy @ 780-205-3417 Mixed Bonspiel: March 15-17 Contact: Tracy @ 780-205-3417



We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize a special member who passed away this year, Grant MacLean, who played a total of 74 rounds of golf this year at Lea Park. The most known rounds competed at our golf course in a single season. All of them which he walked the course, often times twice a day. What an achievement! Grant will be missed not only at Lea Park, but also in the community.

Thank you to everyone who reached out, made meals, helped, and said prayers for our son during one of the most difficult and scariest times of our lives. We truly appreciate it, and the community we live in. Thank you.

- Kacey Brochu



Movie Night January 11,2024 Marwayne Community Hall Trolls 7:00pm Gran Turismo 9:00 PG13



Admission FREE, pop and popcorn \$5.00



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A special thank you to Ron Miskie and the Fire and Rescue volunteers for your quick response and help during one of the scariest times of our lives. We are very lucky to have you in our community, and it cannot be easy to rescue people who may be a friend, your child's friend, a neighbour – a very difficult situation that you all handled well. Without that first point of contact, and getting him safely into the ambulance who knows what would have happened, so thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

- Kacey Brochu

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Learn the Basics of Curling



Floor Curling at the Marwayne Curling Club 6 Week Program Dates include Jan. 10, 17, 24,31 2024 Feb.7,14 2024 Open to children in kindergarten to Grade 6 Fee is \$50.00 per child A clean pair of running shoes is all that is needed for equipment, kids can head over to the curling rink right after school and practise will be over at 5:00pm. Practice will include some ice time as well as floor curling. To register you can contact Heather Johnston at either 780 808 5941 or email johnstonoh4@gmail.com and leave the info of name of parents/guardian, kids name and grade. Hope to see ya at the rink.

Marwayne Public Library



WINTER READING PROGRAM is back! The more you read, the more your name gets entered to win one of our prizes and one of NLLS' prizes. More information is on the attached posters.

You may enter your minutes online at our website or on the QR code or you may come to the library and pick up a paper reading log entry form which has the QR code on it.

Good luck and happy reading!

Marwayne Public Library

ook dub will be meeting on Wednesday, January 17th to discuss our new books, The Alice Network and Wrong Place Wrong Time both fabulous reads. You choose whether you want to read one or both.





The Alice Network is about a ring of daring female spies known as the Alice Network. Two women suffering losses of two different wars must join forces, one to find her voice and her redemption, the other to face her fears and her oldest enemy.

Wrong Place Wrong Time: Its late October, after midnight. You're waiting up for your 17-year-old son. He's past curfew. As you watch from the window, he emerges. You can't believe it when you see him do it: your funny, happy teenage son, he kills a stranger, right on the street outside your house. Only every morning you wake up a day earlier. Another day with another chance to stop the murder.

hess night is coming to the library! We will be hosting a Chess Night on January 24^{th} from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. All ages and skill levels welcome! Bring your own board or use one provided. Lessons will be provided for those who have never played Chess before. *Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.



Marwayne Public Library

Minecraft is coming in February!



LIBRARY HOURS:

 Mondays
 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

 Tuesdays
 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

 Wednesdays
 9:00 am - 7:00 pm (ring bell after school hours)

 Thursdays
 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

 Fridays
 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

*The library is closed when the school is closed.



THE ABILITY TO LOVE

It is said "Little Love" requires little pain, but "Great Love" requires great pain. You may be beginning a journey that is often frightening, painful, and sometimes lonely. It is the Grief journey. No words written or kind words said can take the pain away.

When someone you love dies, or a life loss occurs, the emotion of love necessitates that you mourn and embrace the pain of grief. In order to move through grief, it cannot be denied, minimized, or escaped. You must feel it to heal it. You must do the work of grief by mourning, which is the outward expression of the inward grief pain.

Grieving is a process not an event and so it will take time for healing to occur. Be patient and gentle with yourself, the pain will lessen or change in time. Remember each person's journey is uniquely theirs and will be felt and dealt with in their own unique way.

There are some social "Myths" held in relation to grief. For example, the idea that if you are controlled and rational all the time you are doing well or that if you openly express your grief you are thought to be over emotional. Other myths may be that you should get over the loss and grief as soon as possible or that crying is a sign of weakness. In reality, feeling the emotions during the process of grieving and allowing tears to fall are important parts of healing.

Denying the loss or the pain and brokenness because of the death of someone you have loved or the life loss you have experienced that has changed you forever will not make the pain go away. Accepting and embracing the pain and moving through the pain helps with the healing and reconciling to your life changes on the grief journey.

Death may separate you but love will never go away. Memories live on. To honour the memories, spend time sharing thoughts and feelings with a compassionate listener and understand that each person has a unique journey and timespan for their grief journey.

Submitted by : Walking Through Grief Society

Supported by FCSS; City of Lloydminster, Towns of Vermilion and Wainwright, Villages of Kitscoty and Marwayne and County of Vermilion River.

Volunteers Needed for Marwayne's 100th Birthday Celebration!

The Village of Marwayne will be turning 100 in the year 2026!

We are looking for ideas, volunteers, vendors, etc. to partner with us to make the 100th birthday celebration a big success!

We encourage anyone interested in joining the planning committee to contact the Village office today at 780-847-3962.





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2nd Annual Ladies Night Out hosted by The Marwayne Agricultural Society & BEAUTY FROM BEES featuring

JESS TETU

Jess began her adult life on her own at the age of 15 years old and through dedication, determination and hard work has become a national award winning philanthropist and entrepreneur. She has won national awards, including Canada's Top 40 Under 40 and Canada's Most Powerful Women, Jess is the owner of five Just For You Day Spas, the founder and CEO of Lia Reese Canada, Iconic Betty Jewelry, and Jess Tetu Consulting. She also founded 4seventyone Recovery Resources, a not-for-profit charity. Jess has been recognized with several awards, including the SK Entrepreneur of the Year Award and the YWCA Women of Distinction Award.

February 24, 2024 Marwayne Hall 7:00 p.m. doors open at 6:30 Tickets \$100 ^(Tickets avaiabe on Event Brite) Includes complimentary drink and charcuterie to follow

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LITE UP MARWAYNE

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone that came out to Lite Up Marwayne! The event was a great success with outdoor fires, wiener roast, street hockey, Santa pictures and treat bags, toy bingo, cookie decorating and wagon rides!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and helped with the event.

- Riverhill for donating the hot dogs and buns
 - Walkn on Water for donation of toys
- Hendriks Microtech, ATB Financial, Angie Venance, Gus & Yvonne Garnier and James & Yolanda Oberhofer for cash donations
 - Pashniak Family & Ranch Supply for donating the firewood
 - The Legion for use of their bingo gear
 - Jen & Rob Quist for putting together and donating the treat bags
 - Becky Sherwood for the wagon rides
 - Bobby Jo for donation of cookie supplies
 - The Village for supplying the fire pits and Santa chair
 - Guy Holowchuk for his help bringing Santa to Marwayne
 - Jen Quist & Sandra Beres for helping call the bingo
 - Thanks to Cheryle for starting this great event and to The Marwayne Ag Society for keeping it going.
- To the amazing volunteers: Heather Johnston, Sheila Dorward, Lis Franklin, Ron Miskie, Alisha Miskie, Teresa Miskie, Brett Johnston, Bobby Jo Calder, Alec Luciw, Ilona Franklin, Jill Applegate, Yolanda Oberhofer, Jen Quist and Rawrie Bullock

~ Hosted by the Marwayne Ag Society ~