
Voices of the Village

JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Hello Marwayne!

My name is Josh Saskiw, and I am incredibly honoured and excited to step into the role of Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Marwayne.

Many of you may already know me, but for those I haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting, I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself and share a bit of my background.

My family and I moved to Marwayne in 2002, and this community quickly became home. I'm a proud graduate of Marwayne Jubilee School, where I was actively involved in school sports, leadership through the Student Representative Council, and many community activities. Growing up, I proudly wore the jerseys of the Marwayne Sled Dogs and Marwayne Huskies, and I spent countless hours on the ice not only as a player, but also as a referee — including officiating at the Junior A level across Alberta and Saskatchewan.

After graduating from MJS in 2018, I pursued my post-secondary studies at the University of Alberta, earning a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. I later completed my Master's in Public Administration at the University of Saskatchewan.

I'm deeply grateful to the Village for welcoming me home and for giving me the opportunity to serve in a community that has played such a significant role in shaping who I am. I look forward to giving back to the people and the place that have given me so much.

Marwayne is filled with kind, thoughtful, and dedicated residents. As your CAO, it is my mission to reflect these values in all that I do, working every day to protect and enhance the village we all call home.

I plan to be an approachable and visible presence in our community. Whether we're old friends or new acquaintances, I hope you'll feel free to stop me anytime for a chat or to ask a question — I'm always happy to help.

Thank you again for this incredible opportunity. I'm looking forward to what we'll accomplish together.

Warm regards, Josh Saskiw, Chief Administrative Officer



Important Dates

MEETINGS & DEADLINES

Council July 21
Office closed July 1

EVENT

VIBE July 3, 10, 17 & 31
Bible School July 7—11
Dr. Seuss Poetry Collage July 29
Science Presentation August 14

SERVICES

Blue Bag Recycling July 10 & 24
U17 Softball Provincials July 11-13
Making Succulent Planters July 15
Beehive Day August 12
Seniors Coffee Mornings Wednesdays

Operating Hours & Contacts

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

Office open Mondays and Fridays but staff work remotely. Drop box available 24/7

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

Winter Transfer Station Hours (May-Oct) Wednesday 2:00 pm—7:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am—2:00 pm

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 ctneureuter@gmail.com
Ashley Rainey 780-214-1410 a_irvine@hotmail.com
Roger Parkyn 780-872-8390

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The Village of Marwayne Office
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living in our great community.

Click the News & Events tab to
find current and past Newsletters
in digital format.



Council Meeting Highlights

- Council officially named Josh Saskiw as the new Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Marwayne.
- Council had the pleasure of receiving Cpl. Brian Weisbrod's report on the RCMP activity in the Vermilion River Region, in addition to an update on public safety initiatives.
- Due to concerns in the community, council approved the positioning of a speed indicator on Railway Ave to promote traffic safety and awareness.
- Council was updated on the progress of the basketball court renovations, with ASL starting the paving process the first week of July.
- Under council's planning for growth and change initiative, information and ideas were discussed for a future facelift for the Marwayne Friendship Centre.

2025 Municipal Election

Thinking of running for council? Election Day is October 20, 2025

Alberta Municipalities (ABmunis) and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) are hosting a one-hour webinar for people interested in running for council in this fall's municipal elections. Participants will discover:

- What local councils control
- The actual time commitment (most councillors work regular jobs, too)
- How decisions in small municipalities create immediate, visible and long-lasting impacts
- How skills acquired from work, community activities and family life apply to serving on municipal council.

Prospective candidates can register for a webinar that corresponds with the size of the municipality in which they will run. Numerous one-hour sessions are being offered from April to September.

For more information and to register, go to <https://www.abmunis.ca/events>

You can find Village of Marwayne Election information at <https://www.marwayne.ca/council>

Village of Marwayne Public Works Labourer Employment Opportunity

Closing Date: July 15th, 2025, or until suitable candidate is found



The Village of Marwayne is seeking a highly motivated person to join our team for a full-time Public Works Labourer position. Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer, this term employment position will begin September 2025.

Position Responsibilities

- Support in the maintenance on roads, property, vehicles and equipment.
- Grass mowing and maintenance of that equipment.
- Back up support at the water plant, including on call rotation with other employees.
- Support for all water and sewer functions performed (water and sewer distribution systems, water treatment plan, lift stations etc.)

Position Requirements

- Valid Alberta driver's license
- Satisfactory criminal record check
- A current driver's abstract
- Ability to work cooperatively in a positive team environment.
- Effective interpersonal skills in dealing with staff, public and Council under all types of conditions. Maintain a positive and supportive approach.
- Continuing to update knowledge, personnel education and development in applicable trades and utilities to ensure efficient, cost effective and safe workplace.
- Mechanical aptitude and equipment operator experience considered an asset.
- Asset to hold or are willing to train for Alberta Environment Protection Level 1 Certification in Water Distribution, Wastewater Treatment, and Wastewater Collection.

Application Process

- Should you be interested in this position, please submit your resume via email to the Interim Chief Administrative Officer at pwadmin@marwayne.ca or place it in the drop box outside of the Village Administration Office located at 210 2nd Avenue South in Marwayne.
- You must specify the position you are applying for and the qualifications you possess which make you an ideal candidate for the job.
- Position open only to those legally entitled to work in Canada.
- Although we appreciate the interest of all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Address: Box 113, 210 2nd Ave S, Marwayne AB, T0B 2X0 Phone: 780-847-3962 Website: www.marwayne.ca

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Programming in Marwayne July 2025**

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TIME: 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.

THURSDAY JULY 3RD
ACTIVITY: DECORATE APRONS OR BAGS

THURSDAY JULY 10TH
ACTIVITY: PAINT KINDNESS JARS

THURSDAY JULY 17TH
ACTIVITY: I AM UNIQUE BUTTONS

THURSDAY JULY 31ST
ACTIVITY: BIRD HOUSE PAINTING

Check VIBE's facebook page for alternative locations in the community if raining

In partnership with FCSS: County of Vermilion River and Village of Marwayne

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PLACE: TD Canada Trust Branch and ATM
ADDRESS: 7405 44 Street, Lloydminster, Alberta
DATE: Saturday, July 19, 2025
TIME: NOON-3PM

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SUPPORTING SUMMER GRIEF

Grieving in summer can be especially disorienting because the sunshine, social events, and expectations of joy often clashes with the grieving experience. Here are some ideas to consider when thinking about supporting through experiences of grief this summer.

1. Acknowledge The Season is Hard

You do not have to feel okay just because the sun is shining. Grief does not follow a set timeline. Be where you are emotionally, by acknowledging that this is a difficult journey.

2. Set Boundaries with Time and Plans

Summer can be full of gatherings and invitations to weddings, birthday parties, or other celebrations. You are allowed to say no and set boundaries on your attendance. Many people often find it helpful to say "maybe" and then you always have the option of changing your mind.

3. Turn to Nature

While summer can feel overstimulating, it also offers gentle ways to soothe grief if you can turn towards nature. This may include going for morning walks before it gets hot, sitting quietly near water, gardening or tending to a plant, or catching the sunrise or sunset.

4. Create Your Own Rituals

Grief responds well to small rituals. Some ideas that can be helpful for summer could be writing your loved one a letter and leaving it somewhere that reminds you of them, making a playlist that connects memories of your loved one, or choosing a flower to plant at home that represents your loved one.

5. Connect With Support System

Grief can feel isolating, especially when it feels that others in your life are "moving on." Reach out to someone who can support you where you are at or consider joining a grief support group either in-person or online.

6. Give Yourself Grace

You do not have to be productive in order to get the most out of summer. If you find that you are just surviving most day, remind yourself that this is enough.

No matter what strategies you lean into this summer, know that you are doing your best to manage a very difficult season of your life.

Submitted by: Walking Through Grief Society

Funded by FCSS; City of Lloydminster, Towns of Vermilion and Wainwright, Village of Kitscoty, and County of Vermilion River.

CONGRATULATIONS LEMONADE DAY WINNERS!

THANK YOU TO OUR HOST BUSINESSES, TANNAS BROS. HOME HARDWARE, D&D GROCERY AND THE VAULT.



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A Pastor's Gleanings

It's 4 AM, the forecast on my phone says there is an 80% chance of rain at 10 AM. I don't know what the percentage is, that the forecast is right, but I find myself checking it on my phone many times over the course of the day. Forecasts are good but never certain.

As daylight slowly displaces the darkness, I read "For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life." (Psalm 56:13) This is 100% reliable. Absolutely certain.

How can I know that? "Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord;" urged the ancient prophet. (Hosea 6:3a KJV)

6:45 AM phone says 98% chance at 10AM, 45% at 7AM. Put baby calf in barn at 7:15, no rain yet.

"As sure as dawn breaks, so sure is his daily arrival. He comes as rain comes, as spring rain refreshing the ground." (Hosea 6:3b The Message)

Forecast changed at 9AM to 47% chance at 10, weather is difficult to predict. Paths of the storms change.

Not so with God's Word. "Come let us return to the Lord." The prophet exhorts, "... he will revive us ... that we may live before him." (Hosea 3:1a&2b) God's word is a "lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Sure, as the dawn, he speaks to us in his word. That is how I know.

Check it out. There are many Bible apps you can get on your phone. Then join with us or others in Church to worship. You can be refreshed. Whether it rains or not.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation ..." (Romans 1:16a)

Bethel Lutheran Church Lea Park, Pastors Kevin 780 872 0070, or Ed 780 808 5026. Services Sundays at 10:30

Take a **StoryWalk**



Check out the story
walk along the trail at
Westview Park.

*Presented by the Marwayne
Public Library.*



Marwayne
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Side x Side - Raffle Winners

Drawn June 8, 2025 @ Lea Park Rodeo

Cam Am Defender 700: Kevin Golightly (Marwayne, AB)

\$500: Dallan Keichinger (Marwayne, AB)

\$500: Ethan Dorval (Lloydminster, AB)

Thank You for Your Support!





Where did you grow up?

On a farm in the Marwayne area towards the Alcurve area.

When and how did you find yourself living in Marwayne?

I married my high school sweetheart after finishing college in Edmonton. Bryon was an insurance broker with his Dad. They had the insurance brokerage G.T. Horton Agencies.

What year did you become CAO for the village of Marwayne? When did you retire?

In 2000 I became the CAO. I had balanced working at the office and teaching piano lessons starting in 1982. I would teach before school then make the long walk to the office (about one block 🚶), then afternoons teaching during school hours with an arrangement made with the principal, the kids would walk to my house for lessons. It was a hard decision to give up teaching entirely to step into the full-time role of CAO. I retired December 31, 2017 with a total of 35 years working for the Village.

What made you decide to work for the village?

Back in 1982 when I first began working for the Village it was a contract position. In what is now the Public Works office, the Village and Horton Agencies ran out of the same office.

It was the days of handwritten and manual calculations of each water bill and tax notice. I thought I was so “with it” putting my new computer programming skills to good use by programming our new Vic20 (anyone remember those first computers?) to do the calculations for me. When the Village got its first computerized program in the ‘90’s I was so thankful. After Bryon’s Mom’s death in 1983 I stepped in to help more and more each year.

Of all the projects you worked on, which was the most rewarding and why?

Hands down the Center Street Revitalization project. I love the downtown. When I look at it I see the cumulation of community desires and the renewing of infrastructure for future generations. I love watching the trees mature that I selected and helped plant

What were some of the improvements you seen over your time working at the village?

Marwayne has seen many big projects over the last 20 years, most stemming from one document “The Marwayne Sustainability Plan” which I wrote not a consultant. It brought the visionaries of our community together to set the goals and desires. Then the detail people, the planners, the do’ers of our community kicked in accomplishing a lot for such a small place. Remember in 2016 we were federally recognized for our innovation and dedication? A new hall, renovated arena and campground, original streets and underground renewed with the help of grant money that we would never have qualified for if the people of Marwayne had not taken the time to engage and dream together.

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I remember when Council took a huge step and decided to build that first cul-de-sac on 4th Street and not just wish there was more lots available for our young people who were coming back since there were jobs from the booming oil industry. I laugh thinking of Rob Centazzo during those years excited about the laying of the new pipes. Me amazed at the huge piles of sand! And yet when the power poles were being put in ATCO was hitting water from the high water table. The first trees we planted (Rob and I) are those big poplars and pines at the ball diamonds following that project.

What were some of the challenges you faced over that period of time?

was getting the day-to-day operations information out of the heads of our public works and the consultants (like Rusway). I always hated hearing from an engineer “if you had told me that sooner then”. By the time I left we had captured all the stacks of “rolls of plans”, the scribblers, the scraps of paper and personal knowledge. Now Public Works and the next engineer can make well- informed decisions.

What do you see in the future for the community of Marwayne?

I see our community at a crossroads. We were all lulled into isolation during Covid and the cultural changes of depending on social media for social interaction. I challenge each of us to move across those walls of isolation again reaching out to our neighbors.

As my husband has faced huge health challenges in the last two years, community support has been so encouraging for us. The acts of kindness, the prayers, the encouraging words - thank you Marwayne!!

What advice would you have for new or young residents in the community?

I say be like the new trees that are being continually planted around Marwayne, put your roots deep into this community, make lifetime connections, there’s a high water table here in some areas and once your roots are in that stream you will flourish- your leaves will not wither.

Who would you like to nominate next?

Dave Kneen

A Marwayne Moment has been brought to you by the Marwayne Ag Society, we hope you enjoy getting to know our amazing community members!



Marwayne Rodeo Street Dance

Another year and another amazing event turnout! This year absolutely blew us away with the amount of support, and help we had to make it happen. We are a great community and really know how to pull together to make it another great memory!

We'd like to put a special thank you out to those who donated the money towards this event:

Beauty From Bees

Parrish & Heimbecker

Lea Park Rodeo council

To those who donated items and gift cards for us to use:

-D & D for the hotdogs

-Marwayne Fire & Rescue for the bouncy castle/trucks and delivering the water/BBQ

-Riverhill Enterprises for lending us the BBQ

-Marwayne Tempo for gift cards

-Home Hardware for gift cards

-Kat Traks for gift cards

-Sunshine Cleaning for gift cards

-F'laura N Company for gift cards

-Martha Turner for doing the photography.



Most of all we'd like to put a huge thank you to every single volunteer, vendor, those who picked up and delivered things we needed, those who jumped in and helped get everything setup and taken down, And to everyone who came down to enjoy!

The Marwayne Lea Park Rodeo Street Dance would not have been a success without every single one of you. We're proud to be part of such a great community and look forward to future years!

Larissa Van Nes & Anna Mueller



Photos by Martha T Photography

WELCOME TO OUR LIBRARY THIS SUMMER




July Open Tues. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wed 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Closed June 22-July 6th

July 15th @ 1:00 pm Making Clay Owl Succulent Planters

July 29th @ 1:00 pm Dr. Seuss Poetry Collages

All ages welcome including adults.
Children from ages 0-12 must be accompanied by an adult
for all programs this summer.




August Open Tues. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wed 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

August 12th @ 1:00 pm Beehive Day -
Importance of Pollinators

Thurs. August 14th @ 10:0 am Science
Presentation by the Alberta Science
Network (all ages our big event)

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Registration

& AGM

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7:00PM

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E-mail: marwaynedanceassociation@gmail.com for more info.



Seniors & Almost Seniors Events

Our last Lunch event for this season was *Come for BBQ Hot Dogs & all the Fixin's*. It was a tremendous amount of fun figuring out what topping combinations we should try!

- ✓ Thank you to **P&H** for your donation for this BBQ event –So appreciated!
- ✓ Thank you Village of Marwayne FCSS for funding the centre's rental expenses.
- ✓ Thank you to all our wonderful community volunteers who have made these events a great time for our community.

The next *Stay for Lunch* event will be in September.

We've had a blast at these monthly lunches: Christmas Luncheon, Soup Wars, Lasagna, Casserole, Easter Brunch, BBQ Hot Dogs.

Come for Coffee

Every Wednesday at 10 am is
continuing through the summer.

At: Seniors Centre, 22 Centre Street



Coffee & Community

Real connections get stronger with time

As you get older, you really just want to be surrounded by good people. People that are good for you, good to you, and good for your soul. The mindjournal

.....YOU are one of the good people! See you on Wednesday!