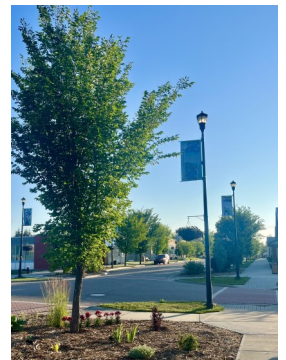
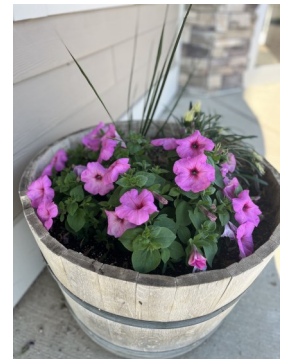

Voices of the Village

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



Village in Bloom

Residents and visitors alike have been enjoying the blooms and greenery that brighten our streets and public spaces. A huge thank you to Kay and Dave Kneen for their dedication and care in maintaining the village's flowers and trees. Their hard work has truly brought beauty and charm to our community. Also thank you to our "tree expert", Ilona Franklin as well as Sharon Kneen for her work on the flower barrels around Marwayne.

Important Dates

MEETINGS & DEADLINES

Council	August 18
Office Closed	August 4

EVENTS

Beehive Day	August 12
Science Presentation	August 14
Bethel Lutheran VBS	August 18-22
Seniors Coffee Mornings	Wednesdays

SERVICES

Blue Bag Recycling	August 7 & 21
Hazeldine Wetland Adventure	August 13
Lea Park Night Golf	August 15
VIBE Drop In	August 7, 14, 21
Dance Registration & AGM	September 3

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

Summer 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

Marwayne History Books



A reflection of your past-in print!

Available Editions

Pioneering the Parklands (1967)	\$20.00
Our Golden Year (1976)	\$10.00
Echoes of Marwayne Volume II (1988)	\$25.00
Echoes of Marwayne Volume III (2019)	\$50.00

Available for purchase at:

The Village of Marwayne Office
Hendricks Microtech Services

Have you visited our Website?

Please visit Marwayne.ca
for all kinds of information about
living in our great community.

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



Council Meeting Highlights

- Council has approved a replacement of the existing furnace located in the Marwayne Senior Centre.
- Council has approved the re-stenciling of faded paint + overall maintenance of the Community Walking Path.
- Weed removal has additionally been approved. As such, a notice will be issued temporarily closing the path to ensure thorough removal.
- Council has finalized the final phase of the Outdoor Recreation Facility, with line painting and surrounding area landscaping to be completed shortly.
- Remaining planned road/infrastructure projects are currently being wrapped up across the effected areas around town.

FALL COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Saturday September 13

How it works:

- **If you are interested in having a garage sale in your yard on this day please contact us at the Village administration office.**
- We will post all the listings on Facebook, on our website and around town a few days before the big day.
- On September 13, make sure to advertise your big sale! Create bright signs with balloons (making sure to remove after the sale).

You can contact us by phone 780-847-3962 or by email at admin@marwayne.ca during regular working business hours.



2025 Municipal Election

SO YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT **RUNNING** **FOR COUNCIL?**



**Election Day is
October 20, 2025**

A practical guide to understanding
elected roles in local government.

Voices from Alberta Councils



I ran because I saw opportunities to build a better future for our community. My background in small business gave me useful skills, but what really mattered was simply caring about my town and wanting to be part of its growth. – Alberta councillor, small municipality

The most rewarding aspect of serving on council is seeing projects come to fruition that improve residents' quality of life. When you help solve a long-standing problem or bring a new amenity to your community, the sense of accomplishment is incredible. – Alberta councillor, rural municipality

What Municipal Councillors Do

Municipal councils are responsible for:

- Setting the direction and future vision for your community
- Establishing policies and bylaws to set the quality and level of local services
- Approving annual budgets and determining tax rates
- Making land use, zoning, and development decisions
- Providing oversight of the municipality through the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
- Engaging with the community to understand their needs and concerns

Typical Monthly Duties

- 2-3 Council meetings per month
- Committee meetings (hours dependent on the community)
- Reading reports and preparing for meetings (6-10 hours per month)
- Public events and resident interactions
- Email and phone correspondence with constituents

**The workload often increases during budget season and important public hearings.*

Understanding Local Jurisdiction

One of the most important aspects of municipal governance is understanding what falls within local jurisdiction:

Within municipal authority:

- Local roads and transportation
- Water, wastewater, and waste management
- Parks, recreation, and community facilities
- Fire services, peace officers, and bylaw enforcement
- Land use planning and development permits
- Property taxation
- Local economic development

Outside municipal authority:

- Healthcare system and hospitals (Provincial)
- Education and school curriculums (Provincial)
- Highways (Provincial)
- Social services (Provincial/Federal, with municipal partnerships)
- Criminal code and justice system (Federal)
- Income tax and GST (Federal)

Working effectively within your jurisdiction means focusing on what you can control while advocating for your community's interests with other levels of government when needed.

2025 Municipal Election

Working With Administration

Council sets policies, and municipal administration implements them. Understanding this relationship is crucial:

- Council works as a collective body (individual councillors have no direct authority)
- The CAO is Council's only employee
- Staff report to the CAO, not to individual councillors
- Respecting administrative expertise improves governance outcomes

Practical Skills That Help

While there are no formal qualifications required to serve on municipal Council, the following skills will help you to be an effective councillor:

- Strong communication and listening abilities
- Ability to understand budgets and financial documents (training provided)
- Critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with diverse perspectives
- Time management and organizational skills

Common Misconceptions vs. Reality

- ✗ Councillors run day-to-day operations
- ✓ Council provides direction; staff handles operations
- ✗ You need specific qualifications
- ✓ Your willingness to learn and a commitment to serve all members of your community matters most
- ✗ Being a councillor is a full-time job
- ✓ For most councillors outside of large cities, it's a part-time role you can balance with other commitments
- ✗ You'll make decisions alone
- ✓ Council decisions require a majority vote
- ✗ You should know everything going in
- ✓ You'll learn through orientation and experience

Challenges and Rewards

Challenges you might face:

- Balancing diverse community interests, dealing with public scrutiny
- Managing time between various commitments
- Learning municipal processes and legislation

Rewards you'll experience:

- Making real improvements in your community
- Building meaningful relationships
- Being part of critical decisions creating a legacy for future generations

Ready to Learn More?

Join our webinar series:

At [Events](#) | [Alberta Municipalities](#), [RMA's Webinar Calendar](#)

Additional resources:

- Explore online resources about the Municipal Government Act
- Visit [ABmunis](#) and [RMA's Running for Municipal Office](#) webpages

Contact us with questions:

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WETLAND ADVENTURE DAYS



AUG 13, 2025

HAZELDINE CAMPGROUND

AUG 14, 2025

LINDSAY EVANS PARK

**Bug dipping*

**Wetland games and other activities*

**Learn about your Watershed*

**Free hot dogs*

780-846-2244

WWW.VERMILION-RIVER.COM



KINDERGARTEN FALL 2025

STREAMSTOWN CAMPUS

2 Days/Week

MIN. 5 REGISTRANTS

COST: \$137.50/mo. + \$25 Registration Fee

for more information contact us
www.scaalberta.ca

Shine
Christian Academy
SOCIETY OF VERMILION RIVER



Vacation Bible School

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH LEA PARK

Invites you to join us for VBS

August 18-22, 2025

From 9:30am - 12:30pm

Snacks will be provided.

To Register

Call Pastor Kevin at 780-872-0070

or

Pastor Ed at 780-808-5026

VIBE's FREE Drop-In Summer Programming in Marwayne August 2025

ALL AGES WELCOME!

WHERE: MARWAYNE ON THE EMPTY LOT ON MAIN ST.

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

THURSDAY AUGUST 7TH

ACTIVITY: FLOWER POT DECORATING

THURSDAY AUGUST 14TH

ACTIVITY: SLIME AND STRESS BALLS

THURSDAY AUGUST 21ST

ACTIVITY: TIE DYEING

THIS ACTIVITY IS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ONLY!
VIBE WILL PROVIDE SHIRTS (YOUTH & ADULT SIZES
AVAILABLE) BUT YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING
YOUR OWN SHIRT!

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

NIGHT

Lea Park

GOLF CLUB

GOLF



FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th

\$55/person

*Participants must Pre-Register and Pre-Pay
to be guaranteed a spot*

Includes 1 round of golf, 1 x LED glow golf ball, supper
and glow sticks!

Our Clubhouse is fully stocked
with goods from local and Alberta
based companies such as:

Lake Life Caesar Co.

River Valley Meats

Gemi & Co.

Foothills Creamery

JASA Innovations Ltd.

Dewberry Co-op

Marwayne Liquor Store

Support LOCAL Businesses



Marwayne School



On June 16 Mrs. Baker's ELA 9-11 students from Marwayne Jubilee School teamed up with some of Ms. Krauss's ELA 20 students from Kitscoty High School for a field trip to Camrose to see Pawâkan Macbeth at the Jeanne and Peter Loughheed Performing Arts Centre. Thanks to incredible local sponsors, these 50 students and teachers were also able to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon at Retro Arcade. Both MJS and KHS are very thankful for this wonderful local support of our students - thank you to **Beauty From Bees**, **Farmstead Market and More**, and **Calroc Industries** for making this awesome field trip possible!



Marwayne Centennial 2026

In 1926, after the construction of Lloydminster-Willingdon railway line, the townsite of Marwayne began to grow. Construction quickly began on several buildings to house the services required by the new community. In a matter of months, new business such as the Campbell Hardware Store, Superior Lumber, Jardine General Store, Aston Drugs along with a hotel, municipal office, blacksmith shop, pool hall, barbershop, bank, garage, meat market and café were providing service to new residents.

"By 1929, the Marwayne district had an estimated population of 2,000 people, of which 250 were located in Village itself. Residents of Marwayne were known to work together in harmony for general welfare and promotion, and this value continues to drive the community today."

An interesting history of the development of the village can be found in the 2011 report "Village of Marwayne – Inventory of Historic Places" which is available on the Marwayne website:

<https://www.marwayne.ca/about-us/our-history>

Keep an eye on our Village Newsletter & Facebook page for details about the next centennial planning meeting.

JA Jardine Store on Railway Avenue - 1926



Photo from prairie-towns.com

A Pastor's Gleanings

Does Christianity matter? Is it important? C.S. Lewis said that, if Christianity is true, it is of the utmost importance. If it is not true, it is of no importance at all. One thing it cannot be, is of somewhat importance.

Josh McDowell was so sure Christianity wasn't true, he set out to disprove it. After extensive research, he found the evidence of the authenticity of the Bible, its claims and historical legitimacy, to be so overwhelming, he wrote his book "Evidence That Demands a Verdict," in which he documents how his skepticism changed to faith based on his research.

He discovered the truth of Christianity and thus its importance. Paul says because "his (God's) invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So, they are without excuse." Romans 1:20

The evidence demands the verdict, Christianity is true! The Apostle Peter, knowing it to be true, writes "Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and choosing sure..." 2Peter 1:10

Jesus is clear, it is of the utmost importance "What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul." Mark 8:36

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



An update from the Marwayne Community Playground Association April 2025: We received a \$10,000 donation from the Marwayne Fire & Rescue. The fire department members are paid by the county of vermillion river for attending calls. They usually donate these wages back to the Fire Department but this year they decided to donate to the community playground instead. May 2025: We got Approved to receive \$44,000 from the County of Vermilion River. July 2025: we received \$20,000 from Richardson Pioneer Vermilion. We would like to thank them again for their generous donations, we are almost at our goal of \$175,000! Stay tuned for our upcoming fundraisers first up jerky sale again to kick off back to school in the fall! Make sure to like and follow us on Facebook & Instagram! ~ Marwayne Community Playground Association.



Masked grief is a type of grief in which a person does not recognize or acknowledge that their emotional or physical symptoms are actually related to a loss. Instead of expressing sorrow or mourning in a way that's typically recognized as grief (like crying or talking about the deceased), they might show it in indirect ways that may include experiencing physical pain, feeling irritable, overworking themselves, or engaging in risky behaviour. Masked grief can be confusing for the individual because they generally do not recognize their grief, and it can be confusing for family and friends to understand how to best support their loved ones.

When people feel that they need to move on quickly from their loss, this can lead to masked grief. It is also common for individuals who may not feel that their loss is valid. For example, if someone loses a pet, if they lose a former partner, or if they lose a baby due to miscarriage, they may be more likely to feel like they must move on because these losses are not always recognized as significant in society.

There are many signs that could indicate a loved one is experiencing masked grief. You may notice that they experience sudden changes in their behaviour (e.g. engaging in more risky behaviour, such as alcohol or drug use) or changes in their mood (e.g. angrier than is typical for the person). Additional sudden changes may be noticed in how someone identifies physical health concerns. Often, when someone is experiencing masked grief, their immune system may be impacted, and they could be experiencing more illness than usual. Physical pain can also be more pronounced as the psychological aspects of grief and pain overlap with how the body shows grief and pain. Another sign of masked grief is avoidance of talking about the loss or putting one's effort solely into work.

If you suspect a loved one may be experiencing masked grief, there are several approaches you can consider for supporting them. You can take a curious stance asking if they have noticed any changes in themselves and remind them that grief shows up in different ways. You can normalize grief and loss regardless of the type of loss they experienced – acknowledging loss that is less recognized by society might be powerful for your loved one. You can offer to engage with them in outlets that you could work on together, such as walking and talking or attending a yoga class together. You may also want to suggest professional support for your loved one to be able to speak with someone who specializes in navigating different types of grief and loss.

Detecting masked grief can be difficult because of the way it presents itself. It is hoped that by knowing some of the signs and strategies for support, you may feel better equipped to support your loved ones if this may be their experience.

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.

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)

Pick up your Summer Scavenger Hunt Booklet
Highest Points receive a May Cinema Gift Certificate for two
in September.



MARWAYNE DANCE ASSOCIATION

Registration

& AGM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

7:00PM

Marwayne Hall

OFFERING

Creative Movement & Mini Acro

NEW 45 minute, classes that run the full season.

*Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Acro, Hip-Hop
and Technique Classes.*

Enrollment will determine which classes will run.

Register by attending the meeting!

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

The Marwayne Cemetery Committee would like to graciously thank the following people for donating their time and equipment.

Garnier Custom Silage and HHD for supplying dirt.
Barry Carlson for hauling away trees and stock piling dirt. Thanks also to Yvonne and Gus Garnier for continuing to trap gophers. We also appreciate the great turn out for our annual spring clean up.

Many thanks for all the memorial donations which we continue to receive.

- The Marwayne Cemetery Committee

*Thank
you!*

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!