
Voices of the Village

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



2026 Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Program Funding

DEADLINE TO APPLY: SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Now accepting applications for 2026 Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) funding. Funded agencies design and deliver social programs that are preventative in nature to promote and enhance well-being among individuals, families and communities. Funds are provided jointly by the Government of Alberta and your local municipality.



Applications are specific to the local municipality and if you wish to apply for funding from more than one municipality, separate applications must be submitted to each office. To access the application, contact the respective municipality or visit their website.



Important Dates

MEETINGS & DEADLINES

Council	September 22
Office Closed	September 1 & 30

EVENTS

Seniors Coffee Mornings	Wednesdays
Brighter Beginnings	September 8 & 22
Renegades Hockey AGM	September 9
Seniors Potluck Lunch	September 17

SERVICES

Blue Bag Recycling	September 4 & 18
Dance Registration & AGM	September 3
Skating Club Registration	September 8
Community Wide Garage Sale	September 13
Garrett Gregory Concert	September 20

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:

Public Works	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
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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
	Roger Parkyn	780-872-8390
		a_irvine@hotmail.com

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 the contracting of Everline Coatings (Ltd) to professionally paint and complete the renovation of our outdoor recreational courts.
 - Council has also approved the installation of signage indicating that no vehicles are to enter the recreational space, or the immediate surrounding area
- Council has approved the removal of old signage along the public walking trails
 - Weed removal has additionally been approved. As such, a notice will be issued temporarily closing the path to ensure thorough removal.
- The area effected by water line maintenance on Second ST has been infilled, and barriers removed per the direction of council.
- Minor road maintenance near Marwayne Jubilee School was also completed by public works
- Following this summer's water infrastructure repairs, in step with measures taken by public works to increase monitoring, we have decreased water loss by leakage to nearly zero litres/minute of overnight loss.

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?**

A practical guide to understanding
elected roles in local government.



♦ **Nomination Day is
September 22, 2025**

♦ **Election Day is
October 20, 2025**

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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Congratulations
**on your retirement,
Wilson!**



THANK YOU!

for your 14 years of
dedicated service as
Public Works Foreman for
the Village of Marwayne.

Cheers to your next great
adventure!

- From the Village of
Marwayne Staff and
Council



**Tuesday,
September 16**

Support a rural school BBQ!

\$5 BBQ at 4-7pm

Hampton - Kitscoty

**→ North Stop - Marwayne
Ironwells- Hillmond
18th Street- Neilburg
Southview - Lashburn**

**\$2 from every car washed goes
towards rural schools**



**Tuesday,
September 2, 2025**

Do you Have Personal Property Stored on Municipal Owned Land?

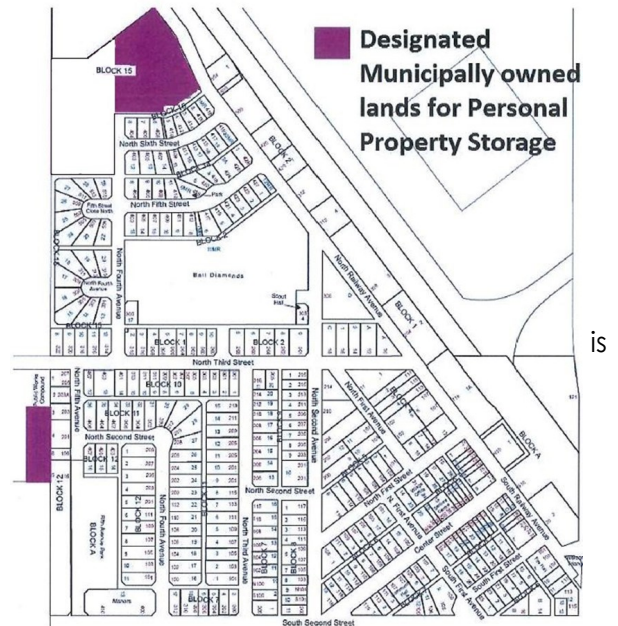
If you have property stored on municipal owned land, you are required to fill out a Personal Property Storage Form **every year**, as per Policy—AD 20

The Village of Marwayne staff will be checking all properties stored on Municipal owned land ensuring the proper paperwork has been filled out. Any personal property that fails to hand in the proper paperwork to the village either in person or by email

(admin@marwayne.ca) by **September 30, 2025** will be towed.

A few things to note when storing personal property on municipal owned lands:

- All personal property must be insured by the owner prior to being stored
- All personal property stored on municipal owned lands stored at the owners own risk
- Proof of residence must be provided to the Village administration office during application process to ensure eligibility
- Approval from the Village is required prior to placement of any personal owned property



MARWAYNE CURLING CLUB

“In Ice Advertising”

Would you like to advertise your business at the Marwayne Curling Rink with an in-ice logo?

Rates from \$185/year and up

Receipts provided

To create an ad by September 20:

Call/Text James @ 639-536-1031



Marwayne Skating Club



Registration Night

Monday September 8, 2025

7:00 pm at the Marwayne Arena

Looking to start skating? The CanSkate program is Skate Canada's official learn-to-skate program for all ages and abilities, focusing on developing balance, control, and agility skills in a fun, motivational environment.

Have a young child just wanting to skate on their own? Marwayne Skating Club offers programs like Pre-CanSkate for younger children (ages 3-5).

Looking to improve skating skills for hockey and referee? CanSkate is a great way to work on those skills!

Already registered for hockey? Arena fees are already covered for skating plus you get an additional 2 days of ice time per week!

Already a figure skater and want to continue to develop those fundamental figure skating skills? Come check us out and see what we can offer!

Any questions please contact: marwayneskatingclub@gmail.com or Teresa 780-808-9162.



A Pastor's Gleanings

Our 2025 Vacation Bible School at Bethel Lutheran Church is in the books! We had 36 enthusiastic students aged 4 to about 14. We had 13 great, capable teenaged helpers---one of whom stepped up to the position of class teacher! We had wonderful parent volunteers who looked after snacks for everyone.

Our theme this year was "Camp Chaos". Chaos has been described as "utter confusion and disorder". Does that sound like life?

"Where did I put those keys for the motorhome?" We were down to 1 set because about 10 years ago I dropped one set down into the sewer dump when I was dumping the tanks. We'd managed with 1 set of keys... but where are they? Chaos.

How about the 18 year old grandchild who hasn't attended school for the last 2 years and seems to be content coasting along playing video games... sometimes talking about getting a job... keeping strange hours. Chaos.

What about your work schedule? Is there actually a "schedule" (meaning: *time for work, and time for rest*), or do you just go from one thing that "needs to get done" to another thing that "needs to get done"? Are your relationships with those you love suffering because of it? Chaos.

We all experience chaos---sickness---the death of someone we love---problems in our relationships. The question is: "When the chaos gets inside of us, what do we do about it?" At VBS we learned that Jesus is our firm foundation in times of chaos. Jesus says, *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light"* (Matthew 11:28-30).

Give your chaos to Jesus. When he enters your heart he puts the chaos outside. Jesus is not overwhelmed by the chaos... He is above it.

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

The Marwayne Public Library will
be open regular hours beginning
September 2, 2025



SEPTEMBER 30TH

NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION

FUNDED BY COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER FCCS

BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS
EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM 2025-2026

**FREE
DROP IN**

Marwayne

UNITED CHURCH

1-3PM

**AGES
0-5 YEARS**

SEPT. 8 + 22

OCT. 6 + 20

NOV. 3 + 24

DEC. 8

JAN. 12 + 26

FEB. 9 + 23

MAR. 9 + 23

APR. 3 + 27

MAY 11 + 25

JUNE 8 + 22

**JOIN US FOR GAMES, MUSIC,
CRAFTS & MORE! SNACK PROVIDED.
COFFEE, SOCIALIZING & GUEST
SPEAKERS FOR PARENTS.**

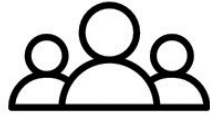
OUTREACHBRIGHTERBEGINNINGS@GMAIL.COM

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:

BRIGHTER BEGINNINGS, VERMILION AND AREA

AGM

DEWBERRY ARENA



SEPT 9, 2025
AT 7:00PM



TEAM MEETINGS TO FOLLOW

Lea Park
GOLF CLUB



Our Night Golf event was again a great success!
Thank you to everyone who came out and
participated!



We would also like to extend a big
THANK YOU to our volunteers who not
only donated their time, but also
provided midnight lunch and snacks for
the event.

Thankyou on behalf of the
Lea Park Golf Club Board of Directors

RESPECTING A LOVED ONE'S WISHES

Respecting a loved one's wishes after they have died is a deeply personal and often emotional responsibility. It is an act of love, remembrance, and integrity. Here are some ways you may approach respecting their wishes:

Understand and Clarify Your Loved One's Wishes: You can start by reviewing any documents (e.g. wills, advance directives, etc.). It can also be helpful to reflect on any conversations you may have had. When the loss of your loved one has been anticipated, this can sometimes influence the number of conversations you have had regarding their wishes. In other situations when the loss is unexpected, it can make it more difficult to navigate this process. It can be helpful to connect with family members and close friends who may have also had conversations with your loved one.

Carry Out Practical Matters Respectfully: Once you seek to understand your loved one's wishes, it may be time to carry out their preferences by honouring their specific requests, such as a location for a funeral/celebration of life and burial/cremation preferences. You can also consider whether there is a type of service or no service in their wishes and whether there are any religious customs to implement. Other practical matters include handling the estate and any legal and ethical steps that align with these matters that are outlined in your loved one's will or trust. In the current age of technology presence, you may also have to consider how to respectfully deal with your loved one's digital presence including creating a plan for how to handle their social media accounts (e.g. how to get access to the account, deleting accounts, etc.).

Navigate Conflicts with Grace: There may be conflicts that arise during the grieving process and not everyone may agree on how to interpret the deceased's wishes. Consider your role in this process and try to take an approach that seeks out clarity while being compassionate. Try to keep communication open with others who have played a significant role in your loved one's life. When things become difficult, use the reminder that the overall goal is to honour your loved one.

Reflect on What It Means to You to Honour Your Loved One: Respecting your loved one's wishes may allow you to feel at peace. However, this can also be difficult if it does not provide you with feelings of resolution that you may seek in your grieving process. Give yourself permission to grieve your own way, even while carrying out their desires. Connect with your main support network, seek out therapy support, engage in journalling, or allow yourself to step back as needed. You can respect your loved one's wishes by also respecting your boundaries and how these may change as you navigate your grief.

It can take time to feel like you have respected your loved one's wishes. Ongoing reflection is an expected part of the grieving process, and will hopefully aid in your process of feeling like you have done your best to honour their wishes.

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.

Celebrate!!

Grandchildren always welcome



Grandparents Day

Sunday September 7, 2025

**Make it a day to connect, boost family health and well-being,
plus create memories for the next generation!!!**



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.

Thank you

A special Thank You to Kelly Ferris for mowing the west side of the cemetery.

- The Marwayne Cemetery Committee



A MARWAYNE MOMENT with...

DAVE KNEEN



Where did you grow up?

6 miles west of Marwayne.

When and how did you find yourself living in Marwayne?

Kay & I decided that after acquiring our trades in Edmonton, that Marwayne was a better place to raise a family.

What did Fire/Rescue look like prior to you getting involved?

At that time the Fire Department was all that existed, there were only 4 members. There were few organized meetings & these were held in the town shop. All we had for equipment was war surplus supplies & an old small fire truck that sometimes didn't run.

What were some of the highlights of learning about Fire/Rescue and getting it started?

The Village sent me to a Rescue Leadership course in Edmonton in 1990. The training was extremely interesting, working with search & rescue dogs, working with STARS as well as high angle rescue. At completion of my training the Village was given \$10,000.00 worth of rescue equipment. We as a department decided there was a real need for a Rescue Department in Marwayne and area. Because we had no rural equipment we fund raised & with the help of the Village we purchased a van that was modified mainly by Keith Parker to accommodate personnel & equipment needed for fires & rescues. It should be noted that we were the first First Responders in rural Alberta.

Is there a funny story of any situation with training/village council/fixing jobs? Something crazy you and Kay have been asked to fix/build?

We attended a fire at Swanson's slaughterhouse. All members were piled on the fire truck, inside and outside, Herb Ure was driving. Because the truck was seldom used, apparently the brake fluid leaked out. Upon arriving at the slaughterhouse we failed to stop and drove straight through a fence and a bunch of trees. No one was hurt and the fire was put out.

Probably the neatest job we have had was working on Ken & Sandra Kneen's Timber King log house. Whenever a project came up that we weren't sure if we could do it, Ken would tell us "How do you know you can't do it if you've never tried it". This led to a lot of extremely interesting work.

Service on Town Council - why did you join and what were some highlights from this experience?

I served as a Counselor for 6 years and 1 year as Deputy Mayor. I was told by Doc Cooke that if you're not willing to be part of the change, don't complain. Good advice! What I learned being on Town Council is to be very careful about setting a precedent, it could come back to bite you. I was also on the School Board, Arena Board, Minor Ball, FCSS Board member and the Pioneer and Valley Lodge Boards.

Continued...

Advice for anyone thinking of being part of the fire & rescue and/or the village council?

These are two very different organizations. The Fire & Rescue Department is one of the very few volunteer organizations that actually save lives. It is a very worthwhile cause; the training you receive helps not only in the department but in your day-to-day life as well.

Village Council helps you to understand the workings of Municipal affairs, and there is more to the village than your little corner. I would encourage everyone to be on Town Council for at least one term - it's an eye opener.

You and Kay are well known as the go to "handymen" in Marwayne. What's the secret to working alongside each other so well? Not many husband/wife combinations could do what you two do!

Some days are good, some not. The most important aspect is to respect each other's abilities and opinions. Leave work at work.

As a senior in Marwayne are there any activities or events you would like to see happening within the village?

A huge Thank you goes out to the seniors that are currently running the Seniors Centre, it is enjoyed by all. I would enjoy it more if I could hear better. I am excited to learn Pickleball and with the new courts we hope to put them to use.

What do you hope for Marwayne's future?

I would love to see Marwayne continue to grow & thrive and to see more young people becoming involved within the village.

What is something we see in the village everyday (aside from fire & rescue) that you were a part of that most people don't know about?

The basketball court, now the Pickleball court was initiated by myself and Brian Youk. I was also fortunate enough to coach basketball the year my son and three other players attended Provincials (all 4 players were the sons of a team that I went to Provincials with years before.)

Any other tidbits/advice or thoughts you would like to leave us with? And who would you like to nominate for the next "Marwayne Moment"?

We should all be very proud of our little Village and all it has to offer.

I would like to nominate Cindy Lennon for the next interview.

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 Agricultural Society
September Update

The **Marwayne Agri-Plex Improvement Project** is moving along well. The interior of the arena is complete, the old ice plant has been removed, and the new ice plant is currently being installed with plans to be able to start curling and hockey seasons as regularly scheduled. The arena roof is undergoing significant repairs currently as well.

Thank you to the many people who have made **personal donations** towards the project! If you would like to make a charitable donation to the Ag Society, please call or e-mail us. These funds go a long way in helping us secure government grants that require us to have matching funds.

The **Marwayne Figure Skating Club** registration is September 8 @ 7:00PM at the Marwayne Arena.

The **Dance Academy** has their AGM and Registration on September 3 @ 7:00PM at the Marwayne Hall.

The Arena will be hosting the **Garrett Gregory Concert** on September 20 at the Hall. If you haven't seen Garrett perform before, know that you are in for an awesome night! Opening performance by Olivia Rose, along with silent auction and cash bar. All funds raised are going towards the Agri-Plex Improvement Project. Tickets are at the door for \$60 or pre-book a table of 8 by contacting Slim @ 780-522-2223.

Cash Raffle Tickets are available from any arena member or at Home Hardware in Marwayne. In less than a month's time you could be \$40,000 richer! Get your ticket today! Draw will be on September 20 at the concert at the Hall.

Fall Supper will be on Sunday October 26 from 5-7PM. Keep an eye on our social media pages to sign up for volunteer opportunities with the Fall Supper.

Lite Up Marwayne is set for Sunday December 7th so mark your calendars for what is sure to be another fantastic event. We are looking for someone to help take over the lead organization of this event. If this sounds like you, please reach out to Yolanda @ 639-536-4584.

If you have any feedback or questions regarding anything Ag Society related, please reach out to Yolanda Oberhofer @ 639-536-4584



www.marwayneagsociety.com marwayneagsociety@gmail.com 639-536-4584

Seniors & Almost Seniors Events

Our monthly get togethers are continuing:

Wednesday, September 17 at Noon

POTLUCK LUNCH

What did your garden grow?

Or maybe its what you wished you could have grown!

Look for the sign up sheet at the Center

Wednesday, October 15

PIG ROAST

Watch for details on this one!

Come for Coffee 

Every Wednesday at 10 am

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!