

Voices of the Village

JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



Looking to the Future

The Village of Marwayne is gearing up for a busy year ahead. To start things off, Council approved a review and redraft of the Sustainability Plan. To gather public input on the project, the Village will be hosting a public engagement session at the end of January. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and provincewide restrictions, the Village is taking the necessary steps to ensure that feedback can be provided by all residents—regardless of vaccination status. Please keep an eye out for the paper survey being circulated in the January mailing of your utility bill. We encourage everyone to provide their feedback as we work together as a community to plan for the years ahead. Further to this, the Village will be moving forward with the replacement of the main header piping at the water treatment plant and subsequent phases of the walking trails.



The Village of Marwayne is in the process of re-writing its Sustainability Plan. A Sustainability Plan is a community's roadmap for the future; it not only outlines a vision of where the community wants to be in 25+ years but also includes clear initiatives, strategies and key performance indicators to measure and monitor actions taken to achieve the vision.

A Sustainability Plan may be more appropriately thought of as a community resiliency plan or as a community viability plan, but regardless of what it may be called, it is about honoring the community's past, while proactively planning for a successful, ambitious, and viable future for future generations.

For more information on this project, please visit www.marwayne.ca or contact the Village at 780-847-3962.



YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND DISCUSS THE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN.

When: Tuesday, January 25th, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Where: Husky Room - Marwayne Community Hall
210 - Second Ave S, Marwayne, Alberta T0B 2X0

Please note: COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place.

The Marwayne Community Hall is participating in the Restrictions Exemption Program. Participants will be required to show proof of vaccination and government issued ID to attend the community engagement event.

Important Dates

MEETINGS & DEADLINES

Council	Jan 10 & 24
Sustainability Plan Open House	Jan 25

SERVICES

Blue Bag Recycling	Jan 13 & 27
Business License Renewal	Feb 28
Pet License Renewal	Feb 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
COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT—MASKS ARE MANDATORY TO ENTER

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.

Council Contacts: Cheryle Eikeland 780-242-3256 cheryle.eikeland@gmail.com
 Chris Neureuter ctneureuter@gmail.com
 Ashley Rainey 780-214-1410 a_irvine@hotmail.com

2022 Pet Licenses

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.

Pet licenses are due by February 28, 2022. Please make sure to renew or purchase your license as soon as possible in the event your dog or cat is at large. Animals without tags are unfortunately brought to the SPCA in Lloydminster and require a fee to be paid prior to being released—no exceptions.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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 **Marwayne Curling Club** hosts six bonspiels per year. In November we hosted 16 teams for the Farmers Bonspiel, we were excited this year to have 8 teams from out of town attend!

Upcoming Bonspiel Dates for 2022

Junior - January 14 & 15

Men's - January 28 & 29

Stirling - February 21

Ladies - March 3-5

Mixed - March 18-20

END

A portion of a curling game that is completed when each team has thrown eight stones and the score has been decided. Most curling games are eight ends.

HAMMER

The team with the last stone in any given end of play. The 16th delivered stone in any end is called the "Hammer"

SKIP

The player who determines the strategy, and directs play for the team. The skip delivers the last pair of stones for his/her team in each end.

2022 Business Licenses

Business Licenses will be up for renewal in the New Year and due February 28, 2022.

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 under Home → Village → Local Government → Bylaws. Forms are also provided at the Village office.

Snow Removal and Sanding of Village Streets

As per Policy PW01, snow removal is only conducted when a minimum of three (3) inches of snow cover has accumulated on our main streets and six (6) inches of snow cover has accumulated on our residential streets. When these levels of snow accumulation have been reached, only then does the Village begin to conduct snow removal on a priority basis.

APPROVED PRIORITY SNOW REMOVAL AREAS

- (1) **Railway Avenue, Centre Street, 1st Street S to the back alley near the fire hall and 2nd Street S from Highway 897 to 2nd Avenue S**
- (2) **2nd Street S from the school to the manors, 3rd Street N, 2nd Avenue S, 1st Street N, 1st Avenue N&S and 2nd Avenue N from the water treatment plant to Railway Avenue**
- (3) **2nd, 3rd, & 5th Avenue N, 1st Avenue S and 3rd Street S**
- (4) **Back alleys, driveways, and the multiplex parking lot/sidewalks**

Further to the above, sanding occurs only on an as needed basis at those intersections approved by Council. All snow removal/sanding on Highway 897 is the responsibility of Alberta Transportation and all snow removal/sanding on 5th Street South/Township Road 524 is conducted by the County of Vermilion River.

APPROVED SANDING AREAS—the school zone, Centre Street, back alley abutments, the curve on Railway Avenue N and the inclines on 3rd Avenue N and 2nd Avenue S

As has always been the case, snow removal on the sidewalks adjacent to personal residences and/or businesses remains the responsibility of the owner and must be cleared within twenty four (24) hours of a major snowfall. We kindly remind you to please drive according to the road conditions, in addition to obeying all traffic laws and signage. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we do our best to clear snow and sand intersections as quickly, efficiently, and safely as possible in the days following a major snow fall.

While the Village does its absolute best to plow and sand the roads as needed, changing weather conditions and temperatures greatly affect vehicular traction throughout the community. Please remember to take your time and drive accordingly.

Snowmobiles within Village Limits

The Village would also like to remind residents that snowmobilers should use the most direct route in and out of town.

Please be respectful of private and public property, as well as your neighbors.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Marwayne Public Library



Library Announcements:

Thank you to the community for coming out and supporting our school library at the book fair. \$2,664.30 was spent in sales. Out of that, our school library received \$1,189.50 worth of product taken from the fair. This product is available for all to borrow at the library. Teachers also received much needed books for their classrooms. Thank you Marwayne!

The library will be participating in the annual Northern Lights Library Winter Reading Program. This year one ballot is drawn for each age group in Northern Lights Library System. Marwayne is part of this system. A Kobo Reader for each age group may be won if your name is drawn. There will be one prize given to each adult, teen, and child who reads the required hours of reading in their age category. Marwayne Public Library will be offering a Scavenger Hunt for participants. Please enter your minutes on our website <https://www.marwaynelibrary.ab.ca/> or pick up a reading log at the library to record your hours of reading. All logs must be returned and entered no later than February 28th.

It is wintertime, a time to spend with your children and do some indoor fun activities. The library will be providing activity kits on a first come first serve basis. These kits are catered for ages 4-10. If you have children in those age categories, feel free to pick up a kit starting in January 2022. Kit's available until gone. No charge.

Make the library for you and your family a priority in 2022!

Marwayne Ag Society—January Update

Happy New Year! We sincerely hope everyone had a joyous Christmas season and was able to connect with friends and family. As we head into the New Year the Ag Society looks forward to hosting several events in our community such as the **Rodeo Pancake Breakfast, Fall Supper, PBR, Lea Park Rodeo, curling bonspiels, gala, Provincial Hockey Tournament, ball tournaments and more!**

Marwayne is fortunate and proud to have a number of great facilities and such a wide range of recreational activities. We welcome **all members** of the community to come out and enjoy everything Marwayne has to offer.

At this time the Ag Society would like to thank the **County of Vermilion River** for the support in funding our facilities in Marwayne. This is very much appreciated!



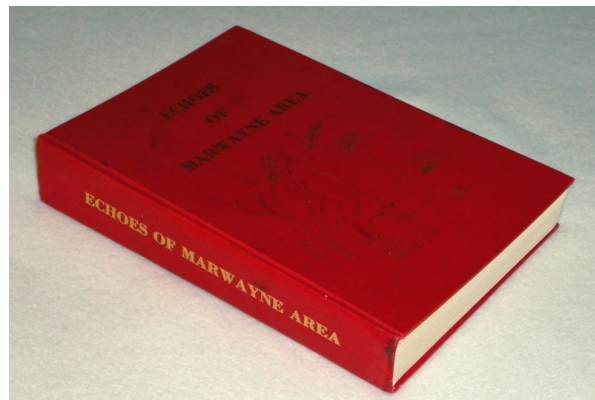
Light up Marwayne—Thank you

A huge thank you to the following for all their help and assistance to make Lite Up Marwayne 2021 go off without a hitch. Makinlee, Maverick (Nicole & Matt Holman) and Emma (Deanna Bendixon) from Kitscoty Multi 4-H Club; Jan Geldart and her caroling ladies; Penney & Doug Ford for their donation of hot dogs and buns; Sharon & John Kneen for the wonderful Christmas music and a place to get our buns out from the cold; Mike Evans & Quinn Franklin for the wood for the burning pits; Tracey & Ian Kay & Colby George for the nice comfy warm straw bales to sit on; Ron & Judy Tannas for the Hockey pucks; Vern Tupper for the hot dogs sticks; the Marwayne Hotel and staff for all the planning and set-up; Chuck and She from Chucks Cornocopia for the Candy Canes Santa handed and last but not least Mr. Guy Holowchuk as Santa and his helper Chandra Stoley. We can't forget to send a shout out to the Village for their help in bringing the fire pits, hockey nets and barriers to close off a portion of the street. Thank you everyone.



Marwayne History Books

The newest edition of the Marwayne History Book is available in January of 2022. The cost is \$50.00 and pre-orders are encouraged. Please contact Cheryle Eikeland by phone at 780-242-3256 or by email at cheryle.eikeland@gmail.com for more information. Take advantage of this great opportunity to secure a piece of Marwayne's history today!



Economic Development Committee Project

Calling all business owners! The Village of Marwayne's Economic Development Committee is looking for businesses who would be interested in advertising their logo on a billboard along Highway 897. For a small fee of \$75.00, your business could be displayed for everyone to see! If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact the Village administration office for more information.

A Pastor's Gleanings

The prophet Isaiah wrote many centuries ago "All we like sheep are gone astray." G.K. Chesterton said "The problem for modern man is not that he has lost his way. Man has always lost his way. The problem now is that he has lost his address." Being lost is not new. Not knowing or forgetting where home is at, is another thing. How can we know the way home if we don't know where it is, or where we are?

Doug Wilson wrote in 2021 "Experiencing blessings without understanding the basis of those blessings is like dancing blindfold along the edge of a precipice." I believe we are waltzing very close to the edge! May it be said of us in 2022 "For you were straying like sheep, but now have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." That is Jesus Christ, set your GPS on him, he can show us the way.

Bethel Lutheran Church, services Sunday at 10:30. Also on Facebook, You Tube and Zoom. Call Pastors Kevin 780 872 0070 or Ed 780 808 5026.

WHAT WILL 2022 LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

Submitted by Walking Through Grief Society

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

What are you feeling entering 2022? Deep sorrow, sadness and a sense of loss? This is called Grief. Grief is the result of experiencing a loss – change /change –loss. How many have felt that deep sorrow, that loss and change that 2021 has brought? Are you struggling to navigate a journey, having never experienced such a loss? What emotions, physical symptoms, and behaviors are you wrestling with and questions “why” am I feeling the way we do.

The unwanted guest in our life could be; sadness, depression, seeking isolation, physical illnesses, sleep less or more, eat less or more, confusion, anxiety, anger outbursts, increase in substances and alcohol, when the pain seems too much to bear.

Perhaps you are one of the many who are experiencing symptoms but have had no one die. One of the biggest “life” losses we have faced in 2019-2021 could be due to Covid – 19. Loss of our “normal”, loss of a constant and structure, isolation due to restrictions, and at the time of a death the loss of support. The physical contact that is so important, a need we were created with, to have physical support of one another. Thought- *One strand of wheat straw is easily broken but a handful is much harder to break.* We as humans are like that. Alone we can be broken but when we support each other we can stand stronger.

Moving into 2022 the desire is to address our emotions, our losses, both physical and life losses and find skills to empower.

What Covid Can't do:

Covid can't cancel; Sunshine, spring, love, relationships, reading, naps, devotion, music, dancing, imagination, kindness, conversation, or HOPE.

FRIENDS are not cancelled.

Fear does not stop death, it stops life. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles it takes away today's peace.

To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect ... you just have to CARE

Walking Through Grief Society -Wishes for your new year as you navigate your grief journey. :

HEALTH – Being conscious of your symptoms of grief and acting on them to resolve.

HEALING- Moving through your grief and seeking someone to companion with you and to listen to you and support.

HOPE- That each new day moving through the pain of your grief, will lessen with intensity and you will become stronger with a new focus.

For those who have lost a loved one to death, consider the legacy they left you. What have you learned from them going forward? How are you richer because of their presence? What can you do moving forward to honour their memory by how you live the rest of your life. ?

What to discuss your journey and supports, contact 780-846-2576 or 780-871-1750 Program Director, Walking Through Grief Society

Snow Removal on Private Property

The Village of Marwayne offers snow removal on private property when all of the main roads, parking lots and back alleys have been adequately plowed. If residents are requiring assistance with snow removal in their driveways, we are pleased to provide the following:

Senior driveway snow removal	\$15.00 plus GST
Residential and/or business snow removal	\$30.00 plus GST

Forms and payment must be received prior to the service being provided., For more information, please contact the administration office by phone at 780-847-3962 or by email at admin@marwayne.ca.

Water and Sewer Infrastructure Repairs

The Village of Marwayne would like to remind residents that they are responsible for any issues relating to the improper use or disposal of items down the water and sewer service pipes between their property and the main connection out on the street. As per utility bylaw 543-15, available on the Village's website, property owners are also responsible for the operation and maintenance of servicing pipes to their home and/or business and must make sure that they are in continuous working condition and free from leaks. Because repairs to water and sewer infrastructure can be costly, the Village recommends that property owners check with their respective insurance providers to make sure that unexpected expenses are covered in the event of a break, leak or blockage. With the winter months upon us, now is the time to double check your policy to prevent any surprises. There are lots of options out there for homeowners who are not covered under their insurance such as Service Line Warranties of Canada. More information is available on their website at www.slwofc.ca.

