
Voices of the Village

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



With the winter months upon us, the Village is gearing up for a busy season of snow removal. If the first storm was any indication of what is to come, we are guaranteed to be working around the clock to ensure snow removal and sanding is conducted in a timely manner on Village streets, parking lots and back alleys.

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.

Important Dates

MEETINGS & DEADLINES

Council Dec 13

SERVICES

Blue Bag Recycling Dec 2, 16, 30

EVENTS

Light Up Marwayne Dec 4

Marwayne Christmas Gala Dec 18

Office Closed Dec 24—Jan 3

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 Contact: Cheryle Eikeland 780-242-3256
cheryle.eikeland@gmail.com

The Village of Marwayne would like to thank Tara Wood for hosting the haunted house this past Halloween. It was a spooky time had by all!



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

A collage of four images: a bride's hand holding a ring, a bride and groom, a couple with wine, and the exterior of the Marwayne Community Hall.

DID YOU KNOW...

...With our fairly central location, Marwayne could have been the first Firehall in the county to house a tanker, but back then we didn't have much extra space or any extra help to attend more calls supporting other departments with water. It's been 10 years in the making but now that the county houses many tankers we're getting one too. The new truck will be a tandem axle and be able to shuttle 3000 gallons to our pumpers at calls.

The new addition we're building is two extra long wet bays with floor drains and water fill lines as well as extra space in the back to park future wildland fire equipment.

The Village set aside funds from a municipal infrastructure grant for this build and the Department has committed the rest of the funds needed to build what we wanted.

The department recently added Brett Johnston to the roster and it would be great to have a couple more new members to go through the training with him. If anyone has been thinking about joining now would be a great time.



Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Services Commission

CHRISTMAS 2021 – TRANSFER SITE OPENING HOURS

The Vermilion transfer site will be closed on Saturday, December 25, 2021, and Saturday, January 1, 2022. The site will close at 2:00 P.M. on Friday December 24, 2021, and on Friday, December 31, 2021.

All our other transfer sites located in the region will be closed on Saturday, December 25, 2021, and on Saturday, January 1, 2022. On Wednesday, December 22, 2021, and on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, Paradise Valley, Kitscoty and Marwayne transfer sites will be open for their regular scheduled hours. Preston and Tulliby Lake transfer sites, and the site located at the Quik Pick yard in Lloydminster will be open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on both Wednesdays.

The Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Services Commission would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Dissolution of the Marwayne District Chamber of Commerce

After almost 90 years the Marwayne & District Chamber of Commerce will be dissolving as of December 31st this year. The Marwayne Board of Trade operated from 1932 to 1937. It then operated under the title of the Marwayne Civic Affairs from 1938 to 1961 and the Marwayne and District Chamber of Commerce from 1962 to present.

Over the years these groups have been instrumental in the cemetery, lobbying for improvements to highway 897, construction and operation of the campground, construction of the original ballpark, ball tournaments, Silver Bells Christmas promotions, school scholarships, community flower barrels, coordinating village anniversaries, endless provincial hockey banquets and pancake breakfasts along with helping with funding for many other community projects and minor sports groups.

The present Economic Development Committee has, in essence, assumed the role that the Chamber was originally created for – namely the promotion of the Village and Marwayne area business community.

At present, the plan is to turn the Chamber grills, breakfast equipment and tables & chairs over to the Ag Society to continue the rodeo breakfasts.

The Marwayne Legion has agreed to assume the administration of the Chamber campground.

The Legion has agreed to maintain the existing flower barrel program as well as cover the power costs for the arena, curling rink and community hall parking lot lighting year-round from the campground income. As well, they will provide an annual disbursement to the Ag Society and Economic Development Committee in accordance with the net profit generated by the campground, as the Chamber had done in past years.

The Chamber's title to the lot across from the post office will be transferred to the Village.

All Chamber funds in their account(s) on December 31, 2021, will be distributed to the Marwayne Ag Society, the Economic Development Committee, the Marwayne Historical Society, the Marwayne Fire and Rescue and an account for the continuing operation of the campground.

Obviously, it is imposible to provide individual *"Thank You's"* to the numerous members and volunteers in an organization that has spanned these many years. *All past presidents, directors, and volunteers' contribution of time to the Chamber is genuinely appreciated.*

We are sure that the community appreciates what the Chamber has contributed to the community and accomplished in past years and will support the Economic Development Committee in their endeavors going forward.



LIGHT UP MARWAYNE

Saturday, December 4th, 2021

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM



Fire Pits, Hot Dogs, individually wrapped Condiments, Sani Wipes for Hot Dog Sticks, Music, Shiny Hockey and the possibility of Sleigh Rides (weather permitting). Oh ya, can't forget Candy Canes....

Come on out and spend a few hours with your neighbors this Christmas Season.





BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH LEA PARK
Invites you to join us

We wish you a blessed Christmas time as we celebrate
The birth of our dear Savior and wish you many blessings
for the New Year!!

2021 CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES

We continue to follow the Covid 19 guidelines. **MASKS ARE MANDATORY!** Please remember to use hand sanitizer when entering and follow the social distancing protocol. Offering envelopes are to be placed in the basket on the back table or mailed to Bethel Lutheran Church Box 535 Marwayne, AB T0B 2X0. Thank you for complying with these guidelines to keep us safe. We will continue with virtual phone services and videotaping the services to put on [Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park You Tube](#).

Regular services are at 10:30am every Sunday.
December 12 will be our Youth Tree Decorating Service at 10:30am
December 24 is the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7pm

ZOOM SERVICE via phone. 1-587-328-1099 ID 881-8712-9332 Password 195630
YOU TUBE - Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park You Tube (we try to get the services uploaded later the same day. Once they are uploaded, they can be viewed anytime)

We don't know what gathering restrictions may be in place on December 24. If you would like to attend our Christmas Eve Service, please contact one of the numbers below. We would like to make arrangements so that all who wish to attend can do so.
We will also post updates on the Bethel Facebook page.

Pastor Kevin 780-847-3017 Pastor Ed 780-847-2115 Pat 780-214-1014



from

Kneen Enterprises Inc.

John & Sharon Kneen

Mainstreet - Marwayne



The Laundry

780-872-0011

IS THERE HOPE? (in the darkest times)

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

This is a question many are asking as we come to the end of a year. For those who are grieving a loss, it may feel like the darkest time with nothing to be hopeful about. You may feel suspended in your pain, isolated and full of waves of emotions; anger, guilt, blame, hopelessness, anxiety, depression and despair. Normal feelings for one whose life has been changed forever.

We are already bombarded with the carols and ads of buying and family gatherings, which only add to the fact your Christmas will be different and all you want is your loved one back, life to be normal again and the pain to end.

Prior to covid support was there to gather together and support, with family connections remembering, tears and laughter. Now you have to navigate with restrictions in life that reduce the needed essential support of human touch and connection at the darkest time.

You may wish right now the month would magically disappear. This isn't going to happen so what can you do.

This may sound strange but there is hope and healing of your pain by moving through your pain and grief. You had relationship with and shared love and a connection with your loved one. If you were blessed to love deeply, you will grieve deeply. To evade the pain you would never have known the love of relationship.

In the restrictions we live in find a way to reach out on your painful journey for someone who you trust to companion with you and to listen. Where pain is shared it is halved. Discuss how you will plan to get through the holiday.

To find ideas to navigate the holidays, or to have conversation about your journey and your memories and reduce your isolation, look to friends or the support of the Walking Through Grief Society. You can access support and someone to listen at 780-846-2576/ c 780-871-1750 or email at wtgriefsupp@xplornet.ca. There is a website and face book to find information also.

A LITANY OF HOPE

In this season of hope, may we carry in each of our hearts and the heart of whatever we call family the hope of healing and renewal.

On the days when it is a challenge to face a world caught up in joy and lights and carols and gifts. May we receive the *gift* of understanding the depth of our loss and the hope of healing.

On the days when it seems that no one understands the changes in or lives and the memories carried deep inside. May we receive the *gift* of courage to speak with honesty and truth, to those who will listen.

When we are afraid to reach out and ask for help of neighbours, friends, co-workers and acquaintances, may we receive the *gift* of vulnerability to allow others to share pain with us and look together to the source of healing.

When in a fleeting moment we see our loved one out of the corner of our eye, smell his/her presence or hear his/her voice, may we acknowledge the mystery that is life and death and be comforted by a presence that we cannot name or fully know.

When we remember our role with those we cared for as wife, husband, partner, son, daughter, friend or confidante, may we honor the gift we gave and live in the hope that our loved one's transition was more whole because of our presence with them.

And when hope seems so far away; when fear overcomes us, when suffering is all we remember, when guilt weights us down, when healing and wholeness seem a distant, unachievable goal, and when grief accompanies us like an unwanted guest, may hope be our strong and steadfast companion.

Hope to feel, hope to find community, hope to regain lost faith, hope even to laugh and dance to the tune of a song we have never heard before.

Marwayne Public Library



Marwayne Public Library would like to wish all a Merry Christmas!



The library will be closed from **December 17th – January 2nd**. We have an assortment of library material to borrow. Come on out to the library and get your collection of materials before the Christmas holidays. Most items are available for 3 weeks before they must be returned. We do renew over the phone.

The following Apps are available to download at no charge for your reading, listening, and watching pleasure:



Book fair results will following in next village newsletter.

Water Well Surveys

The Village of Marwayne would like to sincerely apologize to all those residents whom were caught off guard by the water well surveys conducted on November 18th and 19th by Parsons on behalf of ConocoPhillips. The Village was not given any advanced notice of the surveys, despite them being part of ConocoPhillips' project scope. We have asked that all future surveys and/or inspections be accompanied by a prior notice to our residents in so that no one is taken by surprise moving forward. Rest assured, the information provided to Parsons is being used for the sole purpose of ConocoPhillips' annual groundwater and soil vapor monitoring program which is part of Alberta Environment and Parks' mandate for the Village of Marwayne.

Thank you for your cooperation and again, our sincerest apologies.

A Pastor's Gleanings

Winston Churchill said "For myself I am an optimist – it does not seem to be much use to be anything else." A promise kept is one good reason for optimism.

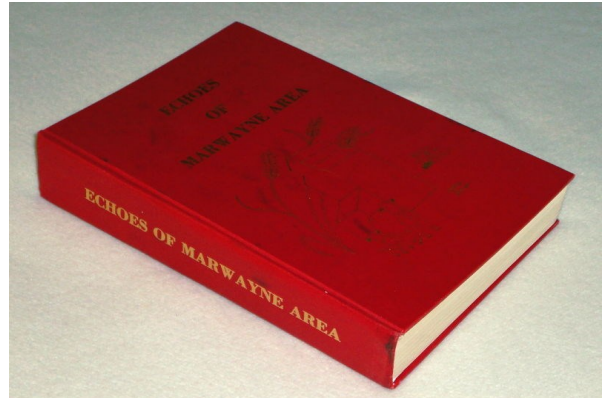
"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given," and, "they shall call his name Emmanuel; meaning God with us." The promise, as recorded by Isaiah and Matthew. God came to us; he is with us. Jesus said "I am come." Am come, the perfect perpetual presence, "that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." He is with us! He is reason of the season for optimism.

Joy to the world the Lord **IS** come; Merry Christmas!

Bethel Lutheran Church Lea Park, services Sundays at 10:30 A.M. Also on Face Book, You Tube and Zoom. Call Pastor Kevin 780 872 0070 or Ed 780 808 5026.

Marwayne History Books

The newest edition of the Marwayne History Book will become 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 contract the Village administration office for more information.

Resident Appreciation



A sincere thank you goes out to Moe and Fae Irvine on behalf of 2nd Chance Trail Ride Society for their in-kind donation to the Village of Marwayne. The committee, comprised of volunteers, brings awareness to tissue and organ donation. They are a non profit organization founded in 2012 after 5 like-minded individuals received the gift of a double lung transplant. We appreciate their kindness and willingness to volunteer their time for such an important cause. If you haven't already, make sure to check out the beautiful handmade sign at the corner of Railway Avenue and Centre Street. You absolutely cannot miss the bold green ribbons, garland and Christmas lights. For more information or to donate, please visit 2ndctr.com.



Chuck's
CORNUCOPIA
MARKET

*26 Centre Street
Marwayne, Alberta
(780) 847-3101*

**weekdays: open 6 AM - 8 PM
weekends: open 10 AM - 8 PM**

X-Mas and New Years Day Open 9 AM - 3 PM

Proudly Providing:

River Valley Meats -

Whole Roaster Chickens \$3.49/lb

Burgers, Smokies, Steak, and Jerky

Home-made Baking

Sit-down and Take-out Coffee

Best price on Milk in Town DELI

D'Italiano & Wonder Bread

COLLECTIBLES CULLIGAN WATER

If we know you are coming, we can wait!

Snow Removal on Private Property

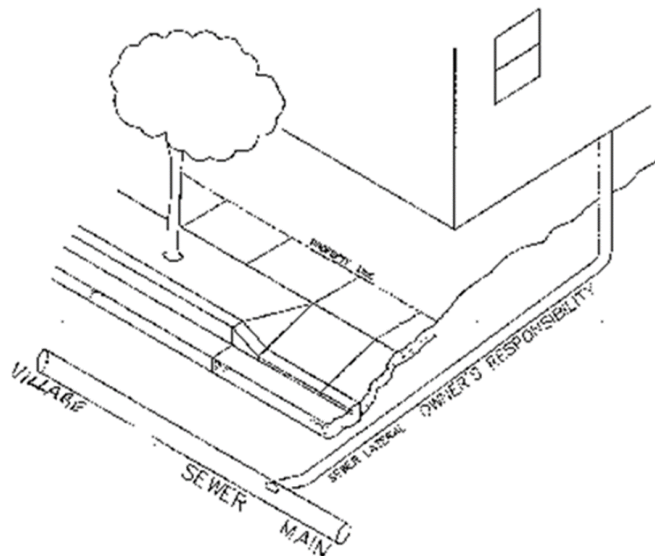
The Village of Marwayne offers snow removal on private property when all of the main roads, parking lots and back alleys have been adequately plowed. If residents are requiring assistance with snow removal in their driveways, we are pleased to provide the following:

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.



Important Reminder

As per the 2021 Property Tax Bylaw No. 583-21, all property taxes payable to the Village of Marwayne were due on or before June 30th, 2021. Late payments were subject to a 6% penalty applied on the 1st day of July 2021.

On the 1st day of January 2022, an additional penalty of 12% will be applied and added to any arrears taxes not paid on or before December 31st, 2021. If 2020 tax arrears also aren't paid by December 31st, 2021, your property will be subject to the tax recovery process.



Merry Christmas!



and
* Dont Drink And Drive *

Marwayne Christmas Gala

"The season has more sparkle in Marwayne!"

December 18, 2021

Doors open at 8:00 p.m.

Marwayne Community Hall

Hawaiian Theme-Wear Your Hawaiian Shirt

Secret Santa Gift Exchange

(If you want to participate Please bring a \$20.00 gift)

Dance to follow with "Prairie Dogs"

Celebrate

NO MINORS ALLOWED

With Us

**Following Alberta REP Program
Proof of Vaccination or Negative Test Required**

\$20

**Contacts: Heather 780-808-5941
Melissa 780-205-6474**

Christmas Hampers

The last few years we have supported others in our community by providing Christmas hampers. If this is something you would like to support here is a list of potential food items that we will be collecting starting December 1st. All donations stay in our community. Thank you in advance for any donations.

Items can be dropped off at the post office, the arena or the Village office. If you have any questions or wish to donate a turkey, please contact Ashley Rainey at 780-214-1410.

box of cereal

juice (tetra pkg)

apple sauce gravy mix

box of crackers

pasta

tomato soup

chocolates

icing mix

chips

canned tuna

peanut butter

mac and cheese

cranberry sauce

rice

spaghetti sauce

can corn

can green beans

pickles

cookies

hot chocolate

stuffing mix

canned fruit

canned beans

oatmeal

chicken noodle soup

can mixed veggies

cake mix

canned pasta

canned tomatoes

cookies

