



# Voices of the Village

## MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER



Due to the ongoing Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Village of Marwayne has temporarily cancelled all in-person Council Meetings until further notice. As a means of adhering to the Province's social distancing guidelines, all Council Meetings are being held via Zoom Video Conferencing in the interim. Despite these temporary restrictions, the Village of Marwayne continues to carry out its day to day operations as seamlessly as is currently possible.

With nice weather on the horizon and people eagerly wanting to get outside, the Village would like to remind residents that non-essential businesses remain closed at this time. That being said, many small business are still offering take out and curbside pick up options for your convenience. The Village encourages you to support local and reinvest into our community during these unprecedented times.

While the future of this pandemic remains unknown, the Village continues to monitor the situation closely. Updates shall be posted to **www.marwayne.ca** as they become available. Please also continue to visit our Facebook page for insights as to how the Province's phased plans to re-open Alberta will affect the Village of Marwayne in the weeks to come.

In the meantime, the next Regular Village of Marwayne Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday May 4th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Council will be discussing the three (3) year operational budget, the five (5) year capital budget, the proposed 2020 mill rates as well as which future projects and endeavors the Village will be undertaking.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

<b>Council Meeting</b>	May 4th via Zoom video conferencing Additional dates TBD	<b>PBR</b>	Cancelled
<b>Blue Bag Recycle Days</b>	May 7th & 21st	<b>ATB Financial</b>	Closed to the Public— Drop Box Available
<b>Community Wide Garage Sale</b>	May 23rd <b>Subject to Change</b>	<b>Street Dance</b>	June 1st <b>Subject to Change</b>
<b>Treasure Hunt</b>	May 30th <b>Subject to Change</b>	<b>Lea Park Rodeo</b>	Cancelled

**Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday  
 8:00am—1:00pm  
 1:00pm– 4:30pm  
 \*closed for lunch between 12:00pm—1:00pm\*

Operating  
 Hours &  
 Contacts

**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—7:00pm
Saturday	10:00am—2:00pm

**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.*

## DID YOU KNOW...

.....in 1960, 35 community members gathered to discuss forming the Marwayne Seniors Citizens Club. It was agreed they would hold meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Visitors of members were always welcome. It would cost bachelors 50 cents a month and 6 ladies would supply the lunch. A monthly collection would be taken from the members and the hall rent was \$7. “ O Canada” was sang at the commencement of each meeting and “God Save the Queen” was sang at closing.

## Message from the Marwayne Ag Society

As we approach another month with COVID-19, we at the Marwayne Ag Society are praying you're all staying safe and healthy.

The Marwayne Ag Society hopes each and every one of you and your families had a Happy Easter. Even though we couldn't spend it with our families in the same homes this year, we can be thankful for technology where we can skype, messenger, facetime, text or just call our families the old fashion way.

The end of March and first of April brought us some nice *winter* weather. It reminds us that there are some things we have no control over. We can all look forward to enjoying our spring.

*Thought of the day: There are many causes for yawning. In fact just hearing or reading the word yawn can cause a yawn. Sorry J*

## Country Blessings Flower Shop & Gift Store

780-847-3333

Mother's Day is May 10<sup>th</sup> and we will have beautiful arrangements ready for curb side pickup! Pre-orders would be greatly appreciated You can place your order through Facebook messenger, or leave a voicemail at the store.

We have been working hard during our down time to get an online store up and running. Head on over to **country-blessings.ca** and check it out! You can purchase your items through paypal with curb side pickup. If a delivery or shipping option is what you need, please contact us and we can make arrangements.

Again, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support and we look forward to seeing you again face to face soon!

Store hours: temporarily closed, curb side pickup only  
Look for the red door on Railway!!



## A Heartfelt Thank You to Marwayne Businesses!

Your staying open is making it possible for our community to stay safer and healthier. You are all true heroes and you are all deeply appreciated.

### Marwayne 4-H Beef Club

Even though we haven't been able to meet in person because of Covid-19, we've been meeting through Zoom in order to plan how to finish our year.

Unfortunately we are unable to have our typical achievement day but have decided to go ahead with some virtual classes.

Steers will be judged as well as weighed on June 1st at Northern Livestock Services in Lloydminster. There will be 22 steers available for purchase privately through club members. This is a great opportunity to fill your freezer with some excellent home grown beef!

In the near future you will be able to see pictures and video of our projects on the Marwayne Beef 4-H Club Facebook page.

If you are interested in purchasing a steer this year please contact any one of our members.

At this time we would like to thank Northern Livestock Services for the generous use of their facility as well as the following for their sponsors:

Ken & Elaine Bills	Bowman Family Farm
Marwayne Hail Insurance	Y Coulee Cattle company
Blacklock Farms	Double Rn Ranching
Saunders Repair	Franklin Cattle Company
Chrome Diesel Repair	Xyngular
S-L Cattle Company	Lakeview Charolais
Tulliby Lake AG Society	No Kneed To Knock
Tulliby Lake Ranching	Meridian Edge
Hines Ranching	Die Hard Pumps

## Marwayne Senior Citizen's Association

22 Center St. Marwayne, AB

### MAY 2020 AGENDA

As the concerns for everyone's health and safety grows, we will be canceling our monthly Crib Tournament.

## Marwayne Public Library

May 1, 2020 – Our new hours of operation during COVID 19 are Wednesdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm for online or telephone enquiries. No patrons are allowed in the library at this time. 780-847-3930

It has been six weeks since the COVID situation significantly changed our day-to-day lives. We sincerely hope that you are all well and making the best of this unprecedented situation. Marwayne Public Library is taking all the necessary precautions to be compliant with the containment efforts suggested by health organizations and the governments.

Because of the March 17 provincial announcement to close municipal library services to the public, several of our operations have temporarily ceased, such as regular van deliveries and filling interlibrary loans. Fortunately, other normal operations can be maintained remotely. We are still ordering and cataloguing new materials, supporting IT networks and equipment, doing website and social media updates, supporting and troubleshooting access to online services, communicating with members, preparing for Board and committee meetings, and interacting with vendors.

### **Library eResources:**

Read, Listen, Watch, or Learn with your library's eResources:

**Read:** eBooks, newspapers, magazines or picture books

**Listen:** audiobooks, music

**Watch:** animation, movies, TV shows

**Learn:** a language, do-it-yourself, research, genealogy, build a resume and much more

Apps for the above: CL (cloud library), Overdrive, Libby, Pressreader, ProQuest, rbdigital, hoopla, TumbleBooks, ancestry, explora, duolingo, automate, cypress resume, solaro, CRConsumer Reports, NovelList. When you download these apps, your library card number is your username. A password was set up when you initially received your library card. It is usually the last 4 digits of your telephone number, unless you stated otherwise. Check our website at: <https://www.marwaynelibrary.ab.ca/>

**TO DATE, IT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED IF THE SUMMER READING ENTERTAINER WILL BE CANCELLED. STAY TUNED . . . .**

## INDOOR SCAVANGER / EVENT HUNT

**Each event is worth 5 points each and your goal is to get the highest score possible. Be creative and have fun. Bonus points are 10 points each. Good Luck!!!**

- BONDING WITH FAMILY. [Take a video or photo](#) of your family in the progress of playing a board game or completing a puzzle.
- KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. Dust off the old National Geographic or Encyclopedia Britannia or the easier way would be to search the internet and regale us with your favorite Goose fact. That's right GOOSE. You can give facts or tell us a story about a Goose you came across once. Story must be Goose related. Take a **video or photo**.
- RE-RUNS OR BLOCKBUSTERS. Write or tell us a 5-word synopsis on 3 of your most favorite movies or series. Take a **video or photo**.
- ACTS OF KINDNESS. Write or tell us a short positive story about Random Acts of Kindness you have done or been told about. [Take a video or photo](#).
- Paint 4 rocks and take a picture of your collection. Write an inspirational saying and place them around town. Take a **video or photo**.
- CRAZY HAIR DAY. Got Bed-Head? Great, lets see it. If you want to go full out like it's an elementary school crazy hair day, you know you will be getting bonus points for this **photo or Video!!!!** Go for it. An entire Family photo or video will also help add up the bonus points.
- FAMOUS DI VINCI. Recreate a famous or iconic picture. Being famous is fleeting. Create your most hilarious picture and take a **photo or video** that will be worthy of the "Picture Wall" in your home or "Closet".
- HEYYYY MACARENA. – Create a **video** of this 90's classic. Let's see you and your family do your macarena moves! Bonus points for remembering the lyrics, moves and singing along.
- GET FIT. See 10, do 10. Take a **video** of your family doing as many pushups, sit-ups, burpees, or jumping jacks as you can in 15 seconds. Remember your good form!
- CITRUS SMILES. Vitamin C is important to keep your immune system running at full speed. Let's see some citrus mouthguards! Take a **video or photo**.
- ESPN, HOCKEY NITE IN CANADA. There are no more live sports on TV so now is the time to get weird. Create or find an obscure sporting event. **Video** it and pretend to be the announcer while your family takes part in this event. This could be anything from marble races, slippery stairs, musical chairs, nerf ball bulls' eye or what ever comes to mind.
- BIKER HAVEN. Not all of us have Motor Bikes or even bicycles, but get creative (broom, hockey stick, toboggan, the neighbor's large dog) and get the family outside. Take a **video or photo** of the family with their homemade or real helmets as you're getting ready to go out on a bike trip. Creatively is key in this event.



- T-REX. Take a **video or photo** of your best T-Rex impression with your arms pulled into your sleeves.
- LAVA FLOOR. Take a **video** of your family letting off some lava steam by avoiding the lava filled floor. Use household objects to get from one room to the other.
- COLLECTIONS. We all have them....stuffed animals, baseball hats, marbles, Lego buildings, salt & pepper shakers, spoons, etc. Let's see yours! Take a **video or photo**. Bonus points for weird or wacky collections.
- FOOD, FOOD FOOD. Give us your favorite Recipe. It can be a creative new dish or something easy to do. But it must be delicious. Take a **video or photo**.
- TOM SELLECT. Show us your best isolation moustache. External objects can be used to achieve the same effect if needed. Take a **video or photo**.
- LAYERS. Dressing in layers. Take a **video or photo** of you wearing as many layers of shirts as you can. A layer only counts if your head and arms are through the appropriate spots. The honor system applies, so tell the truth or risk the wrath from the bonus-gods.
- OMG SHOES. Let's see your kicks collection. Assemble all pairs of footwear you have in your home and take a **video or photo**.
- OUTSOURCING. You and your family are stuck at home with you, why not cross two items off your to- do list. Take a **video or photo** of a family member doing a one of those chores. The family member who completes their chore the fastest gets extra dessert.
- COFFEE OR A DRINK. Coffee (or a drink) is better with friends. Zoom with family or friends and snap a **video or photo** of your virtual get-together of you all having a drink. Mmmmm dark roast.
- AIR GUITAR. My song of choice is 'In the Air Tonight, by Phil Collins". It's been referenced in movies and TV shows, but now it your turn to be the star. Give a rousing "air drums" rendition of the drum solo in this song. Take a **video**.
- MEME TEAM. Create one of your favorite memes and name it. Take a **photo**.
- SMALL THINGS. Find 10 things smaller than a dime and take a **video or photo** of your collection.
- TOKYO 2121. The Olympics may be been postponed for a year, so use that time wisely and complete the Olympic event of your choice in your living room. Take a **video**.
- BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS. The best meal of the day is Breakfast. Take a **video or photo** of the breakfast that gets you fired up for the day.
- PETS AHOY. If you have a pet, take a **video or photo** of a candid shot with them. Bonus points if your pet has clearly had enough time with you.
- DOODLE TIME. Let's see what you've got when it comes to your drawing skills! Everything from stick figures to Picasso is encouraged. Take a **video or photo**.
- PERSONAL LUXURY. Imagine you are trapped on an island. What is the one luxury item you bring with you to make yourself feel more at home? Keep it clean, keep it clean. Take a **video or photo**.
- VIRTUAL TALENT. What your talent? Can you Juggle? Sing? Eyebrow dance? Play an instrument? Show your talent off to the World. Take a **video or photo**.

You can gather all your photo's and video's and forward them to me at either my email address: [marwaynehotel@cciwired.ca](mailto:marwaynehotel@cciwired.ca) or you can send them through Facebook to The Historic Marwayne Hotel. If do you do not wish to submit them, that's ok too. I will keep everything I receive by email personal and will not share them with anybody. Just hope you had some fun.

~Cheryle

## GRIEF IN OUR CHANGING WORLD

No matter if our world consists of our family, our community or on a much larger scale other countries, When there is a life change our lives are impacted in many different ways. As we are seeing with the pandemic and effects it is having on us and the world around us.

In a death loss or a life loss the impact of normalcy has changed and effects us. We are thrown into trying to hang onto what was normal, structured and predictable, and now facing nothing normal to cling to and things are looking strange and uncomfortable. ( new normal).

"New Normal" evokes emotions that range from fear, anxiety, anger, helplessness, confusion and deep sadness and depression. We are not used to coping with that many emotions, often several at a time. The result of having different and often new emotions can cause distress, not knowing how to deal with the emotions and having coping skills of survival. When faced with change we experience fear and anxiousness which can result in anger being expressed toward someone, often our loved ones or family. If we don't process the emotion in a healthy way it may be repressed, causing depression and isolating.

The suggestion is to talk through the feelings. In this time of uncertainty and social isolation it is more difficult to reach out and find that safe person you are comfortable talking to. You may feel overwhelmed and have a sense of helplessness but sharing with someone helps give perspective. Talking with that person, a counsellor or a support worker is vital.

Make sure you are doing self care: adequate sleep, food, and hydration. Reducing alcohol consumption and drugs, though it eases the pain for the present without coping and working through the emotions the pain will still be there to be dealt with later. Find a way to exercise. A walk, working out at your home, relaxing your mind and body with some mindfulness breathing or yoga and listening to calming music playing music, art or journaling.

Lastly, spend a little time each day to find a gratitude and a positive thought and find an "Accountability Buddy" to share with. Write the gratitude on your calendar. The brain is affected in a positive healing way by doing this activity.

May you see each new day as the first day of the rest of your lives. The challenge is how will you spend it? We still have choices even when we are faced with "New Normal's". Make them good choices.

Submitted by: Shirley L Scott for Walking Through Grief Society

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## The Pastors' Gleanings

"As Christians we must proclaim to the world that life in Christ expands our lives and does not contract them. It enriches our lives rather than constricts them."

---John Krahn.

Jesus said "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." ---  
(John 10:10)



# Individual Tax Volunteer



TAX ALERT | March 18, 2020

## Volunteer for Individual taxes in your Community

EFILE Individual Taxes

The deadline for producing and filing income tax return is postponed to **June 1, 2020**.

For individuals and individuals in business, the deadline for applying balances due related to income tax returns for the 2019 taxation year is postponed to **July 31, 2020**.

For low- and modest-income families, the Government will provide a one-time special payment by early May 2020 through the GSTC. This will double the maximum annual GSTC payment amounts for the 2019-20 benefit year.

The average boost to income for those benefitting from this measure will be close to \$400 for single individuals and close to \$600 for couples.

## Tax updates in response to COVID 19 Flexibility for individual taxpayers

- The CRA is adapting its Outreach Program to support individuals during COVID-19
- In order to provide greater flexibility to Canadians who may be experiencing hardships during the COVID-19 outbreak, the CRA will defer the filing due date for 2019 tax returns of individuals, including certain trusts, until June 1, 2020.
- However, the CRA encourages individuals who expect to receive benefits under the Goods and Services Tax credit (GSTC), or the Canada Child Benefit not to delay filing of their return to ensure their entitlements for the 2020-21 benefit year are properly determined.

- In order to reduce the necessity for taxpayers and tax preparers to meet in person during this difficult time, and to reduce administrative burden, effective immediately the CRA will recognize electronic signatures as having met the signature requirements of the Income Tax Act, as a temporary administrative measure.



This provision applies to authorization forms T183, which are forms that are signed in person by millions of Canadians every year to authorize tax preparers to file taxes.

- Through this service, the CRA offers help to individuals to better understand their tax obligations and to obtain the benefits and credits to which they are entitled. Traditionally available in-person, this service is now available over the phone, and through webinar, where possible.
- The CRA fully expects that many community organizations are considering whether to significantly reduce or perhaps cancel the provision of services provided under the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Additional efforts to encourage individuals to file their tax and benefit returns electronically, or where possible, through the File My Return service