## Voices of the Village

## December 2024 NEWSLETTER



## The Village of Marwayne is Now Offering a Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for Utility Bills

At the November 25th, 2024 Council meeting, Council approved Utility Installment Plan Policy FN 24. Effective January 1st, 2025, residents will now have another option for paying their utility bills monthly. Residents may now submit their applications to the Village office for approval to begin having their monthly utility bills withdrawn from their banking account in the new year. Residents may chose to have the exact amount due or a flat rate amount withdrawn as follows:

## Residents that choose to have the exact amount owing withdrawn:

- On the last day of each month the exact amount owing on the utility bill will be withdrawn.
- Payment withdrawal will be reflected on each utility bill.
- NSF fees apply.

## Residents that choose to have a flat rate withdrawn:

- On the last day of each month a flat rate will be withdrawn.
- Payment withdrawal will be reflected on each utility bill.
- Flat rate will be determined through administration by calculating an average based on the last 12 months of usage.
- Flat fees won't be withdrawn towards the utility account if it has a negative balance
- NSF fees apply.

Application forms can be found on our website (www.marwayne.ca) or requested by contacting the Village office during regular business hours.

## Important Dates

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MEETINGS & DEADLI	NES	SERVICES		
Council	December 16	Blue Bag Recycling	December 12 & 26	
Office Closed	December 24—Jan 1			
<b>EVENTS</b>				
Lite Up Marwayne	December 8	Legion Cash Bingo	December 11	
<b>Light Contest Deadline</b>	December 16	Seniors Christmas Lunch	December 18	
Community Dance	December 27	<b>Alcurve New Years Eve</b>	December 31	

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## **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

Winter Transfer Station Hours Wednesday 2:00pm—5:00pm
(Nov. Apr.)

(Nov—Apr) 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: Chris Neureuter ctneureuter@gma

Ashley Rainey 780-214-1410 Roger Parkyn 780-872-8390 ctneureuter@gmail.com a\_irvine@hotmail.com



## Kitscoty Seasonal Immunization Clinic 2024

All clinics will be held at the Kitscoty Community Health Centre located at 4922  $49^{\text{th}}$  Ave Kitscoty,

Alberta on the following dates:

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 1:30pm – 6:00pm

October 30th, 2024 1:30pm - 6:00pm

November 14th, 2024 1:30pm - 3:30pm

November 27th, 2024 1:30pm - 3:30pm

December 12th, 2024 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Visit the Alberta Vaccine Booking System online at <a href="mailto:ahs.ca/influenza">ahs.ca/influenza</a>

Walk in appointments will be accommodated at the above clinics.

Please bring your Alberta Health Care card and government ID with you.

Remember to wear a short-sleeved shirt.

For more information, please call the Kitscoty Community Health Centre at (780) 846-2824

## The Village of Marwayne will be turning <u>100</u> in the year 2026!

We are looking for ideas, volunteers, vendors, etc. to partner with us to make the 100th birthday celebration a

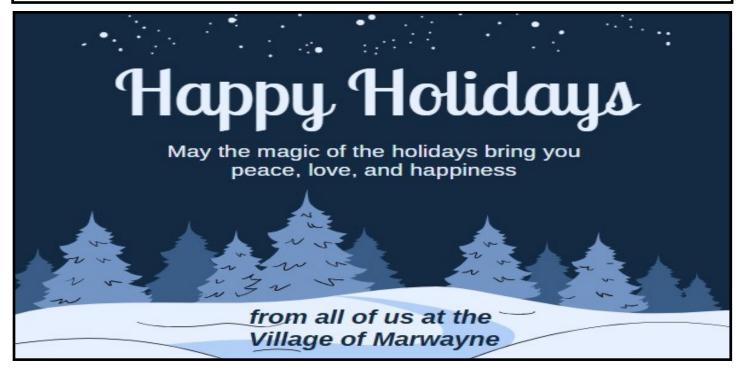
big success!

We encourage anyone interested in joining the planning committee to contact the Village office today at 780-847-3962.

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## **Council Meeting Highlights**

- Andrew DeGruchy, Senior Manager of Public Safety for the City of Lloydminster, presented the Regional Emergency Management Collective 2024 deliverables to Council at the November 25, 2024 Meeting. In 2025, residents can expect to see a roll out of emergency preparedness materials as a means of assisting our community in being ahead of the game should an emergency arise.
- Council approved the Fire Services Agreement between the Village of Marwayne and the County of Vermilion River for another 5 year term.
- RCMP Quarter 2 Statistics were received as information.
- Council approved Utility Installment Plan Policy FN 24 as a means of providing residents with an additional way to pay their monthly utility bills.
- The 2025 Interim Operational and Capital Budgets were approved as presented with a projected 3% increase (\$15,826 overall). The final budget will be approved in the spring of 2025 upon receipt of our assessment.
- Council passed Bylaw No. 601-28 to amend the Fees and Charges Bylaw for lifetime pet licenses. The fee is now \$40.00 for the life of your pet and \$200.00 should your animal be found at large and brought to the SPCA.
- Council approved operational changes to adapt to the ongoing Canada Post strike. As such, the Village of Marwayne has ceased ALL MAILOUTS until further notice.



## 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

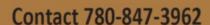


## Marwayne Community Hall

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



For more information visit marwayne.ca











## Have you visited our Website?

Please visit <u>Marwayne.ca</u>
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.



## **Driveway Snow Removal Program**

With the snowfall among us, now's the time to sign up for our Driveway Snow Removal Program! Our program allows you to sign up for snow removal for your driveway on an annual basis. In order to sign up, we require you to call or come into the office, sign the liability waiver and pay the required fee. The 2024-2025 fee is \$200.00 plus GST for residents and \$100.00 plus GST for seniors for 20 minutes of driveway snow removal with our bobcat. Any snow removal beyond 20 minutes is charged at a rate of \$30.00 per half hour. Please be advised, snow removal on driveways is the Village's last priority after a snowfall. In accordance with Policy PW-01, driveway snow removal is conducted only after all of our main roads, side streets, and public spaces have been cleared. Should you have any questions on the program or require more information to sign up, we encourage you to reach out to the Village administration office!



## **Important Reminder**

As per the 2024 Property Tax Bylaw No. 600-24, all property taxes payable to the Village of Marwayne were due on or before June 30th, 2024. Late payments were subject to a 12% penalty applied on the 1st day of July 2024.

On the 1st day of January 2025, an additional penalty of 6% will be applied and added to any arrears taxes not paid on or before December 31st, 2024. If you are in tax arrears you will have received an email and/or hand delivered letter advising you of such. You must settle your balance by December 31st, 2024, or your property will be subject to the tax recovery process in 2025.

## Village of Marwayne HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

REGISTER: Email your Name, Street Address & a Photo of your

home light display to admin@marwayne.ca

before December 16.

<u>VOTE:</u> Photos will be up uploaded to the Village of Marwayne

Facebook page for residents to "Like" their favourite

display between December 17—December 23.

WIN!: The winners will be announced in the new year.







## Marwayne Legion Cash Bingo Wednesday Dec 11th

## Marwayne Legion Hall

Doors Open at 7:00 pm First Game at 7:30 pm

Ten Games – Payout - 60% of Gate Receipts 50-50 Draw at Bingo – Tickets from any Legion Member if you cannot make the Bingo

Coffee & "Refreshments" Served

Everyone Welcome
Proceeds to Marwayne Minor Sports



## A Pastor's Gleanings

That's my opinion and I wouldn't have it if it wasn't the right one!

We are entitled to our opinions and of course we feel strongly about them. There is nothing wrong with holding strong opinions. They can though, bring division and discord among friends, neighbours and families.

The danger is we can isolate ourselves from those we don't agree with about politics, religion, or other values we feel strongly about. This can escalate into distrust, contempt or anger making us miserable and robbing us of our joy.

I know there is more that all of us don't know, than what we do know. But I do know all triangles have three sides, I know we are planning our Christmas Eve Service for December 24<sup>th</sup>; and I agree with Wynonna that "Love can build a bridge between your heart and mine."

Jesus said "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11 He then adds in a kind of summation. "These things have I commanded you, that you love one another." (verse 17)

Loving your neighbor doesn't mean you agree with or approve of their opinions or values. It does mean, you know all are created in God's image and deserve our respect. Jesus Christ came to us first in a manger in Bethlehem. Now he says "come to me all who labor and are heavy laden." He promises to lighten our load and turn our misery into joy. The fullness of joy!

Merry Christmas, this is the season, Joy to the world. Amen

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



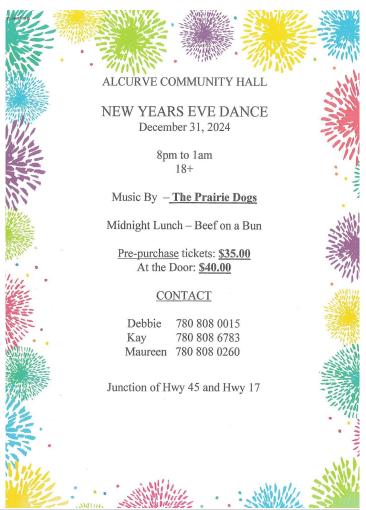




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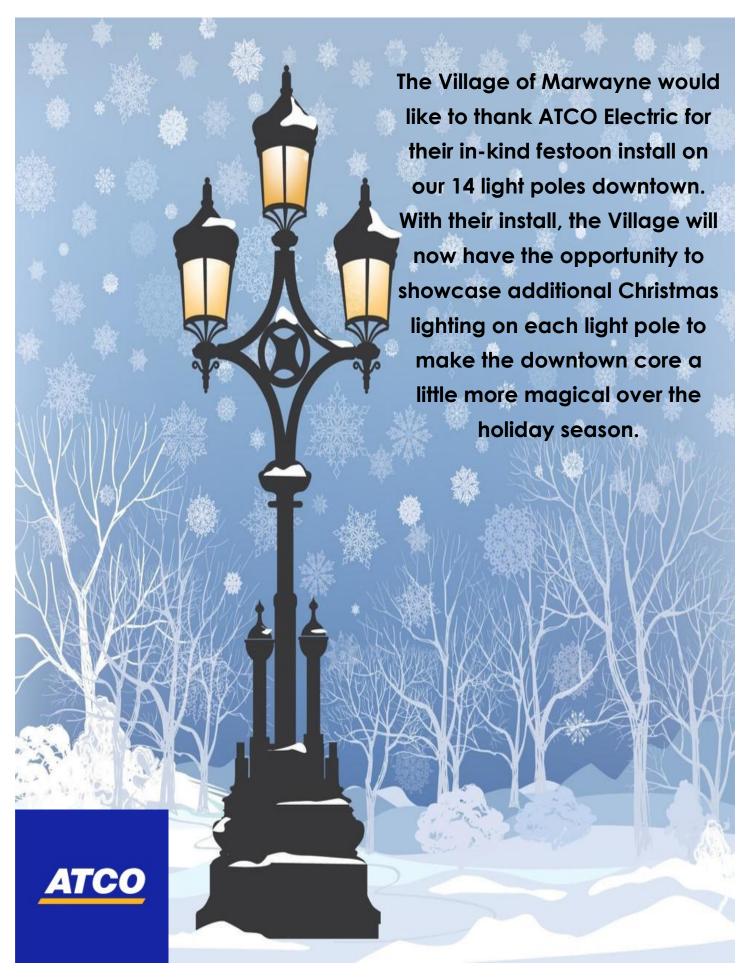


## **Your Marwayne Comets Schedule**

Friday Dec 6 @ 8:00 PM vs Elk Point Elks @ Elk Point Tues Dec 10 @ 8:15 PM vs Vermilion Rock @ Vermilion Sat Dec 14 @ 8:00 PM vs Hillmon Hitmen @ Dewberry Fri Dec 20 @ 8:00 PM vs Lashburn Flyers @ Dewberry Sat Dec 21 @ 8:00 PM vs Lashburn Flyers @ Lashburn

The Comets will be selling a Scoro Board for the home games this season! Squares will be available to purchase at the first home game in Dewberry December 14. They will be \$50/Square.

Sat Jan 4 @ 8:00 PM vs Vermilion Rock @ Marwayne/Dewberry TBD Wed Jan 8 @ 8:00 PM vs Paradise Hill Hawks @ Marwayne/Dewberry TBD Sat Jan 11 @ 8:00 PM vs Kitscoty Monarchs @ Marwayne Fri Jan 17 vs Meadow Lake @ 8:00 PM @ Marwayne Sat Jan 18 @ 8:00 PM vs Hillmond Hitmen @ Hillmond Fri Jan 24 @ 8:00 PM vs Meadow Lake @ Meadow Lake Sat Jan 25 @ 8:00 PM vs Kitscoty Monarchs @ Marwayne





## CHERYLE EIKELAND'S LITE UP MARWAYNE

DECEMBER 8, 2024 APM-7PM COMMUNITY HALL

Outdoor firepits
Weiner roast
Street hockey
Sleigh Rides







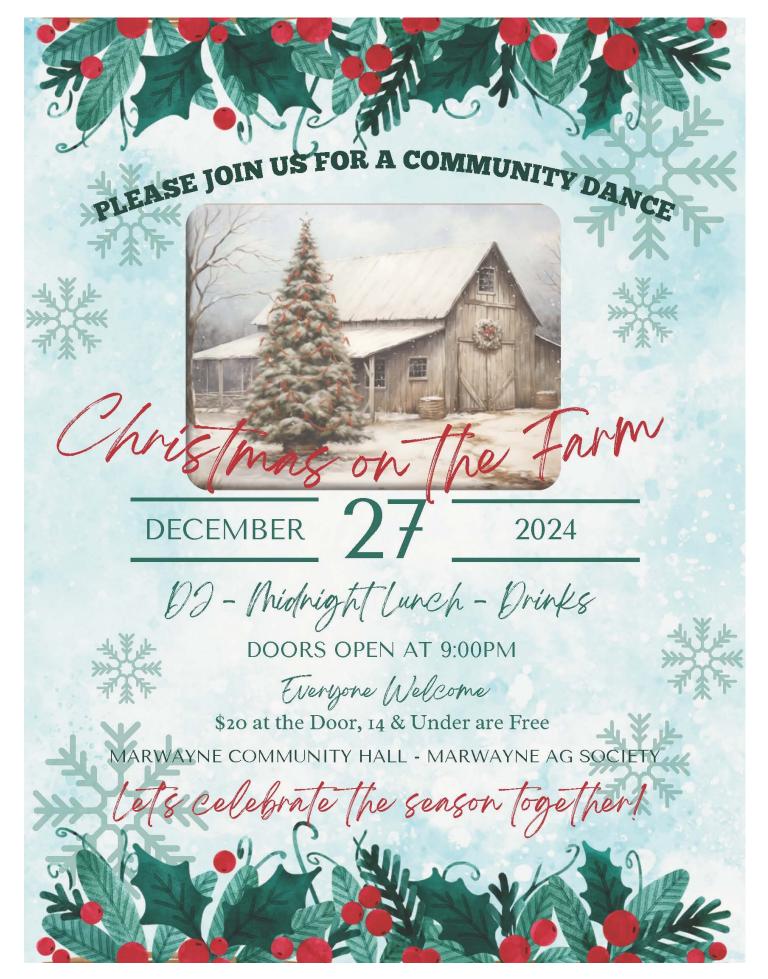


Cookie decorating
Toy bingo
Christmas Movie @ 6:30

Santa will be on site as well! Come get a treat bag and picture!



~ Hosted by the Marwayne Ag Society ~



### FOR THOSE GRIEVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

For those who are grieving, the holiday season can often feel like one of the most difficult times. What can make this even more difficult is navigating any sense of guilt for talking about your grief. Many people fear the chance of dampening the holiday season and may chose to isolate rather than sharing their journey with their support system. It is important to remember that your grief is valid, and your support system most likely wants to know how to best support you during these times. Here are a few things to consider if you are someone who is grieving through the holiday season:

- There may be conflicting feelings with both wanting to celebrate the holiday season and also needing to grieve.
- The holiday season may bring on more feelings of exhaustion than typical. Expectations of others can influence these feelings.
- Some people may feel out of place attending holiday gatherings because this may be their first time doing so without their loved one who has passed.
- For some, there may be a sense of relief if their loved one is no longer suffering during the holiday season.
- Many people may not know what they need for support during the holiday season.

And for those supporting a loved one who is grieving this holiday season, you may want to consider the following practical ideas:

- Recognize that grief shows up differently for everyone. Remind anyone grieving through the holidays that it is okay to navigate the conflictual feelings at their own pace.
- Help reduce the number of responsibilities and expectations held by those grieving. Simplify things for them by inviting them to your gathering but not requiring them to bring anything special, unless of course they find it healing to do so.
- Hold space for them to grieve by inviting conversation about their loved one. This can be an important way of honouring those lost and remembering them during the season.
- Allow them to make decisions that are best for them. They may initially plan to attend a gathering but may not feel up to it when they day comes. Recognize that these last minute changes may produce added feelings of guilt and support them with wherever they are at.
- Offer specific help for those who may not be able to identify what they need. You can provide options, such as delivering a meal or babysitting. They may decline; however, they will know that you are someone who cares enough to offer.

By acknowledging the ups and downs of grieving through the holidays, loved ones can be remembered and new memories can also be created. It is hoped that the suggestions provided in this article can support those grieving through this holiday season.

Submitted by: Walking Through Grief Society

Funded by FCSS; City of Lloydminster, Towns of Vermilion and Wainwright, Villages of Kitscoty and Marwayne and County of Vermilion River.

As we are entering what is traditionally our busiest season of the year, we want to thank you for your patience as we navigate what is left of 2024.

We appreciate your support.

We will be closed December 25 – 27,2024 and January 1,2025

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas as you celebrate with family and friends.

All the best to you and yours in 2025 from all of us at Hendricks Microtech.



## Hendricks Microtech Services 100 Center St, Marwayne

Thank you to all of you who participated in the Village survey about our post office. I have decided on a few changes to our business that will allow us to continue to serve our community.

Starting January 2, 2025

NEW HOURS: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 5pm.

We will be closing for lunch - time to be determined.

The lobby will remain open until 7pm Tuesday to Thursday, locked at 5 pm on Fridays for the weekend.

We will not be accepting debit or credit for payments under \$5.00

We will have limited ability to offer Alberta Registries customers service by appointment outside of our new hours.

I understand that change is not easy and my hope is that there will be good communication as we all adjust to a new normal. If you have questions or concerns please reach out. I will do my best to make this a smooth transition.

I look forward to your support as we continue to provide important services to our community.

Respectfully,

**Charlene Hendricks** 



## **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 or the Village office. If you have any questions or wish to donate a turkey, please contact Ashley Rainey at 780-214-1410.

## Cut off date for donations is December 13th.

box of cereal	peanut butter	stuffing mix
juice (tetra pkg)	mac and cheese	canned fruit
apple sauce gravy mix	cranberry sauce	canned beans
box of crackers	rice	oatmeal
pasta	spaghetti sauce	chicken noodle soup
tomato soup	can corn	can mixed veggies
chocolates	can green beans	cake mix
icing mix	pickles	canned pasta
chips	cookies	canned tomatoes
canned tuna	hot chocolate	cookies

Monetary donations and gift cards are also accepted. Thank you!





## 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!!

## 2024 CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES

Regular services are at 10:30am every Sunday.

December 8 will be our <u>Youth Tree Decorating Service</u> at 10:30am

There will be a potluck lunch following the service.

December 24 is the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7pm

December 25 -Christmas Day there will be no service.

YOU TUBE - Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park You Tube Once the services are uploaded, they can be viewed anytime

Pastor Kevin 780-872-0070 Pastor Ed 780-808-5026 Pat 780-214-1014

## Upcoming Bottle Drive

The Marwayne Grad class is planning a bottle drive early in the New Year. With Christmas and New Year's past, we thought it would be a good time to collect bottles.

This is a fundraising event that will go towards helping pay for the costs of graduation. Please consider donating and holding onto your bottles and cans.

We will pick a date, weather permitting, at our meeting coming up, and it will be in the January newsletter. We appreciate the support! Stay tuned.



## Marwayne Ag Society

The Marwayne Ag Society would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year. The Ag Society is incredibly grateful for our amazing community, the residents who participate in our programs and events, the incredible businesses who step up time and time again to sponsor events and the outstanding volunteers who have the passion to keep our facilities top notch and provide activities for all. Hope to see everyone at Lite UP Marwayne on December 8 and at the Community Dance on Dec 27 @ the hall!





Call/Text Glen 780.545.4224

#10 Railway Avenue ~ Marwayne, AB (across from D&D Grocery)

STOP BY THE YARD ~ ALL STOCK IS PRICED

# Firewood For Sale

# Scrap Battery Drop Off

\*ALL PROCEEDS FROM BATTERIES
DROPPED OFF ARE DONATED TO
SHINE ACADEMY & MARWAYNE CURLING CLUB\*

Decorative Driveway Gates
Security Fence Panels
Security Fence Panels

24' Free Standing Livestock Panels (with gates/without)

10' Lightweight Handy Livestock Panels \$90

ATV Texas Gates - 2 Styles - \$900 or \$1200

Windbreak Panels \$1100

Galvanised Square Tubing Round Pen \$4100

Fence Line Feeders \$850

30' Belting Grain Troughs \$1200

Heavy Duty Four Bale Feeders \$2600

Fence Line Silage Bunks \$1500

24' Silage Bunks \$1250

Sea Can

