

# Manitou Matters

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## December 2011 Newsletter

**The Office will be closed  
December 24, 25, 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>  
and January 2, 2012**

### Regular Office Hours

**Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday:**  
9:00 AM – 12:00 & 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
**Wednesday Saturday Sunday**  
Closed

**Mayor:** Eric Upshall  
**Councilor:** Ernie Kochylema  
**Councilor:** Matthew Knezacek  
**Councilor:** Larry Zemlak  
**Councilor:** Fraser Murray

**Office Staff**  
Bev Laird  
Lori Harper

**Maintenance**  
Keith Polley  
Bryan Marciszyn  
John Volk

### Upcoming Events

Manitou Beach Potluck Supper and Concert, sponsored by the Manitou Beach Recreation Board, will be held Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:30 at the Community Hall.

### Recreation Board

PICKLE BALL is being played at the Elementary School in Watrous. Wednesday 7-9 and Friday 5-7. \$1 for drop in or \$10 Individual/Family \$25 for the year. Purchase of Pickle ball bats has been made possible by Prairie Central Sport.

**Pickle Ball** now has its own website at [pickleballcanada.org](http://pickleballcanada.org).

## Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule: Tuesday December 27, 2011 Tuesday January 3, 2012

The Resort Village Council and Staff would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season!

To report any concerns or complaints please call the R.C.M.P. at 946-3316 and in case of emergency 911.

The Canada Post Office boxes that were relocated to the Village Office parking lot have now been returned to their original location.

Our Village has had a FireSmart Assessment completed through the Ministry of Environment Wildfire Management Branch. The Resort Village of Manitou Beach has been ranked as being at low to moderate risk from wildfire.

Cross Country Ski Trails will be made and maintained this winter and we are hoping the weather cooperates to have ice at the tennis court for skating.

Don't miss out! Sign up to receive your newsletter by email. Just send an email to [manbe@sasktel.net](mailto:manbe@sasktel.net) with "newsletter" in the subject line.

Citizens interested in keeping up with community affairs are encouraged to go to [www.manitoubeach.ca](http://www.manitoubeach.ca) for bylaws, printable forms, approved council minutes, council notes and newsletters.

### New Conventions Website

A new website has been developed for those who are planning to hold conventions, family reunions or weddings in the Watrous and Manitou Beach area. The website is located at: [www.watrousmanitouconventions.ca](http://www.watrousmanitouconventions.ca)

### ManitouBeach.ca Revamp

We are currently brainstorming ideas for new features that could be implemented to the manitoubeach.ca website. If there are any features that you would like to see in the updated website, let us know! Send us your ideas at [manbe@sasktel.net](mailto:manbe@sasktel.net).

Give a "like" to our new "Manitou Beach, Saskatchewan" Community Facebook page.

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**Council Meetings  
Reminder**

Council meetings are held open to the public at the Village Office in the council chambers. Meetings occur on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The general public is encouraged to come and observe the council's political process. If you would like to appear as a delegate, or if you have material to submit for the council's consideration, please contact the Village Office by the Thursday prior to the meeting that you would wish to attend.

**All requests must be in writing.**

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**The Spa Pool will reopen on December 21, 2011. Another fun way to stay fit.**

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**Winter Fest** is tentatively set for the beginning of March 2012.

**Get your team together!**

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The CIB organization is offering "Memorial Benches" for the cost of \$350.00. For more information on CIB, call the Village Office at 946-2831.

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**The Resort Village of Manitou Beach has a Zoning Bylaw 8/2001 Section 4.9 General Regulations that speaks to the removal of Trees.**

- a) No person shall cut or remove any tree, with a trunk diameter of more than 100 millimeters measured at a height of 1 meter above grade, without having first obtained a development permit pursuant to section 3.2.
  - b) The development officer may issue a development permit which provides for the cutting or removal of trees where:
    - i) the removal is, in their opinion, necessary to provide for access to the site, required off-street parking, or access thereto in conjunction with a permitted use on the site,
    - ii) the trees are located within the areas of a building for which a development permit has been submitted, or is located on the property and within 2 meters of the proposed building,
    - iii) the trees are located on the property within 2 meters of an existing building,
    - iv) the trees are, in their opinion dead, dying, severely diseased, or damaged so as to pose a safety hazard, or
    - v) the trees are too close together to allow proper growth, and the removal is for specific trees identified in the permit comprising less than one third of the trees located on the property and regulated under clause a).
  - c) Section a) shall not apply to removal of dead trees, to the normal pruning and maintenance of trees, or to the maintenance of public spaces by the municipality.
  - d) No person shall clear more than 50% of any parcel of land, to a maximum of 250 square meters, of natural bush, shrubs or small trees, except as may be required for the development of streets in an approved subdivision, or except as specifically provided for in an approved development permit. In any development permit, council may apply special conditions limiting the area of land cleared of natural bush, small trees, or shrubs.
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Did you know you can donate to the Resort Village of Manitou Beach and receive a receipt for your donation? Your donation can be designated for a certain project, committee or simply a donation to the Village for enhancement projects. Local donations help the community and enhance the well being of our resort. All donations, large and small, are appreciated. If you donate by December 31, 2011 you can use your receipt for your 2011 Income Tax.

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**Comments or Suggestions?**

Your comments and suggestions—or just notes of interest—are valued! Send us your opinions on anything at: [Manbe@sasktel.net](mailto:Manbe@sasktel.net).