

JULY 2021

# MANITOU MATTERS



*On June 26th many people gathered at Uhmman Park to drum in solidarity with First Nations. It was said to be "solemn, gentle, heartfelt and very nice"*

**Village Office Hours:**  
**M-F, 9-4, open over lunch**  
**306-946-2831**



**Next Newsletter September 2021**

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# Greetings!!

Summer has arrived! Thanks to cooperation with village employees and volunteer groups, we have our village ready for the summer influx.

We have seen large numbers of visitors & expect to see more. Great stuff happening.

Fire bans are a necessary evil. I apologize for any inconvenience, but not the call. The RVMB was 1 day ahead of a few rural municipalities and just 2 days ahead of the provincial fire bans. I feel we were being proactive.

I sure would like to see a couple inches of rain, even if it was on a weekend.

I was honored to be among the local dignitaries at the Uhmman Centennial Park/Reflections Project dedications.

Lionel Sproule gave us such a wonderful insight into the lives of Gus and Gertie Uhmman. A heartfelt history lesson.

We welcome the new businesses in our Village, help us support them and let's help them stay busy.

Please keep a watch on our Village Facebook page to see what is new and happening. Enjoy your summer and stay healthy.

Poppy

Life is great at Manitou Beach. The community is active and committed to building the best place to live. It's great to see all the activity and people visiting our special place.

Vince

## Your Council

What does summer at the beach look like for you? Now that we're coming out of Covid, thanks to vaccination, people are planning and experiencing what looks like normal summer times here. Being with others seems to be the top priority. May you enjoy your family, friends and new people in your life this summer season at the lake.

Grateful.

Robb

Summer at Manitou Beach is now in full swing with our beaches and roads teeming with residents and visitors. I want to commend all the residents of our Community and our Province for the exceptional response to Covid19 vaccination. It is due to their unselfish and dutiful actions that our Province is prepared to remove all our pandemic restrictions on July 11th and we can begin to get back to our regular activities. Thank you all for this.

Unfortunately, this is not the end of Covid19 so we must all remain vigilant and considerate of others.

The variants and the 4th wave will continue to reek havoc amongst all of us, with those unvaccinated at greatest risk.

Enjoy life with family and friends but take care, In the words of the lyricist and musician, Sting, "Don't Stand So Close To Me".

Councillor Bill Mattick

What a remarkable summer we have as I'm sure we are all super excited about the restrictions being lifted and as life slowly starts to return to normal. Remember to be safe, drink lots of water and don't overdo yourself in the sun. Everyone have a great time on the beach, in the sand, as well as in the water.

Happy sailing all.

Mike

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# REMINDERS COMMON COMPLAINTS:

- **Dead trees** on your lot are your responsibility to remove.  
Let's keep everyone's cabin/lot safe and remove the trees before they fall on your or your neighbours dwelling.
- Overgrown grass/weeds (6") is not permitted. Keep your lot/yards trimmed.

- **PICK-UP-YOUR-PET-POO**

- Fireworks **REQUIRES A PERMIT** from the Village Office. Fines without a permit range up to \$1000.00
- Cats and/or dogs **CANNOT** roam
- Dogs **CANNOT** bark non-stop

- **Noise Bylaw:**  
**Quiet time: Midnight-7:00 a.m.**

- It is mandatory to have a drivers license to drive any vehicle on roads and road allowances. Children should not be driving golf carts/dirt bikes etc.  
The golf cart bylaw does not accommodate for other motor vehicles that are unlicensed such as dirt bikes/ATV's etc.

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# WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Ryland Martin is  
our summer  
student helping  
out in  
maintenance



Tracy Street has  
joined our team at the  
Village. She will be  
our seasonal worker,  
helping out the  
maintenance staff.

## BERM ISSUES

**PLEASE DO NOT THROW  
ROCKS FROM THE BERM  
IN THE LAKE  
IT COST \$1MIL+ TO  
CONSTRUCT, WE CAN'T  
START OVER**

*Manitou Mini Golf*



Open 7 days a week  
from 11am-9pm

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# Fire Ban

## Boil Water Advisories

There is some clarification needed for fire bans and boil water advisories.

Fire Ban: we follow the Sask Environmental Map. This determines if we are located in the two highest spots (red or yellow). If we are, fire ban is on. If it is to be lifted, we need to be "in the green".

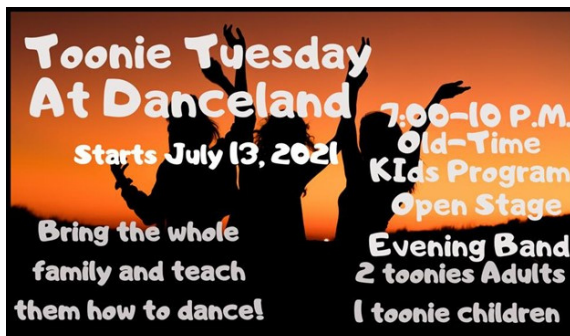
Boil Water Advisories: if the power goes out, the Village employee calls the 24hr emergency "Upset Line" and they in turn call the Water Security Agency. WSA then determines what the Village needs to do depending on how long the power is out. WSA lets us know how many water samples they need, how many days in a row they need samples, do we need to flush hydrants etc. Once samples are taken and submitted to WSA, they do their own testing and will give us the "okay to lift the advisory". Satisfactory testing can take 3-4 days.

Brenda

Starts at the Community Hall,  
July 15.

Doors open at 6, Bingo at 7.  
\$14.00 will get you playing every  
game. Dabbers/Canteen  
available.

Come on out and support  
Communities In Bloom



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**Manitou Beach's  
Dr. Sussanna Czeranko named  
"Naturopathic Doctor of the Year"  
by the Saskatchewan Association  
of Naturopathic Doctors**

At its 2021 Healing Skies Conference (June 3-6), the Saskatchewan Association of Naturopathic Doctors (SAND) named Dr. Sussanna Czeranko of Manitou Beach, SK as "Naturopathic Doctor of the Year".

Submitted by David



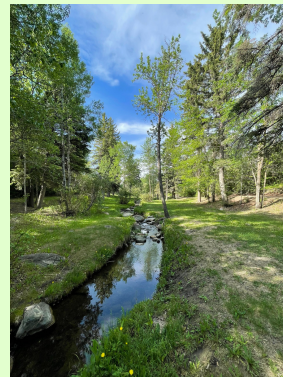
Hours:  
Tuesday  
Friday  
Saturday  
10 am - 2 pm

We would like to extend a warm welcome to a new business in our community. On June 2nd, Lockwood Sourdough opened its door in Manitou Beach. Owners/Partners Alexis and Walker, started out in business in 2017 from Lockwood SK. From there they have expanded to include several different locations for selling their products. Alexis and Walker were happy to share that they've decided to make their new location their main local, where they will do all of the baking and distribution to other locations. At the moment they're working hard to bring us their delicious bread, which comes in 3 flavors: Original, Party Time Black Pepper and Jalapeno Cheddar. These two have lots of energy and ideas for the future of their business, so stay tuned. If you haven't had a chance to try Lockwood Sourdough yet, please take some time out of your day and pop by and say hi to Walker and Alexis.

Submitted by Karen

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## **Official Community Plan**

The two weekends of the open house saw over 275 people view the displays. Many have their feedback in the survey. The RVMB website still has all the information that was presented. Collated results from the survey will be shared later in the season. It is time to look at the big picture rather than piece meal and all ideas and comments are welcome. It does take a lot of time, work and money to get something done on the municipal level. Stay engaged.

Submitted by Robb

## **Dog Park**

Thanks to the hard work of village staff and volunteers the dog park is fenced and officially opened! Be sure to pick up after your dog, even in the dog park.

Thanks to Marcie, Kaylee, Marie and Jessica who made this vision a reality.

## **Utilities and Responsibilities**

Occasionally a ratepayer is shocked to see the quantity of water on their utility bill.

Basically anything consumed beyond the meter is the home owners responsibility regardless of reason. In extreme cases, staff will ensure that the meter is functioning properly. If a leak has caused a problem the Village does not absorb that cost. Is staff able to READ your meter instead of an ESTIMATE? Some extreme bills result in inconsistent billing. Your bill will state whether an actual read was obtained or if it was estimated. No access to yard, no access to meter reader are a couple of the more common reasons that estimates occur.

## **Manitou Beach or Busk**

Manitou Beach enjoyed the success of its first Annual Busking Festival.

This was a Busking Festival where music entertainers were invited to perform at different outdoor venues in Watrous and at Manitou Beach. Performers were reimbursed for their time with monetary donations from the crowd.

The festival had 10 venues, with 43 performers, and let's not forget the 15 community volunteers that made the event happen.

The festival was the brain child of Scott Thoen. Scott has many friends and family in the music industry and talk with them about the impact of COVID has had on their lives. The idea of a COVID friendly music festival was very appealing to artists and volunteers alike. A committee was formed with the backing to the Manitou Beach Recreation Board and the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group. Thank you to everyone those come out to the festival, the performers and the volunteers.

Festivals add to the quality of life of communities by providing unique activities and events, building awareness of diverse cultures and identities, and acting as a source of community pride. In addition, festivals contribute to the local economy through hotel stays, food and beverage purchases and retail sales.

Vickie

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## MANITOU MATTERS INTERVIEWS SANDY

MM- You cover a lot of ground. Do you have a preference of walking, kayaking or cross country skiing at the beach?

Sandy- I love them all equally. I love walking and kayaking equally right now and it's great in the winter when it freezes so I can go out on the lake and ski. I go for miles, as far as you can see down there, one side down and one side back.

MM-What perspective of the beach does walking give you that would be different from others?

Sandy-I have had the love of walking all my life since my earliest memory. Every place I've ever lived I've walked for miles and miles. I went out the country road here the other night (William Street grid) and I went all the way to the reservoirs and I picked up 5\$ worth of cans and a humongous bag of garbage. I love the peace, the tranquility and the people. I wave to everybody, some wave back, some don't and others resort to waving cause they know that girl's going to keep waving. It's such a "feel-good" feeling. I so appreciate when a car goes by and they give you a thumbs up, or when some random person says it looks so good out here.

I say to everyone I meet, every tourist who wants to know "do you live here?" and we start chatting and right away I tell them there isn't a better place to live. I've moved a lot since I was a young girl and this is comparable to living on the Thompson River in Kamloops. I've never had such a sense of peace and being connected than living here. Even as a kid I lived near water, and we were always swimming and playing on the water.

MM-How much garbage do you think you pick up in a day?

Sandy- It all averages out. I have seen people who dump their household garbage and I end up picking that up too. Always a half a bag or more, some days it's two full grocery bags, Just the other day I went up the back way and somebody had thrown out all their food containers out the car, scattered all the way up the road. And I wondered how do people...what possesses people to do something like that. People ask me "don't you get sick of this?" It was Robin (her husband) who should be thanked, he started picking up garbage on one of our walks and now I'm focused like a hawk. Bottle caps, plastic toothpicks, everything except cigarette butts.

I also haul rocks (big rocks) and driftwood from across the lake on my kayak.

MM- There's lots of rocks on this side of the lake Sandy...

Sandy-You know they're different and I spy them for their uniqueness. I use them and the big chunks of wood in my yard.

MM-Is there a weather limit on going out for a walk or ski?

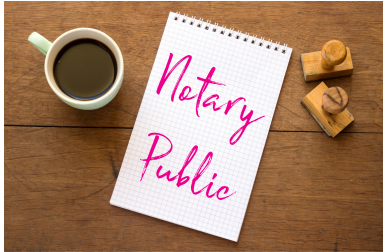
Sandy- No! Absolutely not. I know people think I'm nuts cause I do go out in a blizzard, and they stop and offer me a ride and I say no. But I have every possible thing to wear so there's no excuse for me not to go. When I was younger I worried about my hair, how I looked and now I give zero you-know-what about it. It doesn't matter and it doesn't matter who sees me cause I'm hunkered down and I'm warm.

MM-Thank you Sandy, you are very interesting and a good ambassador for the beach.

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# Commissioner of Oaths Notary Public

These services are now available at the Village Office during regular business hours: \$5.00 fee



## 2021 Council Meetings

July 12 and 26  
August 9 and 23  
September 13 and 27  
October 4 and 25  
November 8 and 22  
December 6 and 20

**NOTE: Council Gallery is now open  
to the public**

## MURRAY DISC GOLF

Bring your own disc's or rent them out.  
Call 306-946-7788 for more information



## MILL RATE

Council just set the Mill rate and it is going to raise your taxes THIS YEAR-and hopefully only this year. Because of our debt and because the provincial assessment is low (something we can't control), the Mill rate had to be raised and we STILL have to use \$50,000.00 of reserves just to keep things going. Yes, this is bad news but we know we will be coming out of some of our debts in the next few years and because the provincial assessment is always a couple years behind, the higher property values we are seeing now will manifest in a couple years and this will resolve the problem.

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# Happenings Around The Beach

July 15: Bingo at Community Hall, 7 pm  
July 16 & 17: Drive In Theatre: Boss Baby 2, Family Business  
July 17: LMAG: Kickin Back, Wade Fehr, 7 pm  
July 22: Bingo at Community Hall, 7 pm  
July 23: MB Resort: Great Western Tasting on the Patio  
July 23: Drive In Theatre: Double Feature, Friday the 13th and Friday the 13th Part 2  
July 24: Danceland: Johnny 2 Fingers & The Deformities/ Cullen & The Cannonballs  
July 24: Mike's Beach Bar: Lucky Bastard Tasting, 5:30-9:30  
July 24: LMAG: Manitou Mystics Fortune Tellers, 10am-3pm  
July 24: LMAG: Manitou Encore, Ellen Froese, 7 pm  
July 24: Watrous & Manitou Beach Annual Fun Run Auto Show & Shine  
July 24: Drive In Theatre: Double Feature, Grease and Footloose  
July 25: Drive In Theatre: Clueless  
July 29: Bingo at Community Hall, 7 pm  
July 30: MB Resort: Lucky Bastard Tasting on the Patio  
July 31: Danceland: Brian Sklar & The Western Senators  
July 31: LMAG: Manitou Heart Songs, Brian Paul D.G. & Friends  
Aug. 1: LMAG: Wow!Manitou, Wonder of Words, 7 pm  
Aug. 1: Mike's Beach Bar: Sunday In The Sand, 2 bands, \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door  
Aug.5: Bingo at Community Hall, 7 pm  
Aug.7: LMAG: Summer Vibes, Jack Walton, 7 pm  
Aug. 7: Danceland: Ladyhawke  
Aug.10: Bingo at Community Hall, 7 pm  
Aug.12-15: Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival  
Aug. 13: LMAG: Drag Me Across Saskatchewan, YXE Drag Collective, 7 pm  
Aug.14: LMAG: Making Music, Nico & Jeff, 7 pm  
Aug. 14: Danceland: Leon Ochs  
Aug.19: Bingo at Community Hall, 7 pm  
Aug.21: LMAG: Manitunes, Artie Balkwill, 7 pm  
Aug.21: Danceland: One YoungN Rock N Roll  
Aug.26: Bingo at Community Hall, 7 pm  
Aug.28: Manitou Melodies, Cameron & Crawford, 7 pm  
Aug.28: Danceland: Memory Lane featuring Rachael Dean  
Aug.27/28: Volleyball League Wind Up, Band:McRorie  
Sept.5: Manitou Music Fest, 10 musicians, Noon - Midnight

**Please refer to the  
businesses FaceBook  
pages for further details**

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## G-G's Art Gallery

has a new outdoor  
gallery  
Stop by and have a  
look Thursday-  
Sunday from 11am-  
5pm or by chance :)



## Homegrown Handmade Farmers/Artisans Market in Manitou Beach

The new market is located at 105 Elizabeth Ave. The shady lot between Relics Art & Antiques and Manitou Art Gallery, and right beside the new Lockwood Sourdough Bakery. The market is being operated by Eric Upshall, Clayton Cave and Sarah McKen. The Market will be held every Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm, May long weekend until September long weekend.

The Market will give local producers a great place in our community to sell their items and provide residents and visitors in the Watrous Manitou area with an array of fresh farm produce and creative arts and crafts from talented artisans. For more information or to apply for one of the 10x10 market spaces, go to their website at

<https://HgHmMarket.com>  
or call 306-946-9922



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## Rec Board

Here we are half way through 2021!! We have had our highs and lows with all of the issues we are bombarded with by the media!!

The Recreation Board completed the large diving/swimming floating platform and the last of the "lateral wharfs" or steps into the lake for the long weekend. We have received many good comments and of course, many suggestions!!

Canada Day saw the dedication of Uhmman Centennial Park and Manitou Reflections with great speakers and entertainment! Excellent attendance and attention to Covid 19 rules!! Congratulations to the people who made it happen!!

The summer events are slowly returning to normal, if normal is possible at Manitou, which includes Pancake🥞Breakfasts, the Busker Festival and the Chainsaw Carving Event.

The Village has several market, food and entertainment options for everyone to choose from.

We are always open to new ideas so if you wish to share them, please come out to our regular monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at the Village Hall. Sherwin.



Are you interested in sharing your story or your love for Manitou?? Do you have ideas that could be considered in the newsletter? Please send them to [manitoubeachnews@gmail.com](mailto:manitoubeachnews@gmail.com)



Breakdown for the  
Year of Billing:

May-June

July-August

September-October

November-December

all billings are due 30  
days from issue date

If you receive your Utility Bill via email, and your email address is with Sask Tel, please check your spam or junk folder if you haven't received your bill. Sask Tel claims there is nothing they can do to fix this issue.

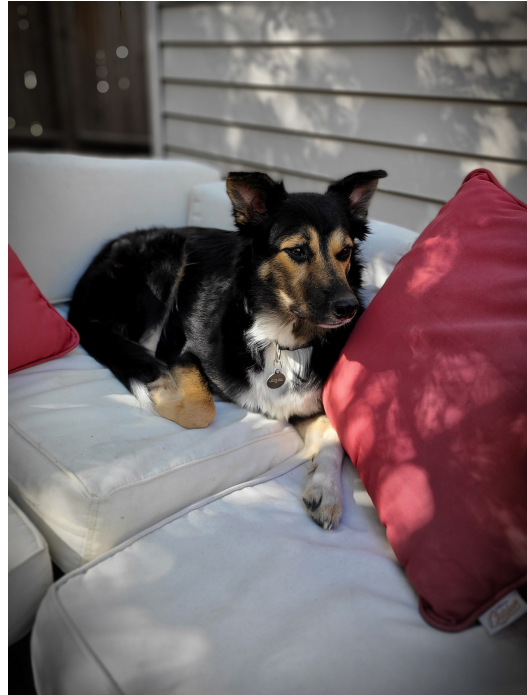
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# FEATURE PET



My name is Walter, and I am almost two years old. I am a rescue dog, and my family thinks I am a border collie, husky, and shepherd mix. I have lived at the beach since I was eight weeks old. When I'm not playing with toys in my yard, you'll find me cooling off in the brook at Wellington or walking around the village. In the evenings, I like to wind down by cuddling with my family and favourite stuffed animals.

I'm very social and want to make friends with everyone, and I'm getting better at not jumping up to greet people I meet on walks. When I'm feeling especially high-spirited I try to get other dogs to play by singing to them, but it is sometimes mistaken for an angry sound by people who don't know me, so I'm working on that. One of my favourite activities is visiting dog parks in the city, and I can't wait to meet more people and dogs at the beach's new dog park. Hopefully I'll see you there!

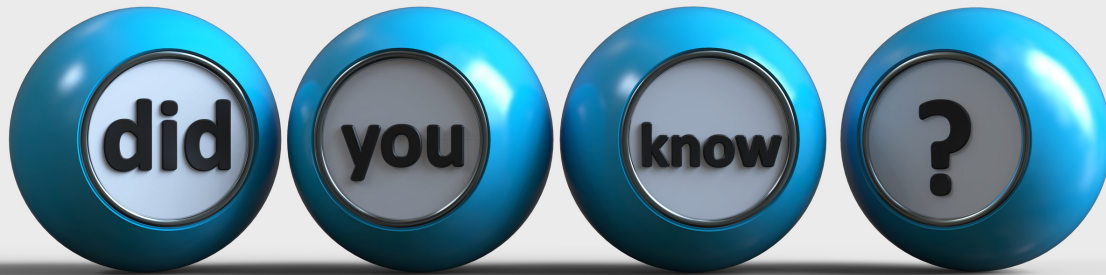


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- According to provincial legislation, the only employee that council hires and supervises is the Administrator. The Administrator is then in charge of all staff and human resource issues. Not even Council is to direct staff in their daily work. If done, this complicates the big picture the Administrator and Foreman have created in fulfilling their work day. Constituents are not to give staff direction or chastise them. Your needs and ideas need to go through the office please, so they can be triaged for urgency etc. Our staff is a great team. A wonderful summer to them as well.
- Branches Pickup has been a long standing service provided by the Village. In order for it to continue, pickup has been scheduled on a regular basis rather than randomly. This work will be done on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. So when you call in for a pick up, be ready to wait for that day. Branches cannot be more than 5' long and must be in an accessible location. Let's work together to keep the beach green and groomed.
- Do you have a wedding or a function that you want to have in Wellington or Uhmunn Park, or any other public space? Please contact the office no less than a week in advance and make arrangements. The hall is now available for rentals.
- Did you know the Regional Park owns and manages the waterfront from the Nu Inn to Camp Easter Seal? They also own the campground and golf course. They are managed by a Board that has representation from Manitou Beach, Watrous and several surrounding rural municipalities

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## Supporting Local Businesses

The back page of the newsletter is dedicated to our local businesses. Submit a business card/business card size of print. A valid RVMB business license is required. Submission must be ready to print. No prep work provided. Let's see if this little support helps our local businesses.




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