

NOVEMBER 2021

# MANITOU MATTERS



*Michele Houle*

## Village Office Hours:

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri., 9am-4pm, open over lunch

Wed: closed to the public

*Closed at 3pm on the last business day of the month*

306-946-2831

## December Office

### Closures:

Dec 24, 27



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Next Newsletter January 2022

# *Message from the Mayor*

Our little resort community has been hopping!  
Our staff has been busy catching up from a busy summer and finishing the fall work. Please wave and give them a thumbs up!  
We have a hard working group.  
Our council meetings have been available on You-Tube but are now on Zoom, so listen in and give us feedback.  
I feel Covid is going to present us with more challenges in the months to come, so let's work together and do what we can.  
I continue to be thankful I was born here, and able to live here and have the community we do.  
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in this capacity.  
Stay safe and stay healthy!  
Poppy

*Thank you  
Garry and Pat*



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## Utility Bylaw 10-2021

Council updated the Utility Bylaw at their October Council Meeting

**Some** mentions to remember:

- All municipal water and sewer services shall be billed to the Property Owner
- Every property owner shall be responsible for the installation of a meter reader cap by village employee or contractor, in an easily accessible, visible location on the front of the building
- The Resort Village may discontinue the supply of water to a property where the property owner/consumer has refused or failed to provide and maintain safe and convenient access to village staff to any water meter and working meter reader installed on that property/premises within which such meters are located
- Utility accounts in arrears over 90 days, shall be given a final notice. If arrears are not paid in full after 30 days from the date on the final notice, water service will be disconnected
- A sudden rise in your metered water bill may be due to any combination of reasons including: plumbing leaks in toilets and/or fixtures; consecutive estimated readings followed by an actual reading (if your actual consumption for previous billing periods was higher than what was estimated, there may be an increase in the current water bill which will reflect the unbilled consumption); an increase in the number of people living in the house, resulting in higher water usage; a dry, hot summer, resulting in higher water consumption; leaks can cause extremely high bills. If you are aware of any type of water leak in your house, it should repair it immediately. Leaking toilets and other fixtures waste water and will increase the amount of the water billing. All water consumption, including water consumed by leaks, is the property owner's responsibility and is charged to your water account.

Full Bylaw  
available  
on our website

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### Manitou Beach's Unique Poetry Posts

Early in its term the current council approved the installation of more “poetry posts” in public places around the village. Every month a new poem is posted in each. Public Property Poetry Post locations so far: near the labyrinth in Wellington Park, at the Gazebo in Uhmman Park, and just outside the front door of the Community Centre. The first of seven planned posts on private property is installed near Big Bear in the parking lot of Manitou Waters. Six more poetry posts will be installed in the coming spring. All costs associated with the poetry posts come from private donations. Darrell Baschak built the poetry “houses” already installed and will be building six more, even more uniquely designed than the first four.

In its first year the POETRY POSTS have had a favourable response from residents and visitors alike.

- *“What a surprise to see a poem by Helen Herr in beautiful format outside the Community Centre here in the Beach. We need to celebrate writers from our area every chance we get.”* LR, Edmonton
- *“The Saskatchewan poets who show up on the poetry post in Wellington Park are a treat to read and learn about.”* WK, Manitou Beach
- *“In these days of staycations, the poetry posts at Manitou are a unique flourish. Every time we come to the Beach we check them out.”* MF, Saskatoon

Each month beginning next May once all ten POETRY POSTS are up, there will be a free, hosted POETRY POST WALK during which participants can enjoy the actual poems and then gather afterward in SKYE HOUSE (Manitou Waters) at 209 John Street for a group discussion about the work of Saskatchewan and other Canadian and world poets.

If you have a poem to share, please submit it to David Schleich (davidjohnschleich@gmail.com). Manitou Beach poets get priority! Each submission will be acknowledged. Formatting and posting are free for submissions selected.

David

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# WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We welcome Wayne Vielhauer  
as Village Foreman.  
Wayne joined us Oct.25th.



# SO LONG, FAREWELL

**Bryan is retiring to a casual capacity**

**Bryan, you know we love you,  
And simply want to say,  
Good luck with all your future holds,  
And happy retirement day!**



**P.S. PEOPLE ..... TAKE-HIS-  
NUMBER-OUT-OF-YOUR-  
PHONES! .....**

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THANK  
YOU  
BRYAN!

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# Quick Guide

## AMBULANCE/POLICE/FIRE 911

Village Office  
306-946-2831

RCMP  
306-946-3316

Watrous Health Complex  
306-946-1200  
Watrous Primary Health Centre  
306-946-1241

Conservation Officer  
1-800-567-4224

Department of Highways  
1-844-754-4929

Sask Power Outage  
1-888-355-5589

Sask Energy Emergency  
1-888-700-0427



Are you interested in getting a little  
more involved in your community?  
Please contact the office and let us  
know



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# Recreation Board Update

What a beautiful Fall season here at Manitou Beach!

The weather is always a surprise for me. I have seen people kayaking on the lake, walking on our trails and visiting the businesses well into November.

The Halloween party was a huge success with over 200 kids going through the program at Danceland. The volunteers that made it happen were fabulous. The contributions from businesses and individuals were really appreciated. Thank you to everyone from the Beach, Watrous and area who did such a good job! Also special thanks to the scary folks who made Wellington Park into a Haunted walk. Good job, and next year is in the plans.

The skating pond, Crokicurl area and toboggan slide will happen as soon as snow and ice conditions are safe. John Thiessen will have his "Farmer Zamboni" in operation to help out. If you are able to volunteer in any way, let me know.

Ski Trails will be open as soon as we get enough snow. Once again, we have an arrangement with Little Manitou Art Gallery to provide rental of equipment. If the weather is cooperative, there will be a community Skate and Crokicurl day with hot chocolate and firepit (roast your own wiener) between Christmas and New Years Day. Watch for more information.

A Festival of Lights is in the works. Details for the event will be forthcoming in advertisements in the paper/posters/online. Perhaps Watrous and Manitou Beach could have a joint event!

Danceland and Recreation Board are working on plans for a New Years Celebration which will be set up as a Cabaret/Dance on New Years Eve. Advance tickets will be the preferred method of attendance. In keeping with regulations, proof of vaccination will be mandatory. Cash Bar and lunch will be provided. Possibly fireworks at midnight. Band will be announced at a later date.

Next Recreation Board Meeting is December 7/21 at the Community Hall.

All are welcome to attend!

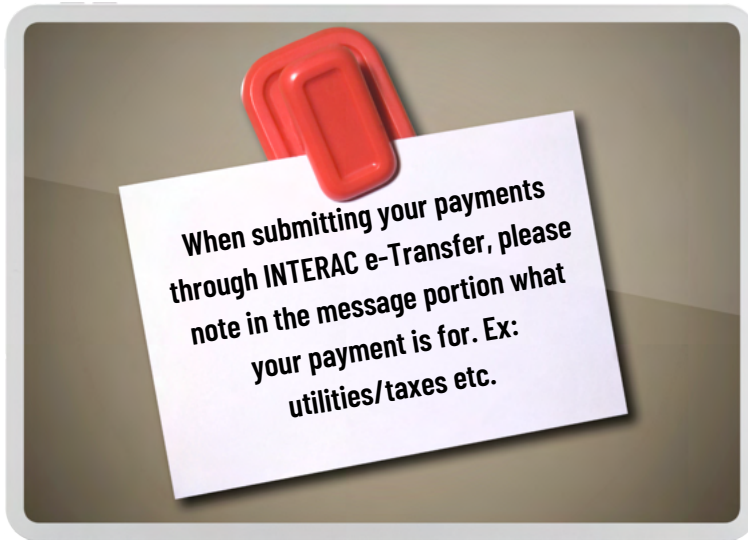
Any questions/ideas, please call me at 306-535-7379 or email me at

sherwinpetersen@live.ca

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**Business and Pet Licenses will be due in Jan. 1/22. If you no longer require a license please let the Village office know so that it can be updated in our records. 306-946-2831 or admin@manitoubeach.ca**

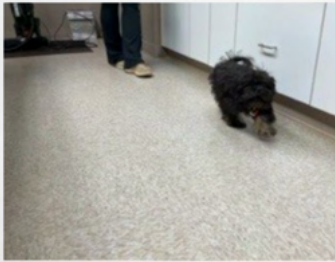


**Reminder:**  
**Taxes are due December 31, 2021. A 15% penalty will be added to any unpaid tax amounts on your property as of January 1, 2022.**

## **SNOW REMOVAL:**

Jay Ens 306-946-9688  
Cal & Mel Renovations 306-917-7959  
Mike Hayward: 306-946-8244

*Stay Salty*



**Frankie in for a visit**



**Welcome to the Beach  
Milo!**



## **New Walking & Biking Trail**

Thanks to the generosity and ability of Ron Ediger of Melron Construction, there will be a new walking and biking trail constructed from Watrous to Manitou Beach. Mr. Ediger expects to complete it in the summer of 2022. It will transverse the east side of highway 365 from the graveyard intersection to the village office area. He takes great pleasure in joining the two communities in a safer way.



**Welcome to Manitou  
Thor!**

## **NEW Parks Advisory Committee**

The RVMB celebrates a new group of 8 members who will tackle long and short range advice on 3 green spaces.

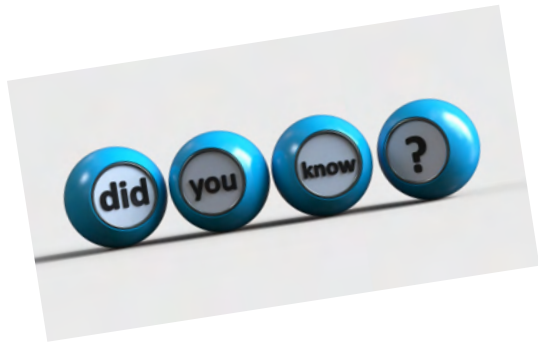
Wellington Park, Uhmman Centennial Park, and the Offleash Dog Park. This committee has representation from CiB, Rec Board, Dog Park and other interested citizens. Any final decision remains with council, but council will benefit from the expertise and focus this group will take on these spaces. Do you have ideas to share? They are more than welcome.

Please contact the office at [admin@manitoubeach.ca](mailto:admin@manitoubeach.ca)



**Buddy stopped by ..**

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The OCP Question Summary results can be found on the main page of [manitoubeach.ca](http://manitoubeach.ca). Scroll down to the ***Other News and Notices*** heading.



Village branch pickup is finished for the season and will resume in May 2022.



### **SPEED ZONE REDUCED TO 30 KM ON VILLAGE ROADS**

In conjunction with a grant through SGI, the Village has reduced the speed zone to 30 km.



Not on Facebook or Instagram?

You can see our Facebook posts at [manitoubeach.ca](http://manitoubeach.ca)

*Stay Salty*

How's your outside light at night?  
The new LED lights are very bright and may affect more than your field of view.

Many issues come up between neighbours. It is always best to address it early. If you can reach out over an issue it is better than requiring bylaw enforcement or in cases without a bylaw, a civil issue. "I" statements are a valuable tool because they don't put anyone on the defensive. Do an internet search for more help on dealing with a neighbor or the use of "I" statements.



## Zoom

At this time, council will be meeting over Zoom rather than in council chambers. There is no opportunity for gallery. The regular go to on YouTube will not work with Zoom. But even better, the recorded Zoom meeting is posted in the Minutes link on our website afterwards. It provides a better quality so constituents will have a much more successful engagement with the council meeting. Many efforts were made to make YouTube better, even with the purchase of microphones. Alas, the room has a massive reverberation that sounds like a wave and destroys the audio.

**NEXT COUNCIL  
MEETING:  
DEC.20**



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