



RESORT VILLAGE OF MANITOU BEACH

Update from The Office

As the warm weather settles in, we hope everyone finds time to enjoy the sunshine and embrace the slower, more relaxed pace that summer brings.

It has been a busy year for development in our village! So far, six building permits have been issued, reflecting strong growth and interest in our community. Additionally, four permits from the previous year are actively working towards completion, contributing to the continued development of our village.

We are thrilled to report that Uhmman Park Trail is nearing completion. This project is the result of fantastic collaboration between the Recreation Board, the Village, and the Parks Committee, showcasing the power of teamwork in enhancing our community spaces.

In infrastructure updates, dust control application on Watrous Street has been successfully completed, with additional coverage scheduled for the 300 block of William Street. These improvements help maintain a clean and enjoyable environment for residents and visitors alike. Council has approved the installation of septic service for the remainder of the 700 block of Lakeview, contractors do not have an ETA, but we will keep everyone posted!

Thank you for being a part of our vibrant and evolving community. Enjoy the beautiful summer days ahead, and take the opportunity to appreciate all that our village has to offer!

Wishing you all a fantastic summer!
Kind Regards, Elise Dale, CAO

Did you know?

The village maintains an email list to quickly share essential updates, including precautionary water advisories, fire bans, and other important notices. Please call the office at 306-946-2831 to be added to the list.

Committee Updates

Rec Board Report

The Rec Board's role is an important one in the rings of community here at The Beach, with a purpose to provide and support constructive leisure-time activities for residents and visitors. The following list summarizes important points, priorities and activities at this time and leads you to more info:

1. You can stay up to date with Recreation Board activities via Manitou Beach Recreation on Facebook.
2. We hosted a Blue Sky Visioning Session at our May meeting. You can access both the preliminary report on data collected and an online form where you can contribute thoughts via the Facebook page in Item 1.
3. We put on a pancake breakfast May long weekend with a side of community engagement. Almost 100 breakfasts were served. The activities guide shows another breakfast for Father's Day but we have made a choice not to proceed given the demands of Canada Day activities and our state of rebuilding the volunteer corps.
4. Canada Day parade and breakfast are happening in Watrous this year on Tuesday, July 1st. Beach activities will follow, beginning at 1pm and include circus, weaving and costume workshops for families at Il Prato, face painting at Little Manitou Art Gallery, a History display with some old time music at the Community Hall, a fishpond, vendors and an information hub on the main beach and the Toonie Tuesday Supper & Dance at Danceland. We will end the evening with fireworks in a partnership with Manitou Mineral Springs.
5. We continue our renewal process for volunteers for the Rec Board itself with 6 openings including vice chair, treasurer and four members at large and for project volunteers interested in short shifts and as project coordinators. If you are interested in contributing, please send an email to Patti at wildandsaltyhealingcompany@protonmail.com.
6. There is a new page on Facebook to help with volunteer recruitment for all organized and organic projects in the village that anyone can join and post to. You will find it by searching for Manitou Beach Volunteers.
7. Rec Board meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month, 7pm at the community hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you for your attention to this update and to the village for the opportunity to share. We look forward to seeing you soon. Submitted by Patti Lindgren



Photo from CIB's
Village Clean Up



H A P P Y
Canada Day

The Manitou Chainsaw Committee

We have been very busy planning and finalizing activities for our August 7-10 2025 event. Funds earned from carving events has helped in carving upkeep and upgraded the plaza. We worked with other community groups to put an AED in the hall and have sponsored a grade 12 scholarship in 2024 and 2025. Our group has shared in the funding of swimming docks and tree beautification. This Carving Event is organized completely by volunteers. Community helping community. We have a wonderful group of carvers attending again this year, with veterans and new (to us) carvers as well. This year the Watrous Kinsmen will be running the beer garden, and we have some new choices for food vendors. We are receiving lots of interest in our vendors area. Our raffle tables are filling up quickly and committee members will soon be selling tickets for a large carving raffle. It's notable that this year the winner of the carving raffle will choose their own prize from the 10 main carvings. We are offering daily and weekend gate entry prices that may be purchased at the event. Please note that this is a cash only event. You can stay informed of our event by following us on Facebook "Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival". We are excited to be hosting this family event again and look forward to seeing everyone. - Submitted By Poppy Petersen



COME CHECK OUT WHAT THE BUZZ IS ALL ABOUT

Live Chainsaw Carving
Daily Quick Carves - Silent Auctions
Food & Craft Vendors
Daily Raffles & Draws
Festival Apparel & Souvenirs
Beer Gardens

August 7 - August 10, 2025

Weekend and Day Passes available at the Gate

Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival

<https://www.facebook.com/manitoubeachchainsaw>

**Thursday August 7-
Sunday August 10 2025**
Manitou Beach Sports Grounds

CHAINSAW CARVING
Thursday, August 7th, 2025 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday, August 8th, 2025 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday, August 9th, 2025 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sunday, August 10th, 2025 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

QUICK CARVES and Silent Auctions
Thursday, August 7th, 2025 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Friday, August 8th, 2025 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Saturday, August 9th, 2025 1:30pm - 3:00pm

The silent auction will close at 6:30 pm each day following the daily competition

ADMISSION
DAY PASS- \$10
4 DAY PASS - \$30
12 & under - No charge

This is our Sandy

Born to love people and spread joy,
That is the Beach's Sandy.
She walks miles every day,
In any kind of weather.
She waves at everyone,
Says Hi when she can.
She will stop for a chat
Or a pat on the back.
If you need a hand,
She will give it if she can.
When there is ice on the lake
She is out with her skis.
Once the weather is nice
She is paddling her kayak,
Or picking weeds in her yard.
If we ever need inspiration,
We only need to look to Sandy,
Our feel-good Ambassador

Submitted by : Manitou Writers Group



Proactive Measures to Prevent Wildfires in our Community

As Northern Saskatchewan continues to be threatened by fire, we are focusing on some proactive measures you can undertake at home to prevent the spread of wildfires.

Did you know: Embers and sparks from a fire can blow 2km ahead of a wildfire, & radiant heat from a fire can melt vinyl siding, ignite your home, and even break windows from 30 meters away.

Before a Fire Threatens:

- Clear dry grass, leaves, dead fall trees, and other combustible debris away from your home.
- Use fire-resistant building materials whenever possible [e.g. non-vinyl siding].
- Keep windows closed and locked when fire risk is high.
- Store firewood and flammable materials away from buildings.
- Keep your roof and gutters clear of leaves and needles.
- Keep your address clearly visible for emergency responders.
- Abide by provincial & municipal fire bans.

Water Access:

- Leave a garden hose connected to an outdoor faucet and easily accessible.
- Collaborate with your neighbors to ensure they are aware of the location of your hose & outdoor faucet[s].
- Ensure local firefighters can spot and use your hose if you're not home.

If Fire is Approaching:

- Water your home's roof & exterior siding, as well as surrounding vegetation.
- Move outdoor furniture and flammables away from your house.
- Close all doors and windows tightly.



DID YOU KNOW?

1 Power Line

2 SaskTel Phone Line

3 Ethernet Line

1 Power Line

- Contact SaskPower
 - For Emergencies 310-2220
 - Report trees on lines:
<https://www.saskpower.com/services/report-trouble/request-tree-trimming>
 - Non-Emergent
1-888-355-5589

2 SaskTel Phone Line 3 & Ethernet Cable

- Contact SaskTel @ 1-800-727-5835
- Report line issues: https://support.sasktel.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/27095/~reporting-damaged-sasktel-lines-and-equipment



When to Contact

- If a line has disconnected from the pole or your house
- If there are trees leaning on the lines
- Ensure that you have the correct line before calling

Manitou Beach's Own STEEPED & BREWED WRITERS' GROUP



May favourite village is Manitou
Where you'll not find a kangaroo
We have a lake so salty
But that's not our faulty
And it's very healthy for you too

The village people of Manitou
Give a hearty welcome to you
The salt in the lake
Makes one feel so great
And also great is the view

-Adrienne Duke

Sunrise Sunrise (a poem by Pat Bryson, SBWG, Manitou Beach)

Good morning, I am here just for you.

The sun crept up this morning
Without the usual fanfare
of yellows and splashes of orange.

Today's sunrise was painted
in bright, but quiet
hues of golden stillness
with a sprinkling of blue
to draw our eyes up to the sky...
to see the handful of clouds
weaving streaks of reflective colour.

We can be like this sunrise -
deliberate, bright and encouraging;
A reliable start, and part,
of someone's day.

Good morning, I am here just for you.



There is a beautiful simplicity watching sheep follow trails. Walking in single file, one animal pulling the next along by some intrinsic knowing. One after another, after another. Some heads down, some heads up; individuals pausing to grab a mouthful of grass on the way by and then getting pulled back into the traveling queue, just when you think the distance between them and the animal in front is long enough for the travel chain to break. These are their trails, made by them, not by us. These animals know the land better than we do. They never travel a direct line. Instead, they navigate the curves and contours of the terrain, even when the land presents as an expanse of seemingly uniform prairie. They move without haste or urgency so long as nothing around them tells them to do otherwise. They move as individuals moving as one, but not as a mob. The animals go precisely where they have to go, which seems to be nowhere in particular, but everywhere needed. Regardless of having a destination or not, they know the best way to travel through the day is to find the flow and go. --
Arlette Seib, from her forthcoming book, Wool Stone and Prairie, SBWG, Manitou Beach

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HORACE'S COFFEE SHOP PART 1

In which Beach people gather for coffee for better or worse.

Now Horace's Coffee Shop is an imaginary gathering place for sundry folks from all over the Beach and its environs. Some say that the coffee is very good indeed. Others declare that the coffee's like axle drip. The camaraderie, though, is a fine espresso anytime. Imagine Horace himself sniffing the air and saying, "Good coffee is the elixir of a good life." He pours out a cup from his old WEAR EVER aluminum coffee pot which on closer inspection turns out to be the real thing, with black wood handle, almost a foot tall and a half a foot radius at the bottom. Horace doesn't even have to look up to know who came in. "I can tell by the foot clump," he explains. A cup of Java in hand, ready to kick start a conversation on cue. He runs tabs willingly, posting the totals on an old fashioned blackboard on the wall near the WEAR EVER pot.

Just last Monday Arnold and Buster were java-wagging about politics. "You two goin' on about politics again?" he asked Arnold, retired farmer with significant arm's length experience in many election campaigns. Buster? Well, he's a retired school teacher, who taught history, geography and English for just about as long, and with parallel experience although he joined the PC party back in Dief the Chief's day.

"We're talkin' parameters," Buster declared, holding his cup up for a refill.

"Criterias," said Arnold.

"Criteri-AHH," Buster blustered. "Your grammar is atrocious."

"Don't matter any grammer, Buster; simple truth is them politicians gotta be able to walk a tightrope blindfolded, know Bob's rules for keeping the politicians in line, and they gotta have a cast iron bladder," Arnold offered, also holding up his cup for a refill.

"You got a point there," said Buster.

Horace added two more cups of coffee to the blackboard tab and poured more steaming water into the WEAR EVER pot.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Village Office has a Lost & Found! If you've misplaced something, stop by—we'd be happy to return it if you can describe it accurately. Let's reunite lost items with their owners!

☀️ A Message from Mayor Hanson – Summer 2025 ☀️

Dear Residents,

As summer begins, (even though I turned my Furnace on June 4th) ...I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and engagement in our community. This season brings with it not only sunshine and celebrations but also exciting progress across our beautiful Village.

SUMA Convention – I attended the 2025 SUMA Convention in Saskatoon at TCU Place April 14, 2025, our Premier Scott Moe addressed us with announcements of added RCMP, efforts of Drug removal from inner city as well adding more healthcare workers in Rural Saskatchewan. Premier Moe went on to speak about further exploration in our Province regarding potash as well as agricultural enhancements. The SUMA Convention was very informative for myself being a new Mayor. Premier Moe's address was extremely positive about our Province of Saskatchewan, and states that we are in a great position economically.

Building a Better Community

We're making great strides on several key initiatives this year. Our Recreation Board and Communities in Bloom as well as Parks and Trails volunteers are busier than ever! We thank each and every Volunteer in whatever capacity, we appreciate all of you.

All of our Seasonal establishments are now **Open for Business!**

A huge Welcome back – Burger Buoy, Little Manitou Art Gallery, Mulligans and Manitou Mini Golf, Mikes Beach Bar, Mini Mart, Mulligans, Oda's, and Relics, Salty Surf Drive Inn.

Danceland and Manitou Mineral Spa were busy over the winter and continue to be. We expect to be very busy this summer with Tweekie Tuesdays, and selling heaps of Popcorn at the Drive Inn.

Staying Safe and Connected

With increased outdoor activity, Council has reviewed and approved staff requests to increase pedestrian safety where the foot traffic is heavy, adding pedestrian cross walks, and highlighting wheel chair accessibility and parking. This will ensure a safe and enjoyable summer for everyone!

Celebrating Together

I enclose a photo of your Council who all volunteered together for the most successful Winterfest!

We also had our first Recreation Board pancake breakfast with your new Council. Councillor Murray and his wife Sandy- who is always up for volunteering! Councillor Hessdorfer and Councillor Worobec happily greeted the residents and we had approximately 90 in attendance throughout the morning. It's a great place to chat and grab a pancake, sausage, and coffee and get to know your Council. Recreation Board Chairperson, Patti Lindgren is also seen in the photo (on page 2).

Councillor Guenther and Councillor Murray are working hand in hand with the Regional Park and have built a great relationship with them and we look forward to working with them.

Looking Ahead

The Communities in Bloom have the beautiful flowers out and we Thank you!

We remain focused on improving infrastructure, expanding green initiatives, and listening to your feedback. The Council will advise of a date for Town Hall as there was a resolution by Council to wait until the Seasonal residents arrive and we will have more information to share.

Enjoy the beautiful Lake and the amenities ... we waited a long cold winter for this!

Get out and see your friends, have some laughs and share your stories.

Its all about Community 😊

Your Voice Matters!

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and vibrant summer!

Warm regards,

Mayor Hanson

Mayor of Resort Village of Manitou Beach.

