

To inform constituents of The Resort Village of Manitou Beach

Manitou Matters

Next Council Meeting

September 26 at 2 pm

October 24 at 2 pm

In gallery or via Zoom

email office for link:

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PLEASE NOTE

**As of September 1, 2022
we will **NO LONGER** accept
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Mayor's Message

Thank you for the wonderful summer. Once again, we are being resilient, enjoying the best from the summer season. The wonderful heat, the low numbers of mosquitos and flies, the bountiful wild berries, being able to hug my grandkids and the number of days with little wind has made my summer perfect. The bad news is just that.. bad news.. We navigate through it.

Special thanks to residents who consider community important. These folks are the ground work for success. Pride in our village, pride in our personal spaces, pride in our events, and pride in our welcoming spirit. Our people make our community shine.

Thank you to our village staff. These people get up every morning and come to work, knowing or not knowing, what the day may toss at them. Never a slow or dull day at Manitou Beach. Thanks to you all for your efforts. I appreciate it.

Summer is not over, and we still have time to enjoy the Resort Village of Manitou Beach offerings. So see you at the beach, in the coffee shops or on the trails! (I'm the lady riding the purple vintage Harley Davidson 3 wheel golf cart) as if you didn't know that!

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Poppy!



Bathing Beauties in the Twenties.



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Upcoming Events Sept/Oct 2022

Fri, Sept 2 & Sat Sept 3:
50's 60's Rock & Roll Weekend

Sat, Sept 3:
Beach Vibes

Sat, Oct 8:
Octoberfest

Sun, Sept 4:
Manitou Music Fest

Sat, Oct 29:
Halloween Dance

Sun, Sept 4:
**Pancake Breakfast at Community Hall
(fundraiser for Rec Board)**

Fri & Sat, Sept 9 & 10:
Polkafest

Danceland Little Manitou Art Gallery

Sat, Sept 17:
Norm and the Golden Aces

Sat, Sept 24:
Wadena Dixielanders

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Rec Board Report

The exciting new Pump Track Project is just getting off the ground, with 70% grant funding secured—we'll be working with local youth and business, families, residents, and businesses. Our touring/planning committee will be visiting the Martensville track within the next 10 days. We'll rent a bus if our numbers outgrow a single vehicle—we are already at a solid six! Join us!

We'll be hosting an informal night of pizza & collaboration to discuss

- Location
- Infrastructure
- Accessibility
- Features
- Art Component
- Volunteer recruitment
- Fundraising initiatives

Stay tuned and bring a pal!

You'll also find us at the Watrous Community Sign Up Initiative at the civic center on Monday August 27th—come talk to us about this and other exciting projects on the horizon. Still asking yourself “what is a Pump Track & why should we invest in one?” Take a look:

GET A PUMP TRACK BUILT IN YOUR TOWN

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xcVMXF6_10



Martensville Pump Track

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The Manitou Rec Board has seen many recent changes, and we can't wait to talk to you!

We are a board of ten members and countless volunteers:

Vince, Chris, Millie, Becca, David, Karre, Naomi, Vickie, Shelley, & Jana.

Our trusty longtime Treasurer Chris plans to step down as soon as a suitable replacement is found. We intend to continue to build a committed volunteer base with a strong youth/family contingent.

The Vice Chair position is currently vacant, and we'll elect soon.

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the hall at 7pm.

We'd love your ideas, collaboration, and participation!

You can find us at our new facebook page at

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

or text/call Jana at 306-917-9111, 10am-10pm for information.

We'll host our seventh and final Pancake Breakfast this season on Sunday Sept 4th—Labor Day Weekend at the Village Hall. Same time as usual—8:30-11am. Give us a shout if you'd like to volunteer! Thanks for your patience & good humor as we attempted to cook and serve off site at the Regional Campground for Boler Weekend, Danceland for the SSRA event, and beachside on Canada Day. They were challenging experiences, & excellent learning opportunities.

This year's Sculpture Symposium was top notch—thanks to all the artists, and Sarah & the great folks at the LMAG for sponsoring the spectacular finale, complete with music & dance!

We are also gearing up for Halloween.

The combined event between the communities of Watrous & Manitou Beach was so successful last year, kids and families have been inquiring ever since.

If you're as fired up as we are, get on board!

We'd like to thank the amazing village staff & incredible volunteers, as well as

Carl & the fantastic Watrous Co-op staff

Jeff & the awesome folks at Mainline

Laurie & the incredible crew at Model Meats

Our pals at Parrish & Heimbecker

Best, Jana

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Happiness Is ...

Thank you enormously to the Ministry of Highways for completing the paving on Highway 365 through the village. A huge value and investment into our community. It makes life so much better.



Taxation ...

The mill rate did not change this year. However the share between residential and commercial has changed with commercial carrying slightly more than previously.

Remember that the province establishes values and this is done on a 4 year cycle. It will be next year that a change may be noticed from SAMAs on site assessments this year.

Landlords

Please remember that the water utility will be billed to whoever's name is on the title. Your renters usage is in your landlord name. This keeps the landlord informed and on top of their property. This is the best way to deal with so many seasonal connections and other challenges in a small community providing its own utility. Did you know we are among the few resort villages with municipal water and sewer!?

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Here-We-Go-Again ...

As most of us know we got two big rain events in June. One right after the other.

This has created a very challenging situation for our staff trying to restore and improve the road situations as well as culverts and other infrastructure.

Unfortunately some residents have interfered with this process.

Approaching staff and changing priorities on them only to serve their own need first.

Some people have invested into the road allowance which is a nice effort but can backfire in an extreme weather event.

Again staff has been harassed and belittled and their work assignment has been attacked.

Some people need to get a handle on themselves and perspective.

Robb



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The Sun Across The Lake!

Richard ?? apparently built this.

He and his mother, Frieda, have a cabin on the street above the tennis court.

Her granddaughter is Helena and has been a summer visitor since she was a baby.

His mom said she thought the rocks would be something to look at.

Frieda lives in Saskatoon but stays at Manitou Beach as much as possible.

She has a super garden of flowers all around her cottage.

I believe Richard swims across the lake from the main beach to the rocks, in the summer 2 or 3 times a day

He straighten the rocks periodically.

Ardell C.-T.



Public Town Hall

On Wed Aug 3 about 70 people attended a public forum in Danceland hosted by council and administration. This was the opportunity for information and questions. Mayor Poppy Petersen addressed the crowd with information on the algae, staff and harassment from public, upgrades to water treatment plant, bylaws, social media updates, roads, public shower vandalism, and thank you's to committees.

Council and administration took questions from the floor. It is great to see people felt safe to share their perspectives. Sometimes there was a clear answer. Sometimes not. Sometimes we don't want the answer but at least we've had the conversation. A lot of things came down to money. Our financial position doesn't change for two more years at which point the drive in is paid off.

Sources of information were promoted such as the village website, newsletter (every two months) or social media dispatches from the village on time sensitive information. Or just call the village office.

Thanks to all for attending and showing their interest and value in the community.

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Meeting Manitou

Who loves cherries?
I know, I do!



Recently I had the pleasure of visiting and touring the home and farm of two of this areas rarest gems. Charlie Johnson and his lovely wife Marie Brumwell live and work on a farm about 7 km southeast of Watrous and Manitou Beach. Charlie says when he moved to the farm about 11 years ago, mostly all of the buildings were already there. He added to the place by building a garage and barn as well as planting a cherry orchard and large garden. The garden includes an abundance of sunflowers, squash, watermelon, potatoes, corn, pumpkin and dill. Over the years the orchard flourished and has resulted in locals being able to pick fresh, delicious "Carmen Jewel" cherries close to home. In fact, right now there are still lots of cherries to be picked.

Being in their 80's you would think that Charlie and Marie would be slowing down by now. However, this couple seem to be busy as bees. On top of working and maintaining a healthy orchard and farm, they raise chickens and geese and sell farm fresh eggs to some very lucky locals. This year they hosted a well attended cherry festival which was enjoyed by one and all.

Sometimes Charlie and Marie like to get off the farm so they regularly soak themselves in the healing waters of the Manitou Springs pool and also spend time volunteering and helping out in the community. If you haven't met this lovely couple yet, you definitely should.

Marie is a talented and gifted photographer and artist who has a lifetime of her works displayed in their home and also in the little, "stop and shop" shed located on their property. She lovingly talks about her kids and grandkids and you can tell they are always in her heart.

As for Charlie, he has a passion for his plants. He happily shows off his garden while gently placing a large leaf under each of his watermelons and pumpkins in order to avoid any damage. He is also proud that he doesn't use any pesticides on his plants and that the farm is powered almost entirely by solar panels. Charlie says he's hopeful that he and Marie will be able to have many more cherry festivals in the future. In fact, he spoke of possibly having a fall pumpkin festival this year. Of course, this is if they have a good pumpkin crop and if there is enough help.

I personally would love to help out with a fall festival with this fun couple.

In order for this to happen they will need some volunteers who are willing to donate their time and talents by sharing some baking. If this is something you would like to help out with, please call me at 306-291-9457.... and if you want cherries, there is still lots on the trees. At \$2 per pound, you can't get a better deal anywhere else.

- Karen

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Campers



For Saskatchewan plated and licensed vacation trailers or cabin trailers.

Many people use their cabin/vacation trailers on their property while they are unlicensed. If the license has expired and you do have it on a package policy, then the trailer is essentially in storage and covered for physical damage, vandalism, water damage, fire. However, you must not use or operate it normally.

If you are using the unlicensed trailer for sleeping, cooking and eating and you have a loss/claim, that loss is not covered even if you have the trailer on a package policy.

There is one exception to this - the trailer has to be insured to its value on the package policy. This will incur a higher rate/premium that you will have to pay for the trailer on the package policy.

It is highly recommended that while the trailer is in use that it is licensed and it is covered on a package policy.

Cabin and tent trailers must be either licensed or insured to a value when they are used for cooking, sleeping or eating in order for coverage to apply. - Trailer must have wheels on and not be skirted in or on blocks.

It is important to notify your broker of it's cash value when it becomes unlicensed if you intend to use it in this manner.

Includes cabin, tent, dolly, utility and farm trailers, including stock and horse trailers.

Liability coverage extends to any owned or non-owned private trailer used with your insured vehicle and while in your care. Trailer must have wheels on and not be skirted in or on blocks.

Liability extends to detached trailers which are "Licensed".

If a motorhome is unlicensed, coverage applies only if it is in storage (on a package policy) and is not used or operated for the entire time during the policy term.

-Tri-Central Insurance

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Blue Green Algae

What the heck is going on?? Blue green algae is actually a bacteria that has the ability for photosynthesis. It is endemic to most water bodies; fresh or salt. When conditions arise to promote its proliferation it grows exponentially. Usually this is heat related and later in the season. Unfortunately for us the conditions came in June and came in abundance. Most likely in the form of fertilizer or organics that washed into the lake June 13.

First detection is usually visual and Shawn W was one of the first to notice the telltale colour. Blue green can represent itself in other colours or expressions beyond the flashy blue green colour and it can even show no representation at all. Many people comment on what they see and even though those anecdotal observations can be helpful, visual observation is not a thorough analysis.

The office contacted public health on June 20th and testing was done on the lake on July 4th and 14th at which time public health posted the danger. The results were alarming. Higher than ever recorded in Saskatchewan. The toxin, microcystin, secreted by the bacteria, was at levels 600 times higher than safety.

Public health returned at the villages request on Aug 11th and we found on Aug 12 that concentrations of the toxin are still high. Unfortunately E. coli is now in very high numbers as well. It is noted at this point that many people are swimming in the lake. At least they are informed.

It has been a struggle to forego our cherished lake particularly on the very hot days but people have been patient, hoping for a turnaround. Summer of 2022: Flooding rains, a tornado and a toxic algae bloom, yet people continue to visit Manitou Beach and people are happy for an otherwise beautiful summer.



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Public Space

The village continues to pursue the bylaw to prevent storage, vehicle storage and other encroachment on public space including road allowances.

Thank you for remaining on your own property in these cases.

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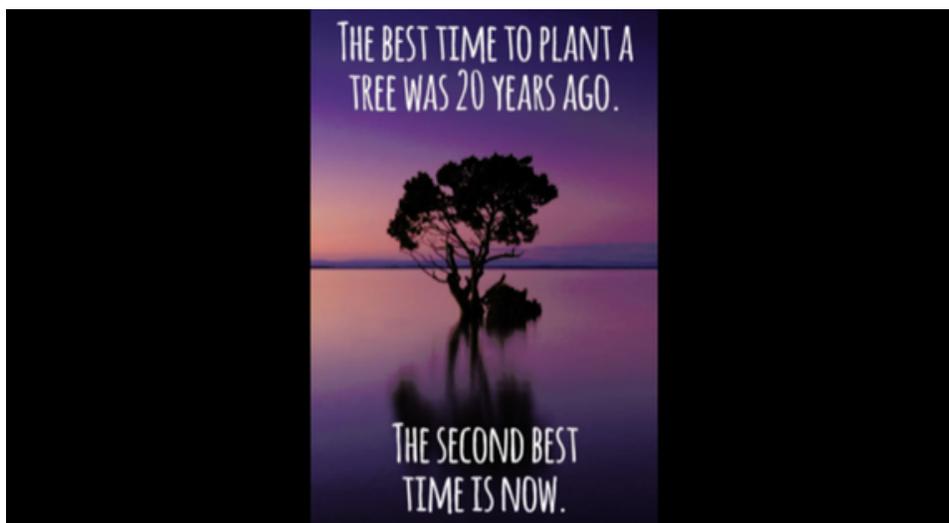
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Heritage Trees

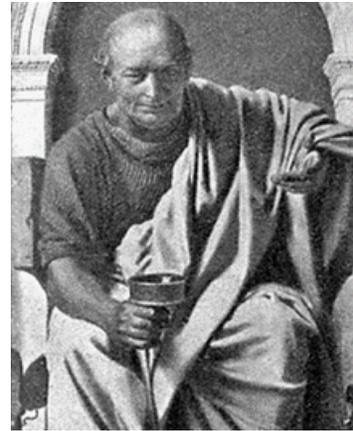
At the town hall meeting a resident raised the interest in protecting established trees in the village. More people have weighed in on this topic since then. People have identified that it is our green space that makes our environment special at Manitou Beach. People are encouraged to save old trees. Approval is necessary to remove any trees or bush on village property. Often many people regard the side road as their own and care for it. Much of our green space exists on this area and it is under the village jurisdiction.



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*Horace's Coffee Shop
In which Beach
people gather for
coffee for better or
worse.*



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. Horace never has to look up to know who came in. He runs tabs willingly, posting the totals on an old fashioned blackboard on the wall near the WEAR EVER pot for all to see.

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At their usual spot next to the only window in Horace's Coffee Shop, Arnold and Buster were discussing where bagels came from with Iva Prendergast, the retired Dentist's wife. "Poland," Horace offered as he ricocheted past, two mugs by the thumbs and a warm bagel dangling from the index finger of each hand. Arnold, retired farmer with significant arm's length experience in cooking, retorted, "Bagels come from Arabia."

"Don't listen to him," insisted Buster, the retired teacher.

"Poland," Horace repeated from the cash register a few seconds later.

"They come from Arabia and they were called 'ka'ak's," Arnold insisted.

Buster avoided the origin debate, not having his Iphone handy, and insisted that the most important point to be made about this morning's topic anyway was the issue of gluten.

"They're loaded with it," he declared.

No takers.

"Nope," snapped Arnold. "It's the crackle of the bite that's important, and you have to eat 'em warm."

"And," piped up Iva Prendergast from her position as a retired mother of five men, "You don't want to use too many eggs or sugar, and no salt, darlin'."

"Who you callin' darlin'?" asked Arnold.

"Queen Jadwiga, she made bagels famous back in her day," Buster said.

"And she was, exactly, Queen of where and when?" asked Arnold.

"Poland, 14th century," said Buster, renowned Beach historian.

"And don't forget the boiling part," said Iva Prendergast. "You gotta boil the batter."

"Bagels are serious food," said Horace, now standing in front of the trio with his WEAR EVER pot, ready to replenish their cups.

David Schleich

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CAPTAIN, ENJOYING THE PARADE



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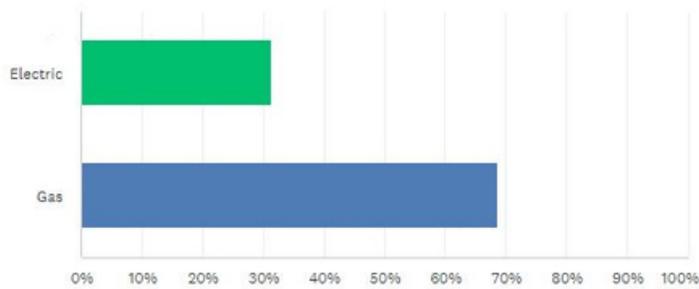


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Survey Results

Do you have an electric or gas golf cart at Manitou Beach?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Electric	31.25% 10
▼ Gas	68.75% 22
TOTAL	32

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Contributions

Working on a big, outdoor project definitely helps to meet new friends and neighbours at the Beach! You may have seen us out digging up rocks, weeding, watering, and transplanting various plants (we've had lots of comments too!) If you look closely now, you'll see some fine, green shoots of grass coming up around our place - including outside the fence. This fine green mist of growth is the beginnings of our Prairie Reclamation project and is the variety called Blue Grama. Working with

Naturalist Elizabeth Bekolay, we have spent time learning about the best, native plants for the rocky, clayey, slippery-when-wet soil that we have inherited. Starting with grasses to keep things from sliding all the way down the hill the next time it rains, we will be adding other varieties during the proper season for sowing. Including seeds, seedlings and transplants, we will hopefully have at least 25 varieties of native plants - grasses, flowers and shrubs - growing in our small piece of this amazing landscape. We'll be happy to give you a tour once things are more visible!

Shelly & Richard Manley-Tannis
(at Hall & Evenson, by the gravel pit!)



Our first time to visit Manitou for a couple of nights was in the summer of 2020 and we had left the dogs at a boarding kennel. By the time we left Manitou that week we were smitten and were already looking at properties. There are many things that drew us to Manitou Beach, and one was, most definitely, the news that an off-leash dog park was being created by the community. We happen to have high energy dogs that need more than just a nice walk or even a run at a 'human' pace! An off-lead park makes all our lives better and helped us make the decision to build. Thank to all who put work and upkeep into this beautiful place.

Shelly & Richard Manley-Tannis
(on behalf of Harper and Sailor)

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(0.5 km North of town)

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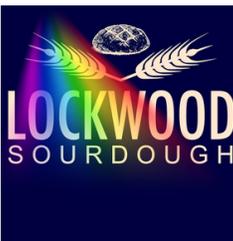
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