



RESORT VILLAGE OF MANITOU BEACH

Update from The Office

As summer winds down and we begin to embrace the golden hues of fall, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the vibrant season we've just enjoyed here in Manitou Beach. I hope each of you had the opportunity to soak up the sunshine, explore our beautiful lakeside, and take part in the many activities and events that make our village such a special place to live and visit.

Our community truly comes alive through the summer season- it was heartwarming to see residents and visitors alike enjoying all that Manitou Beach has to offer. One of the highlights for me personally was meeting so many lovely visitors from across Canada and around the world who stopped by the Village Office just to say hello. Whether they were first-time tourists or returning friends of the village, their stories and enthusiasm reminded me of how far our little corner of Saskatchewan reaches in the hearts of many.

As we transition into fall, I encourage everyone to continue enjoying the natural beauty that surrounds us—whether it's a quiet walk among the changing leaves or a cozy gathering with neighbors. Thank you for being part of what makes Manitou Beach so welcoming and unique. Wishing you all a peaceful, colorful, and fulfilling autumn season.

Kind Regards,
Elise Dale, CAO

Did you know?

July is the warmest month in the Northern Hemisphere, in Saskatchewan the daily average being 25C.

Manitou Beach's Chainsaw Carving Committee

Sent in By Fawn Inkster

Despite some rain and cooler weather, it did not deter people from enjoying this year's Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival. With over 2,500 spectators taking in the Aug. 7 to 10 event, the most attended in its history, the 2025 version was nothing short of spectacular.

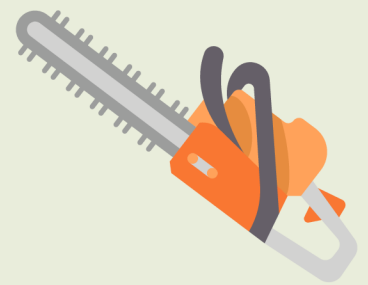
One of the festival organizers Fawne Inkster said not only was the event extremely successful, carvers created magnificent works while spectators stuck it out through the elements. Add in a committee who worked well together, volunteers that lent a hand to sponsors supporting the festival and Inkster said it ran smoothly. "Even with the rain and cooler temperatures, spectators still came from all over the province and this year's festival saw its best numbers ever."

As part of those numbers, Inkster shared a bus tour arrived from Regina during one of the days while a number of media outlets were on hand throughout the weekend to promote the event. Despite rain creating a muddy parking lot early on, the Resort Village of Manitou Beach lent a hand by bringing in some gravel while Lawrence Richardson from Richardson Services sucked up water from the beer gardens area with his truck so people could enjoy the festivities. "We also had Dave Morrison as our MC and he did a fabulous job with the music and getting the crowd into it. The Watrous Kinsmen ran the beer gardens which was a big help and we had a great variety of food vendors and craft vendors including a couple of bark carvers in attendance. There was lots for everyone to check out."

As for the main event itself, eight carvers from across Canada were able to attend while one from Ireland made the trip to Manitou Beach. Unfortunately, Saskatchewan's Gary Natomagan was unable to attend due to the current wildfire situation up north; however, the remaining nine carvers got to work Thursday morning.

With four days of carving including having to come up with three silent auction quick carves, it provided spectators with an opportunity to see pieces of wood come to life. Grabbing their chainsaws and getting to work, familiar faces like Jim Niedermayer (Manitoba), Kamron Garbe (B.C.), De Ann Holmes (Manitoba), Patricia Dippolito (Alta.), and Tyler Welfing (B.C.), were joined this year by Cornie Krahm (Man.), Stephanie Penner (Man.), Travis Peters (Alta.), and Para Havatitye (Ireland). "All of the carvers were amazing!! So different from each other and also so different from other years. You could really see how passionate the carvers were through their work."

The Chainsaw Committee would also like to extend a the Village of Manitou Beach for all the love and support!



Manitou Beach's CHAINSAW CARVING CONTEST



Photo Credit to Beverly Jay



Manitou Beach's Own STEEPED & BREWED WRITERS' GROUP



HORACE'S COFFEE SHOP

IN WHICH BEACH PEOPLE GATHER FOR COFFEE FOR BETTER OR WORSE.

In their customary spot next to the only window, Arnold, Buster and Iva were strangely silent this morning. Horace cruised by on his way to top up Iva Prendergast's cup asking, "What's all the noise over here?"

"Contemplating," mumbled Buster. "Me too," Arnold added. "Their bellies are full and their brains are empty this morning," said Iva.

"Au contraire," Buster snapped. "I was remembering the poems."

"What poems?" Iva asked immediately.

"When I was a teacher I got the kids to memorize 100 lines every year," Buster said.

"What good did that do?" Arnold jabbed back.

"Trains the brain."

"So, who remembers now?" Iva waved her spoon at Buster.

More quiet.

"What is this life, if full of care ..." Buster began a moment or two later.

"Eh?" said Arnold.

"We have no time to stand and stare ..." Buster went on.

"Stare at what?" Arnold asked.

"No time to stand beneath the bows ..." Buster was on a roll.

"And stare as long as sheep or cows ..." Iva volunteered a line.

"No time to turn at beauty's glance ..." Horace said, walking by again, this time with two muffins.

"And watch her feet ..." Iva continued.

"And how they dance," Buster finished the line.

Then everybody was quiet again.

"How come you know that poem, Iva?"

"I was in your class, Buster. Remember?" Iva waved her spoon at Buster again. "Me too," said Horace from behind the counter.

Arnold raised his cup for a refill.

Horace put down Arnold's second cup of coffee on the blackboard tab and poured more steaming water into the WEAR EVER pot.

"Poetry's always good for business," he said as he poured.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Village Office has a collection of all your lost possessions that have been found!

Please feel free to make your way down to the office, to collect one of many losts, we have found!

IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER AGAIN

BY NADINE STAIR, 85 YEARS OLD

If I had my life to live over again, I'd dare to make more mistakes next time.
I'd relax and I'd limber up. I would be sillier than I had been this trip.
I would take fewer things seriously. I would take more chances.
I would climb more mountains and swim more rivers. I would eat more ice cream and less beans.
I would perhaps have more real troubles but I would have fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I am one of those people who live sensibly and sanely.
Hour after hour, day after day.

Oh, I've had my moments, and if I had it to do all over again, I'd have more of them.
In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments, one after another, instead of being so many years ahead of myself each day. I've been one of those person who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute.

If I had it to do again, I would travel lighter than I have.
If I had my life to live over again, I'd start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall.
I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies.



RECIPE SUBMISSIONS



Gluten Free Zucchini Bread
Makes two loaves
By Sussanna Czeranko

1 cup millet flour
1 cup oat flour
¼ cup almond flour
½ cup hemp seeds or rice fiber
2 tsp salt
2 tsp baking powder
¾ cup sugar
½ cup coconut sugar
¼ cup maple syrup
3 eggs
1 cup coconut oil
2 cups grated zucchini
1 tsp cinnamon
½ cup sesame seeds
½ cup walnuts

In a large bowl sift together flours, salt, baking powder and set aside.
In another bowl mix together sugars, oil and eggs until well beaten and foaming.
Add the dry ingredients into the wet bowl and with a spoon add the zucchini and remaining ingredients.
Pour batter into two greased loaf pans and parchment paper can be also used.
Bake at 350 for an hour or until a toothpick comes out clean,
Cool pans for 10 minutes and remove loaves and finish cooling on racks.

UTILITIES DID YOU KNOW?

1 What Are Utilities?

- Utilities are services needed for daily life, such as electricity, natural gas, water, and waste management.
- Public utilities are often regulated entities that own or operate infrastructure for providing these services.

2 Utility Bills:

- Utility bills include charges for both the service itself and its delivery.
- Delivery charges cover the costs of transmitting electricity or gas from the source to your home.
- Understanding how rates work can help you budget and potentially save money!

3 Your Providers!

- Your Water/ Sewer provider: Your very own Manitou Beach!
- Your local power provider being: SaskPower.
- Lastly Energy: SaskEnergy.



Contact Info:

- Contact the Resort Village Office for Water/ Sewer issues:
306-946-2831
- SaskPower:
1 (888) 757-6937
- SaskEnergy:
1 (800) 567-8899

COUNCIL'S CORNER

It's been a wonderful — and busy — summer in and around Manitou Beach! Our village has seen so many exciting improvements: freshly painted sidewalks and road lines, a new black tank shower right on the beach, a new dock provided by the Rec Board, and plenty of new builds and construction projects adding even more life to our community.

The summer kicked off with a fantastic joint Canada Day celebration hosted by Watrous and Manitou. The parade was a huge success, and seeing vendors and information booths down at the beach was a welcome sight — fun was had by all! A big shout-out to the Rec Board for organizing such a memorable event.

The Communities in Bloom (CIB) committee has also been hard at work. From hosting weekly bingo's to beautifying our parks with flower baskets, upgrading signage, and more, their contributions have truly brightened the village. Thank you to CIB for your dedication and hard work.

We were also thrilled to welcome a brand-new entry sign to Manitou Beach, a project led by the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group. It's a beautiful addition that reflects the spirit of our community.

Meanwhile, the Drive-In has been getting some much-needed upgrades. These projects, led by Councillor Murray, Councillor Guenther, and Lane Manson, were made possible thanks to the help of many volunteers — thank you to everyone involved!

In August, Manitou Beach proudly hosted its 6th Chainsaw Festival. Despite challenging weather, the event was a resounding success, drawing record numbers of attendees and talented carvers from across the country — and even as far as Ireland! The Chainsaw Committee deserves a huge thank you for their outstanding work in keeping everything running smoothly.

All in all, it has been an incredible summer, full of community spirit and progress. We can't wait to see what the next year will bring!

Councillor Sandra Hessdorfer



How to Reach the Mayor and Council Members :

Council is in the process of having administrative staff draft a complaint policy to receive and deal with Citizen concerns. Please use our online complaint form-on the village website to submit your complaints, or pick up your paper copy at the village office.



2025 Manitou Beach Ambassador & Long-Term Service Awards

For 2025, Our Village would like to recognize Robin & Sandy as our Manitou Beach Ambassadors.

Also, new for 2025, Council would like to recognize Pat Weichel and Elaine Muzichuk for our Long-Term Service Award.

Both couples have contributed immensely to our community & their efforts do not go unnoticed and are truly appreciated!!

(Recognition took place formally during our Canada Day celebration at Danceland)

