

Manitou Matters

How do you bless 2021?

When times are crazy, as they are now, I reflect on how fortunate we are to live in this little piece of paradise. Wave to your neighbour, call your friends and family. Enjoy the winter activities, embrace our Village. Make the best of an untimely time.

As we move head on into 2021, our community has plans, great plans! We aren't waiting to see what happens. We will have beach access, a dog park, a Chainsaw event! This Community gets things done. Lets keep Manitou great!.....Mayor Petersen

Welcome in 2021 by counting your blessings and be thankful for all that you have.

say goodbye to 2020 and save no regret.

I wish you happiness and hope that all your wishes be met. Bill Mattick

The year 2020 has been a year for changes, restrictions and learning, to say the least.

Along with the current vaccination efforts to help protect and cure our physical health, there is a need in 2021 to distribute a medicine to calm the mind and heal the soul.

There are no lineups to stand in or appointments to make. This can be administered without any special license or training.

This prescription is in the form of a kind and positive word administered as frequently as possible and it should be followed with a smile. Remember, there is no danger of an overdose.

Please feel free to dole out and accept this treatment throughout the coming year.

Take care of each other. Vince Armstrong

In the words of Meister Eckhart "Thank you." and of Vera Debevc "be able to reinvent yourself "..... Robb LaRochelle

A healthy and prosperous year for everyone. Glad to put 2020 behind us. Mike Hayward

The Manitou Beach Team

- Mayor: Poppy Petersen
- Councilors: Vince Armstong, Mike Hayward, Bill Mattick, Robb LaRochelle
- Administrator: Elise Dale
- Assistant: Brenda Campeau
- Foreman: Lindsay Whitfield
- Maintenance: Bryan Marciszyn, Fran Potts
- Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00-4:30 (including lunch) CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

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1st Baby of 2021 in Manitou Beach?

Wonderful news! On Sunday Jan 17th, a wonderful young family adds a new life to their clan. Congratulations to Graham, Alysha, and Liam as they welcome little Conway to the world. He is happy and healthy at 5lbs 7oz.

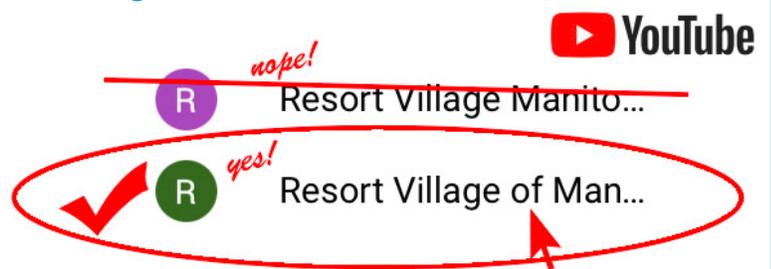
Snow removal

The village has created a snow removal policy. Not surprisingly it means busy roads get cleared first and alleys last. It also addresses emergencies after a big snow fall. The village asks to have cars or other obstacles removed from the street if they have been hindering our snow removal efforts - Thank you.

Reminders

- ATVs and snowmobiles are expected to take the most direct route out of the village for their use.
- Is feeding the deer a good idea? Summer gardeners would say no, don't encourage them to be here. But more importantly it can contribute to disease transmission and make them more comfortable around people.
- If your 2020 taxes were not paid you will have an added penalty, please contact the office as soon as possible.
- Don't flush products that pose problems for our lift stations.
- In addition to the occasional deer sightings there are also sightings of dog poo in Wellington and the ski trails. Please pick up after your pet.
- If you are not getting your Utility Bill electronically, please sign the E-consent form to avoid the \$3.00 fee. It is available at the office or on the website. Don't be confused with the other permission form to have your name added to the email list- also on the website.

Council meetings



Council meets every other Monday.

You can listen to council meetings on Youtube. (Use the channel that has the green icon and the word "of" in the name.)

Dates for upcoming meetings are:

Jan 25	Feb 8 Feb 22	March 8 March 22	April 12 April 26
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Garbage

REACT garbage pickup is every Monday, unless it's a holiday in which case it would be the Tuesday following the holiday. Be sure to have all bags tagged with the yellow REACT tags and placed on the curb in a visible location. Tags may be purchased at the office for \$2.50. Cardboard, paper and tin cans may be recycled in the bins by the village shop yard. Unfortunately REACT isn't taking glass or plastic.



John Thiesen created a power scraper to maintain the pond skating and croicurl ice

Newsletter Development

Please send any suggestions, submissions or feedback to manitoubeachnews@gmail.com. The next newsletter will be in March.



Bouquets - Wows -Thank yous.



Thanks to Shawn Wheten and Cole Wheten for “painting the night sky” on New Year’s Eve. Many people enjoyed your fireworks as a great start to 2021.



Thank you Sherwin Petersen for your coordination and collaboration with volunteers maintaining the pond and cross-country ski trails.



Thanks for building and donating the skating hut at the rink, Vince. We appreciate you and Scott moving it into place.



Vince Armstrong & Scott Thoen

Corresponding with the Village

If you have an issue it is best to contact the village office.

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There is no problem also letting your councilors know, but having it centralized means we are able to create data and make decisions based on this data.

Also, it is our staff who makes this world go 'round so it is best expedited to let them know first.

It also means that there is fairness in dealing with requests ie. first come first served. The office is also there to provide you with information, it is best to ask first and build second.



2021 started out unusually quiet at our iconic Danceland

Rec Board Report

Finally 2021 has arrived!! The Recreation Board is looking forward to new opportunities to provide a mix of sport, culture and recreation to and with our community.

We have had to postpone or cancel many of our regular events but we keep looking for ways to enjoy life.

The ski trails, crockicurl sheet and open-air ice skating pond have been well utilized by local folks and tourists.

The Festival of Lights was a great success with planners, participants, donors and judges all making it a noteworthy event.

Our usual winter festival has been put on hold for now but there are plenty of snow piles to start your own sculpture if you are willing. Ice sculptures are also a possibility and we would look to assist those folks who are so inclined for either. Or both!!!

Tentative plans are in place for a return of snowmobile races in March if Covid 19 contacts are minimized, rules relaxed and vaccinations become available.

We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers.

Happy New Year!!..... Sherwin Petersen, Chair



Tom Allin scraping the pond for skating and crokicurl

Donations to Support the Rec Bd

The Rec Board is graciously accepting donations for the grooming of the ski trails.

There are donation boxes at the cross-country ski trail head at the golf course, the trail entry gate to

Campground, beside the Community Hall, and at the pond skating/croki curl area.



Wellington Park

Water tasted bad??

After the last maintenance at the water treatment plant the water took on a bad flavour due to dissolved minerals. Some reported a stronger chlorine taste but those levels usually stay at the same level. Samples are taken constantly and the water supply has always maintained a safe status and the disagreeable taste is almost gone now. It is a good policy to occasionally flush your water heater, so this may be the ideal time to do so. Sorry for any inconvenience during this recovery time.

One of the fortunate outcomes of this has been the staff has found leaks in our system and repaired them and now the water treatment plant is running at a very efficient capacity.

Loan for:	Original Loan Proceeds	2020 Principal Payment	Interest	Loan Balance	Paid out year
Lagoon	732,662	55,195.37	14,914.65	249,185.41	2024
Berm #1	800,000	54,613.53	15,341.43	371,537.38	2026
Berm #2	1,023,000	58,570.30	30,757.85	800,587.44	2031
Sewage Lift Station	500,000	42,725.07	20,061.09	416,338.78	2028
Drive in	360,000	36,000		141,000.00	2024

Even though life feels like we have recovered from the lake coming at us, we are still in a financial recovery mode. This will take some more time. Thank you to the people who built and protected us at a very difficult time as well as the other major infrastructure they've created.



Decked out for the holidays, 201 Hall Street, 2nd prize winner

Manitou Beach FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS sparkles big time

Because there were so many (count 'em: 142) the judges had a tough job choosing the top three. The organizers extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined in to make the Festival a huge success. Dr. Sussanna Czeranko co-ordinated the competition. She and the judges, Maria Vanderbrie, Shelley Franke and Guy Anderson formed a convoy on Sunday night, December 20 and meticulously toured Manitou Village streets to pick the winners. Sponsored by the Village Recreation Board, the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS sparked huge interest from the village and visitors to Manitou Beach who toured the amazing, colourful light shows.

First prize [the Mayor and Councilors prize] was awarded to a breath taking display of diamonds in the snow, one big snowman and much, much more created by Tracy Street at 204 Winnipeg Street. Second prize was awarded to Warren and Irene Bradley and Shirley Parsons who collaborated at 201 Hall Street for their marvelous, whimsical light display. Third prize went to long time village resident, Grant Olm, at 408 Lakeview who created so much variety of colourful shapes of light in his front yard.

A fourth prize, "the coordinator's choice", was awarded to the dazzling blue and green light display at 510 Elizabeth Ave. by Trisha and Curtis Hanson.

There were so many homes with stunning installations also deserving of prizes, such as the front and back combination at Serenic View, and the reds, greens and wonderful blues at 304 William, the

laser show and lights at 210 Albert Street, flashing brilliance seen at 218 William and magnificent reds at the corner of Richard and many other addresses.

This year's extravagant feast for the eyes got off to a fabulous start with the light shows on Elizabeth Street coming down into the village. Manitou Beach sure was decked out for the holidays this year.

Many thanks go to the Village Mayor and Council for their generous gifts comprising the first prize. Last, but not least, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the businesses who form the backbone of our community. When asked to participate in events, they never fail to show up and contribute generously and without hesitation. I want to personally thank each of the businesses who contributed to two magnificent gift baskets: Dwight of Manitou Springs Hotel and Spa, Lane of Oda Coffee and Wine Bar and TB's Bar & Grill, Jana from the Beach House [previously known as Serenic View B&B], Little Manitou Art Gallery, Relics, G-G's Gallery & Gifts, Manitou Mini-Mart, Murray's Disc Golf, Shelley's Hair Studio, Guy Anderson, Watrous Home Hardware, Darrell's Carpentry, Gator Plumbing, and Manitou Waters.

If we had 142 homes displays lights this year, fasten your seat belts for next year. Have a safe and healthy holiday..... Sussanna Czeranko ND



More new home construction underway, 2021



Jesse Weber and a crew of volunteers gathered wood in hopeful preparation for Chainsaw Carving this summer

Making Manitou Home

Coming from England we immigrated to Canada on the Saskatchewan Nominee Program. Jeff is a very experienced Heavy Goods Vehicle driver with some 45+ years following those white lines throughout England and Europe. Canada had been calling for a number of years and after a short tour of the country late in 2006 we finally made the decision to try it for a couple of years as we didn't want to live with if's and but's later in life.

Our Canadian experience was achieved by working in Canada for about a year on a valid temporary resident permit. Although it all sounds pretty straightforward it was quite scary; leaving our country of residence, uprooting and leaving family behind was a major leap of faith for temporary status in Canada, with no guarantee of permanent residence. Now some 14 years later we can honestly say we have no regrets and in 2015 we finally became Canadian Citizens.

There are lots of little 'English' things we miss though, fish 'n' chips, proper cream – whipping cream just doesn't do it, gravy granules, bacon, ham, sausages- all too heavily smoked for our palettes and chocolate – believe me it's so very different.

We lived in Saskatoon when we first came over but after a couple of years the chance to own a property at Manitou Beach came up. We loved our weekend trips and the Sunday drive back to the city always came too quickly. It sounds odd to say, but even with all the renovations that have taken so much of our time, we have always been able to relax here. Eventually we made the move and have now lived in this community for around 6 years.

How is it like England? Well you all speak English so that helps, we didn't have to learn a different language. We've learned to love a good salad, it was odd at first to have a cold salad served with a hot meal. So much space, we both feel we can breathe here. Anyone who has ever travelled to Europe will know how congested it is. Even food shopping entails fighting to see the items on shelves and vast queues for checkout.

We consider ourselves very fortunate; we have visited lots of different countries, experiencing many different cultures, from Europe to Malaysia to New Zealand but choose to live here and that says a lot to us. Liz & Jeff

Remember When... Manitou Beach

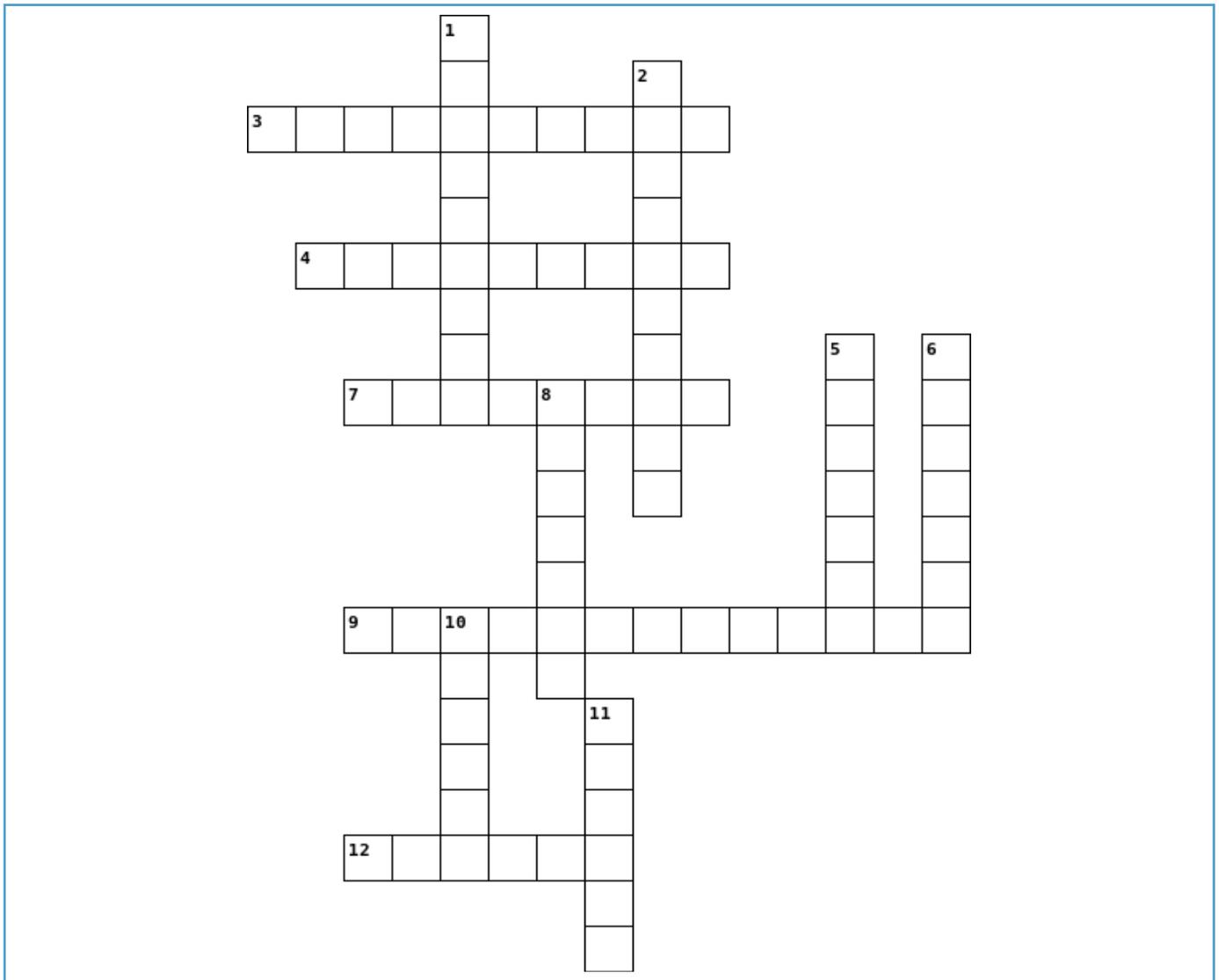
My connection to Manitou Beach has been pretty much lifelong. My first memory is being taken to swim in the Chalet Pool when I was five. I went with my friends from Ontario accompanied by their grandparents who ran the hardware store in Watrous. Like a lot of Watrous people at the time, they had a seasonal cabin at the Beach. A little old one, painted pink called the EEEE. I have a picture taken with them and other “beach kids” (kids whose parents grew up in the area and came to stay each summer) in the back yard of that cabin in 1958. During the summer of 1970, I stayed at that cabin together with some friends for a few days and enjoyed some time free from parents! It was that summer the Canadian based band Mashmakhan played at Danceland. The Friday night dances at Danceland were the social highlight of the summers.

Growing up I spent hours in the Pool or on the beach and in the lake. A Sunday night barbeque at our own cabin on William Street with family and friends was routine. Running down to Wragg’s Store for 5 cent popsicles from my friends’ Grandma’s on Albert Street. Being a camper and then counsellor at the United Church Camp on John Street. Climbing the hill and class wiener roasts in Wellington Park were mandatory! So were dips in the lake after hot afternoons pulling weeds at the farm then rinsing off under the gravity showers that were at every beach. Our dog also liked the Beach and would travel 5 miles from our farm down to the Burger Buoy to beg for treats. Winter saw many of us tobogganing down the hill by the tennis courts.

Later, I would take my niece and nephew to swim and play at the playground by the tennis courts. Today, I have my own cabin and have introduced my nephew’s family to Danceland Toonie Tuesdays, to swimming in the lake, to going for ice cream and to searching for fairies in Wellington. They love it here, too.Joanne K



Manitou Pond 2021

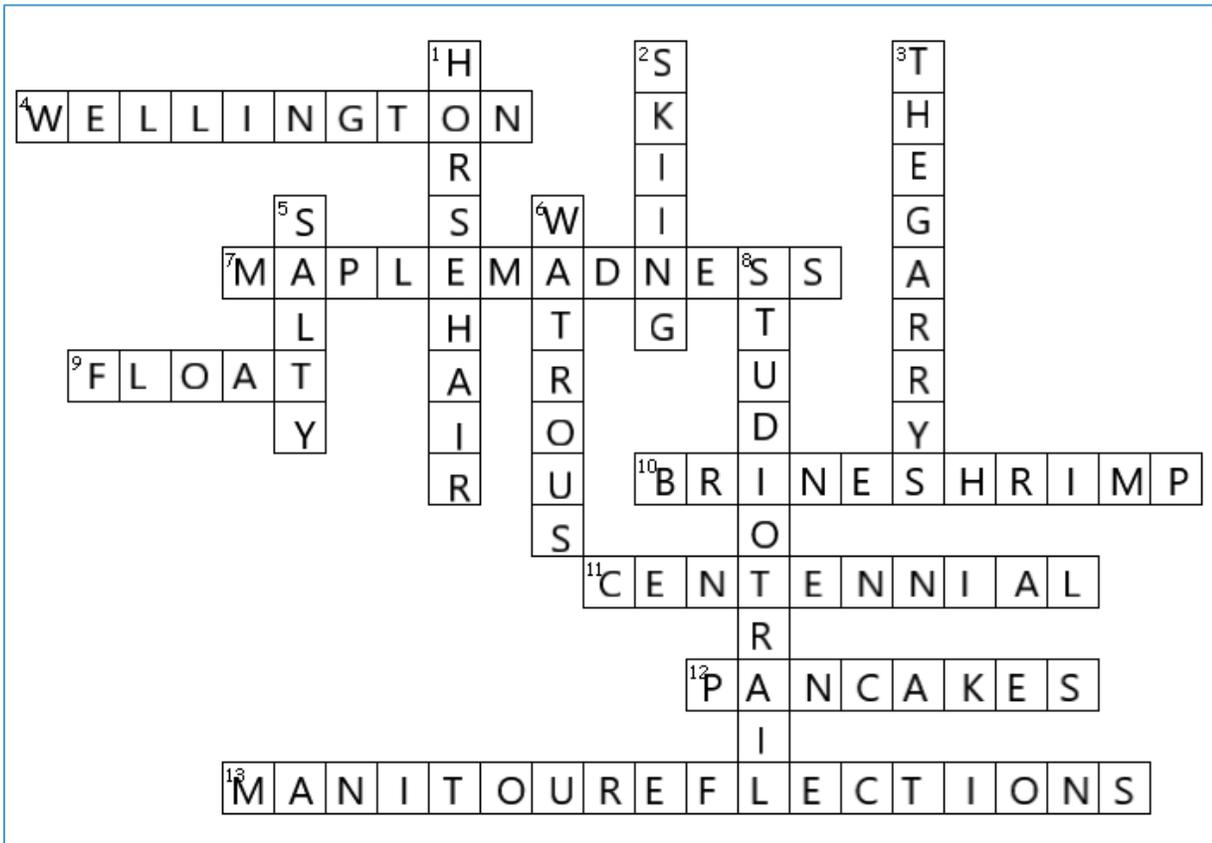


Across

- 3. name of the highway to Saskatoon
- 4. small nonmigratory bird that will eat sunflower seeds right out of your hand
- 7. often seen around the village, this animal is named for its large ears
- 9. Manitou Beach is this type of municipality
- 12. sculpture by artist Kevin Quinlan, atop a hill overlooking Wellington Park. Little Manitou _____

Down

- 1. life-sized winter game located at the skating pond
- 2. SaskAbilities summer camp located at west end of village
- 5. Little Manitou Lake has been compared to this body of water in the Middle East
- 6. one of only a few drive-in theatres left in the province
- 8. large soon-to-be fenced area south of Albert St, for our best friends
- 10. *Manitou* is an Algonquian word that roughly translates to this in English
- 11. this R.M. surrounds Manitou Beach



A poll for the New Year

Question: What do you anticipate for 2021?

- The pandemic will subside, and things will go back to the way they were before.
- Oh probably pretty much the same as 2020.
- Bye 2020! Good riddance. A happier, healthier year moving forward.
- Expect increasingly tighter social and physical restrictions.
- The end of the world as we know it, and a new beginning.
- Other (fill-in answer)

Click [HERE](#) to cast a vote. Make sure you press "DONE" to submit!

(or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/78LKJ7W> on your web browser)

Supporting Local Businesses

The back page of the newsletter is dedicated to our local businesses starting in this January issue. There is a max of 40 words and a max size of 2" high and 3.5 " long. A valid RVMB business licence 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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