

To inform constituents of The Resort Village of Manitou Beach

Manitou Matters

Next Council Meeting

November 14 at 2 pm

In gallery or via Zoom

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Mayor's Message

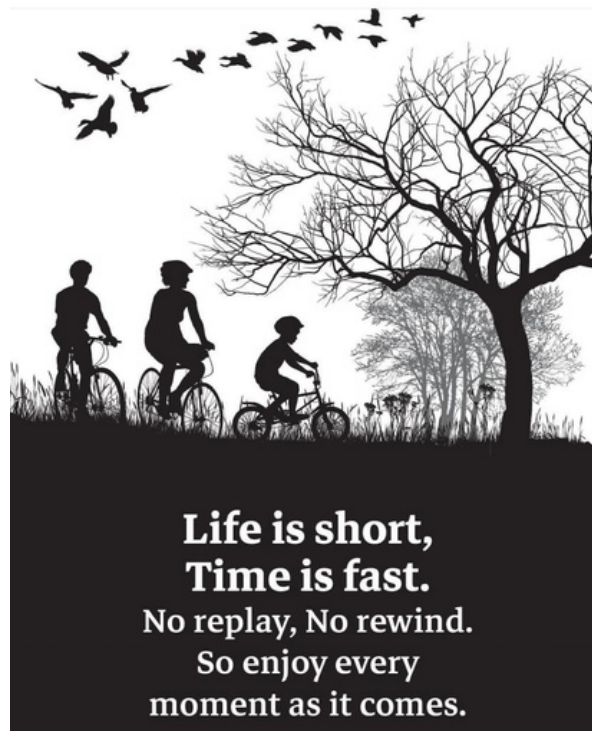
Well fellow beacher's, summer is over. What a wonderful fall we have had. Committees are back in full swing, working on what they do best. Village workers are busy getting fall projects done, and I thank Mother Nature for co-operating.

We had to issue a fire ban because it's so dry. Sorry to anyone who had campfire or fireworks plans, but the Province of Saskatchewan is data driven when making these moisture assessments, and working for the common good.

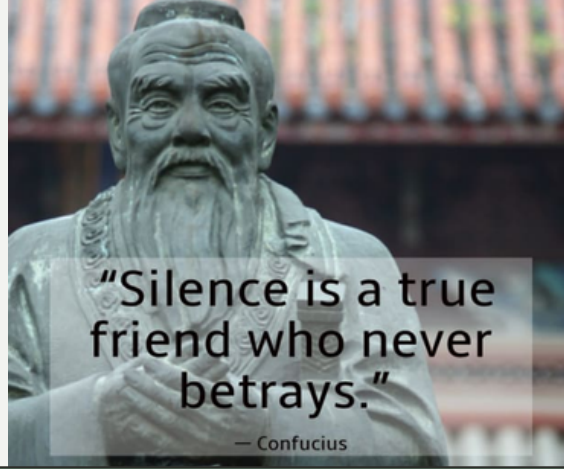
On that note, I feel I need to address the current Facebook rhetoric. As your elected Mayor I take your concerns seriously. I can't take the current social media concerns with that same seriousness. I have seen some, but I am told, not all. I live at the Resort Village of Manitou Beach. I have made my email address public, the office will take messages for me to return calls and our council meetings are always public. You can listen or attend in real time. You may listen to council meetings later, on your own time. If you wish to speak at a regular council meeting, you may simply book a time a week ahead, stating your general agenda. I receive and address texts or messages at all times of the night or day. It's the job. In saying this, residents should realize that Mayor, Council, and employees of the Village are responsible to hold your confidences. Often this requires us to not answer all questions. It sometimes requires silence.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, I look forward to seeing all the spooks at Halloween, and I continue to be available to the residents of Manitou Beach. Thank you for this opportunity.

Poppy! pgill@sasktel.net



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From Above the Bottom Line

As a Resort Village, tourism is deeply ingrained in the identity of Manitou Beach. Many businesses thrive because of it, and many people have chosen RVMB for their home because of its destination appeal. For this issue of the newsletter, I will be breaking down current spending on tourism by the RVMB and providing some analysis for perspective.

Equality between tax bases is difficult to weigh. Local taxes fund important government services including police & fire services, health services, libraries, road maintenance, and other programs and projects which benefit the commercial and residential community at large. Our commercial ratepayers offer many value added benefits of local luxury and employment to our community-where tourism is our only industry within village limits. Many businesses donate to community events and to upstanding nonprofit's throughout the year that supplement municipal and community efforts.

In 2022 commercial municipal taxation contributed \$134,360.40 to the overall municipal levy, whereas residential contributed \$747,868.89. In 2021, the commercial taxation levied was \$102,318.88, and residential taxation; \$730,338.61. 1 Mill of taxation is equal to approx \$38,768.91.

Currently, \$117,841.40 has been spent on tourism. Included in this amount are seasonal staff wages, our contribution to the marketing group, new this year; the village contribution to a collaborative business/tourism grant, REACT fees for main beach & parks, main beach washrooms maintenance & supplies, parks buildings & maintenance, and equipment. We will be doing a further analysis next year, similar to that in which we did for our Water Treatment Plant, where we analysed each employees hours and daily tasks, to gain a better understanding of what percentage of their time & wages were dedicated to this particular village asset. All that being said; Tourism spending contributes to 20% of overall spending to date.

The Resort Village of Manitou Beach is working hard to balance infrastructure need & maintenance with social responsibility in fiscal management, while paying down a large amount of long term debt due to past flooding events and providing for sustainable growth.

Have a fabulous fall & Stay Salty, Elise Dale

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

You may recall the Village bought some survey equipment last year. Priorities were assigned around the types of utility infrastructure we were going to locate with this equipment. The number one priority was the water main valves. A majority of these valves are buried and need to be found using a metal detector. The Village has 114 of these of which we have located 47. This is just under 50%. The second priority was manhole covers. There are 68 of these. To date, we have located 30. Again, almost half have been found. The lowest priority are the curb stops. Curb stops are the small shut off valves at the edge of your property. They connect to the larger water mains that run through out the Village. We have located 68 out of 509 curb stops.

Each time a piece of our utilities infrastructure is located its precise location is added to our utilities map. This means that the next time we need to locate an item we can use the survey equipment to navigate to its precise location using the updated utilities map. This is a great win for the village.

The next time you drive or walk by your local surveyor, honk or wave and know your utilities are being looked after! ~ David McVicar

Nutrification of the Lake

On Friday Oct 14th Councillor Mattick (our new *Wascana & Upper Qu'Appelle Watersheds Association* Rep) hosted a meeting with Adam from the Water Security Agency.

In attendance were local expert and champion of the lake, Bob Guist, former WUQWATR rep Sherwin Petersen, staff David McVicar, WMMG EDO Sarah McKen, local ratepayer Lane Manson, Mayor Poppy Petersen and Councillor's Mattick and LaRochelle. Regrets were sent by local ratepayer Patti Lindgren.

It was a very encouraging meeting because it was the beginning of a network that will address the health of the lake and the environment in general. What is known for sure... phosphorus entering the lake is the cause of the blue green algae. It is not known, but assumed it has been entering the lake in a historical context. Potential sources were considered in the meeting. There is lots of data on the lake so that will be helpful moving forward. Figuring out and managing all the data is a big job.

It is known that the ratepayers of Manitou Beach want to know as much as possible as information evolves. This is an important value and every effort will be made to communicate and involve the community.

Robb



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Pumpskin Fest



Big thanks
to Charlie
and Marie
for hosting
the Fall
Pumpkin
Fest on
October 1st.
Karen

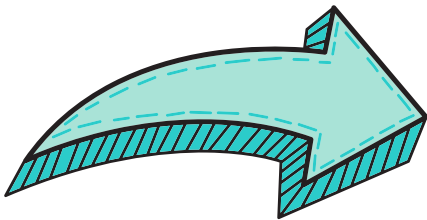


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Chainsaw Carving Committee



For the Chainsaw Carving Festival Committee. We held our 1st meeting Oct 22 & picked our date for the 2023 event.. event will be held Aug 10-13,2023. We held an awesome event in 2021 and are looking forward to 2023 ! The biggest thank you needs to go out to the volunteers who make it happen on the ground ! As a committee we are looking for a few more folks (3-4) to join us in the planning stage . Must be willing to attend at a minimum, monthly meetings now until May - then it heats up to bi-weekly or weekly meetings . It's a huge undertaking and we need some help . Interim Chairman - Lori Gill on behalf of Manitou Chainsaw Carving Festival.
Email: jlmanitou@hotmail.com



Watrous Transfer Station Hours October - March

Tuesday & Thursday: Noon - 4:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



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Office Green Space



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Seasonal Residents

There is a **new** model for water connects and disconnects. More info will be in your bill, but basically the resident will contact one of the local plumbers to get their water meter connected and disconnected.

These arrangements will be between the ratepayer and the plumber and the village will not be charging the fee for obvious reasons.

It will also fall to the resident to store their water meter. It is hoped that this will better accommodate the ratepayer's schedule and improve communication for this process.

Offering seasonal heated storage for water meters at Manitou Beach.

Contact Scott Thoen at 306-222-7684.



Heritage Centre



Have you checked out the Heritage Centre yet?

It's easy to pass by and say I'll get to it but it really deserves your investigation and time. It is extremely well done and Manitou Beach is so well represented.

Put aside an hour or two on a Friday or Saturday from 1-5 and you will not be disappointed! You will be greeted by the smiling Paula, Lillian or Janice.

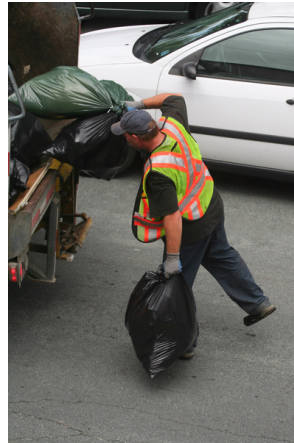
Talk to them about becoming a member. Please note! After the Remembrance Day service in Watrous admission to the Heritage Centre is free that day.

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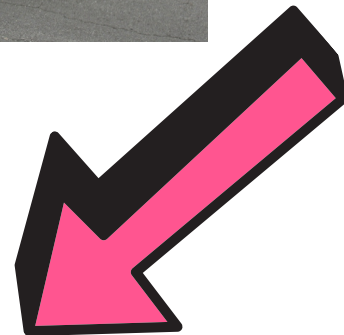
Garbage Weight Limit

If you're like this author, your strategy with curb side pickup is to load up the largest bag possible so you get your \$3.50 worth. You might then also find the garbage left behind with a sticker identifying that it is over 44 pounds and won't be collected. React has established this in line with occupational health and safety. So please consider this when preparing your next garbage load.

Robb



MANITOU MATTERS NEWSLETTER PHOTO CONTEST " WINTER IN MANITOU"



»»»»» IS THE THEME FOR OUR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER PHOTO CONTEST. THERE'S SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO IN OUR LITTLE COMMUNITY IN THE WINTER. HERE'S A CHANCE TO SHARE SOME OF ITS BEAUTY THROUGH PICTURES.

»»»»» ALL PHOTOS MUST BE NEW PHOTOS THAT ARE BASED ON OUR THEME. PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE TOP 2 PHOTOS. PHOTOS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH EMAIL TO ADMIN@MANITOUBEACH.CA BY DECEMBER 14TH. WINNING PICTURES WILL BE IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ALONG WITH HONORABLE MENTIONS AND WILL INCLUDE THE NAMES OF THE PHOTOGRAPHERS.

»»»»» WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. HAPPY SNAPPING EVERYONE.

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Drive-In

Did you know the drive-in was purchased by the village for \$368,000 in 2014? This means the ratepayers own this asset. An asset that continues to be paid for until 2024. At purchase, the village entered into the role as a business owner. It also lost a very substantial tax base. Yet it prevented losing one of the last of the 5 drive-ins in the province. There is no doubt the Jubilee Drive-in was an integral part of the Manitou Beach experience since 1951. Many have lasting and special memories of the drive-in experience. Wherever we enjoyed it.

It is no secret that sustaining the drive-in is out of nostalgia and potential tourism. It has lost \$68,000 in operating costs since 2015. This could include equipment, the building repairs or arrangements with the renter(plus the lost tax base). Who pays these costs? The residents/rate payers of the Resort Village of Manitou Beach. Everyone has an opinion but it is the opinion of the people footing the bill that ultimately matters.

On August 12/22 the projector failed. Council had an emergency meeting on August 16 to decide whether or not to replace the component. The reason council met on this day was to expedite a decision so the renter could rescue part of the season. A difficult decision was made and council agreed to pay over \$8123.50 to replace the component for the projector. This technology is already outdated and the part is second hand and came from Los Angeles. It also required an expert from Calgary to install it. More costs. It was also agreed at this meeting that the renter would host a couple of shows as fundraisers for the equipment-gate entry for a show at the end of Sept. and another in the spring.

An incorrect bulb installation by the renter led to the bulb exploding on August 27th. What should be done now? Clearly some time needs to be taken now that the season is over and the owners of the facility - the ratepayers of Manitou Beach and council will need to make decisions. Some of the Facebook discussion on the drive-in page was wrought with urgency and missing critical information. Social media is not the forum for the discussion of the future of this facility. Reach out to your council and administration. Many claims have been made about the relationship of the cherished drive in to tourism. Unfortunately the village has not been provided the attendance history over the last two years.

At the council meeting Monday Oct 24, council passed a motion to solicit a tender or not- for-profit to assume the operations of the drive in. This new model will be structured to protect the rate payers from any more tax dollars going into the drive in and it will keep the drive in going.

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Ways to Engage Council

Your council is available to you and your voice. As in other newsletters, here's how you can make that happen.

Call or contact your councillor personally. Verbal feed back is fine but something in writing means your value can be forwarded the way you want. **Email** your thoughts-email addresses are at the front of the newsletters.

A more formal approach is to **contact council through a regular meeting** of council which is once a month. You can email your interest or better yet you can attend a council meeting as a delegate and share as an individual or a group.

Municipalities only use social media for dispatch on important timely situations. Like a boil water advisory or planned road construction. Not on social media? These dispatches are also on our website, but that means you have to actively search the information.

Robb

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Recipes

Pumpkin Tarts

1 c. pumpkin
1/3 c. brown sugar
1/2 c. milk
1 egg, well beaten
1 t. cinnamon
1/4 t. nutmeg
1/4 t. ginger

Preheat oven to 350
Mix all ingredients
together

Fill uncooked tart shells.
Cook for 15-20 Minutes

Pumpkin Cheesecake

Crust:

1/4 c. butter
1 1/4 c. ginger snaps crushed

Filling:

2 8oz cream cheese softened
2/3 c. sugar
2 eggs
14 oz pumpkin
1/2 t. cinnamon
1/2 t. nutmeg
1/2 t. ginger
1/2 t. salt

Preheat oven to 350

For the crust:

Melt butter and combine with
gingersnaps. Press in greased 9 x 9
pan. Bake for 10 Minutes

Filling: Beat cream cheese and sugar
together.

Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating after
each egg.

Mix remaining ingredients.

Bake for 50-60 Minutes or until firm.
Serve when cooled

Pumpkin Roll

3 eggs
1 c. sugar
2/3 c. pumpkin
3/4 c. flour
1 t. baking powder
2 t. cinnamon
1 t. ginger
1/2 t. nutmeg
1/2 t. salt

Filling: 8 oz. pkg cream cheese, 4 T. butter, 1 c. icing sugar, 1 t. vanilla
In a bowl combine eggs & sugar. Beat well. Add pumpkin & mix until
blended. Add flour, baking powder & spices, mix well. Spread batter
into greased and waxed/or parchment lined pan 10x15.

Bake at 350 for 15 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Remove
from pan and cool for 15 minutes. Prepare filling by beating cream
cheese and butter together. Add icing sugar & vanilla. Beat until
smooth. Spread over cake and roll up as a jelly roll. Cover with plastic
and chill for 2 hrs.

Pumpkin Cookies

1/2 c. sugar
1/2 c. brown sugar
1 c. margarine
1 c. pumpkin
1 t. vanilla
1 egg
2 c. flour
1 t. baking powder
1 t. baking soda
1 t. cinnamon
1/2 t. salt

Icing:

3 T. margarine
1/2 c. brown sugar
1/4 c. milk
1 1/2 - 2 c. icing sugar
Preheat oven to 350

Beat sugars and margarine until light and fluffy.
Add pumpkin, vanilla and eggs, blend well Add
flour and spices. Mix well.

Drop by teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake
8-10 minutes. Cool.

Icing:

In a medium saucepan ,combine margarine and
brown sugar.

Bring to boil, Boil 1 Minute, stirring constantly.

Cool 5 minutes, add milk, beat until smooth. Add
icing sugar to desire spreadable icing.

Spread onto cookies.

Public Space



On Oct 21 Manitou Beach Communities in Bloom transferred 41 trees from their tree nursery into Wellington Park, Uhmman Centennial Park, and the entry welcome sign. These volunteers have a vision for the future and it includes trees!! What a grand difference it makes in Wellington particularly. Thank you CIB and thanks to Bryan, Pat, Garry, Garth, Sandy and Scott, Brad, Bernadette, Tracy, and Mark Macintosh. Job well done!!

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



Horace's Coffee Shop is where folks from all over the Beach come to sit and think and talk. The coffee is good and it's hot. Horace never has to look up to know who came in. He runs tabs on an old blackboard on the wall near the WEAR EVER pot for all to see.

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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.

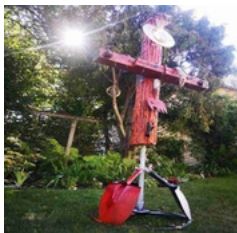
David Schleich

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Manifest 2022

The Village of Manitou Beach proudly hosted Manifest 2022 from August 2nd to 11th. Held in the Event Plaza, at the Manitou Beach Community Centre, Manifest 2022 was a LIVE SCULPTURE EVENT. Artists sculpted on-site daily and led participative workshops. The artists are part of the Prairie Sculptures' Association (PSA) which holds one group exhibition per year. The artists collaborate and co-create in an inclusive environment of working together. The materials used varied from wood to metal and steel.

Kevin Quinlin is a legend at Manitou Beach and in Watrous. He uses a minimalist approach. He describes his art as line drawings in the air. Kevin crafted a pair of horses, one female and one male. For the artists, the experience of living and working together for ten days creates a dynamic that is unparalleled. "This is not something you could experience anywhere else!" said sculptor Patricia Oderkirk. Themes related to the themes of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and the uncovering of the bodies of children at Residential Schools across Canada emerged during Manifest 2022. Honouring the truth and reconciling the future is a theme strongly represented at Manifest 2022. Three artists, Ray Keighley, Ellery Russel, and Ted Uchaz, worked together to create a metal art piece called the Portal of Awareness. Ellery Russel is a photographer and a sculpturer who lives on a hobby farm East of North Battleford. Ted Uchaz is a clay and medal artist who has been creating art since he began painting in 1997. He describes the co-creation of the portal piece at Manifest 2022 as a "fantastic experience". Ray Keighley is an Indigenous artist, a carver, a teacher, and a consultant based in Warman, Saskatchewan. Zoltan Markan is a Saskatoon-based, nationally renowned artist with a long history of creating art at Manitou Beach. At Manifest 2022 he created several pieces, including an impactful piece representing the Truth and Reconciliation themes.



Prairie Sculptors' Association Spokesperson and Saskatoon Sculptor Lee Fuller created a piece called The Raven, which is a black wooden sculptor. Sandra Epp was a sculptor at a previous Sculptors' Association event at Manitou Beach. Her creative skills and performance art capacities manifested in her creation of a caterpillar that emerged into a butterfly during the performance art finale of the event on Friday, August 11th. Manifest 2022 came to a dramatic and a breathtaking conclusion when dusk fell on Friday, August 11th. Jim Hodges, an Impresario, and the Saskatoon-based Director of Roadside Attractions manifested his diverse artistic skills in delivering a magnificent evening of performance art to honour the art created at Manifest 2022. The lights in the electric light show were programmed to pay tribute to each sculpture. Dance Inc. performers then emerged as the sunset deepened to provide uniquely created dances to represent the energy and movement depicted by each sculpture. The Sunset Spinners delivered a breathtaking light performance to conclude the evening. To learn more about the artists, visit this site: www.prairiesculptors.com.

Kathleen Thompson, Seasonal Resident at Manitou Beach

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Walking Trail Soft Opening

On Friday Oct 21, Ron Ediger hosted the fall opening of the connecting trail he and his team built from Watrous to Manitou. Or is it Manitou to Watrous?? Either way he brought together two places that are very special to him.

It has already been well used. People are safe, connected and enjoying being out on the trail. A joyful gang attended the event. Thanks Ron!

(for a much more complete story check out The Watrous Manitou from Oct 10 and again on Oct 31)



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" Let's use this trail"
Mayor Petersen

"This ties our two communities closer together"
Mayor Gunderson
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"Indigenous folks of this Saskatchewan country use to come to the healing water lake. They bypassed through the town of Nokomis at that time which my mother was new to the area in 1928, so she always talked about them going past their place with a team of horses going to the healing waters. So here we are today and we wish them indigenous folks all the well that they keep coming to the healing waters and they use our trail as well. So it's nice to be able to say that and that we can do that"

Ron Ediger

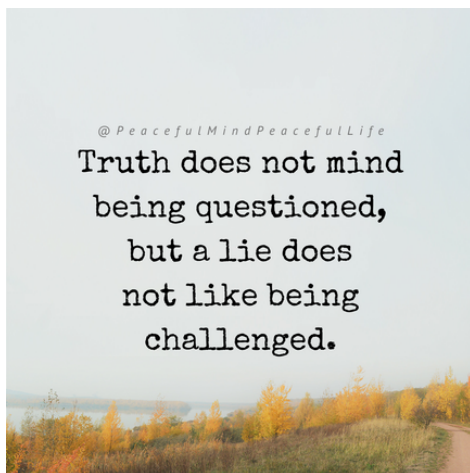
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*If We Could Turn
Back Time!*



*Did You Know
If you didn't, now you do*

- The space between your eyebrows is called a *glabella*
- The way it smells after it rains is called *petrichor*
- The plastic or metal coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an *aglet*

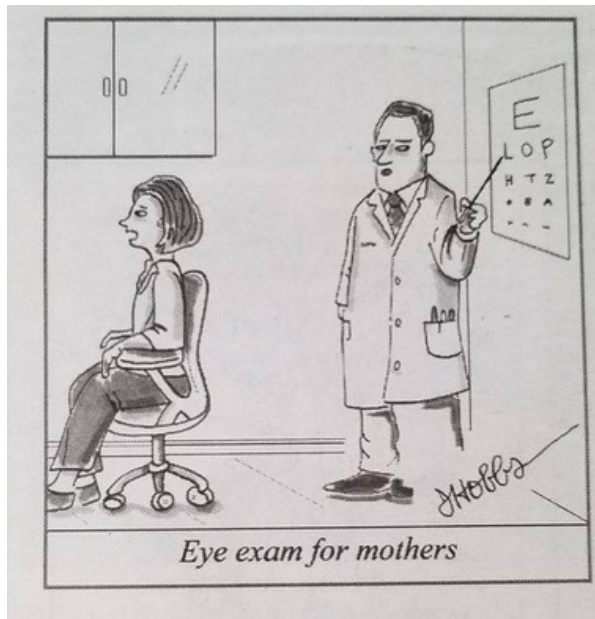


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Goodbye October
Hello November

November 2022 Long Range 1

Dates	Weather Conditions
Nov 1-10	Sunny, turning warm
Nov 11-19	A few snow showers, turning very cold
Nov 20-25	Rain and snow showers; cold, then mild
Nov 26-30	Snowy periods, frigid
November	temperature -5°C (2°C below avg.) precipitation 25mm (10mm above avg.)



Just because
I disagree
with you,
does not
mean that
I hate you.
We need to
relearn that in
our society.



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