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RESORT VILLAGE OF MANITOU BEACH

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# NEWSLETTER

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## WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

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Thank you all for your trust & commitment to 'the process' this year! We have enjoyed serving Manitou Beach & look forward to the year ahead!

**Merry Christmas to you and yours & all the BEST in 2024!!**

~From Elise & RVMB Staff~

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### Council dates for 2024:

Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 18  
April 22, May 27, June 24,  
July 22, Aug 19, Sept 23,  
Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16.

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## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

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As the year draws to a close, if you are interested in making charitable donations, there are a number of community groups that contribute greatly to our lovely community & in a wide array of service areas:

- Manitou Beach Recreation Board
- Manitou Beach Communities in Bloom
- Manitou & District Golf Course
- Manitou & District Regional Park
- Watrous Community Health Foundation Inc.







Warmest  
Wishes



## 2024 ELECTION YEAR

2024 is an election year for our Resort Village. The election date will be Saturday, July 27th, 2024. Advance polls will be available, stay tuned for scheduling. Mail-in-ballots will be available again with this election.

An educational event for prospective Council members will also take place this spring. Available for all eligible Citizens.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Development in the RVMB was slow in the first half of 2023, but picked up in the last two quarters of the year. A total of 12 Building &/or Development permits were issued in 2023; value of the builds, \$414,900.00.

### DID YOU KNOW?

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS SINCE 1843.

IN 1843, THE CUSTOM OF SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS BEGAN. AT THE TIME, SIR HENRY COLE WORKED AS A SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT AND HAD HELPED SET UP WHAT WOULD BECOME THE POST OFFICE, AND HE WANTED TO TRY AND ENCOURAGE IT TO BE USED BY ORDINARY PEOPLE.

HIS IDEA OF CHRISTMAS CARDS WAS CREATED, AND THEY WERE INITIALLY SOLD FOR ONLY 1 SHILLING EACH, AND THE CUSTOM SLOWLY BECAME MORE POPULAR THROUGHOUT THE YEARS! NOW, ALMOST 170 YEARS LATER, WE STILL LOVE TO SEND OUR BELOVED FRIENDS AND FAMILY A CHRISTMAS CARD TO WISH THEM WELL AND LET THEM KNOW WE'RE THINKING OF THEM!



We  
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Merry  
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# MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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I look back on 2023 and I think "What a productive year". We established some major efficiencies in our water treatment plant. We revamped our equipment inventory, to reflect our needs and current uses. The Village yard is now clean, organized, and user friendly. Council adopted a budget plan that reflects community needs. We have a large number of utility customers sending their readings to the office. Online banking makes utility and tax payments easier. We moved slowly with seasonal meter connects/disconnects and residents adapted well. Your council asked for efficiencies and administration stepped up with very proactive thinking. Thanks to all our Village staff at Manitou Beach & Citizens that choose to participate.

This year was our year to revamp our Official Community Plan. We held a public hearing, to address beefs and bouquets. From those consultations, we rewrote some clauses for better understanding, and at our December meeting we gave second reading. This revised document is available through the office and our web site for resident scrutiny. I am pleased with the document and how it addresses the values of our community. It has been a long process, starting in the summer of 2020, and I commend all those persons who helped along the way.

The longer I am here, the more I see we all value our Village for it safe, magical, spiritual, and healing community spaces. We all arrive at Manitou Beach for different reasons, and we all take away differently, but at a very fundamental level, we are all here because we want to be. Thank you for wanting to be here. I am proud of our community, and I hope you are too. Merry Christmas and I am predicting a very prosperous and exciting 2024.

Stay Salty!

Poppy Petersen







## GREETINGS FROM THE MANITOU BEACH CHAINSAW CARVING FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

We would like to wish a Merry Christmas & a Happy  
New Year to all our sponsors, volunteers, and  
attendees, and anyone else that helped out with our  
2023 event!

As a committee, we couldn't have done it without  
each & everyone of you! We have businesses in our  
community and surrounding area that provide  
consistently without hesitation for our event every  
time we ask. We have volunteers that step up and  
help out with whatever we need. Our attendees come  
out, rain or shine, to support our event, and for  
that we are so grateful!!

The Manitou Beach Chainsaw Carving Festival would  
like to say THANK YOU!!

Lori Gill  
Chairperson  
MBCCF





# COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 25-26: MERRY CHRISTMAS!! OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 27-28: OFFICE OPEN 9:00AM-4:00PM

DECEMBER 29: LAST WORKING DAY OF THE MONTH OFFICE OPEN 9:00AM-3:00PM

JANUARY 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!! OFFICE CLOSED

JANUARY 3 : YOGA NIDRA 6:00-7:00 PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 6 :CIRCUS YOGA 10:00-11:00 AM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 6 : YOGA 4 EVERYONE : 4:30 PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 7 : YOGA FLOW WITH MARIA5 : 1:00PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 9: REC BOARD MEETING, COMMUNITY HALL 7:00PM

JANUARY 10 : YOGA NIDRA 6:00-7:00 PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 13 :CIRCUS YOGA 10:00-11:00 AM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 13 : YOGA 4 EVERYONE : 4:30 PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 14 :YOGA FLOW WITH MARIA5 : 1:00PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 14 : MANITOU MINGLE-BEACH THEME, COMMUNITY HALL 5:30

JANUARY 17 :YOGA NIDRA 6:00-7:00 PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 20 :CIRCUS YOGA 10:00-11:00 AM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 20 :YOGA 4 EVERYONE : 4:30 PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 21 :YOGA FLOW WITH MARIA5 : 1:00PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 22: REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL 2:00PM

JANUARY 24 :YOGA NIDRA 6:00-7:00 PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 27 : :CIRCUS YOGA 10:00-11:00 AM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 27 : YOGA 4 EVERYONE : 4:30 PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 28 : YOGA FLOW WITH MARIA5 : 1:00 PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

JANUARY 31 :YOGA NIDRA 6:00-7:00 PM LITTLE MANITOU ART GALLERY

*Stay  
Salty*

*Do you have any coming events in February? If you would like them advertised in the next newsletter, please submit them to Linda at [admin@manitoubeach.ca](mailto:admin@manitoubeach.ca) before January 25.  
Please ensure each event includes date/time/location.*