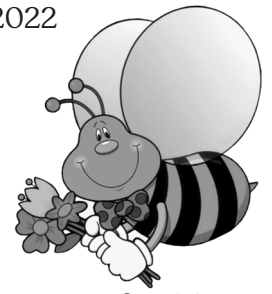


# The Innisfree Informer



## Deb's Message in a Minute

May has seen more things happening. The museum has a full-time employee making it possible to be open from 9 to 5 daily. Drop-in and see what is new. June is the month to recognize seniors.

Coffee on June 8 from 1 to 2:30 at the Seniors' Drop-in Centre will celebrate seniors.

The village is looking good with the grass growing and the flowers filling many spaces. The Village is planning a large item clean up for June 15. Residents - set out your larger items and mark them for pick up and the Village will look better than ever.

Have you seen the new Facebook page for Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum? The Historical Society is planning a Tea Party July 1. Join us for tea.

Innisfree Senior Citizens have started serving Coffee Monday mornings from 9 to 11 in the Seniors' Drop-in Centre. Drop in for a cup of coffee and see your friends there. This is coffee time is open to all ages.

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 is the Seniors Fun Bingo. Everyone is welcome.

Birch Lake Campground is now open. Drop by and meet Kat, our grounds person, and stay awhile and enjoy the great outdoors. The camp office is now stocked with a few important items for the campers and area residents if you need something for a meal.

See the Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree FCSS Facebook page for up-to-date information available.

As we watch the news of the invasion of the Ukraine, I pray for those caught in this conflict.

Check for updates as they are posted on the Village of Innisfree web site, [www.innisfree.ca](http://www.innisfree.ca) and, the Village of Innisfree Facebook page

Respectfully submitted by Deb McMann

Bees need wildflower pollen and nectar to stay happy and healthy so planting sunflowers, a variety of wildflowers, is a fun and easy way to help the bees.

## Library News

We are very pleased to be bringing Susan Brazeau and her presentation on British Home Children to the Delnorte School gymnasium on June 1 at 2:00pm. A little-known part of Canada's history, join us to learn about these forgotten children who became our nation's builders. Lil Carter and family will be a great addition to the presentation as fellow (and local) British Home Children Descendants.

Our May Flower themed Early Literacy bag is ready for pickup! Filled with great activities and crafts to support literacy in your little ones lives.

If you or someone you know has had a baby recently, please let us know so they can receive a "Born to Read" bag.

We have been approved for Canada Summer jobs funding and are looking to hire a student between the ages of 15 & 30 to fill a Summer Library Aide position! Start date is flexible and the wage is \$15.25 per hour, with 240 hours to be completed during the term.

Marilyn Newton, Library Manager  
780-592-2122, [librarian@innisfreelibrary.ca](mailto:librarian@innisfreelibrary.ca)

Gentle reminder that the 40-hr. work week is outdated & was designed with the assumption someone else was going to be always taking care of cooking, cleaning & household errands. It wasn't designed for you to be doing it all & if you're having a hard time, you're not a failure.



**The Innisfree Bullets U7 and U13 teams would like to thank Tim Hortons for donating their team shirts!**





INNISFREE & DISTRICT  
FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

# FISHING DERBY

(LOTS OF PRIZES)

SATURDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>

1:00 - 4:00pm at Innisfree Trout Pond

FREE HOT DOGS,  
HAMBURGERS & DRINKS  
EVERYONE WELCOME!



## Hey Kids!

Are you an artist,  
writer, inventor,  
or all around creative kid?  
The Informer wants to hear from you!  
Email your submissions or your  
creations to be featured in future issues!  
[innisfreeinformer@gmail.com](mailto:innisfreeinformer@gmail.com)

One minute you are young and cool, maybe even a little dangerous, and the next minute you're reading amazon reviews for birdseed.

### The Village of Innisfree Invites everyone to a Public Meeting / Open House

June 22, 2022  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Innisfree Prairie Bank of  
Commerce Museum

The Village of Innisfree Council will have hot dogs,  
Hamburgers and refreshments available.

The Village of Innisfree looks forward to meeting with the  
residents of Innisfree.

### The Village of Innisfree



## Spring Back Alley Cleanup Day!!

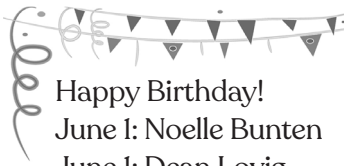
**Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

#### WAYS YOU CAN HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN:

- Tidy your Yard & Alleyway Near Your Property
- Pick-Up Garbage Around Your Property
- When Walking Pick-Up Garbage or Recyclables Enroute
- Encourage Recycling & Reusing in Your Household or Business
- Help Elderly or Disabled Neighbors Tidy up their Properties
- Contact Village Office with any Unsightly Property Concerns

#### BACK ALLEY CLEANUP:

- Please place large garbage items behind your home in the back alley and the village will pickup starting at **9:00 AM**.
- NO wet garbage please.
- Please ensure all garbage placed in the back alley is clearly marked with a bright ribbon. We will not pick up garbage unless it is clearly indicated.



#### Happy Birthday!

June 1: Noelle Bunten  
June 1: Dean Lovig  
June 2: Sheldon Tarapaski  
June 4: Megan Clarke  
June 9: Darryl Fowler  
June 9: Betty Harrison  
June 10: Kyle Yakimowich  
June 11: Hank Paranych  
June 12: Adrian Bouchier  
June 12: Tamara Cannan  
June 12: Stephanie Nott



June 13: Aaron Cannan  
June 13: Chris Nott  
June 14: Dale Cates  
June 15: Dennis Baker  
June 16: Victoria Paranych  
June 18: Dwayne Sangster  
June 25: Doug Foyster  
June 27: Kerri Dmytriw  
June 29: Lacey Tillotson

#### Happy Anniversary!

June 30: Lisa & Kelly Anderson



Life is ten percent  
what happens to you  
and ninety percent  
how you respond to  
it.

### OPEN YEAR ROUND

The  
**Beachside**  
Bed and Breakfast  
"On Wapasu Lake"



Ph: (780) 592-3840  
[www.thebeachside.ca](http://www.thebeachside.ca)



Innisfree Preschool & Kindergarten  
Registration 2022/23

Registration deadline is June 1, 2022

Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years old by December 30, 2022

Preschool: Child must be 4 years old December 30, 2022

To register please email: [innisfreeecs@gmail.com](mailto:innisfreeecs@gmail.com)  
or call Elise Nott: 780-603-1080

We have a wonderful privately run  
Kindergarten & Preschool.

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 9, 2022 @ 7:30 pm

In the Kindergarten classroom

Thank you to Robert and Genevieve Weder for  
their donation to the Innisfree ECS

**C** A couple of outdoorsmen were on a lake in their kayak when they started getting cold. But when they lit a fire in their craft it immediately began to sink, proving once and for all that...  
**OUTDOOR** ...you can't have your kayak and heat it too.  
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**N**  
**E**  
**R**



**OUTDOOR CORNER** is sponsored by:  
**PARANYCH CONSULTING 403-506-4667**

Submissions for the Outdoor Corner are welcome. Hunting, fishing and outdoor stories, facts or jokes!  
 Email: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com



**Is someone special celebrating next month?**

Send in your **JULY**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries for the July issue!**

Please send birthday or anniversary names and dates by June 25 to wish your loved ones a special day!

Email to: innisfreeinformer@gmail.com

## Rentals Available

Senior rental available at:

**Birch Lake Villa in Innisfree**

Rent includes fridge, stove, washer, dryer, heat, water & sewer & satellite TV. Tenant pays power.

Rent is based according to your income.

Please call 780-632-6211

Senior rental available at:

**Mannville Manor & Mannville Villa**

Rent includes utilities, stove, fridge & access to washer/dryer.

Rent is based according to your income.

Please call 780-632-6211

**Join us for a Tea Party on Canada Day, July 1, 2022.**



**Innisfree Historical Society is having a party.**

**A Tea Party From 1 to 3 in the Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum.**

**No admission charge. Everyone Welcome**

**Q: How do you make a tissue dance?**  
**A: You put a little boogie in it.**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

*Here's What's Happening!*

- June 1: Village of Innisfree Library Board Meeting
- June 6-12: Seniors' Week
- June 8: Celebration of Seniors connect
- June 8: Seniors Week Appreciation, Coffee Connections: Mannville @ 9:30 and Innisfree @ 1:00
- June 9: Innisfree Kindergarten AGM, 7:30 pm
- June 14: Innisfree Senior Citizens Meeting
- June 15: Village of Innisfree Large item pick-up day
- June 18: Innisfree Fish & Game Fishing Derby, Trout Pond
- June 21: Village Council Meeting
- June 22: Village of Innisfree Open House in the Museum
- June 23: Ranfurly Senior Citizens Supper and Meeting
- July 1: Canada Day Celebrations: Tea Party in the Museum, Pizza, and watch for more information in social media

*Please send your event info (name, date, location) by June 25 to be included in the July Calendar of Events*

**Happy Birthday Dad, Doug, Grampa**



**We love you soooo much From your family and friends**



**VILLAGE OF INNISFREE IS PLEASED TO ADVISE**

*That we are working towards a Canada Day Celebration like no other !!*

Please stay tuned, as updates will be provided.

Updates on events, will be posted on the Village of Innisfree's Website and social media pages !

Canada Day Celebration events will be to any applicable Public Health Regulations. For more information, please follow the link: <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-public-health-actions.aspx>

*Fun Fact: People say "bless you" when you sneeze because this was often the first sign of plague in medieval times*

# How to Pick a Perfect Watermelon



**Uniform Size & Heavy**  
Sweet



**Elongated**  
Watery



**Orange Field Spot**  
Full of Flavor



**White Field Spot**  
Little to No Taste



**Smaller "Webbing"**  
Bland



**Larger "Webbing"**  
Sweet



**Dark & Dull**  
Ripe



**Shiny**  
Not Ripe



Camille Kassian would like to thank **Vantage Builders Ltd** for purchasing her steer at the Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club sale on May 25, 2022.



Thank you for supporting 4-H!  
*Camille*



Carson Kassian would like to thank **Wilde Advisory Group** for purchasing his steer at the Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club sale May 25, 2022.

Thank you for supporting 4-H!  
*Carson*



Madeline Nott would like to thank **AGRITERRA EQUIPMENT** for purchasing her 4-H steer on May 25, 2022 at the Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club show and sale for supporting 4-H and youth in agriculture



Alex Nott would like to thank **QUARTER CUTS LTD.** for purchasing his 4-H steer on May 25, 2022 at the Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club show and sale for supporting 4-H and youth in agriculture



Congratulations  
*Lemonee Kostynuk*  
Graduating Class of 2022

Fun Fact: We are lucky that fingerprints are so unique in every individual – otherwise forensic science and security identification devices would have to focus on tongues instead, because like fingerprints, everybody's tongue print looks different.



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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE OF INNISFREE RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING WORLD OCEANS DAY 2022 AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF OCEAN CONSERVATION IN CANADA**

**WHEREAS**, Wednesday, June 8, 2022, is the 30th annual World Ocean's Day. World Oceans Day is the United Nations day for celebrating the role of the ocean in everyday life and inspiring action to protect it.

**WHEREAS**, Countries around the world, including Canada as a prominent leader, have committed to protecting 30% of their ocean territory by 2030 in order to reverse nature loss in the ocean and safeguard at-risk marine life.

**WHEREAS**, The ocean is home to hundreds of species at risk, vulnerable ecosystems, and is a crucial carbon sink shielding us from the worst of climate change.

**WHEREAS**, The ocean produces over half of the world's oxygen and absorbs 50 times more carbon dioxide than our atmosphere. Therefore, protecting the ocean is in the interest of all life on Earth, and communities both coastal and inland, as it is essential to our shared future.


**WHEREAS**, it is the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada, under various pieces of legislation and regulation, to establish marine protected areas in consultation with Indigenous Peoples. Many Indigenous nations and communities are leading in the conservation of the ocean and have been stewards of the ocean since time immemorial.

**WHEREAS**, it is important for municipal leaders to demonstrate support for actions to safeguard the ocean, as they have for action on climate change and other environmental matters of national importance.

**WHEREAS**, In celebrating the ocean, and protecting its habitats and ecosystems, we can together raise the profile of ocean conservation's critical role in improving planetary health and slowing the crisis of species collapse and ecosystem decline.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Village of Innisfree recognizes the 30th anniversary of World Oceans Day on June 8th, 2022 and supports national and international efforts to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the Village of Innisfree to be affixed.

  
Her Worship  
Jennifer Johnson,  
Mayor

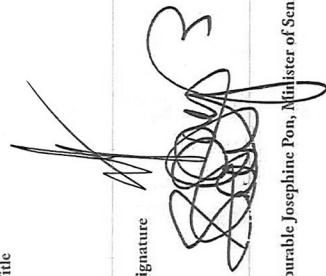


# DECLARATION

In honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, I hereby declare June 6 – 12, 2022 to be Seniors' Week in

Village of Innisfree  
Community

Mayor  
Official Title

  
Official Signature  
The Honourable Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing

If it is meant to be, it will be. You won't have to force, convince, or worry over it. Let it flow, let it be, and let it come to you. You're attracting everything you need. Trust the timing of your life.  
-Shawn Fontaine

**May 17, 2022 Village of Innisfree  
Regular Council Meeting Highlights**

Mayor and Council met on May 17th, 2022, for a Regular Council meeting.

**Policies/Bylaws:**

- Council approved final Reading to Traffic Bylaw 670-22.
- Council approved Repeal Bylaw 672-22 to repeal obsolete EMA Bylaw 647-20

**New Business:**

- Council approved the Action Plan and directed Administration to send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, on or before June 1, with the approved Action Plan, the 10-30 Year Infrastructure/Capital Plan and 2022 Strategic Plan to ensure compliance with Ministerial Order MSL:095/18.
- Council endorsed the 2022 Operating Budget & 2023-2027 Budget Forecasts, with Revenues of \$607,307 and Expenditures of \$879,152.
- Council approved the 2022 Capital Budget, 10 to 30 Year Infrastructure/Capital Plan and the 5-year Capital
- Council approved the Reserve Bids for the following five properties for a Public Auction on July 26, 2022, at 5:00 PM:

LINC Number	Legal Description	Title Number	Reserve Bid
0015651599	8776S; 16; 6	102361885	\$ 1,500
0014926604	4175R; 9; 10-11	982397025	\$ 12,000
0013126040	3340HW; 19; 1	132083725	\$ 15,000
0016261489 / 0016261497	6127HW; 20; 5-6	182306452 / 182306452 +1	\$ 20,000
0018368266 / 0018368274	4175R; 6; 4-6	192155373 / 95F125	\$ 40,000

- Council endorsed a motion to approve the 2023 Mannville Landfill Station Reclamation Project, per the County of Minburn No. 27 request, with the understanding that the County of Minburn No. 27 will commit to the Re-Payment Plan Agreement, projected over an estimated 10-Year Period.
- Council approved an Offer to Purchase in the amount of \$1,000 (GST Excluded), for the Grey Sided Storage Building located behind the Public Works Shop.
- Council directed Administration to send a letter to the Innisfree Delnorte School Sustainability Committee and Buffalo Trail School Division in support of the proposed Woodworking Program and collaboration of facility use.
- Council endorsed a motion to schedule an Annual Public Meeting/Open House on June 22, 2022, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Innisfree Prairie Bank of Commerce Museum
- Council proclaimed June 8, 2022, as Ocean's Day 2022.
- Council proclaimed June 6-12, 2022, as Seniors Week.
- Council authorized Administration to purchase a 2011 Yamaha Adventure with Powered Tilt Cargo Box at a cost of \$5,200 (GST Excluded) from Golf Cart People (Edmonton, AB) pursuant to MSI Capital Application CAP-14018.

**May 24, 2022, Village of Innisfree  
Special Council Meeting Highlights**

- Council passed 2022 Tax Mill Rate Bylaw 675-22.
- Council directed Administration to sign the Alberta Municipalities Energy Procurement – Group Buying Form for the Village of Innisfree, with 0% Green Power.
- Council authorized a donation to the Innisfree Delnorte School Financial Society in the amount of \$75.

The Council Agenda, approved Policies and Draft Minutes can be found at: [www.innisfree.ca](http://www.innisfree.ca)

**The Next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for  
June 21, 2022, at 5:00 P.M.**

**Serendipitous Adventures  
Massage and Energy Healing**

**780-292-1089**

Located in the "Barber" building in Innisfree, AB!

Advanced Orthopaedic Massage Therapist, Manual Osteopath, Meditation, Access Bars, Energetic Facelift, Deep Tissue Massage, Cupping, Myofascia Remodelling, Rapid NeuroFascial Release, Karuna Reiki, Energetic Body Processes, Personal Yoga-YT500  
And so much more...

Saturday & Sunday  
dates available

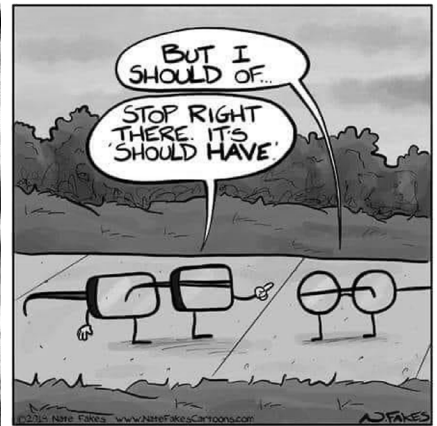
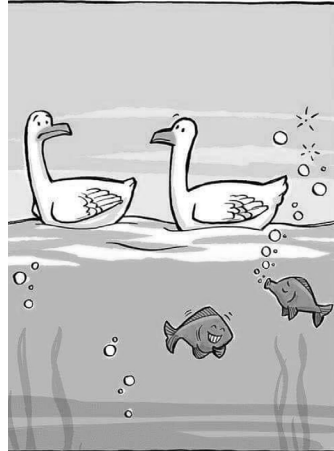
**Joanne Windsor**

MOT, RMT-AO, BFF

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Visit me on Facebook - Serendipitous Adventures



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**Seniors Week!**

**In Celebration of Seniors Week  
from June 6 - 10th**

**We will give each  
Senior (65+ )  
\$100 off each frame  
(with fully coated lens)**



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**The Innisfree-Minburn 4-H Beef Club would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who supported our 2022 Achievement Day. Your support is greatly appreciated.**



CANADA  
4-H Alberta

**Buyers:** Studebaker Industries, Vantage Builders Ltd, Quarter Cuts, Webb's, Mile West Angus, Agriterra, Wilde Advisory Group, Bilyk Financial, Birch Lake Farms, Northern Livestock Services.

**Sale Day:**

**Banner Sponsors:** Branded, Vermilion Veterinary Clinic, Prairie Rose Veterinary Clinic, Klassen Cattle Equipment Ltd

**Supper Sponsor:** Rocky Mountain Equipment

**Lunch Sponsor:** Webb's

**Mistress of Ceremonies:** Karen Arndt

**Wowk Ranch Auctions:** Miles Wowk and Pete Conway

**Photographer:** Colleen Berg Photography

**Conformation Judge:** Dave Durie

**Ringman:** Allan Nott

**Showmanship and Grooming Judge:** Kaylie Anderson

**Mock Achievement Judge:** Richard Nydokus

**Grooming & Showmanship Clinic:** Joch Hess & Lazy HJ Stock Farm

County of Minburn  
Minburn Ag Society  
Country 106.5  
Vermilion Credit Union  
Kurt & Shirley Hennig  
Vermilion Packers  
Farmhouse Catering Co –  
Carleen Oracheski  
Mark Anderson –  
Brand Inspection  
Bar Engineering  
Cornerstone Co-op  
Westgold Farms  
Foresee Cattle Company  
Hill 70 Quantock Ranch

Mannville Registries & Finance  
ATB Innisfree  
Redhead Equipment  
Northern Livestock Services  
Warrilow Custom Silage  
Minburn Angus  
T-Tracks  
Rusylvia Transport  
North Central Livestock Services  
Nutrien Ag Solutions –  
Innisfree & Myrnam  
Mannville Liquor Store  
Leewood Ranch  
NuEarth Solutions  
Bulldog Energy Services

Ram River Environmental Consultants  
Bauer Auto and Tire  
Studebaker Industries Ltd  
Rocky Mountain Corral Cleaning  
Baba Jenny's  
Cannan Farms Ltd  
Myrnam Seed Cleaning Plant  
Twisted Gate Cattle Co  
Boulder Bottom Stock Farm Ltd  
Kassian Farms Inc  
Morgan Family  
Huesing Family  
Innisfree Ag Society  
Jared and Lori Harder and family

Everyone who supported our tire, recycling, electronics, and ice melt fundraisers this year. Thank you to anyone else we may have missed.



**Thank you for supporting 4-H and the future of our beef industry!**





**Mannville – Minburn – Innisfree  
Family & Community Support Services  
And  
Yellowhead Community Support Society**

Location: 5004-49 Street Suite # 4 Mannville

**FOR DETAILED INFORMATION:**

Email: [mmifcss@mannville.com](mailto:mmifcss@mannville.com) Phone: 780-763-3005

Website: <https://mmifcss.wikisite.com/mmifcss>

Facebook: Mannville-Minburn-Innisfree Family & Community Support Services

Instagram: @mmifcss

Check out the Community Bulletin Boards & Newsletters for posters

Drop by to see what is happening in FCSS.

**CONNECTING COMMUNITY**

**-Coffee Connections:** Seniors Week Appreciation: creates connections & opportunity to address needs and improve quality of life. Entertainment, snacks & prizes

Wednesday, June 8 Mannville @ 9:30 and Innisfree @ 1:00

**PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION**

**- Information & Referral & Resource Program:** assist with forms/applications for financial supports for seniors; connect people to advocates for: Elder Abuse; Woman's/Men's Shelters; Guardianship; Alberta Supports; Service Canada; Alberta Health Services; Wills & Estates; Alberta Seniors Benefits; Funeral planning; Congratulatory Messages for Seniors; Seniors Adaptation & Repair Program

**-Let's Talk & Endeavour To Be Different:** Check posters for topic, date and times

**CHILDREN & YOUTH within the Mannville & Innisfree**

**- Many Summer events & activities are being planned by other community organizations [Schools, Libraries, VIBE, Ag Societies]. FCSS & FRN mandated projects are being planned around these other events & activities.**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE**

- Are you new to the community or do you know of someone who is?

**Newcomer Welcome Packages** are available at FCSS.

-Volunteer Appreciation plans are nearing completion and will be revealed soon. **Volunteer Artistry** is in the works!

**M-M-J F.C.S.S. TEAM. Please join FCSS in welcoming Carla Cavanagh to our Team as FCSS Coordinator.**

**FCSS is accepting resumes for [8 week Summer student position]**

**Community Services Programmer.**

**\*\*Kalyna MMI Family Resource Network delivers high-quality prevention & early intervention services and supports for families with children 0-18 years old. These services focus on strengthening parenting and caregiving knowledge, social support, coping & problem solving skills, access to community supports & resources, improving child & youth development, building resiliency, & fostering wellbeing.**

FRN newsletters available...

Call or text Alicia @ 780-581-4149 Facebook: MMI Family Resource Network



**Village of Innisfree Community Garden Project**

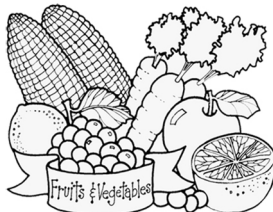
Community gardens support wellness, promote a sense of community and provide a source of food security. The Village of Innisfree is pleased to move forward with this community project in 2022 with a proposed opening date of Saturday May 21st.

The garden will be located at 5207 50 Avenue with a limited number of plots that will be issued on a 'first come, first served basis'. The Village will have the plots prepared for initial planting and there will be access to fresh water. Community Garden Handbooks with all guidelines will be available.

If interested, please contact the Village of Innisfree to obtain a Community Garden Handbook and application via:

-www.innisfree.ca  
-admin@innisfree.ca  
-780-592-3886

Once you have reviewed the guidelines and submitted your application it will be reviewed and if accepted, you will be notified of your plot location.



**COVID-19 Precautions for Participants:**

All participating gardeners will be required to comply with Alberta Health Services (AHS) public health orders for isolation if you are symptomatic, have travelled, or have tested positive for Covid-19, as well as follow current AHS guidelines for physical distancing. These public health orders apply to all public areas, including community gardens.

**News from the Innisfree Delnorte School Sustainability Committee**

The Innisfree Delnorte School Sustainability committee was very pleased with the support you showed by attending the presentation from the Prairie Principal, Mr. Kevin Van Lagen from Altario and Consort Schools. It was encouraging to hear how a change in learning supported by the community took a struggling school facing closure and has helped it flourish and the community grow in a few short years. This is what the sustainability committee is looking to do by partnering with Parents, Teachers, Community groups, BTPS, and the Village of Innisfree. Altario has become a school focused on project-based learning largely with an agricultural focus. This doesn't need to be what Innisfree does but could be.

In March, we surveyed the parents of current students and in April the students themselves. While agriculture studies did interest some parents and students, other areas were of more interest. The sustainability committee has determined that the first area to pursue is Carpentry and Woodworking as identified by parents and students. We have plans coming together for this in the fall. Other areas of studies could include, culinary arts, computer programming and coding and robotics. While surveying parents we also asked about some of the positive and negative items in our school. Triple grading was discussed in several responses and is viewed as a negative thing. The Prairie Principal spoke about how triple grades are a positive thing in Altario and if given the choice he would triple grade his school in Consort. He feels that it allows the teachers the opportunity to teach to the student where the student is at rather than to a grade level determined by age not level of comprehension.

We, along with our Principal, plan to meet with the Board of BTPS in June and discuss what this new model may look like. We hope to get their support and start in September. The sustainability committee was developed to take a proactive look at how to ensure our school remains a vibrant part of our community for many years to come. There are some rumors in the community we would like to address.

1. BTPS has not indicated a closure of Innisfree Delnorte School now or in the near future. This committee was formed by parents and community members with children in the school or on the way to school.

2. The sustainability committee currently plans to take nothing away from core classes.

3. The sustainability committee has no plan to turn our school into an Agriculture Intense school like Altario has. We feel they are in a different area, with a different land base and landscape. Our students and parents have not indicated Agricultural studies as part of their top 5 wishes.

We as a committee see a bright and vibrant future for students in Innisfree, however want to ensure opportunity for our students in Innisfree rather than have them decide to leave Innisfree and attend school elsewhere.

We invite any questions or concerns to be directed to committee members: Lisa Anderson, Krystin Cannan, Bobbie Bouchier, Evan Raycraft, Derek Saskiw

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."

## Thank you from Councillor Evan Raycraft

Hello Fellow Residents of Innisfree, I wanted to thank all those who supported me and voted me onto council. I have the privilege of serving on several different boards including Parent Council, Innisfree School Sustainability Committee, Joint Landfill and the Museum board. I wanted to provide an update of some items Council has been working on over the past few months.

1. Budget and Tax Mill Rate, the budget is set for the upcoming year and we expect to operate with a small surplus. Expect your tax assessment to arrive in June, council was able to reduce the Tax Mill Rate on your upcoming tax assessments. Minimum Tax will remain for properties with low assessed value but if your homes assessed value remained unchanged you will see a decrease in your property taxes.

2. I am excited to welcome a new business to our community and council approved a surveillance suit for the new owners to help facilitate this business entering the downtown.

3. Council has approved a paired down version of the originally presented Traffic Control Bylaw. Changes are minimal however you will see some updated signage coming soon including a driver feed-back sign south of the school.

4. Council has approved the sale of 5 properties by auction on July 26th at 5:00pm more information is available in the Village office. The village also has other vacant lots and property for sale. Please inquire with Brooke, our CEO.

I hope to see you at the Annual Public Meeting on June 22nd from 6:00-8:00 at the Museum. Council plans to BBQ for you and I look forward to hearing concerns from our citizens. Administration is also planning festivities for Canada Day. Please follow the Village Facebook page or watch for posters with more information.

Please reach out with any questions, concerns or comments.

Evan Raycraft (780) 208-0975

**Kids helpline # 1-800-668-6868**

**Mental Health Helpline # 1-877-303-2642**

## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

### **MAINTENANCE OF GRASS/TREES & UNSIGHTLY PROPERTIES**

Pursuant to Unsightly Bylaw 597-15, please keep in mind this summer that you are responsible for:

- The care of your property, back alley, boulevard, and the sidewalks around it,
- Cutting your grass and keeping weeds under control,
- Trimming your trees and making sure they do not hang over onto the sidewalk or back alley,
- All grass and tree trimmings must be bagged and set out with garbage to be picked up on Tuesday's.

Also, pursuant to Traffic Control Bylaw 670-22:

- No Person shall occupy, or suffer, or permit any other Person to occupy a Trailer, Holiday Trailer upon a Highway or Village-owned Property which has not been designated for Trailer or Holiday Trailer Parking unless for a special occasion and then no longer than 48 hours or a longer time is granted.
- An Owner or Operator of a Vehicle and attached Trailer or Holiday Trailer shall not park the Vehicle and attached Trailer or Holiday Trailer on a Highway or Roadway for more than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours.

### **CANINE & FELINE CONTROL**

The Village of Innisfree Administration would like to remind the public of the Canine Bylaw 601-15 & Feline Bylaw 607/15. Canine Bylaw 601-15 & Feline Bylaw 607/15 clearly states that no owner shall allow their Dog(s) or cat(s) to run at large, at any time, without being leashed or harnessed while off the premises of its owner.

The Village of Innisfree would like to share, with its residents, simple steps to humanely deter unwanted cats from their yards and flower beds:

- Some plants and herbs naturally deter cats by giving off smells that cats dislike, including Rue, Lavender, Pennyroyal, Lemongrass, Coleus and Citronella.
- There are numerous types of cat repellent sprays and granules, which can be purchased at many hardware stores.
- Water is an effective repellent. Gently spraying or splashing water on a cat is a useful method for keeping them away.
- Remove any food sources that may be attracting cats into your yard. Ensure garbage / compost bins are securely shut.
- Bury chicken wire in the soil in the flower beds that you especially don't want cats to enter.
- While property owners can take steps to deter cats from their yards, bear in mind you cannot, under law, do anything to harm the animal.

**Please refrain from feeding stray dogs or cats!!**

### **Dog or Cat in distress or abused**

If you suspect a dog or cat is in distress or has been abused, make a complaint to:

**Alberta SPCA**

**Phone: 1-800-455-9003**

*For more information you can find Unsightly Premises Bylaw 597-15, Canine Bylaw 601-15, Feline Bylaw 607-15 & Traffic Control Bylaw 670-22 on our website [www.innisfree.ca](http://www.innisfree.ca).*

**There was an elderly couple** who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, **"Where's the toast?"**

Make your favourite pot of soup or casserole or maybe a salad. Then make these delicious little buns to go with it! And they are Gluten free as well!

### EASY BRAZILIAN CHEESE BREAD

The recipe as presented is fairly basic. Feel free to dress it up a bit with herbs or spices of your choice.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups (170 grams) tapioca flour
- 1/2 cup (packed, about 66 grams) grated cheese\*
- 1 teaspoon salt (or more to taste)

#### DIRECTIONS:

-Preheat oven to 400°F. Spread a small amount olive oil around the insides of each well of a mini-muffin tin.

-Blend ingredients: Put all of the ingredients into a blender and pulse until smooth. You may need to use a spatula to scrape down the sides of the blender so that everything gets blended well. At this point you can store the batter in the refrigerator for up to a week.

-Pour batter into prepared mini-muffin tin, not quite to the top; leave about 1/8 inch from the top.

-Bake at 400°F in the oven for 15-20 minutes, until all puffy and nicely browned. Remove from oven and let cool on a rack for a few minutes.

-Eat while warm or save to reheat later.

-Note that Brazilian cheese bread is very chewy, a lot like Japanese mochi.

\*We get good results with feta cheese (no need to grate), or fresh farmer's cheese. If using fresh farmer's cheese, you may want to add another 1/2 teaspoon of salt.

### WORD SCRAMBLE: The Great Outdoors

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Young Stephen King

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# Man verses Magpie... by Deb Barber



I am not certain if it is due to being semi retired (if a farmer ever really retires) or if the magpies are more cantankerous than usual but this year it has become a real contestant between Farmer Hubby and these black and white menaces!

About a month ago with the finesse of a primed firefighter charging up a ladder to rescue someone from a burning inferno, Farmer Hubby scaled a ladder into the prickly branches of an evergreen tree on our front lawn; specially redesigned rake in hand to destroy the very first nest of the year. I of course, being only an apprentice was the one steadying the base of the ladder, thankfully I have learned stand with a hoodie protecting my head and neck from the onslaught of flying branches! He certainly gets a huge amount of satisfaction from this destructive behaviour.

Brushing his hands together in a sign of success he happily carried the ladder back to its place of honour in his shop.

However, the magpies had no intention of being bested that easily. After careful selection they chose a less bushy and perhaps not as sturdy tree to rebuild in. Logically, using a magpie's manner of thinking, they chose a tree directly in view of all our west facing windows, so we could watch their magnificent reconstruction placing it in full view. Gauntlet thrown down Farmer Hubby gave them a few days to carry the pieces of their broken home to its new location. Then with fierce determination he placed his trusty ladder against the new location and the sticks came raining down once more. Learning from his last mistake we cleaned up every stick and twig. With less satisfaction than before, Farmer Hubby shook his fist at

the offenders and threatening them with further action if they continued with their project.

Fast forward to the next morning, I'm pretty sure you know where this is going! What is that saying, 'the definition of craziness is repeating the same action expecting a different outcome', well let's just say the nest came down twice more and has been rebuilt for the third time! I suggested he wait until they have laid their eggs and then he can attempt it again!

Not to be outdone the crows have been busy constructing their own piece of paradise across the fence on the neighbours. One night I saw one sitting in the branches of the tree and is the result is the story below.

While I was doing dishes tonight, I was watching a pair of crows who have been busily building a nest in a tree on the neighbor's side of the fence. One flew up into the highest branch and just sat there; I determined in my mind it was the male and as he balanced himself, I began sharing his thoughts with Farmer Hubby in the form of a soliloquy.

"Get married, build a nest, lay a few eggs, it will be great, that's what all the guys said. Well, I've dived into matrimony only to discover there's much more to it than anyone shared with me.

I never bring the correct/right sized twigs, they are either too short, too long, too thin or too thick. I'm not sure where she thinks I go to find these things? There is no Crow Home Depot around the corner. I pick and carry until my beak hurts and she's never happy.

She keeps nattering at me that her 'mother' told her a well-built nest should be good for two solid years, I say throw one together and relocate next year. In fact, I have noticed our magpie neighbors live in a swanky gated community.

He was gripping about the high taxes, but they have a manicured lawn as well as flower beds and fruit trees, looks pretty upscale compared to the slough surrounding our abode.

She can't decide which corner to put the chesterfield in, I told her it's a nest, there are no corners, she burst into tears crowing that I never appreciate the effort she puts into making our house a 'home.'

When she pressed if we should get bunk beds or build each egg its own room, I fluffed my feathers and reminded her they would only be with us for a mere 4 weeks and then they'd be moving out. These words no longer left my beak when she burst into tears, apparently I have already sent the kids off to college before the first diaper change. I was just trying to keep things 'real' for her.

She threw it back into my face that once they leave, I won't let them back, well of course not, after taking care of them for 30 days they should be ready to go out and take on the world, not scrounge off Dear Old Dad.

Tonight, she got on my case because the dish washer seems to be clogged with worm casting and some clay mud. I told her I'd get on it in the morning and she just flew off saying she was going home to her mother.

Maybe I can round up a few guys for a game of poker? That's what I need,



a few laughs, some high quality whiskey, a cigar and all will be right my world tomorrow!"  
*If you enjoy a weekly*

*dose of Farm Wife humour please check out my blog at: <https://farmwifediary.blog>*

I just got excited about a new scent of dish soap.  
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