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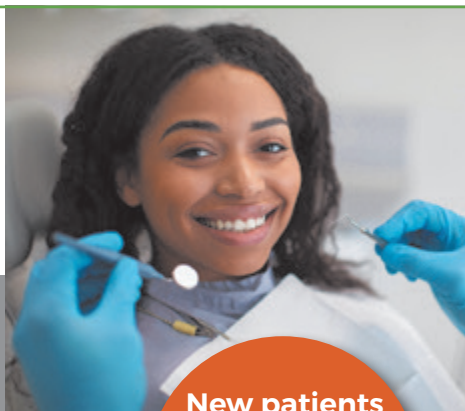
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### How Come We Don't Have a Lunar or Solar Eclipse Every Month?

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Let's take a trip down memory lane and imagine that our solar system is an old-style music record album with the Sun in the middle and each song representing a planet's orbit.

As the planets formed at the same time, about 4.6 billion years ago, they were all pretty much level with each other. Astronomers refer to this flat disk as the ecliptic plane.

Now, considering its traumatic birth was the result of a Mars-sized object smashing into Earth, our Moon has never been one to follow the crowd.

First off, over the course of each month, the Moon's orbit around Earth varies from 5 degrees above the ecliptic plane to 5 degrees below.



A full moon takes place when the Earth is between the Moon and the Sun. If the Sun, Earth, and Moon all line up perfectly, with the Moon smack dab on the ecliptic plane, the Moon will enter the Earth's shadow and a lunar eclipse will occur.

Conversely, a new moon happens when the Moon is between the Earth and the Sun. If all three align, with the Moon on the ecliptic, the Moon's shadow will move across the surface of the Earth and a solar eclipse will occur.



The reason we don't have a lunar or solar eclipse every month is because most of the time, the Moon's orbit is either above or below the ecliptic plane, which causes the Moon to miss Earth's large shadow or Earth to miss the Moon's tiny shadow.

A lunar eclipse occurs about three times a year while a total solar eclipse only happens every 18 months.

Are you a senior looking for activities that are fun and low-key? Do you know a senior who would enjoy or benefit from social activities? The Mid-Sun Seniors' Social Club is comprised of a group of men and women from Midnapore, Sundance, and adjoining communities who share diverse backgrounds and come together for regular activities and social events. Our goal in the community is to provide programs and opportunities for seniors living in the area to interact with other seniors.

Every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, the seniors meet at Mid-Sun Community Centre (MSCC) to play a variety of card games interspersed with chat and laughter. Not sure how to play? We will teach you – no stress! Tea or coffee and small snacks provided. If you are interested in playing, please join us. We guarantee a warm welcome. Dress casual.

In addition, the group has participated in short information speaker sessions. For example, we learned about home adaptations for seniors (chair lifts, bathroom aids, etc.) and home dental hygiene services. We have enjoyed a Jiggs' Dinner, shared a Christmas pot-luck lunch, had a wiener roast, and St. Patrick's Day fun. Each month, tables are booked at various community restaurants allowing us to enjoy senior specials like Wing Night, Taco Tuesday, Friday Fish, and Chips.

Thanks to the dedicated work of a small committee, the Mid-Sun Seniors received a New Horizons for Seniors Grant. This will allow us to offer interested seniors a variety of social events, day trips, and programs (information sessions, exercise, and lifestyle).

### The Following Are Currently Scheduled Events:

- Every Thursday: Cards Social MSCC, 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- Fish and Chip Friday: May 5, 5:00 pm at Hideout Pub (380 Midpark Way – behind Wingate Hotel)
- Bingo Night: May 23, 6:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room, MSCC (Maximum 40 people)
- Seniors' Week Social: June 8, 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the MSCC. Outdoor event (indoors if inclement weather). Bocce ball, ring toss, and snacks. Fun! Fun! Fun!

Events are scheduled throughout the year. Please join us.

For further information, contact us at seniors@midsun.org or 403-254-8058.

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**If you're interested in volunteering on our Association's Board of Directors, please send an email to our Board President at [president@midsun.org](mailto:president@midsun.org).**

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# NEWS FROM THE SUNDANCE LAKE

## RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Protect our lake from whirling disease, zebra mussels, and invasive species. These things spread between lakes and rivers by contaminated water, equipment, and clothing going from one water body to another. Not only boats can cross-contaminate the lake! Be aware that your water toys, fishing gear, water shoes, life jackets, and swimsuits can also cause issues for the lake. So please clean, drain, and dry all your water gear.



*Whirling disease is a threat to our trout caused by a microscopic parasite that causes significant damage to their skeletons.*



*Zebra mussels attach to any hard surface in the water such as boats and docks and cause a lot of damage, resulting in increased operational and maintenance costs. Zebra mussels also compete with the fish for food which would cause our fish to be smaller and less abundant. Zebra mussels are also stinky and foul the beach experience. Once established in a water body, there is no known way to get rid of zebra mussels.*

Invasive species (like perch) and diseases can also be introduced into the lake by releasing live fish into the water, or by using fish eggs as bait.

To protect Sundance Lake from cross-contamination, it is important to follow proper decontamination procedures when moving between different bodies of water. This includes cleaning and disinfecting all fishing gear, swimming equipment, and boats before and after use.

Items that cannot be decontaminated should be left at home. For example, felt-soled waders (unless they

have removable felt soles) as they cannot be properly decontaminated or water guns that were used in a place that is already having troubles.

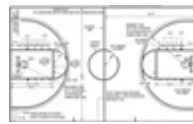
**Clean Your Gear** – Clean off any vegetation and mud. Wherever possible, wash with high pressure, hot, soapy water, or bleach water.

**Drain** – Drain all the water from boats or toys.

**Dry** – Dry all items completely for one week or more.

Thank you for protecting our lake!

### New Lines



With the new paving project completed just before winter, we will be repainting the basketball court lines this spring! We are also installing new backboards.



We are repainting the main parking lot and adding some more spaces and additional mobility access stalls. Painting will happen after hours so there will be no disruption to access.

### Summer Entrance

The Calgary Parking Authority has given us a grant to install a mobility access ramp at the summer entrance. Thank you, CPA! We are coordinating this construction to occur at the same time as an upgrade from the chain



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### Spring is Here!

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We are now looking forward to our spring and summer season.

### AGM

Save the date. Our Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2023. Details to follow.

### Board of Directors – Nominations

The Midnapore Lake Residents' Association Annual General Meeting will be held in June and we are recruiting community leaders to serve on the board of directors. We are looking for people who have a passion for our facility, have a vision for the future, and who enjoy actively effecting positive change in a team-based environment. We welcome interest and value contributions from persons with a diversity of life experience, and have ongoing needs for those with a background in technology, construction/trades, board governance, finance, administration, safety, human resources, or project management. We also welcome creative dreamers who can transform an idea into a reality.

Election to the board of directors will take place in June during the annual member meeting. To express your interest or for more information, contact Deanna on behalf of the Nominating Committee at [nominations@midnaporelake.ca](mailto:nominations@midnaporelake.ca). We look forward to hearing from you or from anyone who you think would be a great addition to our team.

### Movie on the Beach

Save the date, our Movie on the Beach event is scheduled for August 12, 2023. Details to follow.

### Annual Fees

Please remember that your annual lake fees were due on January 1, 2023. Any accounts with outstanding balances as of January 31, 2023 will be denied access to the park.

### Midnapore Lake Bookings

For your Lake Room, Cookshack, and large group bookings, please call the office staff at 403-256-0550.



## Mid-Sun Community Garden

The garden is starting to look more like a garden this month.

As gardening families decide to move, are transferred, etc., it is possible that one or more garden beds are available for rent. If none are available, you can still apply and be added to the waitlist.

You can also volunteer to help out around the garden. Visit [midsun.org/mid-sun-community-garden](http://midsun.org/mid-sun-community-garden) and click on 'Application'.

### Upcoming Event:

The garden is sponsoring a Community Plant Share on Saturday, May 27.

Details will be published as they become available.

### Community Garden News and Events Are Posted On:

Facebook: 'Mid-Sun Community Garden' Page

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Website: [midsun.org/mid-sun-community-garden/](http://midsun.org/mid-sun-community-garden/)

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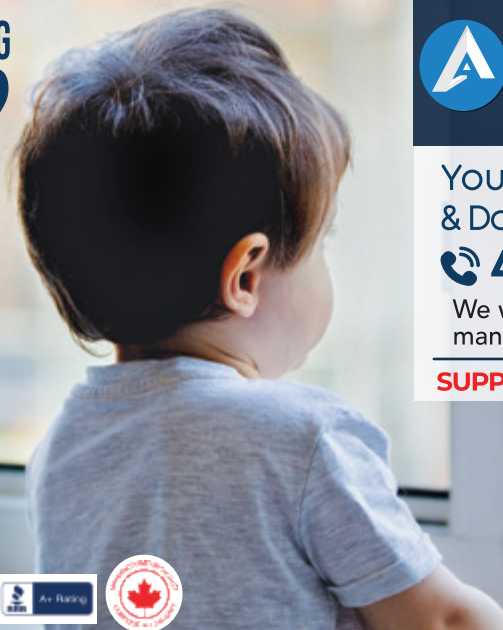
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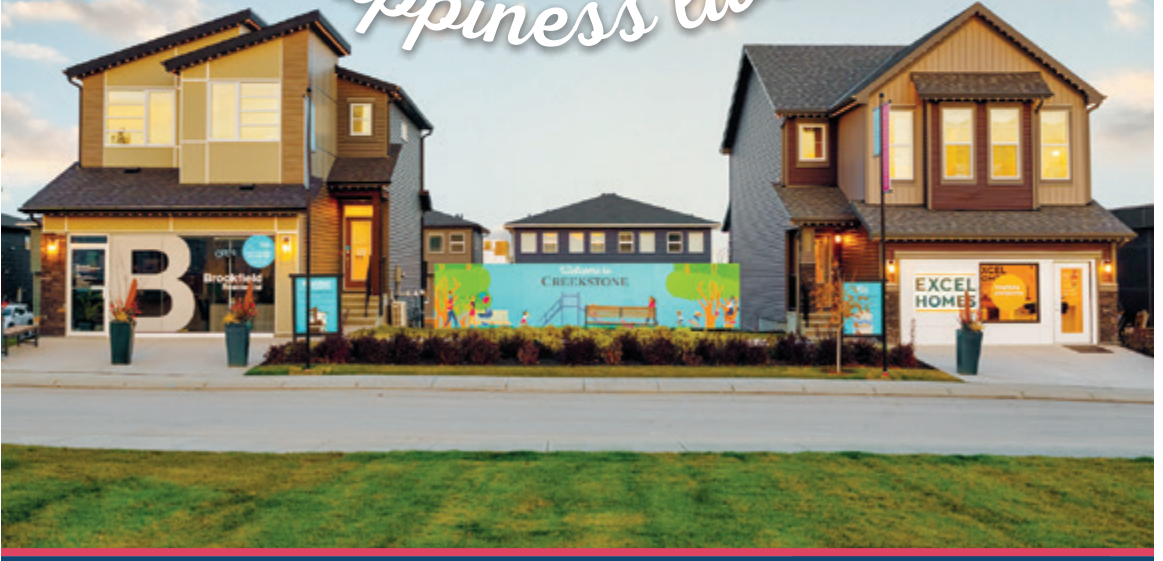
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