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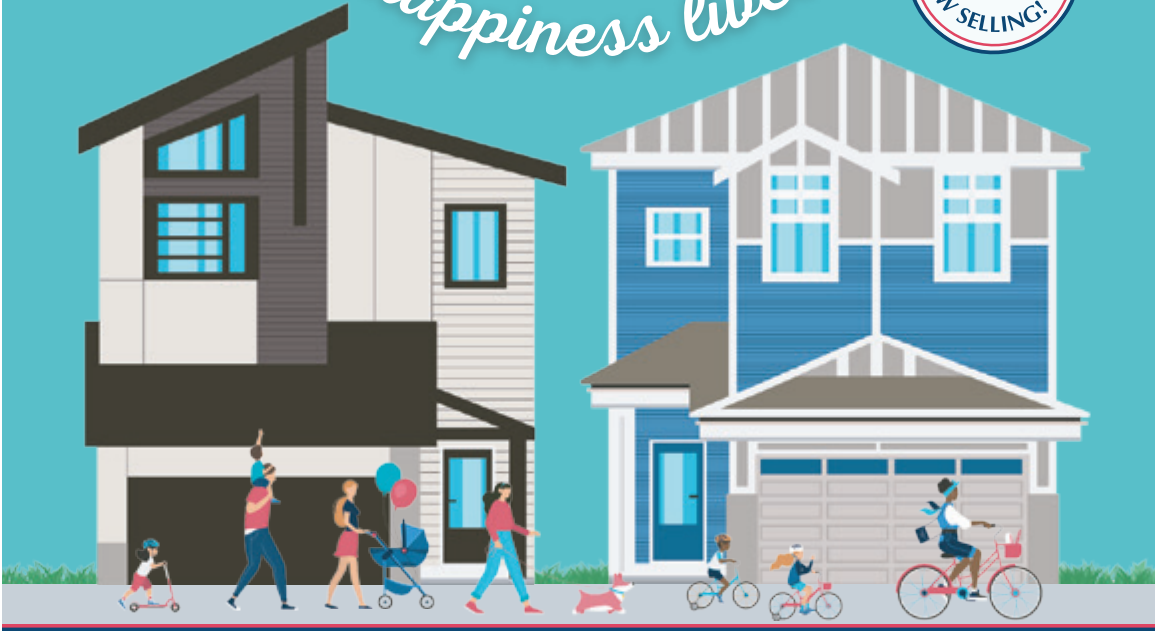
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear community centre members and friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and you are enjoying the odd winter we are having. I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all the volunteers who helped at the casino in January. Thanks to your hard work and dedication, we raised much-needed funds for our centre. This money will go a long way in supporting our programs and services for the community.

As you may know, our centre is in need of a new roof, which is a major expense that we cannot afford on our own. We have applied for a grant from the city to help us cover the cost of this project, and we are waiting to hear back from them. We are hopeful that we will receive a positive response soon, and we will keep you updated on the progress of this.

In the meantime, I invite you to join us for our upcoming events and activities, which you can find on our website. We have something for everyone, from seniors to youth, from fitness to arts and crafts. Our next big event is our Wine Tasting on March 15. Tickets are available online. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions, so please feel free to share your thoughts with us. We value your feedback and participation.

Thank you for being part of our community centre family. Together, we can make this place a welcoming and vibrant hub for our neighbourhood.

*Patsy*



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## Stargazing with Pat J: The Ice giants – Uranus and Neptune

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Similar to Jupiter and Saturn, Uranus and Neptune’s atmospheres consist of hydrogen and helium, but the bulk of each planet is a frozen slush of water, methane, and ammonia, hence their nickname ‘ice giants.’

### Uranus

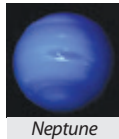
- Seventh planet from the Sun
- If the Sun is at a football field’s goal post and Earth is on the 2-yard line, Uranus is at the 38-yard line
- Third largest planet, 63 Earths could fit inside
- Rotates on its axis in 17 hours. Takes 84 years to orbit the Sun
- Takes sunlight 2.5 hours to get there
- Lacks a hard surface. Despite being closer to the Sun than Neptune, Uranus is the coldest planet in the solar system at -224 degrees Celsius
- Has 27 moons and thirteen rings
- Very stormy atmosphere with wind speeds over 900 km/hr
- Early in life, a collision with an Earth sized object left it with a tilt of almost 90 degrees; meaning Uranus is literally lying on its side. As a result, summer on Uranus is 21 years of sunshine while winter is 21 years of darkness



Uranus

### Neptune

- Eighth planet and furthest from the Sun
- If the Sun is at a football field’s goal post and Earth is on the 2-yard line, Neptune is at the opposing team’s 50-yard line
- Fourth largest planet, 57 Earths could fit inside
- Rotates on its axis in 15 hours. Takes 165 years to orbit the Sun
- Takes sunlight four hours to get there
- Lacks a hard surface. Mean temperature: -200 degrees Celsius
- Has 14 moons and five very faint rings
- Stormiest atmosphere in the solar system with wind speeds over 2000 km/hr
- 8,000 km below the surface of both Uranus and Neptune, hydrogen and carbon are squeezed together under incredible pressure. The result is rain, not of water droplets, but of diamonds!



Neptune

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## Easter Egg Hunt

Save the date – Saturday March 30 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt/Bunny Hunt.

## Instagram

Did you know we have an Instagram page? Have a look and follow our page.

## Annual Fees

Please remember that your annual lake fees were due on January 1, 2024. Any accounts with outstanding balances as of January 31, 2024, will be denied access to the park.

## Midnapore Lake Bookings

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## President's Message

March! The month that wants to feel like spring but is still clearly winter. This is a transitional season for the lake. Hard to know how much ice will hold in for us this year, versus moving into the thaw.

Did you know that the lake owns a little drone? Our little drone has the job of flying over the lake to monitor the condition of the ice. We send it up just to take photographs and make note of any openings in the ice. Since I've begun working on the board, I've come to learn a lot about the complexity of ice. It doesn't function quite like one way. For example, snow is a tremendous insulator. When it is piled high, it tends to impact the ice below. Also, dark colours on the ice like paint, or even leaves, attract sunlight and can act as a heat sink. Using the drone occasionally is one of tools to help keep members aware of any hazards that might develop.

A priority for our board this month is to continue to evaluate our water well. Once we have the data from our aquifer study, we will be looking to make a decision about how the lake manages the water in the future. As we move deeper into the month of March, you may see that there is some equipment on site. We plan to attend to the project as best we can while the ground is still frozen to reduce the impact of any heavy equipment.

Once again, our learn-to-skate program had terrific uptake. It was very fun to see families out with their little ones as they became skaters. I noted a member's post on social media reflecting on how they learnt to skate on the Midnapore Lake upper rink. The post featured a picture of their grandchild carrying on that legacy. Thanks for sharing.

See you at the lake,

Jen Hawkins

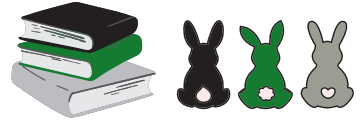
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## Mid-Sun Community Garden

### Garden Bed Rentals

The Mid-Sun Community Garden is accepting applications through March 31 for rental of Community Garden beds for the 2024 season.

There are no residency requirements, but all bed renters must be members of the Mid-Sun Community Association at a cost of \$20 to \$25 depending on residency. Each rental bed has rental fee of \$20 plus an obligation to spend at least five hours during the season in assigned support of the garden infrastructure. Membership and rental fees owed must be paid in full within ten business days of notification that a bed has been awarded.

The application form can also be used to register as a volunteer at no cost.

See one of the following for a link to the Bed Rental Application form:

- <https://midsun.org>
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- Or email [garden@midsun.org](mailto:garden@midsun.org) for further information.

### What Is the Mid-Sun Community Garden?

The Mid-Sun Community Garden is much more than a collection of simple garden beds for rent. We are a dynamic community of gardeners of all skill levels who grow together as we learn new things from each other and develop new friendships.

In addition to our own garden beds, we all support and have access to a growing selection of fruits and berries, as well as culinary and medicinal herbs. A number of in-garden social events are scheduled each summer, often with demonstrations, and we sponsor several formal classroom sessions each season at minimal cost.

We support our communities by jointly maintaining a number of garden beds for donations to food banks. In addition, a new sidewalk-facing hedge will make cherries, saskatoons and black currants available to the public once they mature.

Does this sound like something you would like to be involved with as a renter or as a volunteer?

For further information, email [garden@midsun.org](mailto:garden@midsun.org).

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## Mid-Sun Seniors' Social Club

February was a busy month for the seniors in the Mid-Sun area. In addition to the weekly card gatherings every Thursday afternoon, many seniors boarded a bus for outings to enjoy a play at Jubilations Theatre and/or a Murder Mystery at Heritage Park. These events were subsidized through a grant from New Horizons for seniors. The group also participated in our annual outdoor Wiener Roast, complete with hot dogs and marshmallows toasted in the fire pit.

We have welcomed several new members to our group. If you have been thinking about incorporating a social activity complete with chat, laughter, and interesting games, we would love to have you join us. Please visit on a Thursday afternoon to meet us.

### March Activities

#### Cards and Games

Every Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

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We gather for cards and games and have added several new games to our repertoire. Every member continues to learn in an inclusive, non-threatening atmosphere. Tea, coffee, and snacks included. Small donations accepted.

#### Seniors Gentle Movement and Fall Prevention Workshop

Monday, March 11, 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

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#### Bingo (tentative)

Monday, March 11, 6:30 pm.

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The Seniors' Committee and the MSCC staff are working to receive approval from AGLC to hold Seniors Bingo evenings (hopefully starting in March). Watch for further information on the Community Centre website [www.midsun.org](http://www.midsun.org).

Registration required. Contact 403-254-8058. Limited spaces.

#### Theatre Calgary Production

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 to approximately 10:00 pm.

Travel by bus to the Theatre Calgary Production of *As You Like It* (Shakespeare meets the Beatles), a comedy. This is a grant-subsidized activity.

Registration required. Contact 403-254-8058.

### Pub Night

Tuesday, March 26, 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

At a local venue (tentative date).

Contact [seniors@midsun.org](mailto:seniors@midsun.org) or 403-254-8058. Registration required.

Often other activities are planned after the deadline for *Mid-Sun Messages* has passed. To be aware of the latest events and activities or if you have questions contact us at [seniors@midsun.org](mailto:seniors@midsun.org) or call 403-254-8058. You can also visit the seniors' section at <https://www.midsun.org/social-seniors/>. These are important links as registration is usually required for our activities.

Wishing you and your families a happy Easter!

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Childcare and affordability are crucial for families and the government recognizes this. That is why in 2021 the Alberta government signed the Canada-Alberta Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. The government believes that all Albertans deserve an affordable, accessible, high-quality, inclusive childcare sector.

To help both families and businesses, the creation of the Early Learning and Child Care Agreement promises a total of \$3.8 billion being invested over five years to bring childcare fees to an average of \$10 per day. Having affordable childcare is what creates opportunities and keeps money in parents' pockets.

Since January 2022, childcare fees that were paid by parents were reduced by 50% across Alberta. In 2024, it is expected that parents will pay an average of \$15 a day and by 2026 that average will be reduced to \$10 a day. In addition, the Alberta government is excited to announce that it has put over \$900 million back into the pockets of parents who use childcare. That is approximately \$550 per month per child. Furthermore, just in 2024 alone the Child Care Agreement will save families in Alberta \$9,000 per year per child.

## Supporting Childcare Staff and Operators - Affordability Grant

In order to support both operators and reduce parental fees for childcare, the Alberta government has replaced revenue operators with the Affordability Grants. What is exciting about these grants is that while the fees paid by parents are decreasing, childcare operators have seen an increase in their total revenue from the government, plus an additional amount in recognition of increased costs. In total, most operators have seen an increase of 9% in total program fees over the past three years. The Alberta government is also offering other funding that will support the staff of childcare facilities. These include wage top ups for early educator staff, of up to \$8.62 per hour, and access to \$4,300 per educator per year for professional development and training. These efforts from the Alberta government have and continue to make a difference in the lives of many Albertans.

If you have any questions or input, please feel free to reach out to my office at Calgary.FishCreek@assembly.ab.ca.

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