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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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

You are all invited to our Kick Start to Summer Community Event on Saturday, June 1 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Mid-Sun Community Centre. This will include a magic show, one bounce house obstacle course and one smaller bounce house for our very young visitors, some carnival games, outdoor games, and a mini canteen. I'll be there working with staff and other volunteers so please stop by and say hello. This annual event is one of our favourites with its main purpose to simply gather our neighbours and create community connections! We'd love to see as many of you as possible!

Our roof replacement is scheduled to start July 1, which means the community centre will be closed for the summer. We will miss seeing your friendly, smiling faces popping in throughout the summer, but the staff will be busy planning programs and events for the fall so keep checking our website and social media pages for information and reopening updates.

Website: www.midsun.org

Facebook: Mid-Sun Community Association

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We are always looking for more board members to bring energy and ideas to improve our community. Please consider volunteering to work with us. Any questions? Contact me at president@midsun.org.

I'll see you June 1 at our Kick Start to Summer Event!

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AGM

Save the date. Our Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2024. Details to follow.

Board Of Director 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 also have ongoing needs for those with a background in technology, construction/trades, board governance, finance and 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, do contact the Nominating Committee at 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 10, 2024. Details to follow.

Midnapore Lake Bookings

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President's Message

May... While we all feel like spring should start in April... We are a little more certain of its presence come May. The park springs to life. The trees begin to leaf out. We have the odd wildlife visitor come through the park. Occasionally as dawn breaks the staff or nearby residents catch a glimpse of a bobcat or coyote on their property. These visitors quickly depart with the arrival of humans each morning and they have not caused any issues. They are a beautiful reminder that we live with nature all around. Did you know

that as the ice breaks up fish jump and will occasionally be stranded on the ice. That's one reason why the coyotes sneak in for a visit... an easy fish lunch waiting on ice. Now that the water is open, we will see a variety of birds of prey fishing in the lake.

Brave members are likely in the park engaging in summer sports. Welcome back to our pickle ballers, our swimmers who really like a cold plunge in the early season, and picnickers who are drawn in for an outdoor dinner. Come try the disc golf course one evening, the discs are available at the lake office.

We are preparing for our AGM in June. If you are interested in the workings of the lake, I invite you to come. If you are keen to get involved, please consider reaching out to our nominations committee. We are appreciative of our volunteer board. Board members are voted in annually, and ideally would commit to two years of participation. It is a great opportunity to work with a variety of people, learn about our lake, and represent the interests of the membership.

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*January 1 - March 31, 2024

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 Low | \$570,000
 Avg. | \$758,444
 #Sold | 9
 Avg. days on mkt. | 16

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High | \$572,500
 Low | \$460,000
 Avg. | \$504,083
 #Sold | 6
 Avg. days on mkt. | 7

CONDO

High | \$335,000
 Low | \$220,000
 Avg. | \$290,300
 #Sold | 15
 Avg. days on mkt. | 20

SUNDANCE

DETACHED

High | \$900,000
 Low | \$531,117
 Avg. | \$695,964
 #Sold | 22
 Avg. days on mkt. | 23

ATTACHED

High | \$499,400
 Low | \$499,400
 Avg. | \$499,400
 #Sold | 1
 Avg. days on mkt. | 8

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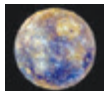
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Stargazing with Pat J: Why Humans Will Never Ever Set Foot on Mercury or Venus

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Mercury



- Closest planet to the Sun.
- If our Sun is the goal post of a CFL football field, Earth would be at the two-yard line; Mercury on the 0.8-yard line.
- Smallest planet, only slightly larger than Earth's Moon.
- Very faint; visible only after sunset or before sunrise.
- Rotates on its axis in 59 days. It takes 88 days to orbit the Sun.
- Sunlight takes three minutes to get there.
- No moons or rings.
- Rocky, heavily cratered surface.
- Only two probes have ever been sent there; neither landed.
- A blistering 430-degree Celsius during the day. A bone chilling - 170-degree Celsius at night.
- Any water or atmosphere it once possessed has long since boiled away.

Venus



- Second planet from the Sun.
- Using the above CFL field comparison, Venus is on the 1.4-yard line.
- Slightly smaller than Earth.
- Second only to our Moon in brightness.
- Rotates on its axis in 243 days. It takes 225 days to orbit the Sun, making its year shorter than its day.
- Takes sunlight six minutes to get there.
- No moons or rings.
- Unlike every other planet, Venus spins clockwise. Scientists believe this is because Venus is actually upside down; meaning the Sun rises in the west and sets in the east.
- While it has an atmosphere, it is a poisonous concoction of carbon dioxide and sulphuric acid which has produced a runaway greenhouse effect. With an average temperature of 460-degree Celsius, Venus is hotter than Mercury, despite being further from the Sun.
- Russia has landed several probes on the surface, but none survived more than two hours; having been crushed flat by an atmospheric pressure of 1,350 pounds per square inch, then melted by the scorching temperatures.

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Seniors and young alike have their eye on the much-anticipated May long weekend. Some eagerly await time for holidays, the planting of flower beds and gardens, time visiting grandkids as the school year ends or just warmer weather and longer days. For some the season passes too quickly. For others the season is lonely as family and friends are away or "on the go". Our seniors' group will continue to enjoy weekly card games and a variety of activities throughout the summer. We hope that you will join us if you find yourself "at a loose end" or looking for some new contacts.

The New Horizon's Grant for Seniors, which assisted us in offering many exciting, subsidized activities to seniors in the Mid-Sun and adjacent areas, came to an end on March 30. As awareness of the group's activities increased, numerous people joined us to engage with other seniors and benefit from the social contact. Although we may no longer be able to subsidize events, our committee will continue to plan and offer a wide variety of experiences.

Activities for May:

Cards and Games

Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Mid-Sun Community Centre

All seniors 55+ welcome. No experience necessary. We play a wide variety of games, which includes indoor cards and newly purchased outdoor games (bocce, croquet, etc.). Small donations accepted. Tea, coffee, and snacks provided. We are always happy to teach the games in a stress-free, no pressure atmosphere. We also welcome you introducing us to a new game.

Bingo

Monday, May 13, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Mid-Sun Community Centre

Cash only event. Ten games called. Cards: \$5 per pack of ten (one card for each game). Cash prizes. Cash concession. Registration is necessary.

Pub Nite

Tuesday, May 21, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

This month we will gather at Rockwell Food and Taps, Millrise (opposite Sobeyes). We meet at a different local pub each month to interact with other seniors. Take advantage of an easy way to meet us and learn what this seniors' group is about. RSVP required.

Potluck

Tuesday, May 28, 12:00 to 4:00 pm, Lake Sundance Cook House

Food, fun, outdoor games, and socializing. All seniors 55+ are invited. RSVP please.

To learn more about these events or about our group, to RSVP, or to be added to our information mailing list, please contact seniors@midson.org. We are always eager to meet and welcome you.

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For the first time since 2001, the Alberta Government has authorized the Drought Command Team, which will begin negotiating water agreements with water-license holders. The negotiations have been overseen by the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, the Honourable Rebecca Schultz, to secure significant and prompt reduction in water use.

As many Albertans know, due to El Niño Alberta is currently experiencing one of its warmest and driest winters on record, resulting in the province being at a significant risk of experiencing drought. The government is swiftly responding and will begin meeting with major water users, with the goal of developing voluntary agreements to share water if there is a severe drought. This will include meetings with municipalities, irrigation districts, industry, and other major users to develop voluntary water-sharing agreements. At least one water-sharing agreement will be developed for each of the Red Deer River, Bow River, and Oldman River Basin.

The government is currently monitoring the snowbanks, rainfall, river levels, and water uses levels throughout the province, to help understand how much water will be available this year. Alberta has five stages in its water management plan, ranging from Stage One, which is a minor drought, up to Stage Five, which is a province-wide emergency. We are at a Stage Four right now.

In addition, the Alberta government is committed to improving both Alberta's drought resiliency and water management for Albertans now and for future generations. That is why through Budget 2024, the government will be investing over \$251 million in multi-year funding for new flood and drought mitigation projects concerning Alberta's berms, dams, reservoirs, and flood walls. The funding will also help launch new projects that will protect homes, businesses, and lives.

I wish all the constituents in Calgary-Fish Creek a wonderful May!

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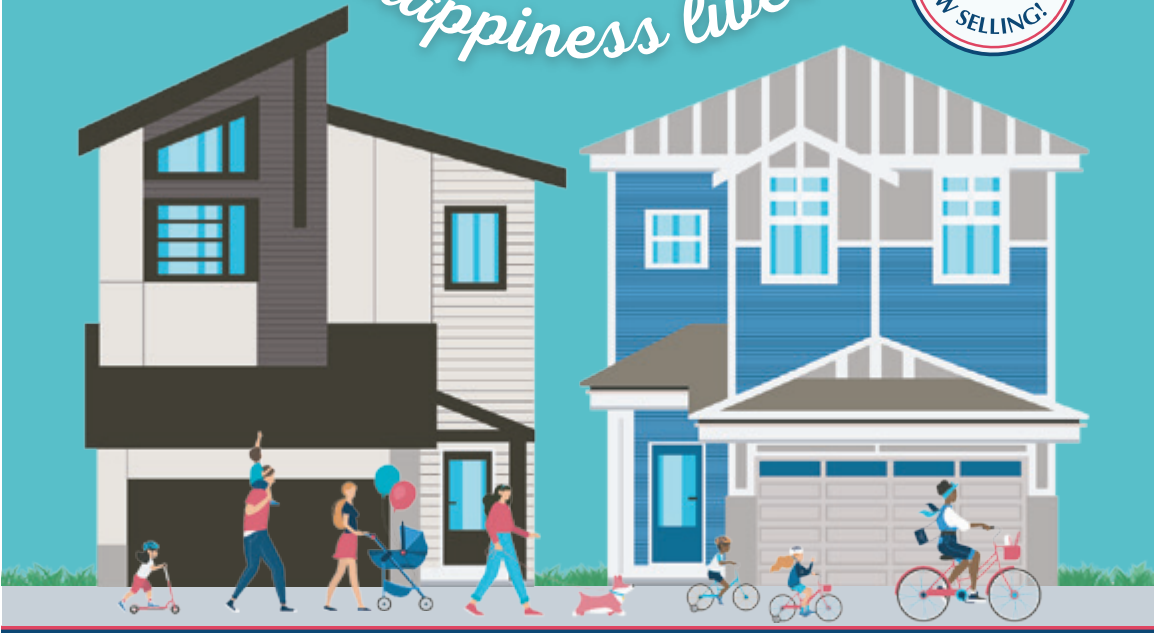


This year in Canada, Mother's Day will be celebrated on May 12. But this is not the same for moms in other countries. In Arab countries it's March 21, and in the UK, it's on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Whenever it is, let's just agree moms deserve all the love, pampering, and chocolates they can get!

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