

Welcome to Elbow Committee

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Welcome to Elbow program has been active for 11 years welcoming 119 folks to Elbow. Recipients of Welcome Bags/Phone Welcomes in the past year were: Michael Roussel, Blake and Angela Pollock, John Burrill, Shaun Huel, Lavinne Zdunich, Denise Norris, Gloria Blanchard, Jaydon Buckton, Suzanne Kirton and Ken & Teri Firby. Businesses and community organizations receive FREE advertising in our Welcome Brochure and are asked to contribute to the gift bags with donations, advertising items, etc. 15 bags have been made up recently. If we missed contacting you, please call with info or drop items with Meryl/Donna. Also, please contact us if you know someone new to town. Comments and suggestions are always welcome!

Elbow First Responders

Co-ordinator: Janet Hundebly, RN.

We added 5 new first responders this year: our Fire Chief Tyler Gifford, Scott Frazer, Katie Vollmer, Kelly Brown & Sheila Cox. Goals are keeping skills current with practice on each other as well as attending calls when available. Dale Hundebly, Mark Janke and myself are excited to have a group of eager people to join us as volunteers working with our emergency services. We have had several tough calls already putting everyone’s skills to the test. The enthusiasm they show is contagious and we are pleased that 3 more people have come forward that are interested in the training. General information for the community: AED locations are: Prairie Centre Credit Union, Bethel Lutheran Church, Harbor Golf Community Center, Harbor Golf Course Clubhouse, Resort Village of Mistusinne Office & Douglas Provincial Park.

Friends of the Elbow Trail

Executive: Natalie Letts, Brenda Hesje, Denise Ganes, Anne Paulsen, Russ Stevenson

The Committee handles the maintenance of the Elbow Recreational Trail including spring cleaning, pruning, grass cutting and garbage removal throughout the year. Efforts are also made in the winter to pack snow down using snow mobiles on sections of the trail to allow for winter trail usage. In addition to ongoing maintenance, the Committee hired Greg Cox to build boardwalks on various sections of the trail where pieces of cement had been to deal with low lying areas. The boardwalk project is now completed. Then the Committee partnered with the Village to create a trail section to connect Saskatchewan Street to Putters Lane, providing a safe route for walkers, bikers, strollers and golf carts between Saskatchewan Street, Harbor Golf Community Center, Harbor Golf Course, Elbow Cemetery & the Cairn Look Out Point. Goals/Activities for 2024: The committee plans to improve and beautify the new connection trail including the installation of solar lights along the route.

Quilters Group

Submitted by Sylvia Harms & Corrie Downie

A small group of women meet at the United Church to tie quilts Wed afternoons during our quilting season. After the quilt tops, which are sewn at home by those with the ability to do so, are fitted with matching back batting, the 3 layers are tied together by the group. Finishing the borders are done at home. The batting and sometimes colored bed sheets are the only purchases necessary as sheets, fabric and blankets have been generously donated over the years. 150 quilts were sewn this past season & all were donated. Some locally to those recuperating from health issues & the rest donated to numerous charities in Saskatoon & Moose Jaw where distributed to the needy. An abundance of Christmas material was donated so we are sewing cloth Christmas gift bags. These reusable bags will be available at the Jelly Bean & Elbow Library for a cash donation to the Davidson Food Bank. Volunteers & donations always welcome!

Elbow Pickleball Club

Pres Maureen Bialowas VP-Dave Hesje
Sec-Donna Hundebly Treas-Gary Cheeseman

EPBC is unique in that we have “seasons” of players. We have the campers and visitors. We have the “locals” who opt to golf, fish, boat, holiday or work and return in the fall. Then the snowbirds start the trek south. No matter who is around to play, we are adaptable and provide play 14 hours most weeks all year round. We also provide 3 different levels of play! We had 500 participants (lots of repeats) this summer! We have a couple social, non-competitive events a year and spouses, etc. are included. Our treasurer collects fees and transfers to village at the end of each month. We own 5 nets and purchase the balls as needed. There are 3 courts. Fun & Fitness pass members also use our nets. We offer lessons and will do small group lessons on request (860-7544). Most become addicted immediately! Give us a call! EPBC uses the SignUp computer program. This enables members to know who and how many have signed up to play each time and skill level. We have people who travel from a distance so this way they can be sure people will be present. Maureen & Marnie meet monthly to set up the schedule. Times vary due to “booked” events, etc. Our schedule is on the village events calendar. Several members have participated in city tournaments. Elbow is on the “Pickleball” map! Our club is growing and we feel we have had a successful summer season. We are a “caring” group, out to socialize, meet new people and get exercise at the same time! Please feel free to contact any of our executive or members if you wish to give pickleball a try! We promise you won’t be disappointed! Visitors comment on our wonderful facility and appreciate that they can “drop-in” and be included in our organized play! This doesn’t always happen in other facilities! Many say they will be back!

**Consider joining
our many committees and
groups in the Village!**

Floor Shuffleboard

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We received a federal grant of \$8723 in March 2018 with sponsorship from the Lakeview Friendship Club. Good times and moderate growth followed with our dedicated group. Thanks and appreciation to those who have participated in our low impact activity and the Village for keeping rental rates so affordable in our state of the art facility. We continue to advertise and promote Shuffleboard and welcome adults & teenagers to play every Thursday 1-3 pm at the Harbor Golf Community Center. Cost is \$5/day for members or \$8 drop-in fee. Membership is \$20/year. Coffee and treat available for \$2. We hope to have evening shuffleboard 7-9 pm – weekday TBD. The 4-98 pound roll up shuffleboard courts are in the Civic Centre despite extensive advertising. Any reasonable offer accepted. Contact me with questions, comments or suggestions.

Lakeview Friendship Club

Submitted by Donna Riggall

The focus of the Club this year has changed in that we are promoting activities for adults of all ages. Thus far, there has been an iphone instructional workshop (held jointly with Elbow Library), Forever In Motion (seniors and physically limited adult exercise program), Just In Case (end of life preparation seminar), 2 picnics in the park and workshop for sewing Christmas gift bags. Thursdays at 1 pm at the Harbor Golf Community Center large meet room, we meet weekly for members/drop-ins to play cards or board games. Coffee/treat provided at 2:45 pm for a \$2 contribution. At 3 pm, we have a short interlude of musical entertainment and “Bring & Brag” is in the works. Membership which consists of an annual fee of \$20 has grown to over 30 members. Join us Thursday afternoons and check it out.

Elbow Palliser Library

Chair-Janice Scrimbitt VC-open
Secretary-Librarian
Interim Treasurer-Maxine Hedin

Main accomplishments: after school puzzle for kids, story trail, summer program for kids, book club for adults, Danny Kazam-Magician for the whole family, iphone lessons with Friendship Club, murder mystery night, open house night, meet/greet coffee hour with board, staff & patrons, catered rodeo pancake breakfast, used book sales at farmer’s market, online auction and developed mission and vision statement.

Goals for 2024: story hour for under 5, book club for tweens, continue adult book club, summer kids program, Palliser’s 50th Anniversary spring tea, crafts for kids for special occasions such as Valentines’ and Easter, actively recruit community-minded people to serve as Library Board members. We are so pleased with the new library and are staying busy with our patrons. The summer residents are pleased to have the library for their perusal. We have been busy concentrating on our new home and arranging books for best placement for patrons’ ease of selection. Our numbers are up from last year, which is a good step as in the last few years more used e-readers and not physical books. We changed our hours on Thursdays and are now open 2 to 7 pm which is convenient for working families.

Elbow Community Park/Orchard

Volunteer Co-ordinators: Carol Patterson & Kelly Brown
Vision Leader for Peace Garden: Gwen Curtis
Grants & Fundraising: Val Hundebly
Transcriber: Brenda Hesje

Main accomplishments in 2023: more pathways in park, kept up with weeding and mulching, built weed storage, sprayed weeds on pathways, beautified Peace Garden, grew our volunteer group, aerial photos of park and built plant map, trimmed trees and north lilac row pruned, helped community reduce waste with our Sarcan Program, ran successful plant fundraiser in spring.

Goals for 2024: plant along new pathway, spray grass in park for weed control, larger storage site built for gravel, mulch, weeds, etc., hopefully build new bathroom with village approval, grow volunteer group, run another plant fundraiser in spring, run a Christmas fundraiser.

We are looking for individuals to help answer questions and may run future projects in our park. Roles to fill include gazebo, with subco-ordinators for red building, benches and monuments and plant row leader.

Infrastructure Committee

Members: Chair Nick Paulsen, Mayor Colleen Hoppenreys, Councillor Brian Ford, Marc Roussel, Bryan Cafferata, Norma Johnson, Village Admin Brandy Losie, Public Works Foreman James Llewellyn.

Met twice in 2023. Discussed dust suppressant, paving, road grading, equipment repairs, using Elevator Rd as truck route, culvert problem areas, speed bumps, curbstops, sewer relining, snow removal, signage, lagoon, pedestrian road safety and power mobile equipment training.

Purchased a Road Boss & John Deere grader (on its way), cleaned sewer lines, repaired 2 culverts due to drainage issues, put up new signs, James took PME training on tractor & for grader once here, patched Railway Ave N, replaced 3 worn out water valves & 2 inoperable fire hydrants, put up snow fence & want a give a shout out to the RM of Loreburn for grading all summer!

Elbow & District Museum

Anne Wilson 854-4645
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The Elbow & District Museum is entrusted with the privilege to house, preserve and present to visitors and residents, the precious treasures from the past of this area. We have a “proud heritage on which to build our future”.

The last few years we were unable to continue our most successful activities such as Culture Days and various other programs. (that little pandemic thing threw things off a bit...) Instead of showing and celebrating our history, we lived history, returned much of the grant money and adjusted.

We do not charge admission. Our desire is for all to be able to glimpse our heritage, no matter financial status. There is a donation jar for visitors and we also appreciate being included in the Donor’s Choice. We gratefully acknowledge funding support from Sask Lotteries. The Museum Grant Program is highly competitive but well worth the effort required to obtain needed funds to keep operating. We no longer plan museum fundraisers considering there are so many other organizations competing for volunteers and the public’s funds.

Main accomplishments for 2023: steps taken to preserve our precious collection. Two of our artifacts are the 1907 one-room schools that house our treasures. Hopefully the public noticed the professional painting of the exterior of the museum buildings, addition of eavestroughs and downspouts and the adorable murals placed inside the windows done by our talented local artists of the Elbow Art Society!

Goals for 2024: Major changes: inside the museum – shelving and displays. Outside – address sod house roof. Elbow has had a sod house tourist attraction since 1965!

Heads Up: We require the assistance of carpenter types to help us measure for proposed shelving and determine what is needed. Please consider sharing your expertise this fall in order that we may obtain proper materials and budget for the lumber and wages (we are working on our 2024-2025 grant application). Please contact Anne 854-4645. Annual meet in Spring. Watch village website. Consider joining us if your passion includes respecting & sharing our history.

Lake Diefenbaker Tourism

Pres-Jocelyne Petryshyn (Coteau Bay)
VP-Joel Perry (Sask Parks)
Finance-Brandy Losie (Elbow/Loreburn)
Board Members Robyn Janke (Hitchcock/Birsay), Dezrae Miller (Riverhurst/Central Butte), Al Morhart (Elbow/Loreburn), Donna Smith (Outlook), Chris Standing (Whitecap Dakota), no reps currently for Lucky Lake, Beechy and Sask Landing.

LDT is a non-profit group of volunteer board members with the goal to take on activities in relation to increased visitation to the Lake Diefenbaker Destination Area, and to support the continued growth, development and enhancement of tourism in the destination region. LDT is run on funds provided through business memberships along with grants available. Member term is 1 year Jan-Dec and can be purchased by filling out the online form and paying by e-transfer.

If you or someone you know is passionate about the Lake Diefenbaker area and would be interested in participating as a board member, please email info@lakediefenbakertourism.com. More information on our AGM will be posted soon!