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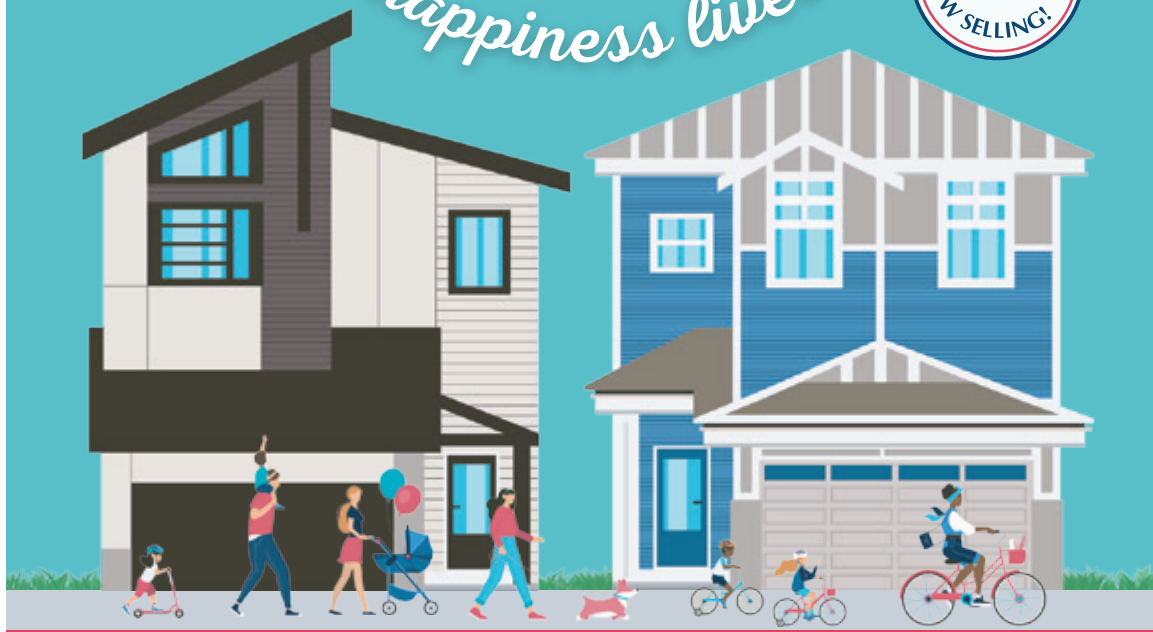
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Hi all and Happy April!

We have some great news to share! We have received a grant from the City of Calgary to help cover the cost of a new roof for our community centre. This means we can finally say goodbye to that old leaky roof and the headaches it would cause. Construction will begin in July and August but unfortunately, this means the community centre is closing for the summer. We plan to be operational again beginning of September.

Sadly, this also means we will not be running our Summer Day Camps for 2024, but we will be back and better than ever in 2025.

It has taken a lot of organization for us to move forward with this construction. A huge thank you to the City of Calgary for their support, and a special shout out to Lisa Johnston, our Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, for all her hard work in helping us with this project.

In other news, our March Wine Tasting event was a big hit! Over 80 people joined us at the community centre to enjoy our Wines of the World tasting presented by our knowledgeable sommelier Kevin from Co-op. You can check out photos from the event on our website.

We also have a new board member! Erwin Gotthold has joined us as a Director at Large. A big thank you to Erwin for supporting our community!

We are still looking for more board members. If have questions about what being a board member entails or are interested, please contact me at [president@midsun.org](mailto:president@midsun.org).

As always, if you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns about our Mid-Sun Community, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

*Patsy McNish*

Mid-Sun Community Association Board President





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## NEWS FROM THE MIDNAPORE LAKE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### Spring Is Just Around the Corner!

During the off season, the park will be open from 9:00 am until 7:30 pm. Please check the website ([www.midnaporelake.ca](http://www.midnaporelake.ca)) for current park hours and any operational limitations.

### Tennis Lessons

Please follow our website, Instagram, and Facebook pages. We will be offering both adult and child tennis lessons in the spring (starting in May).

Child classes will be on Wednesday nights and adult classes will be on Friday nights.

### 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

For your Lake Room, Cookshack and Large Group Bookings please call the office staff at 403-256-0550.

### President's Message

Our lake was recently visited by the Easter Bunny, and we would like to thank all the families who came to enjoy the annual egg hunt. Seeing the little ones faces light up as they greet our Bunny guest is so heartwarming. Thank you to the staff for their work putting this event together.

We are in the shoulder season as winter leaves and spring growth begins. The city is bracing itself for another summer of drought and we have been warned about potential water rationing as we move through summer. We have been monitoring the recovery of our aquifer. We have an onsite well that adds to our lake throughout the summer season. The lack of precipitation, coupled with high evaporation has required that we add city water to the lake for the past couple seasons over and above the water contributed by the well. Learning more about our aquifer will inform us on the viability of a second well.

A second well is an investment that will significantly benefit us because it will mitigate our dependence on city water to make up for evaporation. This is priority project for the lake this coming year.

As published in February's *Mid-Sun Messages* the Board of Directors have approved a fee increase for 2025. We have chosen to announce this early so that people can prepare. Next year's fee will be \$305 plus GST – an increase of \$50 annually. Even with this increase, we remain the lowest cost HOA fee for a lake community. We make this decision carefully, considering the benefit of the membership, and the long-term viability of our lake. It has long been a goal to maintain low fees for members. And this is still a priority. We will remain diligent with our budgeting as stewards.

Looking forward on the calendar our AGM is scheduled for June 20, 2024. If you are interested in seeing the community by being on the lake board, I encourage you to reach out. The board is made up of community members who are in good standing (fees paid up) with the lake. Our current board comes from a variety of backgrounds each offering their own strengths and disciplines. We are mandated with a fiduciary duty to the membership - we are seeking folks who would like to work with a good bunch of people to the benefit of our community. Applications go to the nominations committee and can be acquired from the office.

See you at the lake,

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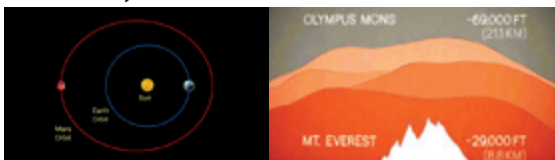
# Stargazing with Pat J: Mars - More Than a Bit Weird

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Mars hasn't always been a dry, dusty, desolate planet. It used to be a much nicer place with an atmosphere and oceans of water. The ravages of time, however, have not been kind to this little planet, leaving it with a host of bizarre features.

- Fourth planet from the sun.
- If our sun is the goal post of a CFL football field, Earth would be at the two-yard line; Mars on the three.
- Half the size of Earth; its red colour is because iron in the rocks and soil has rusted.
- Rotation: 24.6 hours.
- Revolution: 687 days. It has an egg-shaped orbit due to Jupiter's powerful gravitational field tugging on it.
- Tilted 25 degrees gives Mars four distinct seasons.
- Mean temperature: -65 degrees Celsius.
- Two tiny moons: Phobos is 22 kms in diameter and Deimos is even smaller at 13 kms. Shaped like potatoes, they may actually be captured asteroids.
- A thin atmosphere of 95% carbon dioxide.
- Mars' small size meant it couldn't retain enough heat to drive plate tectonics. Without tectonics, it lost its protective magnetic field, and as a result, its atmosphere is gradually being stripped away by the sun's solar wind.
- Lack of plate tectonics is what allowed Olympus Mons to grow into the largest volcano in the solar system at three times the height of Mount Everest.
- Of the abundant water Mars once possessed, some is frozen in the polar ice caps, some is trapped inside minerals in the planet's crust, and the rest escaped into space.
- A massive crack called Valles Marineris spans nearly a quarter of its surface. At 4,800 km long, 320 km wide, and 7 km deep, it is ten times larger than Earth's Grand Canyon.



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Budget 2024 – a plan that prioritizes investments in health, education, and safety, and that ensures our province will continue to grow and thrive for generations to come.

Health care is a key pillar of Budget 2024. If passed, the budget would invest \$1 billion over three years to transform the continuing care system in response to the Facility-Based Continuing Care Review; \$475 million to support the continued implementation of the Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System initiative, including \$200 million over two years to improve access to family physicians; \$10 million for primary health care initiatives in Indigenous communities; and \$15 million to further develop a compensation model for nurse practitioners.

Budget 2024 also focuses strongly on education. This budget would invest \$1.9 billion to support 98 school projects over the next three years. \$681 million in new funding would be invested to support priority school projects, including 43 new projects announced in the budget, creating a total of 35,000 new or modernized student spaces for children around the province. And an additional \$1.5 billion would be invested for educational learning supports for vulnerable students, children with specialized learning needs, and other students requiring additional supports.

Alberta provides among the most generous affordability measures and social supports across the country and Budget 2024 continues to help alleviate the financial burdens on Albertans. This includes \$717 million in capital grants over three years to advance Alberta's Affordable Housing Strategy, which incorporates \$254 million in new funding to help build about 3,300 new affordable housing units and complete 1,800 units already underway.

Finally, Budget 2024 focuses on paying down debt. An estimated \$6.4 billion in surplus cash is projected at the end of 2023-24 and Alberta's government is using half to pay off maturing debt this fiscal year. Of the remaining \$3.2 billion surplus cash, a forecast \$2 billion will be put in the Alberta Fund, and the other \$1.2 billion is being allocated to debt repayment to limit new borrowing required in 2024-25.

Budget 2024 is a responsible plan that prioritizes the needs of Albertans and their families and will help ensure Alberta continues to be one of the best places in the world to live, work, play, raise a family, or start a business.

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

## Mid-Sun Social Seniors' Social Club

As we move into Spring and the April activities that accompany warmer weather, hopefully with welcome rainy periods, everyone starts to spend more time outdoors. The daylight lasts longer, and that extra hour just lifts our senior spirits.

Our seniors' group, which welcomes individuals 55+ from Midnapore, Sundance, and surrounding areas, continues to meet regularly to enjoy playing cards and games, to visit and to share a beverage and a small snack. New members join us every week and leave the card session feeling welcomed and anticipating their next visit.

### April Activities:

#### Cards and Games

Thursday, April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

#### Mid-Sun Community Centre

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#### Bingo

Monday, April 15, 6:30 to approximately 8:00 pm.

Mid-Sun Community Centre - Multipurpose Room.

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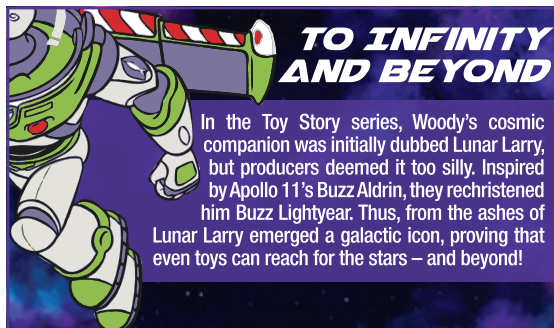
#### Pub Night

April date and location to be determined.

Each month we reserve space at a local restaurant to gather for supper and a visit. The location changes to support local businesses, for information please contact [seniors@midsun.org](mailto:seniors@midsun.org).

Mid-Sun Seniors have had an enjoyable and busy start to 2024. Now as our 'New Horizons for Seniors' grant (that has subsidized many events) comes to an end, we will be focused upon organizing a variety of different activities for the remainder of the year. In order to be aware of these events, please contact us at [seniors@midsun.org](mailto:seniors@midsun.org) and request to be added to our information emails.

Happy Spring!



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