

Carmangay

Village

# NEWSLETTER



**October, 2025**

## VILLAGE OF CARMANGAY

Carmangay Municipal Election

**Monday, October 20, 2025**

The 2025 Municipal Election will be held at the Carmangay Community Centre from 10 am to 8 pm on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The nominees for Village of Carmangay Council are as follows:

- BROWN, Susan
- DAHL, Susan
- FRASER, Douglas
- NICHOLS, Kymberly

Check if you are registered to vote at [www.voterlink.ab.ca](http://www.voterlink.ab.ca). If you are not registered, you can also register to vote using the same link – please do so prior to **September 30** to ensure you will be on the Electors Register for the Village. If you are not on the Electors Register on election day, you can register to vote at the Community Centre voting station. Please note – you will need to provide government issued photo identification showing your physical address, regardless of whether you are on the Electors Register or not – *please have photo ID with you*. If your ID shows a post office box number, please be prepared to show other identification to prove your address (this is only required if you are NOT listed on the Electors Register). Visit <https://www.elections.ab.ca/voters/id-required-to-vote/> to learn what types of identification will be accepted.

Vulcan County residents will also be voting for their Division 4 Councillor at the Carmangay Community Centre. The same identification rules will apply.

### **Advance Polls – Tuesday, October 14 from 9 am to 2 pm**

Residents of Carmangay and Vulcan County will be able to vote in the advance poll held on October 14 at the Village Office between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Please see above for identification requirements. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

### **Sewer Issues?**

Did you know - a homeowner can take a proactive approach to ensuring their sewer lines remain clear of build-up and debris by applying a sewer line cleaner product that is available at your local hardware store? Following product instructions, one application in the spring and one application in the fall has been proven to cut down on clogs, blockages and even tree roots that can cause slow drainage and back-ups. A quick Google search for “sewer line cleaner” will give you a couple of options to research. As always, please ensure you are following the product directions and safety recommendations for application.

### **Community Clean Up**

The fall Community Clean Up has been scheduled for **Wednesday, October 15**. We hope to have student volunteers available to help residents clean up their yards on Tuesday, October 14 – contact the Village Office for more information. All waste must be piled NEATLY in the

alley. Branches should be no longer than four feet and bundled together neatly. Everything should be in the alleyway behind your home no later than 8 am on October 15.

## FRIENDS OF THE CARMANGAY LIBRARY

The Friends of the Carmangay Library would like to thank everyone who joined us for our AGM and Watercolor Paint Night – it was a wonderful success; and we are excited to welcome all our new Friends members!

As part of the AGM, a new executive team was elected: **Rebecca McDonnell-Vrooman** is excited to step into the role of Chairperson and looks forward to building on the strong foundation left by **Jessica Vandebriunhorst** and her team. We are so grateful for their years of hard work and dedication.

Looking ahead, we're excited to host **Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate** at the Library **Halloween Parade** this October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm. We hope this year's event will be bigger and better than ever, and look forward to seeing you all there!



## CARMANGAY COMMUNITY CENTER

There is lots planned at the Community Center for October:

**October 4** from 9 -10:30 am is the monthly Community Breakfast.

**October 4** from 1–3 pm is a community Baby Shower for baby James, son of Justin and Danica Luffman. Help welcome this family and their son James to our community.

**October 25** 6:30 pm - ? Oktoberfest Pub night and cornhole games. The kitchen will be open and serving food and drinks. Watch for posters for more details.

## CARMANGAY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Next meeting: **Oct 27th** at Beryl's house.

We would like to thank everyone who has adopted a pot this season!! A special congratulations to Traci Erickson-Dagg on taking first place, and to Jan Fraser for taking second and third place for her own pot and taking care of the Community Centre pot as well. Everyone worked so hard to keep our Village beautiful, we appreciate all the hard work and beauty. The Village graciously stores any pots with water reservoirs in the heated shop for the winter, so if you adopted a pot with a reservoir please make sure you remove your items from the pot before winter. Everyone else, please feel free to add fall or winter decorations if you like.

The Blade park development has begun!! We are seeking funding from donations and grants. If you would like to donate, please contact one of our members, our email ([carmangayhort@gmail.com](mailto:carmangayhort@gmail.com)) or our Facebook page. We would love to have your support at our table at the Nov 8th Christmas Craft sale as well. Come by and say hi!!

As fall begins and the leaves fall, there is no better time to chat about composting! Come by our next meeting and share your knowledge or learn some tips and tricks that work for our climate. As many bees and bugs use leaf litter for winter insulation, there is no need to feel bad for leaving some in the yard or creating a pile in a wind protected area for composting in spring that the bees and bugs can enjoy.

Can't wait to see you in October at our next meeting!!

## CARMANGAY LIBRARY

As the nights grow longer and the air grows colder, strange things are stirring at the Carmangay Library... whispers of contests, gatherings, and ghostly good times. Do you dare step inside?

First, the spirits of Fire Prevention Week have crept in with their magical crayons! Partnering with VCES, the library has become a pick-up and drop-off location for their eerie colouring contest. Brave young artists, collect your pages and bring them back before they vanish into the night.

On the mornings of October 11 & 25, the giggling ghosts return with Giggles & Tales, filling the children's corner with laughter, games, and treats. Beware, their giggles are contagious!

Every other Wednesday—October 8 & 22—the shelves seem to groan under the weight of rescued food. That's right, it's Food Rescue, when mysterious bags of bread, fruit, and veggies appear, waiting to find a home before the witching hour.

On October 9 at 6:30 PM, the witches and warlocks of the BYOBook Club will gather. They'll bring their favorite tomes, conjure up conversation, and perhaps even summon a new read or two.

But the true hauntings begin on October 23 at 6:30 PM, when the walls may not look the same... Enter if you dare

for Spooky Paint, where old, harmless prints are cursed into terrifying masterpieces. Add ghosts, goblins, or whatever haunts your imagination. (Ages 16+, \$10, pre-registration required!)

The very next night, on October 24 at 6 PM, the spirits demand a Movie Night. We'll turn down the lights, hush the whispers, and let the big screen summon the scares (or at least the popcorn).

But beware—the library is also gathering treats for hungry ghouls. October 28 is the final day to donate goodies for Halloween night. Don't delay—your generosity fuels the magic!

And then... the big night arrives. On October 31 at 5 PM, the Halloween Parade begins at the school. March your costumed selves down to the library, where goodie bags await. The Friends of the Library will be there with hot dogs and hot chocolate to keep the chill away. But the library won't rest yet—our doors will stay open until 9 PM as a warm pit stop for trick-or-treaters wandering the haunted streets.

So, dear mortals, step cautiously this October... for the Carmangay Library is alive with stories, treats, and just a touch of fright!



## LIGHT UP THE PARK

Don't forget that this is the time of year we start thinking about what displays could be put at the park for light up the Park on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will try to have the horse and wagon pulling everyone around but if not, there will be a truck and trailer to do the same job. Let's see how much we can light the park up this year.

## CARMANGAY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB

### October Facts/Events:

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> is International Coffee Day. October 8<sup>th</sup> is National Kick Butt Day. October 15<sup>th</sup> is National Grouch Day. And October 29<sup>th</sup> is National Cat Day.**

The famed pumpkin spiced latte or PSL is a certified fall classic. In October 1886 France gifted the US the iconic Statue of Liberty. Costume choices have changed drastically in the past 100 years. In the 1920s, clowns were the most popular. Then it was Spiderman and Charlie Brown in the 1960s. Ghostface and Power Rangers in the 1990s. The most popular last year? A certified classic: a witch!

This is one of the coolest fun facts about Halloween: moose love pumpkins! In fact, in Alaska the moose emerge from the forest on Halloween night to eat the jack-o-lanterns off people's front steps. The most recognized Halloween colors are orange and black. Orange, of course, is the color of pumpkins as well as the changing fall colors. Black represents the night, death, and mischief.

Workout Wednesdays has been well attended since its inception. Sarah from FCSS will continue to lead the participants in a wide variety of exercises using a noodle (not edible) or soup cans that were later donated to the Vulcan Food Bank. The class is scheduled **from 9:00 – 10:00 am. \*Everyone is welcome.\***

Our **Spaghetti Supper** followed by our **Annual General Meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> was well attended.** Thank you to those who signed up as a member of the Seniors (which even included some men!); your support of our community work is greatly appreciated.

### **Mitten Workshop – stay tuned**

The **ANOVA Law Group** are providing an **Estate Planning Session** as part of their **GOOD WILL TOUR** on **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am.** This

free presentation is followed by a Q & A session. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Please let us know at [carmangaysenior@gmail.com](mailto:carmangaysenior@gmail.com) if you plan to attend and if you are bringing a guest by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

A Thanksgiving Dinner comprised of roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, corn on the cob and, of course, pumpkin pie is being offered on **Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$10.**

Kate's Manicures and Pedicures – Mark your calendars for the next spa day on **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.** Phone Kate if at 289-929-9793 to book a time.

BILLIARDS - Saturdays from 10-12 pm.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE - Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to noon.

## CARMANGAY SCHOOL

School is back in session for September and we are looking forward to the fall community clean up and getting to be out in the town. Feel free to use the school grounds for frisbee golf or walking your dogs, but please remember to clean up after them!

If you are interested in renting the school gym, please call the school at 403-643-2576, or email -- [Erin.harrington@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:Erin.harrington@pallisersd.ab.ca).

## CARMANGAY CURLING CLUB

October seems to have come on our radar very quickly and we are now accepting donations to our annual Harvest Supper. This is our main fundraiser each year and although it is a ton of work, we always get good results, and it is so much fun to have so many people we may only see once a year get together again. The Supper is on October 18<sup>th</sup>, please look for the poster and on Facebook.

The BBQ Kings are cooking up a delicious BBQ pork meal again

& Cal Toth Dueling Pianos will be the entertainment for the evening. There will be a live and silent auction. The cost is \$50.00/person and to get tickets please call Laurie Lyckman at 403-634-0246, Sandra Fremstad at 403-308-9964, Kelly Lyckman at 403-625-9672, or Rory McLeod at 403-795-7885.

A steer has been donated and it is being raffled off. To have a full steer cut and wrapped would be over \$7,000.00 so paying \$20.00 for a ticket on a ½ a beef, cut and wrapped for first prize, ¼ of beef cut and wrapped for prizes 2 & 3 and then \$1,000.00 Christmas Cash for 4<sup>th</sup> prize is a great chance. The draw will be at the Community Christmas Concert on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Carmangay Community Centre. There are tickets at the Village Office and with any curling club member.

Pickleball nights are still going on. Tuesday is the men's night and Wednesday is open to everyone. We would love to see you there. Just coming to try it out is free and if you find you like it and would like to continue, then there is a \$5.00 drop in fee. We will be playing as long as we can before we put the ice in for curling. If you would like more information Dennis Benci at 403-634-6142 or Laurie Lyckman at 403-634-0246.

## COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** is the Community Breakfast at the Carmangay Community Centre. Carmangay.

Come out and enjoy a morning of pancakes, sausages, bacon, scrambled eggs. We serve at 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$8.00/person and \$30.00/family. The perfect amount of time to meet new people, visit with the regulars, and have a great breakfast together.

All the money that is collected pays for the groceries, and any extra gets distributed throughout our community for organizations to use. See you there

**CARMANGAY & DISTRICT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Christmas Craft & Gift Sale.  
November 8<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m.-3:00p.m.**

Tables are \$15.00/6 ft table. If you would prefer to have your own table, a space will be provided for the same fee. There is lunch available and all the proceeds go to the Carmangay & District Historical Society to keep working on projects to bring awareness of the history of Carmangay and area. The tables are going quickly, so book yours early. For further information or to book a table please call Laurie Lyckman at 403-634-0246 or Jan Fraser at 403-643-3950.

A Remembrance Day Service will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Historical Church.

The noise impact assessment that was presented by Azgard Solar for their proposed development in Carmangay reported the maximum output of sound would be approximately 33.8 dB at the nearest residence to the site. I would like to share a personal comparison. In 2020, a Telus tower was installed directly behind our home. The tower's noise output in the back alley behind my home can be measured at 49 dB, which is notably higher than what is proposed from the crypto site. Despite the noise and the constant hum from the Telus tower, we still continue to enjoy a thriving natural environment. Birds still nest abundantly in my trees and visit my ponds and deer regularly visit my yard to nibble on my trees and flowers. Properties have sold in the area and continue to sell, and to my knowledge, no one has ever mentioned the constant hum nor have any suffered devaluation of property values due to the tower's presence. No one has ever raised the issue of the noise of the tower as a concern in the five years it's been there, even though it borders a residential area and people walk by it every day on their walks through the community.

We all want to preserve what makes our Village special, but we also need to be open to progress. The kind of progress that is thoughtful, responsible and inclusive. We can't afford to let fear and misinformation divide us, nor can we afford to move forward blindly. Let's choose a path that honours both our past and future. A path where development is guided by accountability, transparency and care for the community that we all call home. Because in the end, it's not just about what we build and develop, but also about what we protect.

Kym Nichols, Mayor

On behalf of the Village of Carmangay Council and Administration

**To the Residents of Carmangay,**

On behalf of the Azgard Solar team, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the residents of Carmangay, and especially to those who took the time to attend the public meeting on September 24th.

I truly appreciate the time you spent engaging in the process, sharing your knowledge, perspectives, and concerns regarding our solar and crypto mining proposal.

After listening to your valid concerns and feedback, we agree that locating crypto mining equipment so close to your town is not a good idea. Therefore, we will be withdrawing our application to the town council.

This experience has been invaluable to us, and we have learned a great deal through your feedback.

Thank you again for your time, input, and the thoughtful and informative dialogue you shared with us.

Sincerely,

Patrick Fulawka  
Business Development Manager  
**The Azgard Solar Team**

**VULCAN COUNTY  
COUNCILLOR DIVISION 4**

**SOUTHERN ALBERTA  
SENIOR PROTECT SOCIETY**

Our Case Manager was nominated for an award honouring those who have worked to establish connections between communities and other organizations to expand the resources for used for helping seniors dealing with elder abuse. Gabrielle will be honoured at the Alberta Healthy Aging Conference in Edmonton in October and I have the honour of attending with her along with some of our board. Please contact the Case Manager 403-715-9223, for any concerns you may have about a friend or family member who may be in a difficult situation

## **CLARESHOLM & DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY**

Our AGM was held in September and there will be a Volunteer Fair in Claresholm where we hope to gain more members at large to join the board. The project for the electric vehicles is still waiting for

Call Angie at the FCSS Food Bank office in Vulcan at 403-485-2192 and book rides for the shuttle.

Call Sally Morton, 403-625-9116 at the Claresholm & District Transportation office for rides to medical appointments anywhere in Southern Alberta. For a cost and any other pertinent information you may need. Helping Seniors get to their medical appointments is still a high priority for both of these groups.

## **SOUTHGROW**

As the summer is basically over and we are gearing up for new projects, SouthGrow is always on the lookout for innovative ways to bring economic development to our members. A team will be flying to Tokyo in October to meet with various stakeholders in the Agri Food industry to find ways to bring more industry to our the County.

## **MARQUIS FOUNDATION**

Please look on our website [Marquisfoundation.ca](http://Marquisfoundation.ca) where you will find job opportunities or information on available accommodation opportunities for seniors. If you are interested in what's happening at the Lodge or any Self-contained facilities in Vulcan, Carmangay, Champion or Lomond, the website is a good place to start. Marquis Foundation will be having their regular meeting the last Tuesday of the month.

## **FOOTHILLS LITTLE BOW ASSOCIATION**

Attended the September meeting for FLBA and passed 4 resolutions that will be forwarded to the fall RMA meeting in November. We also passed amendments to bylaws to allow for ballots votes if requested, and for the term of chair and vice chair be for two years, with no limit to the number of terms serviced.

I have been working with the other Chairs of the other districts to have a meeting at the fall RMA convention so we can share best practices, guest speaker suggestions, and any other information that would help each district.

As many can see the gravel is being spread over the roads in our areas, so please if your road hasn't been gravelled and you believe it needs it, let me know. They are currently hauling from the Seebeck pit which is closest to our area. I have put all of the roads that were reported to me on the gravelling list and would like to know if they don't put down gravel by the middle of the month. As that is when they hope to be done. At least I can find if they are finished yet or not and try to get gravel there before winter sets in.

Municipal Elections are on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Carmangay Community Centre and Advanced polls will be held at the Village Office. As my Division is the only one holding an election, we are working with the Village to help keep costs down for everyone.

Remember you have the option of going online to attend any meetings, just call the office for instructions on how to do that at 403-485-2241.

If you go on the County website [vulcancounty.ab.ca](http://vulcancounty.ab.ca), you can see all of the meeting dates, job opportunities, financial information and any other opportunities they have going on.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 403-423-0143 or email me at [laurie.lyckman@vulcan.ca](mailto:laurie.lyckman@vulcan.ca)



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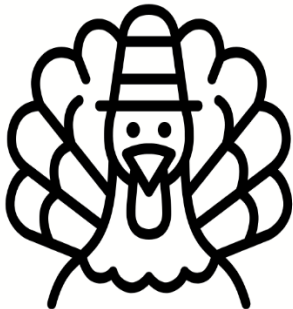
### MPC & Council Meetings

*October 8, 2025 @ 9 a.m.*

*October 29, 2025 @ 9 a.m.*

**Watch our meetings online!**

Visit [www.vulcancounty.ab.ca](http://www.vulcancounty.ab.ca)  
and look for the meeting link under 'upcoming events.'



All Vulcan County  
offices will be closed  
Monday, October 13

### WHO DO YOU CALL?

General Information:

(403)485-2241

Development Permit:

(403)485-3135

Bylaw Issue:

(403)485-3114

Road Problem:

(403)485-6090



### Gravel Sales Available

**Monday to Thursday**

**8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**\*Weather Dependent\***

**April 8 - October 31, 2025**

**To make arrangements for purchase please call  
(403) 485-3124.**



# 2025 Municipal Election Information

**Acclaimed Candidates** – The following candidates have been acclaimed, and will service as Councillors in the following divisions:

**Division 1: Jodie Gatemen** (*Incumbent*)

**Division 2: Alex Horkoff**

**Division 3: Jason Schneider** (*Incumbent*)

**Division 5: Kelly Nelson** (*Incumbent*)

**Division 6: Christopher Northcott** (*Incumbent*)

**Division 7: Doug Logan** (*Incumbent*)

**An Election is required in Division 4** (*Carmangay & Area*):

**Laurie Lyckman** (*Incumbent*)

**Jack Feenstra**

## Division 4 Election

**Advanced Poll:** Tuesday, October 14th @ the Village of Carmangay Office from 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

**Election Day:** Monday, October 20th @ the Carmangay Community Centre from 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.

### Who Can Vote?

Your are eligible to vote if you meet the following criteria:

- You are a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age on the day of election;
- You are a resident of the division 4 in Vulcan County on election day. (South of TWP RD 150. If you are unsure of your electoral division, call (403)485-2241.)