



# THE HUB OF THE INTERLAKE



## JOIN THE PETAL PARTY!



Fisher Branch Homecoming 2024 is hosting this year's Yard/Flower Garden Contest! This year's colours are purple and white. You don't have to plant those colours, but it would be beautiful if we could make the yards and flower gardens of Fisher Branch match in colour and beauty for Homecoming 2024.

Enter your yard, or garden to win some great prizes that will help you grow with even more style. For more details or to enter the contest, call or text Kelsey at 204-280-0510, or email her at [kelseykaartinen@outlook.com](mailto:kelseykaartinen@outlook.com).

## GOT WEEDS?



The Interlake Weed District has started this year's weed program and will be spraying in the Rural Municipality of Fisher. For those who do not wish to have spraying done near their property, please contact Fred Paulson at 204-642-2031, or via email at [interlakewcd@outlook.com](mailto:interlakewcd@outlook.com).

## SERVICE CANADA IS HERE



The RM of Fisher office is now a Service Canada Outreach Site. Once a month you can come to our office at 30 Tache Street in Fisher Branch for help with:

- Passport Applications
- Social Insurance Number Applications
- Canada Child Benefits
- Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefits
- Employment Insurance Regular Benefits
- Old Age Security and more...

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Thank you to the Barretts for their thoughtful donation of the stone planters that have now found a home at the Wheel.

## SIGN OF THE TIMES?



There has been a rash of road signs taken in the RM of Fisher. These signs are necessary to control traffic flow and to keep our citizens safe. Without them people could lose their lives due to vehicle collisions.

Please help keep our communities' roadways safe. If you come across a fallen sign, call 204-372-6393 to report it. Our Public Works staff will be dispatched to reinstall the sign. Do not remove signs from the area. The signs cost the community hundreds of dollars for each replacement, and lives could be lost due to accidents caused by the absence of the signs.



Each school division determines their own mill rate to charge property owners. The municipality collects these funds, then remits them to the School division in accordance with provincial legislation. Do you have school tax questions? Contact your school division office.

Lakeshore School Division  
PH: 204-739-2101  
Evergreen School Division  
PH: 204-642-6260

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Lookie here!

It's a telegram!

Close! It's a letter  
from Lakeshore  
School Division.



LAKESHORE  
SCHOOL DIVISION

## **Lakeshore School Division Update**

Thank you for the opportunity to share information about our division and the schools in the Fisher Branch and surrounding area. We hope to keep you informed with the following information in regard to four main areas of School Division funding.

### **2024 School Budget**

School funding is crucial to supporting our educational programs. After a four-year freeze on school tax increase, we have chosen to increase school taxes this year by 3%. This increase will fall in line with the projected inflation for the upcoming year.

There will be a 50% rebate on all school taxes for this year. In 2025 you will find this percentage rate rebate replaced by a \$1500 flat rate, and the farm property rebate will remain at 50%. Houses below a \$285,000 assessed value will effectively no longer pay school property tax.

### **Staffing**

In the upcoming school year, we are fortunate to be able to add some additional teacher time. We are experiencing a growth in the student enrolment at Fisher Branch Early Years so this will help our existing staff and the students.

We will be adding some additional time to our student services budget. This will enable more time for staff to support those students who require some extra time and/or instruction with their learning.

### **Programming**

Our early years programming is for kindergarten to grade 4 and students who attend at the Early Years School. At the Fisher Branch Collegiate, we have students from Grade 5 through 12. Their academic program is divided into two areas – Middle Years (grade 5-8) and Senior High (Grade 9-12). In addition to academic programming the school offers sports programs and we are happy that next year the province has added more financial support for nutritional programs. This will support and expand the existing breakfast programming at the schools and help make sure that all learners are ready to learn throughout the day.

### **Strategic Plan**

Our Board has developed two focuses in our strategic plan. These include career/future readiness and well-being. Using a provincial grant and divisional funding we are developing a career playbook to support students in making decisions about their future. We are excited to see this implemented in the coming months and year, and the positive impact that this will have on our communities.

Sincerely

Shaun Lindal  
Lakeshore School Division Trustee



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*An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.*

– Benjamin Franklin





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## TO FLUSH OR NOT TO FLUSH? 🚽

Many items we use on a daily basis cannot go down our toilets or drains. Several products, even those labelled "flushable" or "biodegradable" do not dissolve and putting them down the toilet or drain can cause:

- 🔧 Damage or blockages to your home plumbing, which could lead to basement flooding.
- 🔧 Damage to the Local Urban District sewer pipes located under the streets, which could lead to basement flooding.
- 🔧 Harm to the environment and aquatic habitat in lakes, local streams and rivers.

To help keep the entire sewage system working well and prevent sewer blockages and/or sewer service line blockages that can result in basement flooding, it's important to practice only flushing the 3 "P"s when flushing your toilet.

### NEVER FLUSH THESE ITEMS!



- 🚫 **HYGIENE PRODUCTS** 🧼
- 🚫 **COOKING GREASE** 🍳
- 🚫 **HEALTH PRODUCTS** 🩹
- 🚫 **MEDICATION** 💊
- 🚫 **CLEANING WIPES** 🧻
- 🚫 **PAPER TOWELS** 🧻

### ONLY FLUSH THE 3 "P'S

- PEE** 🧡
- POO** 💩
- PAPER** 🧻



Did you know there is a \$20.00 fee when you drop off refrigerated appliances like refrigerators, freezers and air-conditioners at our landfill site?



**FOR MORE DISPOSAL SITE INFORMATION**



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HOMECOMING INFO



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IN THIS EDITION: YARD & GARDEN CONTEST, SCHOOL TAXES, THINGS NOT TO FLUSH, DISPOSAL SITE FEES, HOMECOMING 2024 AND MORE...

Y'all come home now. Ya hear?!



## JULY

# FISHER BRANCH HOMECOMING 2024

## 26-28



# COME HOME FOR THE

- ⊗ WINE AND CHEESE MEET AND GREET
- ⊗ HOMECOMING PARADE
- ⊗ MERCHANDISE SQUARE
- ⊗ CHILDREN'S ZONE WITH BOUNCERS
- ⊗ FREE PANCAKE BREAKFASTS
- ⊗ RAINBOW AUCTION

- ⊗ TALENT SHOW
- ⊗ BEER GARDEN
- ⊗ AUTHENTIC ARGENTINIAN BBQ FEAST
- ⊗ SCAVENGER HUNT
- ⊗ COMMUNITY DANCE
- ⊗ DOUBLE HEADER BASEBALL TOURNAMENT



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*"We're in the West. The West is where you make your own luck."*

Samuel L. Jackson, from the movie, "The Hateful Eight."