



Summer holidays are over and school is back, so this is the annual reminder to watch out for kids going to and from school. The school zones on 1st Avenue and 4th Street East are also playground zones, so they are in effect all year round. Please use extra caution when travelling in these and other areas.

While the start of the season at the **pool** had some major challenges, our summer staff did a great job of squeezing lessons and other activities into the shortened summer program. During that first month before repairs were completed, they were drafted into the Public Works department to do maintenance and other chores in the parks. We appreciate all their hard work and enthusiasm and look forward to seeing most of them again next year. We also very much appreciate the public's patience and cooperation while the pool was being repaired. Thanks again to the **Public Works** team for getting the pool and splash park back up and running. Next up in the Recreation department will be the installation of the new ice plant later this month.

The dedicated volunteers of our **Tourism Committee** have been hard at it organizing another **Harvest Festival** that is on this weekend. There's lots going on including suppers, a pancake breakfast, a pie throwing fundraiser, and children's activities. The **Pinto's Princess** competition wraps up Saturday evening with the crowning and everything is capped off by a street dance that night. Most of the action will be at the Multiplex starting at 5 pm Friday. There are posters up around Town and on Pinto's Facebook page with details. There's lots of harvest still going on but last year's event was a little later and ran into some bad weather. The weekend weather should be beautiful so come on out and join the fun.

The following Friday the 13th, the **Chamber of Commerce** is hosting a **"A Taste of Bow Island"** on Main Street downtown beginning at 5 pm. The event will feature a 4-course dinner consisting of locally produced food products prepared by local businesses and individuals and will be followed by a concert at the Bow Theatre. Tickets are \$100 and are available on the Eventbrite website or by calling the Chamber at 545-6222.

This was another successful summer for the **Friday Market** and **Market in the Park**. Great volunteers in action, doing their part for community spirit and development! Thank you to the people behind these events for all their efforts that continue to bring the community and visitors together. The volunteers at the **United Church Thrift Store** have been doing their part for the community as well. Their sales this summer have allowed them to, so far, donate \$1500 to various causes in the community including the *Tools for School* program. Well done folks, keep up the good work.

There have been some developments in our business community over last several months. While still recovering from their devastating fire, the team at **Hiebert Cabinets** are currently operating over at the **Jade Homes** property. They continue to supply and install their quality products to homeowners and businesses across southern Alberta. Long-time downtown business, **Automart** was sold this summer to the Loewen family and rebranded as **Trinity Parts**. It's great to see some new life put into this Bow Island fixture with the experience of Mike Liggett still at the helm. Across the street, **Island Furniture** is expanding their operation. The Martens family continue to offer quality products with prices so competitive customers are making the drive from the city. Eric and Trista Bouw are the new proprietors at **Burgess Automotive**. It is great to see a long-standing local business carrying on with a new generation of ownership. Congratulations to Rob Burgess on his retirement after so many years of serving our community. Cody Doerksen over at **Alpha Tread Corp** opened **Express Windows & Auto Glass** in the same location this spring. **Silver Signs** continues to grow, and we see their handiwork showing up all over the area. **Bow Island Farm Centre NAPA** upgraded and expanded their very attractive store over the past year. The new bright blue metal roof on **Wayne Gilbertson Sales & Service**, downtown, looks terrific. **Pinto** was busy this summer visiting these and other Bow Island businesses to learn about what they do and showcase them on his Facebook page. Please support all our local businesses and get out and enjoy the community activities that our awesome volunteers work hard to organize for us. *My apologies to anyone I missed*

Volunteer drivers are needed for the **Meals on Wheels** program in the Bow Island, Burdett and area. Pick up time is 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. For more information call 403-545-2200.

The coming season at the **Servus Community Arena** is shaping up to be a very busy one so the Town is accepting applications for a Seasonal Arena Attendant. The job description is at bowisland.com/careers. Deadline is Sept. 13th.

Mayor Gordon Reynolds