



Age Friendly Rosetown

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Ideas to be More Age Friendly?

The Age Friendly Rosetown Committee has been working on the issues you as community members said were important to you in the survey done in 2016. But just because there is not a survey happening right now, doesn't mean you can't keep telling us your thoughts/ideas on what would help Rosetown be more age friendly—regardless of the age.

We want to hear from you since you are the reason we are working to make Rosetown the best it can be! We may not be able to do everything suggest, but we will do our best.

To share your ideas, contact a committee member you know, or use the contact information found on the last page of the newsletter.



How Can You Help?

- Give us your ideas on what can better make Rosetown an Age Friendly place to live.
- Assess how Age Friendly your place of business or property is and take steps to improve it.
- Volunteer at a project put on by the Age Friendly Committee
- Be watchful for ways you can help out a fellow Rosetown resident—regardless of their age!

Provincial Age Friendly Gathering

Age Friendly is an international movement with lead organizations in every province of Canada. Ours is led by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (SSM). They have provided education and support to communities across the province as residents work together to improve

the quality of life in their home towns.

In April, SSM brought together multiple communities to network, share ideas and support one another. Age Friendly groups from Regina Beach/Buena Vista, Ponteix, Strasbourg and Meadow Lake all

came to Rosetown for a provincial gathering. We had the opportunity to show off our great community, while making new friends.

Thanks go out to the Town of Rosetown, the Civic Centre and the local businesses who helped to make the day a success!

Actions Taken



Benches

The first Age Friendly Rosetown Community Bench Project bench has been completed and placed. It can be found in front of the Lions Manor main doors. It is in memory of a long time resident who was often seen walking from her home to the downtown area. The placement of the bench was chosen for being on the route she regularly used on her daily walks.

For anyone wanting to sponsor a bench, they can contact Age Friendly Rosetown or Bob and Amanda Bors of Prairie MetalArt to design a bench specific to your wishes. It can be for a memorial, business advertising, a local group, etc. There is a cost of \$1000, which you will receive a tax receipt for through the Town of Rosetown.



Handrails for Sports Grounds Bleachers



A frequent wish told to Age Friendly Rosetown was to add handrails to bleachers at the sports grounds. The current bleachers make it difficult to climb onto them, causing many people to not be able to take part in a favourite activity and watching their kids and grandkids play.

This request was put forward to the Town of Rosetown, who has reported has added it to their budget for the year. The railings will be installed in the winter when overall maintenance is being done. Be ready with your bug spray, ball cap and cheers for next summer!

Sidewalks

The Town of Rosetown has put its sidewalk shaving equipment to good use, levelling out numerous heaved sidewalks throughout the community. But as we all know, Rosetown's ground can be challenging with frequent shifting, creating new areas of concern all the time.

We thank those who identified uneven sidewalk areas. With the long list of sidewalks that need tending, it will take some time to get to them all. Our Committee would like to thank the Town of Rosetown for the sidewalk work that has been completed and we thank you for your support and

patience as they continue this work!





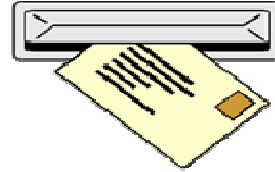
Intergenerational Pen Pals

The first community pen pals program was held this past spring. Students from Walter Aseltine School's Kindergarten class and Grades 2, 4, and 6 took part in letter writing fun with residents at Rose Villa and Orange Memories,

Wheatland Regional Centre and other community members.

There were some bumps in the process, but it is hoped these will be fixed in time to start again in the fall.

Community letter writers are always welcome to join in on the fun! Contact us at the information below to sign up.



Upcoming Events

Barbecue:

The Age Friendly Rosetown Committee will be hosting a barbecue on **July 18** from 4:30-6:30 at the corner of 3rd Ave E and Main Street (in front of the old Johnston Insurance building). There will be burgers, dessert and beverages for only \$6. There will also be entertainment! So bring a friend and enjoy the music and fun!

Country Christmas Music Night:

Mark November 29, 2018 on your calendars! That is when the Lions Club and Age Friendly Rosetown are joining together to host an evening of old time Christmas music, provided by local musicians.

More details will be provided closer to the date.

Provincial Recognition:

Age Friendly may be new to Rosetown, but it is found in communities throughout Canada and the world. Much work has been done in many towns and cities to help make them safer and welcoming to their residents.

The Government of Saskatchewan has recently announced they will be recognizing the communities in Saskatchewan who have been striving to make this happen. The Age Friendly Rosetown Committee has submitted an application to be included in this recognition program. We will know in the fall if we have met all the criteria. If we do, I am sure you will hear about it!

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this a possibility!



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