



# TOWN OF OUTLOOK 2004 SPRING NEWSLETTER

*Make Recycling a Way of  
Life in Outlook!*

867-8663



This is the Town of Outlook's third Spring Newsletter. In this newsletter you will find information on recycling, composting, the compost pickup schedule and regulation, 2004 branch chipping schedule and regulations, mosquito control (West Nile Virus information), used oil collection, waste disposal ground hours and regulations, Dutch Elm Disease information water conservation tips and changes in future waste collection in the Town of Outlook as well as some garbage collection rules and regulations.

Over the past 10 years, the Town of Outlook, as part of our waste management program, has become the Saskatchewan leader in recycling. We have been recognized for our excellence in recycling from Toronto to Vancouver, as well as into the U.S.A. In 1997 we were awarded the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council's first provincial Waste Minimization Award in the municipal category. At the end of December 2003 we had processed over 2805 bales of cardboard, which represents over 2,821,424 lbs of recycled cardboard in the past 10 years. In addition to the 2.8 million lbs of cardboard recycled, we have also recycled 1,926,355 lbs of newspaper during this same period. This represents over 1565 garbage truck loads of recycled cardboard and newspaper and the saving of 30,241 trees from being harvested. This has been achieved through the participation and dedication of the residents of Outlook and the surrounding communities that made recycling a way of life. The Town of Outlook would like to take this opportunity to thank our residents and those in the surrounding communities for their help in making our program a provincially and nationally recognized success.

If you are presently **NOT** recycling, please consider starting. It does require some work but the reward of being environmentally responsible and being a part of the community makes the effort well worth it. If you have any questions on anything in this newsletter, please call us at the Town Office at 867-8663.

The Town of Outlook also has an after hours drop off (located at the front door) of the Town Office, for more convenient bill payments.

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The information in this newsletter and more can be found at the  
Town of Outlook Web Site located at  
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[town@town.outlook.sk.ca](mailto:town@town.outlook.sk.ca)

## Recycling

The following list is a reference on how to prepare and in which bin to place your recyclables. Bins are located behind the Shop Easy store downtown, on the eastside of town at the Rec Plex, south of the Civic Centre on Semple St., and outside the Recycling Depot on McKenzie Street No. (Glass is accepted only at the Shop Easy location.) Seniors may access bins at Golden Acres and between the Golden Acres hi-Rise and Luther Place.

### Cardboard

Please flatten any boxes you may have as much as you can. Box board (i.e. cereal boxes, soap boxes, toilet rolls, empty tissue boxes) may be placed here.

### Newspaper

Can include any flyers or any type of newspaper. Do not place envelopes or other types of paper in the bin!

### Hi-Grade Paper

Can include computer paper, writing paper, envelopes or any of this type of paper may be placed here.

### Magazines

Can include glossy types of paper, phone books, catalogues or books.

### Tin Cans

Please wash out the inside of all food cans. It is NOT necessary to cut out both ends, remove labels or flatten the can. Aerosol cans may be placed here as well as aluminum pans or foil. Please do NOT bag, just dump loose cans in the bin. Paint cans with paint in them can be all poured into one & put with regular garbage. The paint cans with dried paint in them can be recycled.

### Milk Cartons

Please rinse cartons out thoroughly so they do not create an odor problem in warm weather. All waxy coated cartons (i.e. orange juice, eggnog, etc.) can be placed here.

### Plastic Milk Jugs

Please rinse out containers thoroughly, place jugs in milk jug bin, remove lids and place lids in Plastics Bin.

### Plastics

All plastic containers (except for plastic milk jugs and **NO STYROFOAM**) may be placed here. Please remove all lids when possible and place them in the bin also. Please rinse clean all food containers. It is **NOT** necessary to remove labels from any plastic containers. All types of plastic bags are acceptable to place in this bin.

### Glass

Glass containers must be taken to the recycling centre behind the Shop Easy store Downtown. Coloured or clear glass is acceptable. Please remove lids. It is **NOT** necessary to remove any labels.

**All used tissues and paper hand towels are NOT recyclable and for health reasons should NOT be placed in any recycling bin.**

**If any of the bins at any of the drop off locations are full, please take the material to another location. DO NOT leave any material on the ground.**



## Garbage Pickup

A reminder that **NO** household or other garbage placed in cardboard boxes for disposal will be picked up. All non-recyclable materials (garbage) shall be placed in bags or garbage cans with lids. The weight of each of these bags or cans shall not exceed 50 lbs.

Drywall and wood waste are not considered household waste and will **NOT** be picked up with **REGULAR** garbage.

Please keep your garbage stand area clean. Loose materials and uncleanliness in these areas can create a rodent problem.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Effective in April 2005 the Town of Outlook will have in place a hybrid user pay waste management system. Further information on this program will be delivered in the fall of 2004 to each household in the Town of Outlook.

## Compost

Compost pickup is every Monday starting May 3, 2004 (weather permitting) and will continue until the end of September 2004. Grass clippings or any other item that can be composted (i.e. leaves, garden refuse), in **sealed** plastic bags will **NOT** be picked up. Material must be placed in cans or other containers, (cardboard boxes acceptable until cardboard is deteriorated, then they can be recycled.) Compost materials may be hauled to the waste disposal grounds by yourself during regular waste disposal ground hours.

The Town of Outlook congratulates backyard composters and encourages others to start a backyard composter. Information on how to build one is available at the Town Office.

IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM AND WOULD LIKE SOME FINISHED UNSCREENED COMPOST, PLEASE CALL US.

## Tree, Shrub and Hedge Waste Pickup

The Town of Outlook will at no charge pick up a reasonable amount (approximately two staff chipping 10 minutes per household is deemed reasonable) of tree, shrub and hedge trimmings two (2) times per calendar year. These pickups will take place the week following the long weekend in May and the last week in September. This material must be placed in the alley at the rear of the property, or in front on Town property where no alleys exist. The material must be placed in such a manner as to **NOT** protrude into the alley or street causing a hazard. Any materials placed in alleys or on Town property at any time other than the week following the two pickup dates (May 25-28, September 27-October 1) will be removed by the Town of Outlook at the property owners expense at a rate of \$75.00 per hour plus G.S.T. ( 1 hour minimum charge) Oversized pieces (i.e. large limbs or trunks over 4" in diameter or 6' in length, stumps and lumber) will be left and it will be the homeowners responsibility to have them removed. If you would like some wood chips for mulch, they can be obtained for no charge by contacting the Town of Outlook. This policy took effect on April 24, 2002.

## Used Oil

The Town of Outlook has the province's first Eco-Center for used oil, oil filters and containers. There is no charge for dropping off this material. Used oil must be free of contaminants, such as antifreeze, water and solvents. You may bring up to 500 liters of oil per delivery and oil containers up to 30 liters in size (any quantity), oil filters, transmission filters or any other spin on "oil" filters. **No fuel filters** will be accepted. Contaminated used oil will also be rejected from collection. The Eco-Centre is located at the landfill and can be accessed during regular Landfill operating hours. **The Environment Management and Protections Act** states that **"no used oil, oil filters or containers shall be placed in landfills."** Used antifreeze is now accepted at the landfill as well as Nicad and all rechargeable batteries. See the Landfill operator for direction.

## Mosquito's & West Nile Virus

In order to help combat mosquitoes in your community, the Town of Outlook would like to remind you of ways you can help. Remember one glass of water could breed up to 10,000 mosquitoes and some mosquito species are capable of flying 30 to 35 kilometers per day.

<b>Mosquito Sources</b>	<b>How to Reduce Backyard Mosquitoes</b>
<b>Ponds</b>	<b>Stock with fish or use (microbial insecticide); remove excess vegetation</b>
<b>Swimming Pools</b>	<b>Keep water off cover; maintain water quality at all times</b>
<b>Tree holes</b>	<b>Fill hole with sand or mortar</b>
<b>Plastic pools</b>	<b>Drain water when not in use; or cover so mosquitoes cannot lay eggs</b>
<b>Containers</b>	<b>Empty water; store in an inverted position; dispose of; or cover</b>
<b>Bird Baths</b>	<b>Change water at least once per week</b>
<b>Standing water</b>	<b>Eliminate by draining; fill in low areas</b>
<b>Watering troughs</b>	<b>Stock with fish or change water weekly</b>
<b>Street gutter or catch Basins</b>	<b>Keep litter and garden debris out of gutters; do not over water yard</b>
<b>Septic tank fields</b>	<b>Ensure proper drainage so mosquitoes cannot lay eggs</b>
<b>Roof gutters</b>	<b>Clean once a year to remove debris</b>
<b>Irrigated lawns and Fields</b>	<b>Avoid over-irrigation; drain standing water</b>

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### Personal Protection

Citizens should be advised that the most effective method of personal protection from mosquito bites is to avoid places where mosquito densities are high and to avoid being out of doors at times of the day when mosquito activity is at the highest (during calm, warm; humid evenings).

If people find themselves in situations where they must be exposed to biting mosquitoes, there are several things that they can do. First, they can minimize the exposed skin surface by wearing a hat or head net, long trousers, and a long sleeved shirt. Some mosquitoes will bite through light clothing, but the number of bites received is definitely reduced if most areas of the body are covered. When mosquito densities become very high there is a risk of disease transmission, people may want to apply a mosquito repellent.

Most effective repellants contain DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide). Commercial repellents contain varying

concentrations of DEET, usually between 10 and 50%. In general, the higher the concentration of DEET in a product the longer the duration of protection with a single application. Thus the lower concentration products provide 1 or 2 hours of protection, whereas higher concentration products are effective for 4 to 6 hours. The duration of protection, of lower concentration DEET products can match that of higher concentration products, if they are reapplied at regular intervals (e.g. hourly). The efficiency of any repellent will depend on weather conditions (i.e. strong winds and high temperatures or relative humidity will decrease the duration of protection) and amount of physical activity of the user (i.e. sweating will result in rapid declines in protection times).

DEET based repellents do have some minor drawbacks. DEET can be an irritant to some people and it may damage synthetic materials such as rayon, nylon or certain plastics. When applying repellents, always read the label instructions carefully and thoroughly apply the material to all exposed skin, including behind the ears.

If people wish to avoid using DEET, there are few, if any, effective alternatives. Plant oils, such as lavender or citronella, have been shown to be somewhat repellent to mosquitoes. However, most other plant oils are not available as commercial mosquito repellents. More detailed information concerning the selection of a repellent and safe use of insect repellents can be obtained from Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) at [http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb/lcdc/publicat/info/repell\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb/lcdc/publicat/info/repell_e.html).

There is a vast array of other products that are marketed to repel mosquitoes, most of which are totally ineffective. These include wristbands that contain an aromatic repellent, ultrasonic emitters, electric grids, electronic repellents, aromatic plants (the most common one is the so called mosquito plant), incense coils, vitamins, and even mixtures of brewers yeast and garlic. Research has shown that all of these methods are of little or no value in repelling mosquitoes.

### West Nile Virus

Members of the public, bird watchers, naturalists, outdoors-persons, wildlife biologists, wildlife rehabilitators and others should be alert to unusual deaths of wild birds, particularly members of the crow family (**Crows, Ravens, Magpies, and Jays**) during spring and summer 2004.

Health officials are on the lookout for the expansion of West Nile Virus in Canada; dead crows and their relatives may be the first evidence of the West Nile's arrival. Such birds should be reported to or submitted to **Saskatchewan Environment**. (telephone book Blue pages, Government of Saskatchewan, Environment) or **District Offices of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency** (telephone book Blue pages, Government of Canada, Food Inspection) or **Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre (CCWHC)** (contact information below) so that they can be examined for West Nile Virus infection. This is an important part of the early warning system in place to detect West Nile Virus activity in Canada.

**West Nile Surveillance Hotline: 1-866-544-4744**

**E-mail: [ccwhc@usask.ca](mailto:ccwhc@usask.ca)**

**Website: <http://wildlife.usask.ca>**

### Dutch Elm Disease

From April 13th till July 31, it is **illegal** to **prune** elm trees (Siberian, Manchurian and American elms) in Saskatchewan. If you are sure your tree is Elm and into the summer you notice branches in the trees wilting, please call the Town of Outlook so it can be inspected. It is also **illegal** to have or store elm firewood in Saskatchewan, as this wood is extremely attractive to the Bark Elm Beetle, which causes Dutch Elm Disease. If you have Elm trees with dead wood please get the dead wood trimmed off as it attracts the Bark Elm Beetle.

## Outlook Waste Disposal

### Hours of Operation:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and

Friday: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

### Large Load Fee Schedule – ‘Schedule 1’ to Bylaw No. 11(98)

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| 1. Clean Wood Waste                                                                                                                               | No Charge                                                                                                                       |
| 2. Wood Waste with other Non<br>Wood Waste Mixed in                                                                                               | \$75.00 per Tandem Truck<br>\$40.00 per 3 Ton Truck<br>\$25.00 per 1 Ton Truck                                                  |
| 3. Concrete Rubble, Rocks, or<br>Dirt with Large Pieces of the<br>Above Mixed In                                                                  | \$75.00 per Tandem Truck<br>\$40.00 per 3 Ton Truck<br>\$35.00 per 1 Ton Truck                                                  |
| 4. Any Mixed Load (Unsorted)<br>I.E. – Steel Mixed with<br>Wood and or Wire, House-<br>Hold Waste or Rubble or<br>And Combination of the<br>Above | \$75.00 per Tandem Truck<br>\$40.00 per 3 Ton Truck<br>\$25.00 per 1 Ton Truck<br>\$15.00 per 1/2 Ton Truck or<br>Small Trailer |
| 5. Asphalt Shingles or<br>Roofing                                                                                                                 | \$75.00 per Tandem Truck<br>\$40.00 per 3 Ton Truck<br>\$25.00 per 1 Ton Truck<br>\$15.00 per 1/2 Ton Truck or<br>Small Trailer |
| 6. Clean Fill Dirt                                                                                                                                | No Charge                                                                                                                       |
| 7. Compostable Material                                                                                                                           | No Charge                                                                                                                       |
| 8. Tires (passenger car tires, fees increase with tire size)                                                                                      | \$5.00 GST Included                                                                                                             |

**NOTE:** All fees are subject to G.S.T. unless otherwise noted.

This fee schedule became effective May 1, 1998. If you are prepared to sort out all the different materials when you enter the waste disposal grounds, then no fee is required excluding shingles. This separation will be inspected and if done improperly a fee will be charged. Failure to comply with this fee schedule **WILL** result in suspension of disposal privileges at the Outlook Waste Disposal Grounds. All loads being transported to the landfill **must be tarped or covered** so as not to lose litter or materials along the roadside.

Cardboard is **NOT** permitted to be placed in Outlook’s waste disposal grounds. If you take garbage out to the landfill in cardboard boxes, you are required to dump those boxes and place the boxes in the building supplied for this purpose, located by the entrance gates. Failure to do this **WILL** result in suspension of disposal privileges and or fines being levied to the offenders.

## Water Conservation

Water conservation allows us to do all the things we did before...only with less water. It is not difficult and it will not compromise your lifestyle. Simply **eliminate the waste**. Using less water is good for the environment and it can reduce your water bill.

The Town of Outlook is a growing community. Efficient water use could help the Town avoid the large investment required to expand the water treatment plant or the need to increase the Town's treated water storage.

Water conservation is a logical, affordable and environmentally friendly alternative to constructing new facilities.

### **Things you can do to Prevent Water Waste: In the HOME**

1. Use your automatic dishwasher for full loads.
2. Use your automatic washing machine only for full loads.
3. If you wash dishes by hand, do not leave the water running for rinsing.
  - \* If you have two sinks, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water. If you only have one sink gather washed dishes in a dish rack and rinse them with a spray device or a pan full of hot water.
4. Do not let the faucet run while you clean vegetables.
  - \* Just rinse them in a stoppered sink or pan of clean water.
5. Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator.
  - \* Running tap water to cool it before drinking is wasteful.
6. Stop using the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.
  - \* Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue or other small bit of trash, you waste 22 to 32 litres (5 to 7 gallons) of water.
7. Put plastic bottles in your toilet tank.
  - \* To cut down on water waste, put an inch or two of sand or pebbles inside each of two plastic bottles to weigh them down. Fill them with water and put them in your toilet tank, safely away from operating mechanisms. In an average home, the bottles may displace and save 45 litres (10 gallons) or more of water a day.
8. Take shorter showers.
  - \* Long, hot showers can waste 22 to 45 litres (5 to 10 gallons) every unneeded minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off.
9. Install a low flow showerhead.
  - \* Water flows through conventional showerheads at a rate of about 20 litres per minute (4 ? gallons). Switching to a low flow model, you can reduce the amount of water you use in the shower by about 50%. Low-flow showerheads use 10 litres (2 gallons) of water per minute or less and are inexpensive and simple to install. You'll also reduce and save in hot water heating costs.
10. Take baths.
  - \* A bath in a partially filled tub uses less water than all but the shortest showers.
11. Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.
  - \* There is no need to keep water pouring down the drain. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.
12. Rinse your razor in the sink.
  - \* Fill the bottom of the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your blade just as well as running water and far less wastefully.
13. Replace Faucet Aerators.
  - \* When you turn on a tap to wash your hands, brush your teeth, or shave, the water gushes out at about 4.5 litres per minute (1 Gallon). Low-flow aerators reduce this rate by more than 50%.
  - \* Filling the sink will take longer, but the steady stream of water is sufficient to rinse your hands, a tooth brush, or a razor.

14. Find and fix all leaks.

\* A tap dripping once every second waste 10,000 litres (2,200 gallons) of water a year. A silent leak in your toilet could waste 60,000 litres (13,300 gallons) a year. Leaky faucets are easy to find but a toilet leak can be more difficult. Most toilet leaks are caused by a worn flapper in the toilet tank. To test for toilet leaks, add a few drops of food colouring to the toilet tank. Wait 15 minutes. If the water in the toilet bowl takes on the colour from the tank, you have a leak.

### OUTSIDE of the HOME

1. Change watering and lawn care routines.

- \* Give your lawn a good soaking once or twice a week. Deep watering develops a strong root system.
- \* Do not over water. Figure out how much water the lawn needs and how long it will take you to apply it.
- \* To reduce evaporation and to improve efficiency, water before 9:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m. and do not water on windy days.
- \* Make sure the water is being applied to the lawn and not the sidewalk, road, or driveway.
- \* Adjust your lawnmower to keep the grass between 5 and 8 cm (2 and 3 inches) high. Taller grass shades the new growth and reduces evaporation from the soil surface.

2. How long should you water your lawn?

- \* Use an ordinary tuna can to measure how long it takes your sprinkler to apply 2.5 cm (1 inch) of water - all the water your lawn needs in a week! For example, if there is 0.3cm (1/4") of water in the can, watering for 2 hours once a week, 1 hour twice per week, or 40 minutes three times per week will total 2.5 cm (1 inch) per week.

3. Plant drought resistant trees and plants.

- \* Many beautiful trees and plants thrive with far less watering than other species.
- \* Mulch will slow evaporation of moisture and discourage weed growth too.

5. Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.

6. Do not run the hose while washing your car or truck.

- \* Clean the car with a pail of soapy water. Use the hose just to rinse it off.

### Dog and Cat Control

The Town of Outlook would like to remind all pet owners of two very important sections of the **Dog and Cat Control Bylaw No. 18(97)** that state:

4. a) The owner of a dog or cat **shall not** at any time allow the dog or cat to run at large within the Town of Outlook.

8 .a). if a dog or cat defecates on any public or private property other than the property of the owner, possessor or harbourer of the said dog or cat; the owner, possessor or harbourer of the dog or cat shall cause such defecation to be removed immediately and disposed of in a sanitary fashion. Failure to cause such removal shall be an infraction of this bylaw.

**Penalties:**

**Running at large**

- 1st Offence \$25.00
- 2nd & Subsequent Offences \$50.00

**Failure to remove defecation**

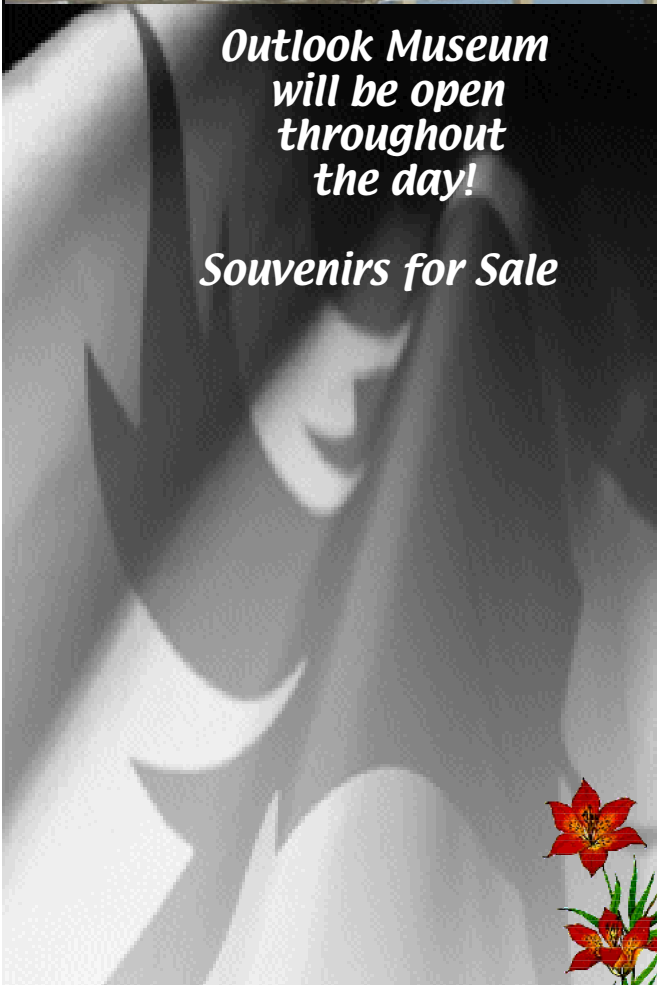
- 1st Offence \$25.00
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***We live in a beautiful  
community.  
Let's all work together  
to keep it that way!***



**Outlook Museum  
will be open  
throughout  
the day!**

**Souvenirs for Sale**



On May 15 we will celebrate the official opening of our Pedestrian Bridge. Many of us have been celebrating this asset since last fall. A combination of forward visioning, careful planning, hard work, generous giving and available grants has resulted in our community having access to a facility that provides excitement, happiness and wonder.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to date and to everyone else who still want to be part of this exciting venture. Let's do our community proud by contributing to the completion and by walking – making use of this awesome walkway and giving our bodies the break each needs.



**Join us May 15th**

**8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Outlook Museum  
Community Garage Sale**

**11:00 a.m. Outlook Elks Duck Derby**

**11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
BBQ in the Park  
by Outlook & Dist. Regional Park Board**

**2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Entertainment**

**4:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies  
at the Bridge  
Ribbon Cutting by  
Her Honour,  
The Honourable  
Dr. Lynda M.  
Haverstock,  
Lieutenant Governor  
of Saskatchewan**



## **Banquet**

*(watch for posters)*

**5:30 p.m. Cocktails**

**6:00 p.m. Supper**

**Outlook Civic Center**

**Advance Tickets Only \$ 15 per person  
deadline May 8th**

**Proceeds from the supper go to the  
Bridge Restoration Project  
and the New Integrated Health Center**

**Bring your lawn chairs.  
Please walk if  
possible, as there will  
be limited parking.**

**GRAND OPENING CELEBRATIONS**



# Communities in Bloom

**Communities in Bloom is a beautification competition that encourages community involvement and improvement through the volunteer efforts of EVERYONE! Outlook is partnered with Unity in the Canadian Classic Competition.**

Community participation is the key to making this program a success. At this stage in the program volunteers are needed. If you, or someone you know is interested in enhancing civic pride, environmental practices, and community beautification, let us know.

### **What are the Benefits?**

- Increase civic pride
- Citizens, groups, organizations, businesses and municipal government all mobilized and working together.
- Decreased vandalism
- Economic Development
- Increased property values
- Increased tourism
- Increased impact in the hospitality and retail industry.
- An improved quality of life.
- Clean up an area or garden in your neighborhood
- Plant a tree, floral bed or flower barrel in front of your home or business
- Pick up litter
- Reduce pesticide use
- Maintain your lawn
- Participate in local competitions.
- Tidy your back alley

*Express Your Pride in Our Community!*

Trained volunteer judges will be visiting Outlook on **July 30, 2004** to evaluate the town on the following eight criteria:

1. Floral Displays
2. Tidiness
3. Environmental Awareness
4. Community Involvement
5. Urban Forestry
6. Heritage Preservation
7. Landscaped Areas
8. Turf & Groundcover Areas

**Who do I Talk to?**  
 For more information on the program or if you would lend a hand please contact:  
 Wendy McKellar  
 Rec. Director  
 867-9555  
 Donna Smith Alderman  
 867-8251  
 Aaron Spence  
 Outlook Tourism  
 867-9566



## Landscape Project Competition

If you are doing a landscape project in your yard or at your business, make sure to register and contact Aaron Spence to get before and after photos taken.

## Photo Contest

Submit your best photos of the Skytrail, the Pedestrian Bridge. Watch for details.

## Hanging Baskets

Hanging baskets will be hung from the light posts downtown. Sponsor a basket today!

## Rest Areas

A new rest area will be developed downtown.

## Heritage

The oldest buildings in town will be identified and showcased in a report. If you have any information to help us out, let us know.

