

SHEPPARD FAMILY PARK

NEWSLETTER

MAY

2026

May has been a busy and exciting month here at the park, filled with events, community involvement, and lots of planning for what's still to come! Our summer student, Kenidy, is available Monday through Friday to offer guided tours of the park. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a park member, it's the perfect opportunity to learn more about the park's history. Be sure to stop by and say hello!

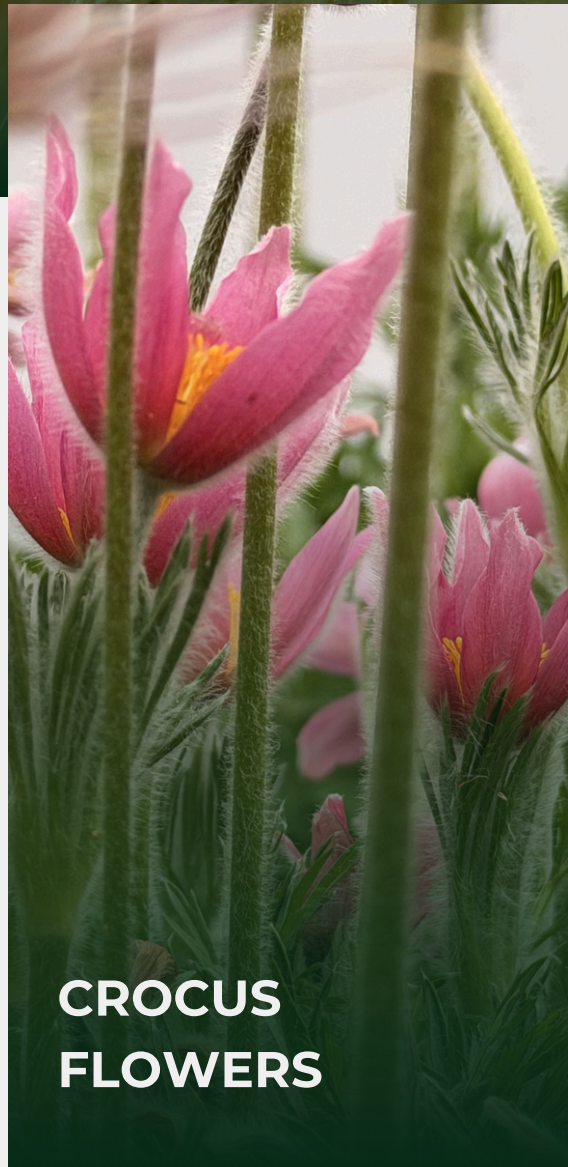
**YOUR GATEWAY TO PARK LIFE –
EVENTS, NEWS, AND MORE!**

SUMMER STUDENT: PARK TOURS

Our Summer Student, Kenidy, is available for park tours, and it's a great time to come explore! Guided tours offer a chance to learn about the history of the park, get a closer look inside the historic buildings, and hear interesting stories from the past. Tours are free, informative, and a fun way to spend part of your day!

DONATIONS AND RENOVATIONS: MUNROE BARN

The lower level of the Munroe Barn is being transformed into a more welcoming and purposeful space for visitors. Thanks to the many generous donations we have received, the project is already coming together, and we've been thrilled by the positive feedback from guests. Be sure to stop by and see the changes for yourself, we hope that one day the space may even allow us to offer visitors a lemonade, tea, or coffee while they enjoy the park.



**CROCUS
FLOWERS**

COMMUNITY GARDENS: GARDEN PARTY

The Community Garden is coming to life as gardeners begin planting for the season. The new water system is making watering more convenient for participants. We are also exploring the idea of hosting a **Garden Party** in August, possibly as a potluck where gardeners can share dishes made with their homegrown produce and celebrate the growing season together. We'd love to hear your thoughts and feedback!

CLEANING UP: TREE DOWN

On May 5, a large tree fell and damaged a portion of the Little Bow School and nearby fencing. Repairs have already begun, with more work still to come. Most importantly, no one was injured, and we are grateful that everyone remained safe.



COMING SOON: CHICKEN COOP

A long-anticipated project is finally coming to life at the park! Volunteer and shop teacher at École Secondaire Highwood High School **David Connell** has been designing and building a chicken coop that will soon be home to three chickens. We are excited to bring this piece of the park's history back, as Ruth Maccoy kept chickens on the homestead during her time here. We look forward to welcoming our new feathered residents and sharing this historic connection with visitors.

FLOWER POTS: GENEROUS DONATIONS

The park is looking especially beautiful this season thanks to the many flower donations we have received from our community, including Canadian Tire, Beaver Dam Nursery, No Frills, and Co-op. A special thank you goes to Joyce Barton for once again coordinating this effort by sending out letters, doing flower pickups and deliveries, and helping volunteers plant them throughout the park. Their hard work has created stunning displays for everyone to enjoy.



**VOLUNTEERING:
TELUS AGRICULTURE**

On May 26, volunteers from Telus Agriculture spent a few hours helping clean up the area surrounding the Pole Barn. With many hands working together, the job was completed quickly, and the transformation has been remarkable. We are grateful for their hard work and support in helping keep the park looking its best.

**POTATO PLANTING:
READY FOR THE SEASON**

A heartfelt thank you to John Lockhart for taking on the task of planting and caring for this season's potato crop, and to Colleen Fennell for lending a helping hand. Earlier this spring, we weren't sure whether potatoes would be planted this year, so we are delighted to see the project move forward.



**ON DISPLAY:
RUTH MACCOY'S ARTWORK**

We were delighted to see Ruth Maccoy's artwork featured in the Museum of the Highwood's *Inspired to Create: Art of the Highwood* exhibition. It was wonderful to see Ruth's incredible talent and creativity on display for the community to enjoy, while also celebrating an important part of our local history and heritage.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:
HERITAGE DAY AND THRESHING DAY**

Mark your calendars! The Park's Heritage Day Celebration will take place on August 3, followed by Threshing Day on September 12. Planning for both events will be underway in the coming months, and we will be looking for volunteers to help make them a success. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out, we would love to have you on board!



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