

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM IN FORESTBURG

Forestburg has been involved in some capacity with Communities in Bloom since 1998. Success in the program came early with Forestburg winning the **National Communities in Bloom Championship** the next year. However, the real success has been the way the community consistently shows its spirit by establishing attractive private and public spaces that are a pleasure to live in year round.

In the past few years Forestburg has participated in the Non-Competitive – Mentoring category of the Communities in Bloom program. There are eight criteria for the program – tidiness, environmental effort, community involvement, heritage, urban forestry, landscaped areas, floral arrangements and turf areas. The local committee, in cooperation with the municipality, the agriculture society and the community at large, strives to maintain high standards in all of these areas.

We hope you enjoy your **Past Times Walk**. We are pleased to be able to share some of the history of our community with you.

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1 – Hamilton House - 1921

Built for lawyer C. J. Smyth, in 1950 it was sold to another lawyer - R. G. "Buzz" and his wife Inga (Oberg) Hamilton. It is still in the Hamilton family.

2 – Masonic Temple (Forestburg Museum) - 1927

Forestburg's only Registered Historic Resource, it has housed the Museum since 1986.

3 – Anderson House - 1919

Built by N. K. Lund, it has been in the Coutts-Anderson family since 1933.

4 – Smith House (Country Kitchen) - 1926

Home to the Bill & Florrie Smith family, it once housed the telephone and post office.

5 – Fire Station - 1959

The Village's first Fire Brigade was formed in 1925.

6 – Thornton / Douglas Hardware (ATB Financial)

From 1916 - 74 this site housed a side-by-side hardware and general store, with many different owners.

7 – Club Cafe (Harvest Garden Restaurant) - 1925

The Wong family provided over 70 years of good food and fellowship in the community.

8 – Forestburg Hotel - 1916

Pool hall, dance hall, rooms, restaurant and tavern – Sven Svensen's hotel had it all for locals and travelers alike.

9 – Devonian Park and Bandstand – A reminder of Forestburg's cultural past.

10 – Train Station Site - 1916

For many years, the week's big event was the arrival of the Friday night passenger train from Edmonton.

11 – Forestburg School – The first consolidated school was built in 1919; it burned to the ground in 1927 and was rebuilt on the same site.

12 – Marion 7400 Dragline Bucket - 1974 - 86 (from Diplomat Mine)

This bucket stripped the overburden from the coal seams – 11 cubic yards at a time.

13 – Moore's General Store – 1944

S.E. Moore and sons Donald and Willis "Bud" purchased this groceries and dry goods store from original owner J.A. Blais in 1947.

14 – Halberg House – 1928

Built for Nels & Hilma (Granlund) Halberg, it was a very modern house for its time.

