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Brad Neduzak

Fire Chief:

Andy Thiessen

Mayor's Desk

Welcome to this our first issue of the Morden Quarterly Newsletter. It is just one of the many ways we are trying to improve communication with you the residents of Morden. All of the Town departments are approachable and I make myself available to you by being in my office at the Civic Centre every Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please feel free to come in and have a chat.

John B. Wiens - Mayor

Councilor's Corner

Council has been busy! Every Councilor has several sub-committees they're involved with, in addition to personal commitments to other organizations like service clubs, churches, athletics and the like.

It's been Council's privilege to attend monthly meetings at the Friendship Centre where they invariably receive a wealth of good advice and innovative ideas. Experience counts!

We have established a more formal relationship with the Research Station and will be providing funding to assist with the cost of maintaining the beautiful grounds that are so well known and admired.

Tripartite meetings have been initiated with the RM of Stanley and the City of Winkler to discuss Regional initiatives. Collaboration is becoming a new buzz-word in the area, albeit in a formative stage.

And as always, Mayor Wiens and all the Councilors welcome the ideas and critiques (and even the odd accolade!) from the citizens of Morden.

Have a great summer, and may everyone's handicap be in single digits.

Alex Fedorchuk - Councilor

Points of Interest



"Limited Edition"
*Morden Firefighter
Beanie Baby Dolls*

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*CSI Comes to
Morden*

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Free Money!

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MORDEN voted

"Best In Country Living"

Visit the website at
www.mordenmb.com
for a full copy of the
article.

By-Laws

Now on the website.

HOT News From The Fire Department

CONGRATULATIONS - to seven members of the Morden Fire Department who have just completed their certified Level One Fire Fighting training. This brings our entire Fire Department up to at least a Level One Certified department. This is a great achievement and I'm very proud of our guys in their accomplishments.

Many people around Town are asking, "What is happening with the New Fire Hall?" Well, what I can tell you at this point, is that floor plans have been done and drawings for budgeting purposes are in the works. The concept plans look very good and the end result, I think, will be very positive and fit into our community very well.

I hope that early 2004 was a safe one for all and that the summer, when it finally arrives, will be memorable and enjoyable for everyone. Have a great summer.

Andy Thiessen – Fire Chief

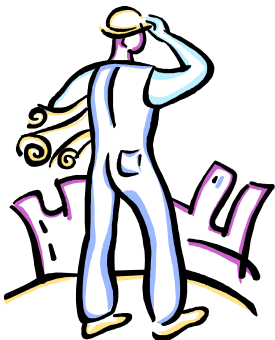
SUMMER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- When having BBQ's in the backyard, remember to light the BBQ with the lid open. It helps with the hairstyle. Always use your BBQ in a well-vented area. Inside your house, in the basement while watching T.V. is not a good option.
- Backyard campfires are permitted in Morden between 8:00 am and 11:00 pm. Dry wood is the fuel of choice. In fact it is the only fuel allowed. Leaves and trash will only make your neighbourhood upset and cause lots of unfriendly Firemen to show up on your doorstep.
- Fireworks! Can be a lot of fun if handled properly. Use caution when lighting fireworks. Never hold onto the fireworks with your hands. Your fingers will come in handy sometime in your life. A large open space is recommended when setting off sparklers. Again neighbours may enjoy the sights of the Fireworks, but may frown on them landing on their roof. Please be courteous.

COMING EVENTS

- **June 12th, 2004** – Home Hazardous Waste drop off. Location is Winkler Public Works Yard at 345 – 1st Street on Highway 32. (Check the website for the notice under News Releases)
- **June 19th, 2004** – Crazy Daze Fire Fighting Event. Includes a BBQ, Kids events, and a fundraiser of "**Limited Edition Firefighting Beanie Baby Dolls**". Location – In front of V&S on Main Street Morden. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Public Works Update



We have had a very busy winter, especially since the season seems to extend till the end of May! The department appreciates the patience and support of the residents in the clean-up process after the recent snow/ice storm. P.S. Snow plows will be on standby till July!!!

Projects – Sidewalk construction is underway on 9th Street South, shortly 5th Street (200 Block) will be done, and Stephen Street will be started in early June. Please take extra care when driving in these areas while work is being done. Paving will start in the next 2 weeks on 12th Street North, 9th Street South and the back lane of 17th Street. Sewer Televising will commence early June. Residents will see trucks with flashing lights for the next 4 to 5 weeks while they do this work.

CONTACT INFORMATION - The Public Works Department regular hours of work are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The contact number is 822-5119. This number can be called after hours and on weekends. You can leave a message or call the cell number 362-2780 to speak directly to the individual on call.

Les Wieler – Director of Public Works

Morden Police Service News



Cops For Cancer – Five Officers of the Morden Police Service participated in a fundraising event for Cancer Research called “Cops For Cancer” which took place Saturday, May 15th at the Altona Mall. A total of 21 officers from across Southern Manitoba raised funds through donations and came together at the Altona Mall to shave their heads in support of this worthwhile event. Just over \$10,000.00 in total was raised at this local event. Well done to Csts. Shaun Klippenstein, Sean Aune, Trevor Marek, Ryan Rach and Jeremy Loewen.

Brad Neduzak – Police Chief



MPIC Roadwatch – We have started the summer Checkstop Program where we will be conducting periodic checkstops throughout the community at various times and dates checking for any Highway Traffic Act, Liquor Control Act or Impaired Driving offences. We are asking for the public’s assistance and co-operation as they pass through these checkstops. Please have your drivers licence and vehicle registration ready.

Garage Sale

Garage Sale Signs By-Law – We have been noticing signs going up on boulevards advertising Garage Sales. This is not permitted. The only place people can have a sign is right on their property and of course on the Garage Sale Billboard situated near the Tourist Information Booth at Thornhill & 11th Street. Visit the www.mordenmb.com website for a full copy of the by-law.



Morden CSI - Crime Scene Investigation is becoming an important part of, and a critical tool in police work and Criminal Investigations. One of the Morden Police Service team members has received Crime Scene Investigations training. The course is called “Scenes of Crime Officer” (S.O.C.O.) This new skill allows our service to be more efficient in examining crime scenes without delays.



Prank Calls to 911 – The Police have been receiving non-emergency calls through the 911 emergency system. This unnecessarily ties up emergency lines and services. A reminder that people wishing to report non-emergency incidents or make inquiries should call our office line on **822-6292**. Regular office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Monday to Friday. Our mobile line **822-4900** can be used to reach officers at anytime – 24 hours a day – 7 days a week. 911 should only be used for emergency situations where police, fire or ambulance is required immediately, due to life-threatening situations. Making prank phone calls to 911 endangers the lives of others who really need help.

Abusing 911 is a criminal offence and carries a maximum fine of \$2,000.00

“Town of Morden” JOBS

Facilities Foreman

Visit the website for details at www.mordenmb.com

NEW FACES

*Welcome to
Angela Enns the new Office
Receptionist/Clerk who
started May 25th at the Civic
Centre.*

SPECIAL THANKS

The CSD Dept. would like thank
One Two Tree Services
for making themselves totally
available to the Town during the
storm cleanup.

Community & Social Development Update

What are we doing?

The East Arena is currently having a new roof installed and should be completed in early June. A review of the department rates and charges is underway – stay tuned for the results. Swim lessons are being organized for July and August at Colert Beach. Repainting of the Recreation Centre lobby has begun with brighter colors being used. Work will soon begin on the installation of lights throughout Morden Park and there are several projects planned for Colert Beach.

In order to serve the community better, our staff are receiving specialized training. I would like to **CONGRATULATE** the following – Greg Grift for obtaining his Refrigeration Class Power Engineer Certificate, Francine Last-Stambuski, Tim Harsant, and Garry Gross for completing their CPR training and Gord Maddock for obtaining his Playground Inspectors Certificate.

All upcoming events can be found listed in the “Calendar of Events” on the website at www.mordenmb.com. Visit the site and check out what’s on in Morden – it is constantly updated.

The CSD department is pleased to have an opportunity to participate in this first issue of the Quarterly Newsletter. We encourage anyone who has a suggestion, question, or concern about any aspect of our department’s services to contact me directly by phone on 822-5431 or email: belliott@mordenmb.com.

Barry Elliott – Community & Social Development

CONTACT INFORMATION:

General Inquiries	822-5431	Fax: 822-6619
Beach Manager	822-4992	Fax: 822-6494
Parks Manager	822-5352	Fax: 822-6494

COMMUNICATION – WE WANT IT TO WORK

One of the duties as CRO (Community Resources Officer) for the Town is to improve the lines of communication with you, the residents of Morden. The Quarterly Newsletter, increased News Releases, updates to the website and the sharing of the online Grants Database with non-profit organizations are just a few ways. Your ideas or suggestions would be appreciated. **CONTACT INFORMATION** – Phone number: 822-4434 or email: cmartin@mordenmb.com.

Carol Martin – Community Resources Officer

Economic Development

FREE MONEY FOR YOUTH

No – this is not a joke. The provincial government is giving out money for free! For all those skeptics out there, here are the details.

- You are considered “youth” if you are between the ages of 18 and 29.
- The maximum grant amount is \$4,000.00 .
- Grant is to be used for the many costs associated with business start-up (Licenses, Registrations, Advertising) as well as capital expenditures (Equipment you might need.)
- To apply for this year-round program, you must complete an application and submit a comprehensive business plan. (Not as scary as it sounds.)

And check out this program: If you are a youth who has started, or who would like to start, your own full-time business, then the new Skill Development For Young Entrepreneurs program is for you! Approved applicants are eligible for a grant up to \$1000.00 to assist with the costs of completing an accredited business-related training course.

At a time when provincial grants are few and far between, it is encouraging that these specialized programs for youth are available to improve their chances at success in business.

CONTACT INFORMATION - If you are interested in either of these great programs, make an appointment to see me, Stacey Dunnigan, Economic Development Officer, at the Town of Morden. My phone number is 822-5088, or send me an email at sdunnigan@mordenmb.com. I would be more than happy to help you get started.

Stacey Dunnigan – Economic Development Officer