



OTC COMMUNICATION/EDUCATION:

In the last month I have visited four schools between Morden & Winkler and given presentations to 800 youth aged from 6 to 14 years. The purpose of the presentations is to create awareness of and educate them in climate change issues within Canada. The presentation caters towards what youth can do in their every day lives to reduce their impact on the environment.



OTC - COMMUTER CHALLENGE:

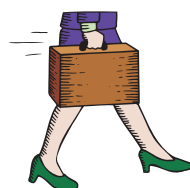
I am trying to encourage as many people as possible to sign up for the commuter challenge. This is a friendly competition between Canadian Communities to encourage the use of sustainable modes of transportation to and from work.

During Environment Week (June 5 to 11, 2005) and Clean Air Day (June 8, 2005) why not try a new and sustainable way to get to work! If you already use a sustainable mode of transportation, get others on board and register for the Commuter Challenge to help your community win! Once registered, simply login at www.commuterchallenge.ca and submit your results.

Car Pool



Walk



Cycle



OTC - COMPOSTING DEMONSTRATION:



The Morden Horticulture Club and I will be hosting a Free Backyard Composting Demonstration on June 11th from 10:00am to 11:30am. The demonstration is being delivered by Resource Conservation Manitoba and the will be held at the Morden Friendship Centre. Anyone interested in backyard composting is welcome to attend.

C4 Update

MORDEN FIRE HALL PROJECT

Town Council has given approval for engineers to conduct a feasibility study on the new Morden Fire Hall. This will help to ensure the building is suitable for Geothermal heating as well as a solar wall. When complete this will be Morden's showcase building for energy efficiency.

LIGHTING PROJECT

One of the quickest ways to start to take the challenge is to change your light bulbs to the new energy efficient ones. The Town of Morden decided to do just that. They have replaced the lights in the municipal buildings with new energy efficient lights and the savings will be seen in the first full month's Hydro Electric Bill. Manitoba Hydro has incentives that everyone should look into. Just call David Thurgar or Manitoba Hydro for more information.

PAPER REDUCTION PROJECT

When looking for ways to take the challenge and make a difference quickly the Town decided to use a new system for Council meetings. All the agenda and backup documents are no longer copied but are scanned in and emailed to the Councillors. At the meetings the documents are projected onto a large screen so no one needs to have hard copies. This project is saving paper and energy. It has been so successful that other departments are changing to the new system too.

David Thurgar - C4-OTC-MWR Coordinator
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Mayor's Desk

Councils are always searching for ways to communicate with its citizenry. One year ago this newsletter was implemented as one of the tools which facilitates communication between the Town and its citizens. It has been well received and we are happy to support it into the next year.

During the past year a significant event was the arrival of new Canadians from other countries. We as a Town welcome them and hope they find us warm and friendly.

New people bring with them new ideas, which create new directions. We as a community must embrace these changes and help to implement them within the objectives set by the Town Council. When elected the message was that status quo was unacceptable. We urge all organizations and citizens to have a positive approach to these changes, which will help us to progress and grow as a community.

John B. Wiens - Mayor

"The Other Half Of The Equation"

In a previous edition of this publication I outlined some of the essentials I thought merchants had to embrace, to ensure success. In this edition I would like to focus on the other half of the equation...local consumers. Before you get into your car and drive to a Big Box store the next time you need an article, stop and ask yourself..."Can I buy a similar item in town?"

We are all creatures of habit and we all have our favourite stores. I'll admit I enjoy haunting the aisles at Canadian Tire from time to time. But I also very much appreciate being able to buy a quickly needed item at a store just a few minutes from home. If we want that convenience to remain, we must lend our support. So it does sometimes take a conscious effort to overcome old habits.

I'm amazed when I hear people talking about saving \$20 on an item at an out-of-town store...when they've had to drive 100 miles to realize that "saving". What about the cost of gas and probably a lunch, and their time? I know everyone has heard this cry many times, but it doesn't hurt to hear it again...

*Please shop locally!
We then all win.*

Alex Fedorchuk - Councillor

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Fire Department News



SUMMER!!!!!! We have all heard about it, thought of it, and in the past few years dreamt about it. Hopefully this year we all can experience the joys of summer. Summer time brings us back to nature so to speak. We enjoy walks in the valley, camping, BBQ's, campfires, cooking outdoors, mowing lawns, well maybe not the lawn care stuff. Anyway the point I'm trying to get at is that summer time seems to be enjoying the outdoors. Imagine if you will, walking in the valley only this time the area is BLACK with only a few burnt sticks in the horizon. No birds in the air, no squirrels running around only black ashes left from a bush fire that had gotten out of control from a careless hiker's cigarette or perhaps a campfire left unattended. This is something that none of us want to see happen. **Please** be careful when enjoying Nature's treats.

In the town limits we like to create our own little nature park in our back yards. This can be very relaxing and enjoyable to sit around and look at the flowers, listening to the birds, the trickling of a fish pond/water feature and of course smelling the neighbour's huge bon fire that they have added some plastic bottles to and maybe just cleaning up a bit. You know the ones, "Oh just a little bit of leaves won't hurt". Well it does affect the way we can enjoy the outdoors.

The Town of Morden does have a By-law that addresses this issue. A resident is allowed to have a fire pit on their property provided they place it a safe distance from any combustibles and that it has a fire ring to contain the fire. You are ONLY allowed to burn dry wood. NOT - Dry leaves, Dry garbage, Dry pop bottles, Dry Lawn chairs, only dry wood. Hours of operation are from 8 am - 11 pm. Now there is a catch. There is always a catch so don't be surprised. This can only happen if we are considerate of our neighbours. If we get out of hand and are too noisy or have too big a fire they have the option of asking us to put out the campfire. Basically, if we want to keep the idea of having a backyard fire pit we need to be aware of our surroundings or we may lose the option of keeping it.

Now I'm starting to sound like an old teacher of mine so on a closing note, enjoy your summer and have an extra double cheeseburger on me.

Andy Thiessen - Fire Chief - Call: 822-3888



Volunteering At The Morden Friendship Centre

The Morden Friendship Centre is a non-profit organization whose lifeblood is the VOLUNTEERS. Our Centre could not survive without volunteers and we hear from many of our volunteers that the Friendship Centre and the opportunity to volunteer have enriched their retirement. The Friendship Centre has a wide range of volunteer opportunities that address the wide range of different talents of people.

The Friendship Centre serves a light lunch all three days of the Corn & Apple Festival - Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hundreds of people drop in for lunch. Volunteers are needed to work in the main auditorium as cashiers, kitchen assistants, and hall servers. The lunch is light and the caterer is in charge of the menu, so the volunteer work is not heavy duty. People who enjoy people love to volunteer at this event as it is in a beautiful air-conditioned building and you have a chance to meet and greet the many wonderful people who come for the festival. If you might be interested in this please call Pat at 822-3555.

The Friendship Centre has many different volunteer projects all year around.

Maintenance Committee - If you like to work and fix things we have a Maintenance Committee.

Catering Teams - We do catering all year round and there are Catering Teams. These volunteers set the tables and peel the potatoes for events. For you women who don't think

men peel potatoes you should come and see 5 guys gathered around the potato peeling machine laughing and joking as they complete their task.

Administration Team - Of course the Centre generates a lot of paper work and we have people volunteer to help with computer work, reception desk, bookkeeping etc.

Decorating Team - We like to do some simple decorating for the seasons and have people volunteering to help in this area.

Bingo Team - Every Wednesday we have a community bingo run by volunteers.

Social Committee - plans the fun events at the Centre.

Fundraising Committee - takes care of special fundraising projects such as the Kenmore Theatre productions. We are always looking for new and fresh ideas.

People volunteer for many different reasons, and volunteering is not just about giving, but about getting. They now have documented evidence that people who volunteer live longer. It provides meaning and purpose in people's lives. Such qualities may in turn have protective effects on mortality. So -

"VOLUNTEER FOR THE HEALTH OF IT.

Pat Plett - 822-3555

Community Development Report

MORDEN IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

You may have noticed that three new signs have been installed in Town promoting opportunities for new development.

➤ The first new sign can be seen as you enter Morden on Highway 3 from the east. It is advertising commercial property for development. The property is 45 acres on the north side of the highway, between the last residence and the Department of Highways yard. This property is zoned for highway commercial development.

➤ The second sign is downtown on Stephen Street. This sign depicts an image of what could be possible on the land located between RANA Medical and Your Dollar Store With More. This property is for sale, and the Morden Community Development Corporation would like to see someone develop it and offer space for new or existing businesses. This is a great location downtown that has many possibilities.

➤ The third sign greets you on Route 100 as you enter the Morden Industrial Park. This sign provides contact information for those people looking for industrial land.



If you or anyone that you know might be interested in exploring the development opportunities in the Town of Morden, please contact Stacey Dunnigan, Community Development Officer at 822-5088.

Information is also available on the Town of Morden website www.mordenmb.com. Just go to the Business tab.

Stacey Dunnigan - Community Development Officer
TELEPHONE: 822-5088
Email: cdo@mordenmb.com

WHAT IS THE MBIA?

The MBIA (Morden Business Improvement Area) is an organization that represents businesses in the area that encompasses Stephen Street and Highway 3 (Thornhill Street) from First Street to Mountain Street.

The role of the MBIA is to complete beautification projects in the commercial zones, as well as provide the funds for promotional events put on by the Morden Merchants, such as the annual Monster Sale and Krazy Daze events.

2005 MBIA Representatives

Voting Members are:

Ana-Maria Dawshka	- Dimensions	Tel: 822-5742
Basil Holewka	- Photography by Basil	Tel: 822-9426
Mary Anne Groening	- Floral Scents	Tel: 822-3456
Dr. Gary Malenchak	- Grass Roots Chiropractic	Tel: 822-6770
Maurice Butler	- Councilor, Town of Morden	Tel: 822-4434

Non-Voting Member:

Stacey Dunnigan	- Secretary/Treasurer	Tel: 822-5088
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If you own a business in the MBIA area, and you have some ideas that you want to share, contact one of the representatives listed above. They will bring your ideas to the monthly meeting and share them with the rest of the group.

The MBIA is working on many exciting projects and welcomes new ideas that could make our shopping district more appealing and enjoyable for customers of all ages.

WELCOME WAGON NEEDS YOUR HELP

Having a baby or know someone who is?
Then contact:

Michelle Charriere on 822-5908

Got a new neighbour or know of someone moving to Morden?

Then contact:

Carrie Siemens on 822-3079



GARAGE SALE SIGNS

Just a reminder to citizens that are holding a Garage Sale, please do not place any signs or device advertising a Garage Sale on or over a street or upon a structure, utility pole, traffic control device, tree or vehicle in a street.

You may place one Garage Sale sign on your property or on the Town boulevard fronting or flanking your property.



Community Services News

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR PROJECTS

- Several budget items have now been approved by Council:
- ▶ Picnic tables, benches, and garbage containers have been ordered for Morden Park and Colert Beach. We will start installing these units onto concrete pads during the summer months.
 - ▶ The store at the beach office is being expanded to increase the display area and also to provide better service capabilities to the public.
 - ▶ Steel posts have now been purchased to begin replacing the posts and chain bordering Morden Park.
 - ▶ A new vending machine has been purchased for the Recreation Centre.
 - ▶ More lighting is going into Morden Park. These lights will be installed between the cook shack area and the new walking bridge. Other areas that will be receiving lights are the front of the Recreation Centre and Confederation Park. Lights will also be installed alongside the Bühler Boardwalk at Colert Beach.



WEED CONTROL

A new Weed Control policy has recently been adopted by Council. This policy provides guidelines for the control of weeds along all Town property, and it identifies the methods/frequency that will be used.

TREE CONTROL

A new Tree Control policy is also being adopted by Council. This policy provides guidelines for the planting, maintenance, protection and removal of trees and shrubs along all Town property. This policy also identifies the responsibilities that homeowners have with respect to the care of private trees that may project onto Town property.



Both of the above policies will soon be ready for viewing on the Town of Morden website.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The management and staff of the Community Services Department are excited about moving forward with the projects that have been approved by Council over the next few months. If anyone has any questions or concerns about these projects or the other facilities and services of the Community Services Department, I would encourage you to contact me directly.

Barry Elliott - Director of Community Services

Telephone: 822-5431
or email: belliot@mordenmb.com

Public Works Department

- ❖ The summer construction is underway and public works is currently working on sidewalk preparation. The sidewalk running from Mountain St. to Eagle Dr. has been prepped, the next step will be paving which is slated for late June.
- ❖ Stephen St. will be the next sidewalk project. This will extend from 9th St. to 11th St. and from 6th St. to 4th St. We were pleased with the consideration that the merchants and the public showed last year and we're asking that residents will again drive a little slower when entering construction zones.
- ❖ Water meter upgrades will be done on an ongoing basis. The 100 blocks have been largely completed and the focus for 2005 will be the 200 blocks of town. Please respond to the letters that are sent to your homes so that scheduling can be done in a timely manner. Thank-you
- ❖ Due to the boom in housing that Morden is experiencing, there is a lot of construction activity especially on Parkhill Dr. As a result a fair amount of mud and debris may be evident in these areas. When traveling through these streets, extra care should be taken. Public works cleans up on a periodic basis, however wet conditions will intensify these problems. If obstructions are causing traffic problems please call public works at 822-5119 so we can clean up ASAP.



❖ Street paving will likely occur in June and July, some of these are as follows: Alexandria Bay, Elmwood Ave., Southdale St., Morden Park (south end) and Connor Hill Drive.

Les Wieler - Director of Public Works
Contact: 822-5119



Morden Police Service News

"COPS FOR CANCER"

The annual "Cops for Cancer" fundraiser held May 7th at the Morden Recreation Centre raised close to \$9000.00.

This was the 2nd annual "Cops for Cancer" event held in the Pembina Valley Region. "We are very pleased with the amount raised and hope to improve upon this next year". Participants collected money from sponsors and in return, pledged to shave their heads. This year, we had members from the following organizations take part - Morden Police Service, Winkler Police Service, Altona Police Service, Dakota Ojibway Police Service, Morden Fire Department, EMS, and Customs & Immigration. As well, some guests outside Emergency Personnel took part such as Mr. Peter Geroge Dyck, Mr. Jack Penner, Nathan Knight from "The Eagle" and Brian Thiessen from CKMW.



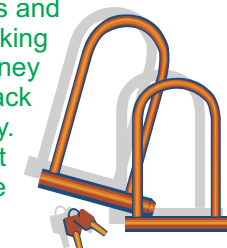
- ★ Thank you to the ladies who gave of their time cutting hair Angela Enns, Roxanne Lundy, Connie Fehr and Julie Klassen.
- ★ Thanks as well, to Wayne Bergman for performing the MC duties.
- ★ We also thank everyone who participated, sponsored, or helped in this very worthwhile cause.

BICYCLE SAFETY



The Morden Police Service have been visiting the schools conducting Bicycle Safety talks to all students in grades k-4. The talks involve teaching the kids the rules of the road, including the proper hand signals, where to and where not to ride their bikes, and other safety issues. We are also running some bicycle rodeos where students are put through a course on their bikes, being able to display their riding abilities.

This is a fun event as well as educational. Along with this, the Police Service draws 2 names from each class and gives out bicycle locks to promote students locking their bikes. This is another area where money raised from our annual Bicycle Auction is put back into the schools, and promotes bicycle safety. Unfortunately, there is still a significant amount of bicycles that are taken each year from the schools and homes.



We are trying to encourage not only students but adults as well, to lock up their bikes or put them away in their garage or shed when not in use.

Brad Neduzak - Chief of Police
CONTACT: 822-6292



MUSEUM NEWS

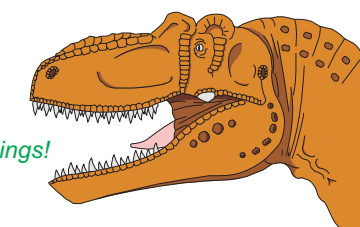
The field season is upon us once again and the centre crew can hardly wait to begin excavating. We are looking forward to uncovering the remainder of Betsy, our plesiosaur we discovered last summer.

We are proud to offer paleo tours again this season, a hands on experience at one of our digsites. There are half day tours as well as 2-day tours in conjunction with the Star Motel, Robyn's Nest'n Inn and Memory Lane. So if you're interested in fossil hunting, book a tour with us and learn all about our marine reptile fossils. The 2-day excursions are limited so book soon.

Programming for youth is also available this summer with day camps and week camps. We are offering Dig Days and Dino Day Camp through out July and August from 10:00am-3:00pm. The centre is also bringing back Paleo School available July 11-15, 25-29 and August 15-19. Registrations forms for all programs are available at the centre and must be filled out in advance.

For more information you can contact Anita at 822-3406

Anita-Marie Janzic - Curator
Contact: 822-3406



Come and dig dead things!



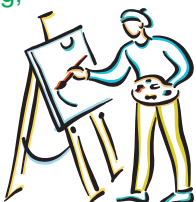
Pembina Hills Arts Council & Gallery

JUNE

"Shared Inspiration" (by Bette Holliday and Marguerite Ruddel) Exhibit Opening: June 6th 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Exhibit Dates: June 3rd - 25th.

Tea at the Gallery - June 24th 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Coffee, tea and treats \$3.00

Artists Weekend - June 24th, 25th, & 26th - (for adults) Pottery firing demonstrations, Pottery, Painting, Drawing, Mosaic Workshops. Camp & network with other artists - a great opportunity to learn for beginners or experienced artists! Cost \$110. includes instruction, supplies, and main meals. Register at the Gallery.



JULY

Summer Arts & Crafts Program for Kids! - JULY

An excellent opportunity for your children to learn new arts and crafts. Choose from an assortment of classes every week day at \$6. per class. Pick up a program of events for the whole summer from the Art Gallery.

ART CAMP - July 11th - 15th

Where kids get an opportunity to design and paint a street banner! See our July Calendar; available at the Art Gallery.

"Sculptures" by Jake Goertzen

Exhibit Opening - July 8th 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Exhibit Dates: July 2nd - August 29th

Jake's sculptures are markers on a journey to the inner core of the artist & viewer. He lets his work.....speak

Tea at the Gallery - July 29th 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Coffee, tea and treats \$3.00

AUGUST

Summer Arts & Crafts Program for Kids- AUGUST

An excellent opportunity for your children to learn new arts and crafts. Choose from an assortment of classes every week day at \$6. per class. Pick up a program of events for the whole summer from the Art Gallery.

ART CAMP - August 8th - 12th

Where kids get and opportunity to create a mosaic sundial, and work on a mosaic of our own "Bruce" mosasaur. See our August Calendar - available at the Art Gallery.

Pembina Hills Artists, Corn & Apple Exhibition & Sale

Exhibit Dates: August 5th - 29th

A collaboration of work from the Pembina Hills Artists, just in time for the Corn & Apple Festival.

MORE INFORMATION?

Call 822-6026

OR

Email: pembhill@mts.net



Morden In The Movies

"A Path In Time"

The movie is complete and will be released soon. Keith Eidse of Vision Light Productions would like to thank everyone for their support while making the movie. Morden is featured well in the film. Special thanks will be given to Morden in the credits. If you are at all curious you can see the official website and trailer at:

www.pathintime.com

Upcoming Events

Morden has so many wonderful events. Here are just a few that you should put in your diary. Remember that all events are listed on the Morden website under the "Calendar of Events" If you would like your event listed then just contact:

Carol Martin
822-4434 Ext 224 OR
Email: cmartin@mordenmb.com



Canada Day Beach Blast
- July 1st



Morden International Triathlon
- July 16th

International Golf Tournament
- July 22nd to 24th



39th Annual Corn & Apple Festival
- Aug 26th to 28th



"Rumours" (Neil Simon)
- Kenmore Theatre - August 3rd to 6th.

Finance & Admin News

Soon you will be seeing a lot of changes in the Finance & Administration Office at the Civic Centre. Not only are we going to renovate the office but there will be some new faces. Rae Carpenter is retiring in July having served the Town for 25 years. We will really miss her. Darlene Ehnes is going to be our new Executive Assistant which means that we will have two new people in the office to fill the positions of Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk and Tax Roll Clerk.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while all these changes are taking place.



Morden Branch of the South Central Regional Library
514 Stephen Street
(822-4092) morden@scrlibrary.mb.ca
www.scrlibrary.mb.ca

June, July and August summer hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10 am until 8:30 pm
Wednesdays and Fridays - 10 am until 5:30 pm
Saturdays 10 am until 4:00 pm

BOOK SALE NEWS

A great big "thank you" to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the annual book sale all of you who donated books, all of you who came to shop, and, especially those hardy souls led by Elaine Ivey who volunteered numerous hours to price, set-up, run and clean-up after the book sale. A special thank you to Mrs. Brenda Wiens and her Senior 3 Class who helped move over 800 boxes of books in less than an hour to their designated spot in the Morden Rec Centre hall. Just under \$9,000 was realized to spend on new materials for the Morden, Winkler and Altona libraries. Donations of "gently used" books for the 2006 Book Sale (May 11, 12 and 13, 2006) are already being accepted at all 3 branches.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blast Off! - The annual Summer Reading Club features space travel and aliens from other planets. The first day to sign up and get on board a space ship is June 28th. Watch for full details coming home from school with each child.

Teen Mentor Reading Program - Any teens looking for volunteer hours please enquire at the Morden library about our Teen Mentor Reading Program. Two days a week during July and August teens are partnered with younger children to assist them with their reading skills. Our goal is to provide mentoring in both official languages provided we have volunteers with French speaking abilities.



RECENT ADDITIONS (Adult Fiction)

- Cat in a Hot Pink Pursuit by Carole Nelson Douglas
- Darkwitch Rising by Sara Douglass
- The Hot Kid by Elmore Leonard
- In the Company of Cheerful Ladies by Alexander McCall Smith (volume 6 of the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series)
- Superstition by Karen Robards
- Triumph of the Sun by Wilbur Smith

RECENT ADDITIONS (Non-Fiction)

- The Best Gluten-Free Family Cookbook by Donna Washburn
- Down Came the Rain by Booke Shields
- Dryland Gardening: Plants that Survive and Thrive in Tough Conditions by Jennifer Bennett
- Greenology: How to Live Well, Be Green and Make a Difference by Tanya Ha
- Nickel Trip by Flight Lieutenant F. C. C. Bird
- Wildlife at Your Backdoor: How to Create for Nature's Friends by Sharon Amos

Portable Wheelchair Lift On It's Way

Thanks to the support of the **Morden Area Foundation** in conjunction with the following sponsors the Portable Wheelchair Lift will be available FREE OF CHARGE to all local organizations in the Town of Morden. We are planning for the lift to be available in time for the 2005 Graduation Ceremonies.

GOLD

Morden Thrift Shop
3M Canada Company
Agassiz Credit Union
CIBC Bank

SILVER

Royal Bank of Canada

BRONZE

Morden Lions Club
Huron Windows
Fehr Glass & Aluminium
Morden Realty Inc.
Rana Medical
Morden Co-op
Image Promotions