

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

NEW BUSINESS!

Anastasia's Bridal Boutique will carry a complete line of bridal wear, prom gowns, and evening dresses! Plans are to open at 376 Stephen St. at the end of September. Owner Svetlana Dirks is excited about setting up business in Morden and is looking forward to serving the area. In addition, Anastasia's will have silk flowers, bouquets and plants available for purchase. Welcome Anastasia's to Morden's downtown!

NEW STRIP MALL FOR THORNHILL STREET!

Plans are underway for an attractive new strip mall at the former Superior Propane site. Developer, Len Peters is selling condominium units of retail and office space at this prime location.



Cheryl Digby - Community Development Officer

LICENSED CHILD CARE SPACES

The waiting list for available day care spaces continues to grow! There is an immediate need for several licensed Family Child Care Homes in Morden. Operating a family child care home has many benefits to the licensee and to the families you serve. If you would like to become licensed or just have questions about the licensing process, please call Carol Gardiner, Child Care Coordinator at 822-2868.

A second Group Child Care Centre is also required for Morden.



If you are interested in becoming a part of the steering committee that is committed to seeing this valuable project through to completion, please call Carol Gardiner, Child Care Coordinator at 822-2868

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Town of Morden Office Hours

Administration Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

The Administration Office strives to have staff on duty to serve the public throughout these hours. In the case of unforeseen circumstances beyond our control where the need may arise to have the office closed for a short period of time during regular hours, a notice will be posted at the front entrance to the building. We apologize for any inconvenience these situations may pose to our customers.

Fire Department Office Hours

Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Should the Fire Chief be out of the office during these times, a notice will be posted at the entrance.

Police Services Office Hours

Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Recreation Centre Office Hours

Monday To Friday
8:30 am to 11:30 am and 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Barking Dogs

We are receiving numerous complaints regarding barking dogs. We appreciate the cooperation of dog owners with helping to ensure their pet is not disturbing the neighbours. Thank You



The Cat Came Back

Please ensure your feline friends remain at home. Letting your cat out and assuming it has stayed within your yard while you are not looking may not prove to be the case. As a 'Community Reminder' - please help to prevent the spread of disease through cat feces and respect your neighbours' gardens and children's play areas by keeping your cat indoors or on a leash or enclosed area. Thank You



CONTACT US - WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

- Ernie Epp - Chief Administrative Officer 822-4434 (epp@mordenmb.com)
- Darlene Ehnes - Executive Assistant 822-4434 (dehnes@mordenmb.com)
- Garry Hiebert - Director of Finance & Admin 822-4434 (ghiebert@mordenmb.com)
- Les Wieler - Director of Public Works 822-5119 (lwieler@mordenmb.com)
- Clare Agnew - Director of Community Services 822-5431 (cagnew@mordenmb.com)
- Cheryl Digby - Community Development Officer 822-5088 (cdigby@mordenmb.com)
- Carol Wilkinson - Community Resources Officer 822-4434 (cwilkinson@mordenmb.com)
- Mary Anne Neufeld - Human Resources Officer 822-4434 (mneufeld@mordenmb.com)
- Brad Neduzak - Police Chief 822-6292 (bneduzak@mordenmb.com)
- Andy Thiessen - Fire Chief 822-3888 (athiessen@mordenmb.com)

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Sept 2008
Issue 18



WATCH YOUR COUNCIL IN ACTION

From time to time, citizens of Morden ask me about the decision-making process of local government. How does Council arrive at decisions?

I remind them, and invite them, to attend committee meetings, which are open to the public. Committee-of-the-Whole meetings, which are usually held prior to regular Council meetings are open to the public as well. Closed door or In-Camera meetings are rare. These deal with confidential issues such as personnel issues or matters of financial sensitivity.

So, I would again invite the general public to come out and **watch your Council in action**. Understandably spectators are not able to participate, but I think you will find some of the discussions very informative and interesting.



The regular Council Meeting schedule is on the Town website, or you can call the administration office at 822-4434. I hope to see you there.

Alex Fedorchuk - Deputy Mayor

MONTHLY PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

Available September 2008

For your convenience, the Town of Morden has offered you the option of pre-authorized payments for quarterly Utility and yearly Tax payments.

We are happy to announce, as of September 2008, a **monthly payment option** is also available for both Utility and Tax payments.

As the customer, you will be required to determine and set the monthly dollar amount that you wish to have withdrawn from your account.

If this is a service that interests you, please stop by the Administration Office at 195 Stephen Street to sign up. You will be required to leave a void cheque of the account you wish to have the withdrawal drawn.

For more information on this program, please feel free to contact our office at 822-4434, or visit our website at www.mordenmb.com.

Points of Interest

Chautauqua Spirit Update



Page 2

Museum Update



Page 3

Dogs Must Be On A Leash



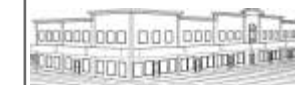
Page 4

Water Meter Readings



Page 7

New Strip Mall



Page 8



In your mind, in your heart, in Morden—the Chautauqua Spirit.

This has become a familiar phrase in Morden, as we continue to celebrate the artistic diversity and cultural richness of our community.

We've enjoyed a busy summer filled with heritage walks, garden tours, drama productions, cultural camps, anniversary art exhibitions, and the unveiling of such public art as sculpture, murals, and banners. Now we look ahead to an eventful fall.

JOURNEY IN SPIRIT – ART EXHIBITION

Following the 20th Anniversary Exhibition by artists of Pembina Hills Arts Centre, the gallery introduces “**Journey in Spirit: Full Circle.**” This one-woman show features an impressive collection of new work by Metis rock painter Natalie Rostad Desjarlais. Natalie was one of the original members of the Pembina Hills art group. Curator for the show is Dana Kletke, another early member of PHAC and now co-ordinator of the Visual Arts Program for Manitoba Arts Network. The “Journey in Spirit” exhibition can be seen at the Pembina Hills Art Centre (352 Stephen St.) from Sept. 8 – Oct. 6.

PRE-CELEBRATION CONCERTS

September 20th, 2008 - Afternoon Coffee With A Cellist
Time: 2:00 p.m. **Venue:** Minnewasta Golf & Country Club
 Come listen to award-winning cellist, Leanne Zacharias, while you sip your java at Minnewasta Country Club.

September 25th, 2008 - Strings At The Market
Time: 3:50 p.m. **Venue:** Morden Market - Downtown
 Feeling stressed? Calm that frantic shopper in you by listening to the sounds of Leanne Zacharias while you shop at the Morden Farmer's Market in downtown Morden

FOUR-DAY FESTIVAL - UNDER THE BIG TENT

A major highlight of Morden's Cultural Capital year will be “**Chautauqua Celebration.**” This four-day festival (Sept. 25-28th) will recapture the spirit of Morden's earlier Chautauquas. Created by Cameron Friesen and Wes Hamm, the diverse and interesting program offers a skillful blend of professional, emerging, and young artistic talent. Exhibitions will be in the Morden Recreation Centre hall and live performances will be held nearby—under the Big Tent—with MC Nick Pharaoh (star of “The Long Journey Home”).

Special attractions include the world premier of the play “**When the Stone Speaks**” and the music CD “**Fossil Rock.**” Poor Theatre Company has collectively created its play under the direction of Gerald Pauls. The production uses native Canadian stories to pay tribute to the visual art of Natalie Rostad Desjarlais and the reverence for life evinced in her work.

Lulu and the TomCat launch their newest collection of songs, “Fossil Rock,” backed up by the vocals of Morden's own Kiddens. You don't need to know the difference between a plesiosaur and a ichthyosaur to enjoy these catchy new tunes and the “family-friendly fossil-fun.”

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Under The Big Tent - Morden Recreation Centre

Thursday, Sept 25th
 7:00 PM Lecture “The Spirit of Service”

Friday, Sep 26th
 1:30 PM – 6:30 PM Chautauqua Arts & Culture Exhibits
 2:30 PM Afternoon Lecture “Paleo-Passion”
 7:00 PM Chautauqua Evening Concert

Saturday, Sep 27th
 1:30 PM – 6:30 PM Chautauqua Arts & Culture Exhibits
 2:30 PM Afternoon Lecture “Sara Williams”
 7:00 PM Chautauqua Evening Concert

Sunday, Sep 28th
 10:00 AM Worship Service - Hosted by Hillside Community Church

GIVING BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Many Morden residents are showing their own “Chautauqua Spirit” as they share their time and talents with our ongoing Cultural Capital celebration. If you would like to assist us with any of the upcoming events, please contact our coordinator Jill Halstead at 822-3203 or email her at aljill@mts.net.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Morden's arts and cultural groups are used to making a few dollars go a long way. We are grateful for the significant funding this year and the dreams it has helped to realize.

We extend our appreciation to all of those who have provided financial support, including -

Funders of Chautauqua

Government of Canada Department of Canadian Heritage,
 Town of Morden, Province of Manitoba
 Thomas Sill Foundation

Sponsors of Chautauqua

Agassiz Credit Union (*Platinum*)
 Decor Cabinets and Ledcor Pipeline Limited (*Gold*)
 BDO Dunwoody LLP and IS Image Promotions (*Silver*)

Friends of Chautauqua

Giant Tiger, Krahn & Friesen, Morden Realty Inc, 3M
 Canada, RANA Respiratory Care Group, Variety
 Advertising

Community Partners

Eagle Eye Printing & Design, Inner Eye Design, Golden West
 Radio, Maverick 105.1 FM, Morden Times, The Southern
 Shopper & Review

Larry Danielson - Executive Chair

www.chautauquaspirit.com



Morden Branch of the South Central Regional Library
 514 Stephen Street
 (822-4092) scribm@mts.net or scrilm@mts.net
www.scriblibrary.mb.ca

Regular hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10 am until 8:30 pm
 Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays - 10 am until 5:30 pm
 Closed Mondays

MORDEN LIBRARY NEWS:

Thanks to all the parents, children and volunteers who participated in our 2008 LOL Summer Reading program. We had 357 children registered for the program and 21 volunteers helping throughout the summer. The total number of hours read by the children this summer was 5,948! Congratulations to everyone who participated and to those who won prizes.

MORDEN LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Pre-School Story Time Registration**
 - September 16-27, 2008
- **Pre-School Story Time (Fall Session)**
 - October 1- November 5, 2008
- **Scrappy Saturday** – Join a scrapper's group on:
 - Saturday, September 27 (8:30-4:00)
 - Saturday, November 15 (8:30-4:00)
 - Saturday, January 17, 2009 (8:30-4:00)
Contact the Morden Library for more information - space is limited! (Bring a bag lunch & a loonie for coffee.)
- **CNIB Support Group** – the 2nd Thursday of each month (1:00-3:00 p.m.) beginning September 11th in the meeting room of the Morden Library (parking in the back)
- **Morden Horticultural Society** – the first Thursday of each month (7:00-9:00 p.m.) beginning October 2nd in the meeting room of the Morden Library
- **Alzheimer's Coffee Break** – Wednesday, September 24th – please join us from 10-4 and bring a donation for the Alzheimer's Society
- **October is Canadian Library Month!**

LIBRARY ADDITIONS:



Adult Fiction - Recent Additions

- The Whole Truth by David Baldacci
- Plague Ship by Clive Cussler
- Into the Fire by Suzanne Brockman
- Broken Window by Jeffery Deaver
- Swan Peak by James Lee Burke
- Fearless Fourteen by Janet Evanovich
- Nothing to Lose by Lee Child
- Death Angel by Linda Howard
- Tailspin by Catherine Coulter
- Sail by James Patterson
- Chasing Darkness by Robert Crais
- Fracture by Karen Slaughter


Christian Fiction - Recent Additions

- Suspicious Minds by Christy Barritt
- She Always Wore Red by Angela E. Hunt
- Jewel of Gresham Green by L. Blackwell
- We Have This Moment by Diann Hunt
- Anathema by Colleen Cobel
- Someday v.3 by Karen Kingsbury
- Painted Dresses by Patricia Hickman
- Winter Turns to Spring by Catherine Palmer

WATER METER READINGS

Our Utility Department would like to thank the citizens of Morden for their cooperation shown to our meter readers this summer. This assisted us in providing you with the most accurate billing information.

We would like to remind those that have a remote reader on the outside of their home, to please keep the area around the remote visible and accessible.



Please mark your calendars for November 2008, as the time to provide our office with your next reading.

Darlene Ehnes
Executive Assistant

TOWN JOB VACANCIES

The Town of Morden has two job vacancies. They are;

**Civil Engineer
Police Constable**

For details visit the Morden website at www.mordenmb.com
Mary Anne Neufeld - Human Resources Officer

TAX PAYMENTS

The Town of Morden is happy to report that the tax collections to August 29th, 2008 were

93.6%

MORDEN POLICE SERVICE



A reminder to motorists with school back in session, there will be an increased amount of traffic including cyclists and pedestrians. Allow yourself some extra time to get to and from your destination. Be aware of the pedestrian crosswalks and corridors and generally allow for cyclists and pedestrians crossing at all intersections. Extra caution should always be taken travelling in and around school zones. Be aware of school buses preparing to stop as well. Motorists are required to stop when the emergency lights on school buses are activated, both following and approaching school buses. Drivers are reminded that they are to stop no less than 5 metres from the school bus when it's lights are activated and remain stopped until the lights are shut off. One must wait until the emergency lights are deactivated before travel may be resumed. The fine for passing a school bus is \$619.00 and demerit points.



We also ask students walking or cycling to obey the traffic laws as well. Cyclists must stop at the stop signs and use hand signals so motorists know which way they are turning. Please cycle in single file along the right hand curb and allow vehicles stopping distance before crossing the roadway. Students walking to and from school must use the sidewalks where available to avoid vehicles having to drive around them.



The crossing guards at our schools play an important role in the safety of the students coming to and leaving school. Each year, we get several complaints of drivers failing to comply with the crossing guards signals – driving through the intersection while students are in the middle of crossing, failing to stop at stop signs, and generally travelling at speeds or in a manner that is unsafe. We ask that motorists be extra cautious in the school zones and help keep our community safe! Parents are also asked to avoid stopping in the middle of the streets or double-parking when dropping their children off at the schools. This creates a hazard for both your child and the motorist when vehicles are stopping in the middle of the roadway and students having to walk through traffic and parked vehicles.

Please ensure that your children lock their bikes at all times even when parked at the schools. Take time to record the information on your bike and keep it in a safe place. When your bike goes missing, the police require as much information as necessary such as make, model, color and serial number, to try and locate and match the bike that is missing. Each year, we receive several reports of bikes being taken from the schools.

If anyone has questions, please call the Morden Police Service at 822-6292

B.J. (Brad) Neduzak, - Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2008 SEWER MAIN RELINING PROGRAM

Sewer main relining for 2008 is complete. The areas that have been relined are;

- Stephen St. from 5th to 13th St.
- 11th St. 100 Block

2008 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

The following is a list of the completed sidewalk work;

DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS
• Milne Park	150' x 5'
• 3rd St. - 200 Block West Side	700' x 5'
• 3rd St. - at Stephen St.	266' x 5'
• Stephen St. - 11th to 12th S. Side	259' x 5'
• 7th St. - 200 Block. W. Side	760' x 5'
• 13th St. - W. Side	400' x 5'
• S. Railway - 9th to Mountain St.	2200' x 5' Asphalt

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Morden's Public Water System Annual Report for 2007 is available online at the Morden website, and paper copies are available at the Morden Civic Centre office at 100 - 195 Stephen Street.

Message from the Director

We appreciate the Public's patience while all the sidewalk and sewer relining work was being done.

Les Wieler - Director of Public Works

PEMBINA HILLS ARTS CENTRE

Fall programming is underway at the Pembina Hills Arts Centre! Contact us to find out about classes in pottery, painting, mosaic, photography, creative writing, and music! Join us for film nights, book readings, opening receptions, and much more!

FEATURE CLASS:

Creative Writing for Beginners with Arvel Grey

One-day workshops being offered -
October 4th & October 11th.

This workshop is for beginner writers who have a story to share but need help in putting ideas to paper. It will combine theory, practicum and constructive critiques, providing students with an opportunity to sharpen their storytelling skills and bring their own experiences to life. Learn how to focus a story; how to create a beginning, middle and end; how to add detail; how to build tension; how to avoid lazy words. Deadline for sign-up: September 27th.



Pembina Hills Art Centre
352 Stephen Street
Morden, MB, R6M 1T5
Telephone: 822-6026
Website: www.pembinahillsarts.com



Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre

111B Gilmour Street,
Morden, Manitoba R6M 1N9
Telephone: (204) 822-3406 Fax: (204) 272-3303
Website: www.discoverfossils.com
Hours: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Daily



New Fossil Find on Museum Property

You may already have seen it on the TV, heard it on the radio, read it in the regional papers and seen it on the internet. Yes folks! We have found a big new mosasaur fossil on our own property near Miami. The specimen is in the very early stages of excavation, but early indications are that it will be just slightly smaller than Bruce. We named it Angus in deference to the public fossil dig group that found it. The condition and preservation of Angus seems very good.

We have also unearthed a multi species fossil bed in a very small area of about 1000 square feet, which has yielded nearly 200 fossils already. The area is being extended and the research that will follow with all of these fossil finds will add to the scientific credibility of our museum here in Morden. We are now achieving so much and gaining the acclaim of top people in the world of international palaeontology.

Our reputation is spreading fast and in the 2009 summer season we expect to see quite a number of researchers, professors and students visiting us from universities across Canada and beyond. CFDC is putting Morden on the map!

Gift Shop

Just a reminder that we have a really good, varied range of stock from just one dollar upwards, which will help you with your gift ideas for people of all ages. You can stop by at anytime, you don't need to buy museum admission to come in and browse the gift shop.

Post Graduate Intern from Japan

Keiichi Aotsuka, our Japanese post graduate student from Tokyo is a valuable asset to us with field and lab work. He has also been involved with all aspects of museum life here, as well as publishing a scientific paper for the Manitoba Palaeontology Conference in Winnipeg during September 2008.

Keiichi continues with his research work and he is with us until May 2009. We are very proud of the welcome given to Keiichi by our local community; our grateful thanks go out to you all. If you have not met Keiichi, please come and say hello.

High School Interns

For the first time in our history we had the great pleasure of having several youth Interns from regional High Schools. The experience has been very successful and enjoyable for all concerned; we expect many more will follow, especially with the excitement of these latest fossil finds.

New Fossil Replicas

You may recall that in 2004 we unearthed a 26 foot long plesiosaur fossil which we named Betsy. Well, Betsy is now being replicated during the winter by a specialist company in Alberta. We also have a 42 foot, long necked plesiosaur from our own collection being replicated. Both replicas will be displayed in a newly designed exhibit next to Bruce, which we plan to build before the 2009 summer season. Most of the actual fossils will be kept in the lab and collections room, but some of them will be on display too. The major exhibit room will be awesome! Yes, things are really happening around here folks!

Call for New Members and Support

We are still calling for new members, and not just to bring in more funds to help things tick over. The annual fee is \$25.00 and life membership is \$250.00. We need more people championing our cause and spreading the word about our great fossil collection and our new museum aspirations.

The operational costs of the museum are ever increasing and all the success that we achieve comes with a cost. For instance, most of the PR, media releases, promotion, marketing and advertising have to be paid for. Money here at CFDC is very tight, so if you can help us even with a small donation it would be gratefully received. Thank you all!

Proposed New Museum

Thank you all for your patience! You must all be waiting with bated breath for some sort of announcement regarding proposals to build the new CFDC museum and Field Station. Well, these things take time and the feasibility study was only delivered to us in the middle of August, but the board, the staff and I are all very excited by what we see! I apologise for the delay, because the details have to be checked over carefully before we commit ourselves in a public presentation. I believe that there may be a presentation to the community in October/November 2008, so please watch out for news in the local press and media.

SANTASAURUS IS COMING

Santasaurus will be at the museum Dec. 6th, 13th, & 20th.



As ever, please check out our website www.discoverfossils.com it is full of useful information. The blogs are especially entertaining. Thanks to our board and the great volunteers who continue to make this place so very special.

Dave Wilkinson - Executive Director; Anita Janzic - Curator; Yvonne Peters - Administrator

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Did you know ...?

- From August 1st to August 31st the Morden Rec. Centre East Arena was booked for a total of 284 hours.
- Winnipeg, Brandon and Morden are the only arenas in Manitoba available for rent during the summer months.
- Summer Sunday Free Public Skate has been enjoyed by approximately 150 individuals.
- The Community Services staff manually wind the clock at the Art Centre twice a week. Each week it loses approximately 5 minutes and needs to be re-set.
- The Parks Department has planted 177 trees and plans on planting another 30 this fall.
- More than 600 seasonal passes were sold at Lake Minnewasta

Care for our trees!

Keep our Town trees growing . . . please remember to water the trees on your boulevard for the first year after planting. A good guide to follow is, if your grass or flowers need watering . . . so will the trees. If there is a concern with the boulevard trees outside of watering needs please contact the Parks Department at 822-5352 or email hjanzen@mordenmb.com. The staff will assist with disease control, pruning needs, etc.

Construction Continues:

The Community Centre renovations are steadily moving along, and the anticipation is growing on the use of the new kitchen. The equipment is operational and the training has taken place. By the middle of September many of the construction areas will be turned over to the Town of Morden. These areas include: the kitchen, washroom facilities, buffet serving area, catering office and the expanded Baseball Hall of Fame.

The new sprinkler system is nearing completion, ensuring the safety of all Rec Centre patrons.

Construction crews will be concentrating on the addition to the east of the community hall. This includes a separate entrance to the Hall, a coat room and storage for the tables and chairs. There is also an addition to the west side of the building, which isn't as visible to the public. It will include a shop for the maintenance staff as well as a bay to repair equipment and vehicles.

Ongoing Maintenance: Inside & Out

There is ongoing maintenance to the buildings and grounds around the Rec Centre. Staff have been busy painting the change rooms in the west arena giving it a fresh look. The Community Hall floor has been stripped and re-surfaced.

Fall is the time to do maintenance on ball diamonds . . . when they aren't doubling up as soccer pitches. Staff at the Rec Centre are working with Minor Ball on developing a five year maintenance plan to upgrade and maintain the ball diamonds, levelling fields and repairing or replacing back stops.

Power Smart Manitoba Games

Congratulations to all the Central Region participants in the Manitoba Summer Games in Carman. Team Central was awarded the Manitoba Games Shield as the region accumulating the most Games Points and was recognized for being the Most Improved Region from the 2004 Games. The athletes participating in Track & Field, Golf, Swimming, Triathlon, Softball, Baseball, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Soccer, Table Tennis, and Archery all received medals. Job well done by the athletes and coaches! Congratulations to Carman for hosting an outstanding event.

We need your assistance . . .

The Community Services Department continues to ask the residents of Morden to help in minimizing the cost of vandalism in the Town of Morden. Each year we repair approximately 12 light standards at an average cost of \$100 each. The picnic tables, benches and the cook shack require \$1000 a year in replacing and repairing of the wood or cleaning off the graffiti. Sometimes all it takes is for the public to ask them to stop! Please call the Morden Police if the situation is potentially confrontational.



Looking forward to winter . . . really!!

I'm looking forward to the winter sports season and action around the Rec Centre.

Remember to be respectful of the other athletes, children, officials and the facility. Allow the children to develop at their own pace and ability. Encourage them in a positive way. Cheer for YOUR team, not against the other!

Please share your ideas or concerns throughout the winter season. cagnew@mordenmb.com.

Clare Agnew - Director of Community Services

BY-LAW OFFICER

Just a reminder that your animal must be on a leash at all times within the Town of Morden limits. There are **no public areas** where you can let your animal off the leash. Areas around the railway tracks are included. Numerous complaints are coming into this office regarding dog owners letting their dog off the leash to run around this area. This is not permitted per Animal Control bylaw 23-2005.



I would like to remind all residents that if you own a dog, it is required that you have a Dog License, plus your animal must be on a leash at all times when out and about.

For further information on this bylaw please go to the Town of Morden's Website, go to bylaws and click on Animal Control 23-2005.

Tracy Donaldson - Bylaw

MORDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Well, has summer come and gone? I hope not. It has been a busy but enjoyable summer here at the Fire Dept. Call numbers are average for the summer season, however in our business one is too many.

FIREWORKS CHAMPIONS

One of our jobs this summer was to try and present a good fireworks display at the Canada Day Celebrations. People have commented that they have been enjoying them a lot. This is great news! We enjoy providing them. One thing that may not be known is that the Fire Dept has help from two special individuals. Without Dave Hildebrand and his wife Peggy from Manitou, the show would not be the same. They have been coordinating the shows for a number of years now and without their help and expertise I know the fireworks shows would not be as well performed. Thanks Dave & Peggy for your help.



REST AREA

People have also been asking what we are doing on the property on the east side of the Fire Hall. Well a long story made a little shorter, it is an area for pedestrians to stop for a rest, an area to have flags for us to determine wind direction and an area to beautify the empty lot a bit. The area to the east of our building is for future expansion when needed and we thought dressing it up would help with the highway beautification. So now you know the rest of the story. When going for a walk, stop by and enjoy this new rest area.

DRIVE SAFELY

Fall is always a time of busy activity. Kids going back to school, Farmers taking off crops and now we have the Pipeline activity going on in our community as well. With all the extra activity, traffic is at it's premium. Take a little extra time at the intersections and drive safely. Motor vehicle collisions are like fires to us, we don't like to see them.

FIRE PITS

I'm going to sound like a broken record but I do need to remind homeowners that fire pits are for dry wood only. Fall clean up and burning of leaves and rubbish is not allowed. Please respect your neighbours. Thanks.

Now - from the members of the Morden Fire & Rescue, have a great and safe fall season.

Andy Thiessen - Fire Chief - Morden Fire & Rescue



MINNEWASTA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Minnewasta Golf and Country Club is undergoing numerous changes in 2008. We invite you to visit our new Pro Shop as well as Clubhouse with public restaurant, banquet and conference facilities. Enjoy a delicious meal, or simply a beverage on our deck overlooking the beautiful grounds, not to mention one of the nicest rounds of golf in Manitoba.

KINSMEN COMMUNITY FOOTPATH

Being a community minded facility, one of the amenities of Minnewasta Golf & Country Club is the Kinsmen Community Footpath making it's way through the golf course, connecting the Town to Lake Minnewasta with the beach and campground. We would like to remind the public using this pathway, that they are passing through private property, and must at all times remain on the designated pathway, which is identified with a yellow line. We have been experiencing numerous pedestrians, joggers, cyclists and sightseers wondering off this pathway and on to the golf course playing area. For safety reasons we stress that only registered golfers are allowed on the golf course itself.

Also, Enbridge Pipeline started their work through the course on August 27th, 2008, and Minnewasta Golf & Country Club will be installing the course irrigation system. As there will be numerous work crews and heavy equipment working throughout the course, we stress to the public, for your safety, the importance of remaining on the footpath while passing through the course. As a public service, it is our goal to see improvement to the signage along the Kinsmen Community Footpath in 2009, after this major construction period has ended, to help the public navigate their way through the course.

We ask that you please respect the golfers and workers as you enjoy your way along the Kinsmen Community Footpath. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Brian Foster - President