

TOWN OF MORRIS

Home of the Manitoba Stampede

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2013



Mayors Message

Summer has come and gone and we are waiting for the inevitable snow to fly. Council has had a busy and productive year. It has been a refreshing experience as I meet people from all over Southern Manitoba, to be receiving compliments on our Main Street. After years of complaints we are now the envy of many communities. It is one of councils priorities to keep our Main street looking beautiful as it is the face of our community and should be something we can all be proud of.

We have been without an MLA and MP for some time, but have had the privilege of having the Premier visit our community on numerous occasions this year. So we have had our voice heard at the provincial level and are working together with the province on long term projects. The main one being the flood proofing of Highway 75. This is essential for the economic stability of both the Town and the Province as it is a vital link to our largest trading partner south of the border. This issue is being taken seriously by the Province and is a priority for the Premier. We are still a ways off from a solution, but the wheels are slowly moving in the right direction.

We also had the opening of the new \$3.75 million Autobody and Welding shop at the Morris School. This is a great asset for our community and is another step in preparing our young people to have a successful and productive future.

The next municipal elections are scheduled for the end of October 2014. This is the time to start considering if this is one of the avenues you would like to serve your community. We need strong committed people who want to make the 4 year commitment to the next Council and to the community we share.

Thank you to the many volunteers in every area of our community who give of their time to serve the people around them. It is the many volunteers who make this community strong and a great place to live.

Breakfast with Santa



Join the staff of the Morris MultiPlex on December 7th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM for a pancake breakfast, face painting, crafts, and pictures with a special visitor from the North Pole! This event is an annual fundraiser for the local Christmas Cheer Board. Admission is by monetary donation or non-perishable food items, new toys will also be collected. All proceeds go to the Morris Christmas Cheer Board.

Visit Santa's Workshop!



Did you know that Santa has a workshop in Town? Make this holiday season extra special by booking your appointment for the grand tour of Santa's workshop! Tours will be starting around November 15, 2013 and will continue until Christmas. Only one small plate of cookies is required to enter and enjoy this tour! This will be the last year this tour will be taking place so be sure to book your appointment!

Tours are by appointment only
Please contact **Glenys Hunter** at **204-746-8861**
to book your appointment!



Holiday Garbage / Recycling Pick-up

There will be regular garbage pick up on
Thursday December 26th
Recycling pick up on will be on Friday December 27th

THE HEARING CORNER - With Shawn Millar, BC-HIS St. Vital Hearing Centre

It is hard to believe November is upon us. Very soon preparations for the Holiday Season will begin where we will be spending time celebrating with family and friends.

Family gatherings are the best part of the holidays, reconnecting and simply enjoying each others company in the spirit of the season. For some however, it can be difficult carrying on a conversation in group situations. Hearing becomes a challenge for many when attempting to communicate in noisy or large gatherings.

A simple hearing test can help. It identifies if an individual has a hearing loss and to what degree. Based on the test results, recommendations can be made to help restore quality of life for those who have been struggling.

It's a real pleasure working with the Morris community, conducting my hearing clinics twice a month at the Community Futures Triple R facility.

Please drop by and let me help you hear the Sounds of the Season!

Hearing Clinics are held at Community Futures Triple R, 220 Main Street North Morris, Manitoba.

Please call the St. Vital Hearing Centre at: **204-253-3722** to arrange an appointment.



Donations & Tax Receipts

If you wish to make a donation to the Morris Cemetery or the Red River Valley Food Bank you may do so through the Town of Morris and we will issue you a tax receipt. Please make cheques payable to the Town of Morris and ensure that the mailing address on the cheque is correct in order for you to receive your tax receipt. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Recreation Programs

Elite Fitness & Dance Satellite Program • Nov 7

Christmas Shopping Trip • Dec 13

2014 Winter Mayhem Carnival • Feb 8



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

If you require the assistance of a Public Works employee after hours or on the weekend please call (204) 746-2532 as we have someone on call that can be reached 24 hours, 7 days a week.

2014 Winter Mayhem Carnival *SAVE THE DATE!*

This year Winter Mayhem will be taking place on Saturday February 8, 2013. This fun day will be packed with fun activities for all to enjoy! For more information please contact the Recreation Office at (204) 746-6622.

Elite Fitness & Dance Satellite Program

Creative Movement – ages 3-5 years | 6-6:30PM | \$100 each

Hip Hop- 6+ years | 6:30-7:30PM | \$200 each

Ballet & Jazz- 6+ years | 7:30-8:30PM | \$200 each

Location: Morris MultiPlex – Bison Hall

Program start date is Thursday November 7th however; we encourage you to still register your child after the start date, should you be interested in the program, Please contact the recreation office as soon as possible to register your child 204-746-6622.

Christmas Shopping Trip

Do you have some last minute Christmas shopping to do or do you just want to get out of the house? If you answered yes, this is the shopping trip for you! The Morris Handivan will pick you up at your house and take you to St Vital Shopping Centre. Pickups will begin at 9am on Friday December 13th for \$10.00 if the bus is full or \$15.00 each if 8 people are attending. Call the Recreation Office to register your spot today!

Stay Connected by liking the Morris Area Recreation Commission Facebook page or by subscribing to the Recreation E-News Letter by emailing: recreation@townofmorris.ca

>> Reminder



The Winter Parking Bylaw will be in effect after the first snow fall as per the Traffic and Parking Bylaw No. 03/07, Sections XI (2h) and (15).

For prompt snow removal it is advised that vehicles not be parked on the streets following a snowfall until such time as the street has been cleared of snow.

As per Section XI (15) of the Town Traffic and Parking Bylaw "The Town Council or Traffic Authority may remove or cause to be removed from a street, a vehicle that is stopped or parked in a position that causes it to interfere with removal of snow from the street or maintenance of the street".

Bill payment options offered by the Town of Morris

1) Pre Authorized Debit – We have forms available on the website and in our office for this. Please attach a VOID cheque to the form when you return it. You have this option for your utility bills as well as your Tax Bills. You can choose when you would like your payments withdrawn (Ex. Monthly, Bi weekly, Annually etc.)

2) Online Banking - As long as your financial institution is set up for this service we will be available as a payee. Just search for us on the list and add us. When entering your account number do not include any zeros in the front of your account, decimals, or dashes. (Ex. If your account #0000879548.0 you would enter it like this 879548)

3) At the Office - We accept cheque, cash or Interac if you wish to pay your bill in person at the Town Office. You may also mail your cheque in to us if you prefer. (see address below)

Town of Morris
Box 28 Morris, Manitoba. R0G 1K0

Holiday Office Hours



Open Tuesday December 24th until noon

Closed Wednesday December 25th

Closed Thursday December 26th

Closed Wednesday January 1st 2014

Website



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