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Newsletter of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce

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## CHAMBER HOSTING INFORMATION LUNCHEON

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* arranged a series of monthly luncheons at the Friendship Centre to kick off the first quarter of 2009.

The third luncheon in the series is sponsored by **BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants** and will be held on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon** in the **Morden Friendship Centre**. Our featured speaker **Ron Westfall** of **BDO Dunwoody** will discuss **Succession Planning for Your Business**.

Ticket prices are \$20 per person for Chamber members or \$25 for non-members. All are welcome. Seating is limited so email [chamber@mordenmb.com](mailto:chamber@mordenmb.com) or call **822-5630** today. Pre-registration is required.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING SET

The **Morden & District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting** will be held **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon** in the **Friendship Centre**.

**Mayor Doug Wilson** will present his annual **State of the Community** address at this time. Other highlights include the Annual Committee Reports, Election of Executive Officers, Budget and Plans for 2009. All Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Pre-registration is required so call the Chamber at **822-5630** or email [chamber@mordenmb.com](mailto:chamber@mordenmb.com). Sponsorship opportunities are also available, call today.

## MORDEN WINTERFEST 2009

The Morden Integration Committee invites you to attend **Winterfest 2009** on **Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **1:30 to 4:30** at the Rec. Centre.

Enjoy multi-cultural entertainment, free refreshments, skating, crafts, sleigh rides, hockey, snow boarding and snow sculpting with Jake Goertzen. Lots of fun for all!

## FREE SEMINARS FROM HEARTLAND COMMUNITY FUTURES

**Heartland Community Futures Development Corp** offers free video conferencing business seminars in the Winkler Chamber Board Room. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: [www.cfheartland.ca](http://www.cfheartland.ca):

**Feb 23** – Embracing Diversity in the Workplace; **Feb 24** – CRA – Small Business Tax Information Workshop; **Feb 25** – Business Valuation: A Primer; **Feb 26** – Starting a Business in Manitoba.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD TO CONDUCT HEARING

The PUB will hear the Town's application for revised water and sewer rates at a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Council Chambers**.

The application will increase quarterly rates for Minimum from \$39.90 to \$48.40; Average Household from \$84.30 to \$111.20; Large Users (e.g. Research Station) from \$8,562 to \$11,918. Additional information related to the application including new fees, charges, disconnection, etc. may be reviewed in the Town office.

Anyone wishing to make representation should attend this public hearing. The hearing rules are at [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca).

## HOME RENOVATION PROGRAMS SET TO GO

The new **Home Renovation Tax Credit** is a Federal economic stimulus program that covers labour and materials for eligible renovations costing between \$1,000 and \$10,000 and provides a maximum benefit of \$1,350. For info call **1-800-622-6232** or visit [www.budget.gc.ca](http://www.budget.gc.ca)

Provincial programs are **WaterSmart**, an instant \$50 rebate on low-flow, dual flush toilets at most hardware stores **on February 21<sup>st</sup> only**; and **MB Hydro** offers a wide range of rebates, loans and savings for energy efficiency projects. Visit [www.hydro.mb.ca](http://www.hydro.mb.ca) for more info.

## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE

**Bowl for Kids Sake** is being held on **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** at **Valley Lanes** in Winkler. Team entry is \$200 and teams choose from one of four time slots to bowl.

Corporate sponsorship or donations of door prizes are gratefully accepted. Call **Laura Matychuk** at **325-9707** or email [bbbsmw@mts.net](mailto:bbbsmw@mts.net) to enter or donate.

## COMING EVENTS

- 20-22 Legion Bonspiel – Morden Curling Club
- 21 & 28 Business Start Workshop for Newcomers - Legion
- 22 Winterfest 2009 – Rec. Centre
- 23 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 23 Pembina Counselling Centre Annual Meeting – Friendship Centre 7pm
- 24 Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras – Friendship Centre
- 6-8 Morden Ladies Bonspiel – Curling Club
- 9 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 10 **Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting – 12:00 noon – Friendship Centre**
- 17 *Public Utilities Board Hearing re Water rates – Council Chambers 7pm*
- 18 **Women in Business Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. Morden's Heartland**
- 20-22 Morden Farmers' Bonspiel – Curling Club
- 21-22 Toy & Collector's Show – Rec. Centre
- 23 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 24 **Chamber Luncheon – Succession Planning for Your Business – Friendship Centre**

## OF MEMBERS & MORE

The local organizers of the Cancer fundraiser **Daffodil Days** are conducting their business canvass this week. **Make Cancer History**; be ready to order when the volunteer arrives.

**Corn and Apple Festival Fundraising** will be starting soon. Watch your mail for information on how you can get involved in special promotions.

**Volunteers** are urgently needed to chair Corn and Apple Committees: **Street Space, Free Corn and Parade Luncheon**. If you can help out, please contact the Chamber Office asap.