



# JUST THE FAX

Newsletter of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce

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## MORDEN CHAMBER PLANS SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* is currently making plans for our annual **Spring Golf Tournament** and **General Meeting** to be held on **Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** at **Minnewasta Golf & Country Club**. Plans so far include a light lunch, nine holes of golf, a scrumptious supper followed by a short meeting which will include an update on plans for the **Corn & Apple Festival** and some preliminary observations from the **Business Retention & Expansion** project surveys. The **Manitoba Chambers of Commerce Directors** will be in Morden for their Board meeting and will join us for golf. **President Graham Starmer** will speak on the current activities of our provincial body. Other events will be announced at a later date.

Chamber Members are being contacted to sponsor and to donate prizes for this event. If you have not yet been contacted and wish to participate in this unique opportunity, please call **Carol Fehr** at **822-5630** or **823-0939** or email [chambermarketing@yahoo.com](mailto:chambermarketing@yahoo.com).

We will be taking registrations for Golf and Supper or Supper only. More information will follow.

## BR+E SURVEYS CONTINUE

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* continues to conduct the **Business Retention & Expansion Survey** and ¼ of the target Morden businesses have been surveyed.

The **Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E)** project is a community-based approach to economic development. The objectives are to demonstrate to local businesses that the community appreciates their contribution to the local economy, help them to solve problems, assist in finding programs to become more competitive and to build community capacity to sustain their growth & development.

## FREE SEMINARS FROM COMMUNITY FUTURES HEARTLAND

**Community Futures Heartland** 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).

**June 8** – Things to Know Before Starting Your Small Business Website; **June 9** – Managing & Organizing Information For Your Small Business; Innovative Event Planning; **June 10** – PST: An Introduction to Provincial Sales Tax; GST Information Workshop; **June 11** – Critical Elements of Customer Service; Business Opportunities & Ideas – Choosing the Right One; **June 15** – Marketing Part 1/ Basics; Marketing Part 2/ Research.

## RESOURCE SHARING EVENT

The *Morden and Winkler Chambers of Commerce* together with **Manitoba Immigrant Safety Initiative (MISI)** will be hosting a **Resource Sharing Event** on **Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** from **9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** at **Boundary Trails Health Centre**.

This event will be of interest to employers, safety trainers, human resources personnel, EAL instructors, settlement agency staff and EI counselors. The purpose is to become familiar with new and innovative safety resources. Presenter, **Mike Waite, President and CEO of Safety Services Manitoba** will provide free materials and resources to promote a safety conscious workplace and to help you to educate your immigrant employees and adult learners about safety with materials that can be easily understood.

Please **RSVP** by **June 15<sup>th</sup>** to **822-5630** or email [chamber@mordenmb.com](mailto:chamber@mordenmb.com).

## FARMERS' MARKET 13 DAYS & COUNTING

The *Morden and District Chamber of Commerce* **Farmers' Market** will be starting a new season at **4:00** on **Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>** at the **corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Stephen Streets**.

In 2009 you will find breads, pies, bison meat, spice mixes, fresh herbs, vegetables, wild rice, dry mixes, cupcakes, squares, truffles, cookies, jams, pickles, flowers, crafts, beef, pork kitchen ware and more.

At a recent reorganization meeting, 22 vendors and prospective vendors shared many great ideas to promote the market and their products. Much discussion focused on changing the perception that all the "good" stuff is gone in the first ½ hour of the Market. An idea the vendors are considering is taking pre-orders for pick up after 4:00 as an added service to customers.

## COMING EVENTS

- Heritage Day – Pemb Thresherman's Museum
- Alzheimer Memory Walk – Tabor Home – 10 a.m.
- Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Banquet – Community Centre
- Back 40 Folk Festival – Morden Park
- Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting - MMI**
- Artful Stitches by Judy Morningstar opening reception – Art Gallery
- Home Hazardous Waste Day – Firehall 10 am – 2 pm
- Steps for Pets Walkathon – Morden Park 1:30 p.m.
- Teddy Bear's Picnic – Morden Park
- Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- Morden Farmers' Market starts – corner 8<sup>th</sup> & Stephen Streets – 4:00 p.m.**
- MISI Resource Sharing Event - BTHC**
- Spring Golf Tournament & General Meeting – Minnewasta Golf & CC**
- Morden Collegiate Grad – Community Centre
- Essential Skills & Human Resources Workshop – Using Job Analyses & Profiles – Regional Connections Wklr – call 325-7261 to register for morning or afternoon session.

## OF MEMBERS & MORE

The *Morden Chamber* welcomes our newest Member: **Tasty Tidbits** a home-based business owned by **Shelly Filz** at **505 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street**. Call Shelly at **822-9618** or visit her website [www.tastytidbits.ca](http://www.tastytidbits.ca) for spice mixes and lots of food preparation ideas. Also visit **Tasty Tidbits** at the **Morden Farmers' Market** starting **June 18<sup>th</sup>**.

You may have noticed that **Klunky's Toys** has moved to their new location at **630 Thornhill Street** in the former Java Junktion location.