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MORDEN AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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START PLANNING FOR THE CHAMBER SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT AND GENERAL MEETING

The event coordination geniuses on the **Chamber of Commerce Executive** are cooking up some real excitement for our **Spring Golf Tournament and General Meeting** next month. Head Pro **Chris Worley** has assured us that the Clubhouse will be ready so we are looking forward to being one of the first community events to be hosted there.

Sarah Dyck and **Conner Holenski** will soon be out contacting members for sponsorships and prizes for this event so please consider how you would like to be involved.

Other highlights will include a semi-annual report of Chamber activities, introduction of new members and an update from the **Corn and Apple Festival**, the **Minnewasta Golf Course & Clubhouse projects** and **Chautauqua Spirit**.

To register for this exciting, fun event, contact the **Chamber of Commerce office** at **822-5630** or email **chamber@mordenmb.com**. Watch for further updates.

REDUCED HOURS FOR TOURIST INFO CENTRE

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce has administered the Morden Tourist Information Centre since 1970 with funding assistance from the Town of Morden and federal student employment programs.

We provide tourist information from every Canadian province and territory as well as from North and South Dakota and Minnesota. This along with Morden and Pembina Valley information is provided free of charge to locals and visitors alike.

The Town of Morden Garage Sale sign is also located with the Tourist Information Centre and a large map of Morden on the rear of the Centre assists with the locating of all Morden streets.

Funding has been reduced/eliminated this year so we have been forced to reduce the Centre's hours of operation from 70 to 35 hours per week starting in July and weekends only from now to the end of June. Ashley Klassen has returned this year to work the available hours and we are looking for volunteers to help fill in. Please call the Chamber office at 822-5630 if you know anyone who might be willing to help out.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON BILL 17

Recently the Government of Manitoba introduced Bill 17 – The Environment Amendment Act (Permanent Ban on Building or Expanding Hog Facilities). The bill is available on the Manitoba website at <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/sess/b017e.php>

The public can make comments on Bill 17 when it goes before a Standing Committee of the Manitoba Legislature in the next few weeks. If anyone is interested in making a presentation, call the **Office of the Clerk** at **945-3635** as soon as possible to register. Presenters are allowed 10 minutes to speak and 5 minutes to answer questions from the Committee.

When legislation is at the Committee Stage, it is important for citizens to bring forward concerns and ideas. This legislation could have far-reaching impacts beyond the pork industry and careful consideration needs to be made. **For more information call 204-945-3709.**

COMING EVENTS

1. May 22-25 – MB & NW Ontario United Church Conference – Rec. Centre
2. May 26 – Town Council Meetings – Civic Centre
3. May 26 – Western School Division Mtgs – Div. Office
4. May 26 – Blood Donor Clinic – Rec. Centre
5. *May 27 – Fundraising Tips Workshop – Legion Hall*
6. May 31 – Morden & District United Way Day of Caring
7. *May 31-June 1 – Back 40 Festival – Morden Park*
8. June 4– Tim Horton's Camp Day – help send a kid to camp
9. **June 5–Farmers' Market Organizational Mtg–Rec Ctre**
10. June 6 – Thresherman's 40th Annual Heritage Day – Pemb. Thresherman's Museum
11. June 7 Morden Fire & Rescue Open House – Fire Hall
12. *June 7 – Story of the Stones Walk/Skits – Art Gallery*
13. June 7 – Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame Game and Induction Banquet – Rec. Centre

HOW CAN WE HELP LEDCOR

Morden Chamber members were treated to an excellent presentation by **Trans Canada Pipelines (TCPL)** and their contractor **Ledcor Pipelines** last week.

A major commitment from both of these companies is to use local suppliers for all their needs as much as possible.

They are also looking for assistance with providing accommodations for their workers. We have a listing form at the Chamber office if you or someone you know is interested in providing a room or room and board for pipe liners. Each wave of workers will be here between 4 and 6 weeks at a time starting in June with a peak of about 500 in about September.

To provide any supplies or accommodations, contact Ledcor at **keystone@ledcor.com** or call **1-866-963-8686** to advise them. Also they will be setting up an office on the south side of Jefferson in the Morden industrial park.

FUNDRAISING TIPS WORKSHOP

The next Chautauqua event will be a Fundraising Tips Workshop on **May 27th** at the **Legion Hall**. Cost is **\$15** for the workshop and **\$12** for lunch. Call **822-3406** to register.

The Committee is honoured to have top class presenter **Pat Hardy** of The Tunnelwood Group. Ms. Hardy has practiced fundraising since 1982 and started her own company in 1992. She has experience with annual, capital and endowment campaigns; board development, major gift solicitation, fundraising analysis and evaluation and campaign planning. She is experienced in several techniques including appreciative inquiry.

Ms. Hardy holds a Masters in Philanthropy & Development; is a member of the Assoc. of Fundraising Professionals, the Cdn Assoc. of Gift Planners & the Assoc. for Research in the Non-Profit & Voluntary Sector.

OF MEMBERS AND MORE

Agassiz Credit Union wishes to remind their members that the Morden branch will be closed from Fri at 5:00 through Monday, May 26th for conversion to a new banking system. Access through ATM's, point of sale retail purchases and online & telephone banking will be impacted during this process.