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MEET YOUR PORTAGE LISGAR CANDIDATES

The Morden and Winkler Chambers of Commerce are organizing a joint **All Candidates Forum** at the Morden Friendship Centre on **Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m.**

Candidates vying for election in Portage Lisgar are **Leonard Lodder**, Christian Heritage Party; **Candice Hoepfner**, Conservative Party; **Chairlie Howatt**, Green Party; **Ted Klassen**, Liberal Party; and **Mohamed Alli**, New Democratic Party.

This will be your opportunity to meet your candidates, find out where they stand on issues that are important to you and have your questions answered.

Remember—Election Day is October 14th and the Advance Polls will be held October 3, 4 and 6th. Be sure to get out

BIG CHANGES AT TOURIST INFO CENTRE

Have you noticed the changes at the Tourist Information Centre on Stephen Street this summer?

We received funding from the Province through the Hometown Manitoba Program and from the Town of Morden to landscape the grounds and update the map on the rear of the building.

Many thanks to Monique Rampton for the design, to Boundary Trails Landscaping and Wolfe's Gravel for making it real; to Morden Nurseries for donating the plants; to Pembina Valley Containers for the potty and Ron Wiebe Agencies for the bench; to Checker Signs for finishing the Map; to Bill Zacharias for the picnic table; and to our many volunteer workers.

CHAMBER INTERESTED IN BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce Executive is committed to helping our local business community to become more successful. To do this, we have joined Business Retention and Expansion International (www.brei.org), a professional association of economic development practitioners and educators committed to the advancement of business retention and expansion as a key economic development strategy.

The Program objectives are to demonstrate to local businesses that the community appreciates their contribution to the local economy; Help existing businesses solve problems; Assist local businesses in using programs aimed at helping them become more competitive; Develop strategic plans for long-range business retention and expansion; and Build community capacity to sustain their growth and development.

CHALLENGES AND PERCEPTIONS

October is the month for seeking new ways of addressing issues, making improvements and expanding what is possible both inside and outside your business or organization.

On **Wednesday, October 22nd** Community Futures Heartland and the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities are hosting a one day Conference called **My Strength, My Vision, My Dream, Our Future** at the **Morden Recreation Centre**. The conference will cover topics such as Challenging Perceptions and Expanding What's Possible with Alvin Law and Disability Awareness Training with Cecile Bergen. There will also be roundtable discussions on Entrepreneurship. Call **822-7410** or **1-800-472-7122** to register.

On **Saturday, October 25th** Volunteer Manitoba will host a Board Development Workshop entitled "**Addressing the Challenges Facing Smaller, Rural Communities**" and will cover topics such as Board Roles & Responsibilities, Code of Conduct & Ethics, Effective Meetings, Succession Planning and more. Call **1-866-419-2606** to register.

COMING EVENTS

- 25-28 *Chautauqua Celebration Festival—Rec. Centre*
- 29 Blood Donor Clinic—Morden Collegiate
- 30 **Portage Lisgar All Candidates' Forum—Friendship Centre**
- Oct United Way Campaign
Dr. Henry Marshall Photography—Art Gallery
- 1 Minnewasta's Monster Move—Discovery Channel, 8:00 p.m.
- 2 & 9 **Farmers' Market—corner of 8th & Stephen**
- 4 & 11 *Creative Writing for beginners with Arvel Grey—Art Gallery*
- 13/ 27 Town Council Meetings—Civic Centre
- 14 **Chamber Executive Meeting—Morden Motor Inn**
- 14 FCC Drive Away Hunger Collection—Co-op
- 14 **Election Day**
- 19-25 **Small Business Week**
- 22 My Strength, My Vision, My Dream, Our Future Conference—Rec Centre
- 25 Board Development Workshop—Friendship Centre

OF MEMBERS & MORE

Farm Credit Canada is working on their 2008 **Drive Away Hunger Campaign**, which for the first time will also be held in Manitoba, Drive Away Hunger will be coming to the **Morden Co-op on October 14th** where food will be collected for the Morden Caring and Sharing Food Bank. Fill up a bag with food (or a donation) and come join the fun.