

Mundare News



Council Meeting:
December 9

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Town Staff

GARBAGE DAY: Next week, we will be collecting garbage on **Wednesday, December 10.**

Town Office Holiday Hours:

- December 24: closing at 3pm and open again on Dec. 27 from 9am-5pm
- December 31: closing at 3 pm and open again on Jan. 2 from 9am-5pm
- also, **TAX TIPS:** there is a 5% discount on the municipal portion of your taxes if you pay by January 31, 2015. You can also arrange for a monthly tax installment payment program. To qualify for either, your account must be in good standing (all prior years' taxes paid in full by December 31, 2014). For more details, contact the Town Office.
- **Town Recycle Yard will be** open Saturday, December 13 from 10 a.m. to noon
- If you shut your water off completely, please be careful when you turn it back on: turn the valve **SLOWLY** to avoid a sudden rush of water that damages the water meter!
- Town Foreman Tim, Public Works crew Lawrence, Gary and Curtis and Office staff Colin, Theresa and Susan wish you all a safe and healthy holiday season!

Mayor's Corner

Charlie Gargus

Last December I welcomed Darlene English at the **Mundare Bakery** and Karen Stokowski from **Mundare Registry** as new business ventures in Mundare. And **Guardian Pharmacy** launched its **Royal Care Compounding** in September. They are all to be congratulated on working hard and providing us with excellent new services.

As Alberta is expecting to see 1.3 million new residents in the next few years, we can expect to see more local businesses start up and succeed. The fact that all of our "Dollar Lots" on main street are sold is a testament to the confidence that exists out there for development in Mundare. "**Funshine Daycare**" was the first to build this year and continues to provide a much needed service. Stefanie Krause will probably be the next one to open, with a shop called '**A Little Bit of Everything**', in the former upholstery

building next to the **Chicken Coop**. Kerry Beitz's **Mundare Salon & Barber** shop is also open, and more tax-paying businesses will follow in the next two years. We can help them out by **shopping local** whenever possible. [This is also a good time to remember to support our older, established businesses as well, as they are always there when we need them!]

Christmas is a time to spread and receive joy and love – to spend time with family and friends, enjoying good food and good company. It is a time to thank those around us for all that they do to assist us in the duties we face daily. For that reason, I need to start by thanking the other members of Town council for the good work they do in making the tough decisions needed, at each and every council meeting. It is not always easy to balance requests made by individuals or organizations with the best

interest of the tax-paying community as a whole. Much debate and discussion lead to democratic votes that result in directives to the CAO and Town staff. (This democratic process is a result of those that we honoured on Remembrance Day, and they too are to be thanked for protecting our way of life.) I certainly appreciate being able to work with a team that is dedicated to their community and is willing to devote personal and family time to the greater good.

Be sure to take a moment to reflect on this past year and pat yourself on the back for doing all that you do in your homes, families, businesses and community organizations. There are those that cannot find the same path to success. They may need our help through food bank items, Christmas gifts and small acts of kindness.

Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year to all of you,

Charlie Gargus

Winter's Here: → if your street hasn't been cleared, please help Public Works by **moving your vehicle:** they plow around parked vehicles and can't come back til the next round, as they work to keep Main Street, school bus routes and Town streets clear. Also, please remember to keep **extension cords** off the sidewalks, to help us clear without obstructions; and **trim your trees** (back alleys as well) to nine (9) feet high. Many thanks for your co-operation!!

What's Happening in Town ...

Communities in Bloom Update: A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Extravaganza such a success - and to Lamont County FCSS, whose financial support helped offset our costs.

Mundare 341 Air Cadets meet every Wednesday - 6:15 p.m. at the National Hall. New members always welcome.

Bowling Registration: If you'd like to join a bowling league in Mundare, there's still time to register at the Town Office.

Mary Immaculate Hospital Auxiliary is doing a Regal Fundraiser again this year - Oct. 30-Dec. 30. All proceeds will go to patient comfort. Place your orders online at www.miha.shopregal.ca. Your regal order will come straight to you.

MIH Auxiliary thanks you for supporting us again at our Annual Bake Sale on November 28! We meet the first Monday of each month (except July & August) in the activity room at the Hospital at 1 p.m. Have questions? Contact Wanda at 764-2691.

On behalf of **Mundare Minor Hockey Association**, we would like to extend a heart-felt thank you for supporting our 2015 Grey Cup raffle ticket selling campaign and spaghetti supper: these fundraisers go a long way in supporting our home hockey association. Our teams are doing well, and final tiering for Novice and Atom is now complete: Atom is tiered 3b and Novice is tiered 4A. Way to go, teams!

For dates and times of upcoming games, go to [Town website - Events calendar](#). Minor Hockey will be doing a **bottle drive in January**, dates to be determined. And mark your calendars for our **Minor Hockey Tournament** February 5-8, 2015 - more details in January newsletter.

Already sick of winter? **Mundare Curling Club** has something to help beat those winter blues: on January 24, come enjoy a night of improv with Edmonton's Grindstone Theatre - cocktails at 5:30, dinner at 6:30. Tickets \$40 at the Town Office.

Mundare Parks Society celebrated another very successful Halloween Dance this year (#6!) It raised a lot of money for our ongoing parks development goals, and we would like to thank community members (too numerous to list here) who volunteered their time and effort (and sandwiches!) to ease things for the committee. It takes a lot of work to put on an affair like this, and the help was greatly appreciated.

As an update on the skateboard park: the apparatus was received but too late in the year to install, so when spring thaw comes, the skateboard park will be set up and be ready to go! The Mundare Parks Society would like to take this opportunity to wish all the community a very Merry Christmas - best wishes from Trisha Ming-Brison, Cheryl Calinoiu, Deanna Kobbero, Shannon Kowal, Jaime Burghardt, Michele Schuler.

Anyone interested in **Tai Chi** on Sunday afternoons? Contact Darlene Clark at 780-802-3363

Business Buzz:

Funshine Child Development Centre has moved (to 5219 50 St.) and will be hosting an open house on **Saturday, December 6 from 1-3pm** for people to stop by and have a peek. Shannon and staff also extend a huge thank you to the National Hall for being so great to us for the past 2 years!

Mundare Registries - NEW!!! We are able to process Prorate Services. We continue to offer Class 5 Road Tests every Monday except holiday Mondays. Fish and Wildlife Fishing and Hunting Licenses and Tags available, as well as Raffle licenses.

We are located at 5008 50 Street (in Kowal Building) on the south side; hours of operation are Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Feel free to stop in for an insurance quote as we also offer a full range of insurance services as well. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - Lisa, Karen and Robin

Whitetail Crossing Golf Club had a very busy 2014 season, hosting several great tournaments and meeting lots of wonderful people. Improvements continue, including placing a drainage creek across holes #12

and 13, that will be both aesthetic and functional. They're also in the process of moving almost 200 loads of dirt to build up areas on those fairways that are low and have had difficulty supporting good growth. All areas are to be sodded in the early Spring and playable very early into the season. Laurent appreciates all of the support that the community has shown in the past 5 years - and stay tuned for bonuses for locals into the 2015 season! And check out the web site at whitetailcrossing.ca for cool deals that make great Christmas gifts! Season passes are also available - feel free to contact [Laurent](mailto:Laurent@whitetailcrossing.ca) anytime - Laurent@whitetailcrossing.ca - for information.

Mundare Bakery - A big thank you to all that have supported us this first year. This Christmas, we are pleased to offer assortment trays and fruit cake: got questions - call Marissa at 780-764-3988. Our soup menu this month:

Monday - Clam Chowder

Tuesday - minestrone
Wednesday - cream of cauliflower
Thursday - chicken vegetable
Friday/Saturday - chili
Wishing you the peace and love of the Season!

Pop into **U-Do-It Crafts** for lots of Avon stocking stuffers under \$5.

Niko's Dance Studio will be closed from December 19-January 5, 2015: wishing everyone safe and happy holidays!!

M&M's Kozy Kitchen will be having our "Christmas Dinner Buffet" on Saturday, December 20th and will be open for brunch on Sunday, December 21st. We will be closed from December 22 through til January 6, 2015. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a "Very Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year". During the month of January, we will be open modified hours: Tuesday through Saturday - from 10am to 4pm; Sunday from 10am to 2pm. Cont'd p. 3



Fire Department Tips



Santa Says Have a Safe Festive & Holiday Season

Here are a few safety tips for the season:

Ensure your artificial tree is Fire Resistant"

Ensure your live tree is fresh and moist at all times.

Cut the base of the stem at an angle and keep the tree well watered.

Dropping needles indicate a dry, highly flammable tree.

Set up live and artificial trees away from fireplaces, heaters and other heat sources and ensure they are not blocking exits.

Use only lights that are designed for that specific purpose.

Inspect your lights yearly: check for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections and throw out damaged sets.

Ensure your extension cords are rated for the intended use and in good condition.

Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.

Turn off all holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

Outdoor lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters.

Choose non flammable decorations whenever possible.

Keep decorations, curtains, clothing and spray from aerosol cans away from open flames.

NEVER use candles to decorate your Christmas tree.

Wishing everyone a very safe and Happy Christmas Season

Community Feature: Mundare Salon & Barber



Until April of this year, Kerry Beitz had never even heard of Mundare, AB. Then her partner was working in the area, they brought their camper out and toured around all summer - and fell in love with the idea of putting roots down in Mundare.

A friend in Andrew told Kerry that Nick Kobzey was selling his Barber Shop and Kerry - a licensed hair stylist for 27 years - quickly got the idea of buying it and keeping the Barber Shop alive.

The sale went through August 1 and Kerry and Kyle had officially arrived in Mundare, ready and raring to go. She designed, renovated, painted, decorated and generally slaved away

for a month before opening shop in early September 2014 - and she's been going great guns ever since.

Kerry's Salon welcomes men, women and children; she does colours, perms, highlights, cuts and sets, facial waxing and paraffin hand wax treatments. Her current hours of business are:

- Sunday, Monday - closed
- Tuesday - Wednesday and Friday: 9am-5pm
- Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm
- Saturday 9am-1pm

Kerry also takes walk-ins, and her hours of business for evenings and week-ends are flexible: give her a call at 780-221-7193.

Come in and check out Kerry's specials, on until January 31, 2015:

- Purchase a Gift Certificate for \$50, receive a free shampoo and conditioner
- Receive a free paraffin hand wax treatment with your cut and style

Kerry will be open through the holidays - closing for December 26, 27 and January 1, 2015. Kerry and Kyle would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season - and please don't drink and drive: arrive alive!

Business Buzz, cont'd from p. 2

Thank you for your continued support. THANK YOU ALL from Margaret & Megan at M&M's Kozy Kitchen.

Interested in **yoga classes** in January? Call Anita 780-632-4746 to register for Gentle Hatha Yoga

Classes. 8 classes for \$96, January 6-February 24, 2015. Tuesdays from 6:45-8:15pm

Servus Credit Union thanks everyone who came by on December 6 for Christmas Crafts: thanks for helping us invest in your COMMUNITY!

LOST: Black tool box with red latches - contains plumbing parts & tools. If found, call 764-3062

What is your share of the profits? Stop by the Servus branch in December to see how much money you received and see how you could earn even more next year! We will have a PROFIT SHARING day on December 11th and welcome you to stop by the branch for treats from 11am-3pm.

KidSport Can Help ...

KidSport, a national not-for-profit, provides financial assistance for registration fees and equipment to kids 18 and under. We believe no kid should be left on the sidelines and all should be given the opportunity to experience the benefits of organized sport. **KidSport Vegreville** helps kids in and around the Veg community: phone 780-603-3442; e-mail Vegreville@kidsport.ab.ca or pick up an application at the Town Office. More info at www.mundare.ca



What's New in the Library



DVD RELEASES

Jingle All the Way Dec 2

Dolphin Tale 2 Dec 9

The Maze Runner Dec 16

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Dec 16

The Good Wife Season 1-5

Under the Dome Season 1-2

Holiday Hours

Closed

December 24th, 25th & 31st

January 1st

NEW BOOKS THIS MONTH

AFTERWORLDS Scott Westerfeld

CAPTIVATED BY YOU Sylvia Day

HUSH Karen Robards

THE BANE CHRONICLES

Cassandra Clare

THE RISE OF ISIS: a threat we

can't ignore Jay Sekulow

THE PEARL THAT BROKE ITS SHELL

Nadia Hashimi

YOU: a novel Caroline Kepnes

THERE ARE A LOT OF NEW KIDS BOOKS

INTERESTED IN JOINING A BOOK CLUB ?

Stop by and let me know or send a quick email. I'm hoping to get a group together starting in January

LIBRARY CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE TOWN OFFICE PLEASE PICK UP BEFORE

DECEMBER 31ST

The Mundare Public Library would like to thank everyone who donated funds, raffle & door prizes for our Critters fundraiser. Also a special thank you to Marrien Chudyk, Irene Talanga, Rhonda McCarty, Marrietta Kowal, Margaret Webb, Nancy Tymchak, Mary Greening & Susan Campbell for assisting in our fundraiser. Thank you to all the citizens who braved the cold weather to help cheer on the Mundare Ol' Dawgs & support the library. A huge thank you to all the players from the Mundare Ol' Dawgs for doing a terrific job as well.