



Mundare News



Council Meetings: Dec. 15

December, 2015

Mayor's Corner

Charlie Gargus

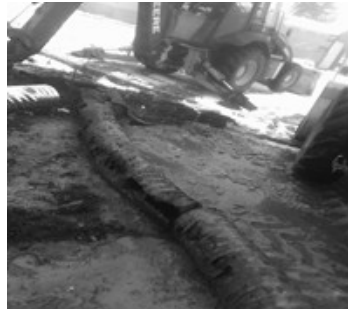
 * Town Office will be closed all day December 24 and re-open all day Monday, December 28.
 * Tax tip: there is a 5% discount on the municipal portion of your taxes if you pay by **January 31, 2016**. Monthly installment payment program also available, if your account is in good standing (all prior years' taxes paid in full by December 2015). Contact Town Office for details.
 * Snow will arrive: Plowing priorities: Main Street, school bus routes, and then Town streets. Please help Public Works by moving your vehicle: they plow around parked vehicles and don't come back til the next round!. And keep **extension cords** off the sidewalks to help sweeper to clear without obstructions. Thanks for your cooperation!
 * Please trim your trees (back alleys too) to nine (9) feet high. Town **Recycle Yard** is open for trimmings and debris **Saturday December 12 from 10am-noon**.

 * Our Mayor and Council, Town Foreman Tim, Public Works crew Lawrence, Gary and Rob; CAO Colin and Office staff Theresa and Susan wish you all a **safe and healthy holiday!**

December is always a good month to reflect on the past year. As a part of Mundare's Town Council, I am thankful for the energy and commitment to the betterment of our Town, by each of the members of Council. Their deliberations and contributions are always based on what is best for the community as a whole and often decisions are difficult but necessary.

Our many community events are only possible because of the ability of our Town Public Works and Office staff - to complete their many tasks, deal with emergency issues, plus help to organize events. Businesses and individuals that stepped forward to donate time and money have also helped to make Mundare a *Travel Destination* for fun times like AgriDaze as well as for new events like the July 1st Summer Festival and the Halloween Maze.

The Town Public Works Crew continues to find ways to save money by "resurrecting" old Christmas lights, flushing sewers and culverts and doing many preventative maintenance tasks. Here is a perfect example of what many of us do of "NOT" see - rotten infrastructure that is being replaced.



So much can be accomplished when everyone is committed to

working as teams to do the jobs that need to be done!

I am proud to be part of this community for many reasons, but one that needs mention is how quickly so many of us step forward to help families in those times when they need it most. From Chili Supper Fundraiser, to regular Food Bank drop-offs, to quiet donations in times of need - for rent or furniture after a fire, like when the Upholstery shop burned a few years ago: I believe we all benefit, whether we give or receive, because it reminds us that we are all part of this caring community.

This brings me to the heart of this season's message. I have been asked many times if Mundare will join the effort to assist with the placement of Syrian Refugees. I am not surprised: many of us are of Ukrainian heritage and acknowledge each year the Holodomor, vowing never to forget. As Canada prepares to welcome present-day survivors of persecution and war, I was gratified to see the following message from the country's large city Mayors:

"... we commend the federal government's commitment to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees. Canada has a long history of opening its doors to people from around the world, and as one of the most peaceful and prosperous countries in the world, we have an obligation to help those who are less fortunate.

Canada's big cities stand ready and willing to help assist Syrian refugees as they come to Canada and integrate into our

communities. As mayors, we see how much our cities have benefited from welcoming people from all walks of life. The multicultural diversity of our cities is one of Canada's greatest strengths. We know the federal government takes security issues very seriously and that the screening process for refugees is thorough and rigorous. There is no need to believe that there is a trade-off between compassion and security. Canada's big cities are working with our government partners and local support agencies to assist in settlement efforts. Those efforts are complex and require proper planning, time, and care. Nevertheless, our resolve to complete the task before us is firm. We must not lose sight of the opportunity to again show the world how Canada is a country that values diversity, acceptance, and compassion."

While Mundare may not have the various resources required to successfully integrate Syrians into our Town, I agree with the sentiments expressed by my colleague Mayors and echoed nationwide by church groups, corporations and individuals. It makes me proud that we continue to care and want to help others in need. If you want information or ideas on how you can help, visit the Citizenship & Immigration web site <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/welcome/>.

Meanwhile, on behalf of Council and Staff in Mundare, we extend our thanks to all the households and businesses that decorated to cheer us up as we enter the long, cold nights of December. Merry Christmas to you all and our very best for 2016.

Charlie

Upcoming Events

- Communities in Bloom Parade & Christmas Extravaganza Sat. Dec. 5 (see details, p. 2)
- Lamont County Industrial Heartland Info Evening - 5-7pm, Dec. 8 Lamont Rec Centre Meeting Room
- Get your tickets now for the Mundare Curling Club Dinner Theatre - January 23 780-764-3965
- Mark your calendars for Mundare Fire & Rescue S.T.A.R.S Evening: April 16, 2016



What's Happening in Town ...

Communities in Bloom - Thank you to everyone for your participation in the Christmas Extravaganza - baking donations, purchases at the craft market, donations to the raffle, and participation in the parade. As this is our main/only fundraiser each year, it is wonderful to know that we can count on the community to help out. The bake sale proceeds will be put toward the purchase of some new self-watering planters to replace the barn wood ones, that are nearly 10 years old. Proceeds from the raffle will again go to the Lamont County Food Bank Christmas Hamper efforts. [If you are in need of a hamper please give them a call: 780-619-6955.] We will again resume regular meetings in **January - the 18th** 7 pm in the Town Office. New members are always welcome. The CiB Committee wishes each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

The **Mundare Curling Club** invites you to join us for our **Dinner Theatre Fundraiser** on **Saturday, January 23, 2016** at 5:30 p.m. at the Mundare Recreation Centre. The evening will feature cocktails, dinner and a performance by Grindstone

Theatre. Tickets are \$40.00 each. For tickets please call/text Trevor at 780-603-1144. Thank you for your support!

The **Mundare Library Board** is in the process of hiring a new Librarian. Until he or she is in place, Board member Jodie Conley is filling in on a part-time basis. Library hours pending the arrival of our new Librarian are **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon - 3:30 p.m.**

Seniors Drop-in Center: We have a shuffleboard that you can book: if you are interested in regular dates to play or a tournament, please call Vikki at 764-2525.

The **Mundare Hospital Auxiliary Bake Sale** went off without a hitch, with no nasty storm this year! Thanks to all who helped us once again with our fundraiser in aid of items for residents and visitors.

The **Mundare Craft Club** is looking for new members: contact Jen (call/text 587-984-0963) if you're interested.

Vegreville CALS **1,2,3 Cook with Me** program starts up Friday January 15 for 6 weeks. Friday mornings 20am-noon at the Mundare Seniors Centre. Ages 0-6 -

no cost: cook together with stories, crafts, songs & rhymes. Call 780-632-3225 for information.

Take the family on a road trip and check out the **CP Canadian Holiday Train** on its journey west, as it stops in Provost and Hardisty (Dec. 7 - 5:50 and 8:15pm) or Camrose and Wetaskiwin on Dec. 8 (1:30 and 3:45pm). Performing at each stop: Devin Cuddy and Kelly Prescott. For more information, go to www.cpr.ca/en/community/holiday-train

Lamont County Food Bank Christmas Season Dates

Applications accepted for Christmas Hampers until **December 9 - call 780-619-6955**

Dec. 20: Hamper Day at the Lamont Recreation Centre. Volunteers are welcome to help assemble and deliver - come at 12:30 p.m.

The Lamont County Food Bank thanks you all for your generosity!

Business Buzz:

Corner Pub announces **Thursday Wing Days** starting November 12 from 5-8pm. .59 each with a minimum order of 10. Come on down and feast on wings! Watch also for **Karaoke nights!**

Funshine Child Development Centre is looking for new registrations: if you or anyone you know is looking for quality childcare, where your children can learn and grow as individuals, call 780-764-2272 now! We're open 6:30am-6pm for Tiny Tots (12-19 mos. - \$45/day, \$700/mo.); Toddlers (19-35 mos. - \$45/day, \$645/mo.); Preschool & kinder \$45/day, \$645/mo.); OSC Grade 1+ (\$10 before or after, \$400/mo school year fee)

Hair by Cher - Affordable prices, day, evening and some mobile services available. Open Tues. and Sat. 10-2; Wed.-Thurs. 10-5; Fri. 10-8. Call Cheryl at 780-603-3771 for an appointment.

MCL Law Office: Curtis Long and Sangin Safi ("Sam") - General Practice in the Kowal Realty Building Tuesdays 10 AM - 3 PM or by appointment - are pleased to welcome Jaime Burghardt to the team. Call 780-485-3098 or 908-9811 for Jaime's direct line.

Mundare Bakery News - Starting Monday November 30, we will be closed on Mondays. Our December features include all your Christmas favourites, including fruitcake, marzipan stollen, shortbread, gingerbread men and houses and assortment trays of all sizes. As well as stocking stuffers and hostess

gifts. As always our soups are made from scratch and we in house roast our meats for sandwiches. Call 780-764-3988 to reserve or special order. Merry Christmas To All.

Mundare Registry - Our next date for Classes 4, 5 and 6 Road Tests is Tuesday, December 8th. Class 5 Road Tests will also be offered on Friday, December 18th. Please come in or call us to book a spot! We are located at 5008 50 Street (in Kowal Building) on the south side. Our 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. We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year - Lisa, Karen, Robin and Ashley.

Mundare Salon & Barber is closed through December - stay tuned for re-opening date in the New Year!

Servus Credit Union Merry Christmas to all our members and prospective members! Come out and join us for the Christmas Extravanza on December 5th at the branch for a "Make it and Take it" afternoon for all ages. Learning is lifelong - have you thought about what you would like to do when you grow up? We have many savings and financing options to help you with your

peace of mind.

Our dear **Chris is retiring!** We would like you to join us in celebrating her retirement on **December 11th from 11:30 - 2:30.** Many thanks for all of her contributions over the last 10 years with us in Mundare.

U-Do-It Crafts & Alterations: Thanks to everyone for your business in 2015 - safe, happy and healthy holidays to you all!

Colour by Amber: If you missed me on Dec. 5, I'll be at the Vegreville Library Craft Sale December 19 from 10-5.

Merry Christmas, everyone ... and Happy 50th Birthday, Charlie Brown Christmas!



Interested in getting fiber optic internet in Mundare? AXIA will come to Mundare if enough people show an interest: check it out - register your interest at <https://www.axia.com/coverage>

Fire Department Tips

It is the festive time of year and we are getting ready for a visit from St. Nick and putting up our Christmas trees and decorations. Here are a few safety tips to follow to ensure your holiday is happy and safe:

Stay in the kitchen while cooking, check roasting or baking regularly.
Keep kids away from hot foods and liquids.
Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels and anything that can burn away from the stovetop.
Turn pot handles towards back of stove - so no one can bump them or pull them over.
Keep a pan lid or baking sheet nearby - use it to cover the pan if it catches on fire.
Choose the right decoration for the job: some are rated for indoor use only and could be damaged by our "harsh winter climate" (really!! - thought El Nino says different) if used outdoors - read the package instructions and never exceed the recommended wattage.
Use ground fault circuit interrupter outlets when plugging in outdoors.
Buy holiday decorations that have the mark of an accredited certification agency on the package.
Check for the appropriate approval sticker appearing on the cord for products incorporating light strings.
Avoid overloading circuits with plugs and extension cord - this can create overheating and result in a fire. Fuses that frequently blow and circuits that trip can indicate too many items are connected to the circuit.
Never remove the third prong on plugs: This "grounding pin" prevents shock in the event of

electrical equipment failure.
Don't run extension cords under carpets, through doorways or in places where they can be damaged by furniture.
Keep outdoor connections above ground and out of puddles - don't run them across driveways or walkways.
No more than three light strings can be safely connected together in most cases when installing decorations.
Make sure bulbs don't touch supply cords, wires, cloth, paper or any material that is not part of the light string.
Use the proper clips for securing lights and decorations - staples and nails can damage electrical cord.
Holiday decorations aren't designed for year round use and can deteriorate over time: take them down when holidays are over.
Never use damaged extension cords - they can lead to a nasty shock.
Avoid plugging too many lights and decorations into an outlet.
Overloaded circuits can overheat and start a fire.
Don't forget to turn off holiday lights when you leave the house or go to bed.
And - because December is the peak time of year for home candle fires - a special section of Tips just for ...



CANDLES

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep - one third of home candle fires start in the bedroom.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn - more than half of all candles fires start because they are too close to the candle.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily.
- Light candles carefully - keep hair and loose clothing away from flame.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy uncluttered surface.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down - put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.
- Use flashlights instead of candles in the event of a power outage.

Mundare Fire & Rescue members thank you for your support and send everyone our very Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

!!!!Stay Safe!!!!

(See what we face at accident scenes ...)

http://mooseradio.com/montana-highway-patrol-releases-frightening-dash-cam-footage-video/?trackback=fbshare_mobile

Mundare School News



It is hard to believe that December is right around the corner. We have been very fortunate with our mild weather which has allowed contractors to continue working in our parking lots. There is still work to be completed, but every week, we witness improvements.

Now that the Student Drop Off is complete, we ask that parents/guardians use the loop to drop off their children. The loop is designed to keep students safe by having vehicular traffic drive in forward motion. If you need to pull over and help your child out, there is enough room for two vehicles to pass.

What we are trying to avoid is vehicles reversing in the parking lot while students are coming and going. We have several supervisors on at the beginning and the end of the day, so your child is quite safe, exiting the vehicle on their own and walking into the school.

Even though the weather is unseasonably warm, it is still cool enough to need toques, mitts and winter jackets. The playground seems especially cool with the prevailing northwest winds. Please ensure your children have the proper outdoor attire for 20 minute periods outside. Indoor recesses occur only when the wind chill hits -25 degrees Celsius or if it is raining.

We began our Christmas food drive on Friday, November 27th. Students are being asked to bring a non-perishable item to our food drive to help support less privileged people in our community and to ensure Christmas hampers are robust. All food stays within Lamont County.

The annual Christmas concert takes place Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 pm in the school gym. The dress rehearsal is Wednesday, December 16th at 1:00 pm which the public is also welcome to attend.

The staff and students of Mundare School wish community members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Liane Schultz, Principal

The Community Chili Fundraiser for Moran McNeely, held at the School on Nov. 27, was a huge success: The McNeely family are overwhelmed. We are so thankful for the volunteers who organized the event and for those who attended, made donations, bought silent auction items and generally made it all happen.

Thank you to Mundare and area communities for your support. - Morgan and the McNeely family

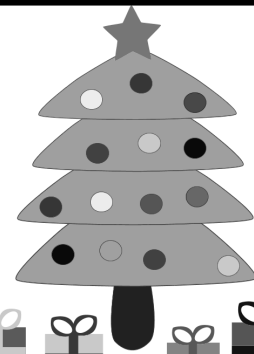
WHAT'S NEW @ THE LIBRARY

**PRESCHOOL
STORY & CRAFT TIME**
Is cancelled until the
New Year: see you then!

**Book Club Is a Great
chance to meet new
people in the
community. Copies of
the book are available
at the Library
Meeting January 27th
@ 6pm @ the library**

DVD RELEASES

**Minions & Ant Man Dec 8th
Scorch Trials & Mission Impossible
5 Dec 15th
Pan & Black Mass Dec 22**



Our Librarian Miranda Peyton has left us to pursue a career opportunity that she couldn't pass up. The Library Board would like to thank Miranda for the excellent job she did in our Library (along with handyman husband helper Roger) - and we wish her all the very, very best in her future endeavours!

**The library will be
Closed
December 24th and 31st
for the Holiday Season**

BOOKS RELEASED THIS MONTH

TOM CLANCY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: A JACK RYAN Novel Mark Greaney
AFTER SHE'S GONE Lisa Jackson
PRECIOUS GIFTS: A Novel Danielle Steele
UNDERCOVER: A Novel Danielle Steele
SINS OF THE MOTHER Irene Kelly & Jennifer Kelly

We have Public computers and Wifi at the library. This is a free service available to the public during library hours