

Mundare News



Town Office
Council Meetings:
Jan. 5, 19



What's Happening



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!.
- Please remember to **stay well clear of snow removal equipment:** keep yourself and your vehicle safe!
- And keep **extension cords** off the sidewalks to help sweeper to clear without obstructions. Thanks for your cooperation!

Remember to **take your garbage cans back in** after the truck has gone by.

Snowmobiling is absolutely not permitted on the irrigation pond: if you go through the ice, it is very deep! January is Snow Safety month: wear your helmet, dress in proper layers! Keep your head, ears and hands covered to avoid hypothermia.

Please trim your trees (back alleys too) to nine (9) feet high. Town **Recycle Yard** is open for trimmings and debris **Saturday January 9 from 10am-noon.**



The **new phone books** are available at the Town Office: come in and get yours

- **January 18 - Communities in Bloom 1:30 pm Town Office**
- **January 23 - Mundare Viper's Bottle Drive**
- **January 23 - Mundare Curling Club Dinner Theatre - Mundare Curling Club fundraiser with performance by Grindstone Theatre - \$40 with cocktails at 5:30, dinner at 6:30. Call 780-764-3965: Advanced tickets only**
- **January 27 - Book Club 6 pm at the Library**
- **February 4-7 Mundare Viper's Hockey Tournament**
- **February 19 - First Perogy Supper of 2016 - Seniors Centre 5-6:30 p.m.**
- **April 16 - Mundare Fire & Rescue S.T.A.R.S Evening . Tickets on sale early February - \$50/person**

Mayor's Corner

On a recent broadcast Stuart Mclean said "Everything does not last forever!" Upon reflection, this is just another way of stating that ALL things will change eventually.

This past year held many changes in the Town, the most significant being the progress made in upgrading some of our infrastructure. The sudden loss of water in July, led to a complete replacement of pump controls and alarms so that the likelihood of a repeat water shortage due to pump failure is not as likely. This may have cost over \$50,000.00 but was put off long enough and finally could not be avoided any longer.

Our drainages and culverts saw many fixes and upgrades in preparation for spring melt water and summer rains. Sewers have been re-lined to solve

problems arising from age cracks and blockages, and we've gotten some paving done around Town.

Commercial ventures are evident in the construction of the addition to the greenhouse - we can look forward to even more spectacular Darvonda flowers! - and the fence where Mundare Farm formerly existed. We're seeing the final touches to the our new School property, and it certainly does look good! It's been great working with new Principal and Vice-Principal Liane and Jon, and we look forward to continuing to build that relationship in 2016.

More change will certainly be happening in the next few years as we work to promote Mundare as a great place to live and to do business.

Charlie Gargus

Even this newsletter is undergoing a change; the new format will help you to find important events and dates by listing important community happenings in a place that is easy to find.

Of course, we urge you to continue reading the rest of the newsletter, with its valuable community news throughout. Remember, too, to visit the website and to follow us on Facebook and Twitter. If you have suggestions for improving any of these ways we communicate, please let us know!

Council and Town staff are looking forward to another great year in Mundare in 2016. On behalf of everyone, I wish you all a Happy, safe and healthy New Year! Charlie



What's Happening in Town ...

Communities in Bloom - Thank you once again to everyone that participated in the Christmas Extravaganza and helped make it another great success. The raffle raised \$400.00 which was sent to the Lamont County Christmas Hamper Project. Our tables and bake sale generated approximately \$2000.00 which will be spent on replacing some of the barn board flower planters and of course plant material. The parade was wonderful, a special thank you to those who decorated a float, and those that came out and enjoyed the parade. Mark December 3, 2016 for next year's Extravaganza! Next meeting: Town Office on January 18 at 1:30 pm. New members are always welcome.

The **Mundare Auxiliary** had a busy 2015. The Strawberry Tea, Christmas Bake Sale, Regal & Avon fundraisers, along with the memorial Lite-a-Lite campaign all generated funds to enhance the lives of the Care Centre

residents. Funds have provided such things as: entertainment; birthday and Christmas gifts; electronics; CD's, raised planters and a specialized wheelchair, to name a few. Thank you to one and all: the Auxiliary could not achieve its goals without you! You truly have hearts of gold!

"... my life belongs to the whole community; and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can ..." George Bernard Shaw

The **Mundare Library Board** is pleased to welcome Evelyn Henke as our new Librarian.

Seniors Drop-in Center: Perogy Suppers and Bingo return in February.

The **Mundare Minor Hockey Association** will be holding its two annual fundraisers again this year: the **Bottle Drive on January 23** and the **Hockey Tournament February 4-7**. We hope you can support our local

Novice and Atom teams: these fundraisers are important to sustain our Mundare Minor Hockey Association. As usual, amazing raffle prizes, great food and great games to watch at the Tournament. For home hockey games, check the calendar on the back page of the newsletter or the [Town website](#).

Vegreville CALS **1,2,3 Cook with Me** program starts up Friday January 15 for 6 weeks. Friday mornings 10 am-noon at the Mundare Seniors Centre. Ages 0-6 - no cost: cook together with stories, crafts, songs & rhymes. Call 780-632-3225 for information.



Get those Mundare Curling Club Improv tickets now:

\$40 per person for an evening of food, friends & laughter - Jan. 23 at the MRC. 780-780-764-3965 for tix

Business Buzz:

Andrukow Group Solutions would like to thank everyone who donated to our Santa for Seniors: this year we focused directly on Mundare and provided scarves, toques, blankets, shoe horns, toiletries and much more to some seniors in our area. In particular, there was a local couple who called in after hearing what we were doing and asked for a little help. Next stop was the Mary Immaculate Hospital, where we were able to adorn a few seniors with winter apparel for their outdoor adventures. Finally, the remainder of the goods were donated to Father Filas Manor and given to the coordinator to distribute as he deemed appropriate. All goods were greatly appreciated. We look forward to doing this again next year. Have a blessed Christmas season one and all.

ATB's chief economist Todd Hirsch discusses **Alberta's Economic Health in 2016** - Jan. 18, Sunshine Club, 4630 49 St., Vegreville 6:30pm. (doors open 6pm)

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 - we will be closed the entire month of January so we can put the finishing touches to all our renovations and finally enter the world of social media. Look for us on Facebook and check the February newsletter for update! I would like to extend a huge thank you as we start our 3rd year (can you believe it?) at the

bakery. The support of our customers has been amazing and we look forward to serving you in 2016. Wishing you the health and happiness of the New Year!

Mundare Registry wishes everyone a Happy New Year: we look forward to another year of providing you with services for all your licensing, motor vehicle and insurance needs!

Mundare Salon & Barber: starting January 5, I am open Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-5pm and Saturday from 9am-1pm: call 1-780-221-7193 for an appointment. Also open evenings by appointment only.

Royal Care Compounding Pharmacy will no longer be open on Saturday's effective January 2, 2016.

Hatha yoga classes with Anita - 8 weekly classes Tuesdays, Jan. 5-Feb. 23 from 6:45 to 8:15 at Town building. \$96/session. 780-632-4746 to register.

Interested in getting fiber optic internet in Mundare? Register your interest with AXIA at <https://www.axia.com/> coverage



Fire Department Tips

Statistics continue to show that during the winter holiday season, fire-related deaths in Alberta homes **double** compared to the rest of the year. Keep fire safety in mind this holiday season - and here are a few tips ...

Electrical Outlets

There is often a tendency to overload wall outlets during the holiday season and it is a fire hazard. Overloading electrical outlets is unsafe and should be avoided even for short durations.

Inspect all cords before using; make sure they are CSA certified. Read the labels and manufacturer's instructions to ensure proper use. Look for loose connections or frayed or exposed wire. Discard any defective cords.

Insert plugs fully into outlets. Poor contact may cause overheating or shock.

Never use indoor extension cords outside. Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of puddles and snow.

Be careful when placing cords behind or beneath furniture; pinched cords can cause them to fray and even short out.

Space Heater Safety

To prevent heating fires:

- Keep the space heater at least one metre (3 feet) away from combustibles such as paper, bedding, furniture, curtains and holiday decorations.
- Turn off the space heater before going out or going to bed.

Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, poisonous gas found in fumes from car exhaust, furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces, and appliances or equipment that burn solid (wood, charcoal), liquid (gasoline, oil) or gaseous (propane, natural gas) fuels. No fuel burns 100 percent. It is the incomplete burning of fuels that produces carbon monoxide.

Fumes from properly installed and maintained appliances are usually safely vented outside. However, if venting is disrupted (e.g., bird's nest in chimney) or fumes enter a home (e.g., from a car left running in an attached garage), carbon monoxide can collect inside a home and quickly reach dangerous levels.

Carbon monoxide has a greater affinity than

oxygen for hemoglobin in red blood cells that carries oxygen to various parts of the body. When the carbon monoxide level exceeds a certain limit, it can replace oxygen in the blood and become poisonous. Initial symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include flu-like symptoms such as headache, running nose and sore eyes, etc., without the fever.

At higher exposure levels, one may experience drowsiness, dizziness, vomiting, and a sense of disorientation and confusion. These symptoms make it difficult for victims to make rational decisions such as leaving the home or calling for assistance. At extreme exposure levels, a victim can be rendered unconscious. The gas can cause brain damage or even death.

Install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home. If your detector sounds and you have an obvious source of carbon monoxide, evacuate the house, including pets.

If anyone is suffering from flu-like symptoms, call 911. You can also remove or turn off the carbon monoxide source and ventilate the house. Reset the alarm and re-occupy the house only after the alarm ceases.

Safe Social Gatherings

Social occasions coupled with alcohol consumption, cooking, smoking or unattended candles can create a fire risk. To minimize the risk at parties:

Plan your event in advance so you have enough time to prepare the meal. Hurried cooking activities, multitasking and neglecting fire safety can be ingredients for an unwanted house fire.

Avoid overcrowding.

Encourage guests to smoke outside. Provide them with a safe ashtray.

Refrain from burning candles during parties. They can easily be

accidentally knocked over or ignite nearby combustibles.

Power Outages

Safety issues can arise during an extended power outage. Please follow the tips below to ensure safety while the utility service is being restored.

- Use battery powered flashlights or lanterns. This will greatly reduce your risk of a home fire while you are without power. Using candles for emergency lighting can be hazardous. Many fires have started from safety lapses while using candles.

- Many homeowners have smoke alarms powered by household electricity. During power outages, make sure that you have a working battery powered smoke alarm to protect your family. Smoke alarms provide your family with the critical early warning to escape a home fire.

If you are using a generator as a backup power source, always place the generator outside. If the generator is inside your home, fatal levels of carbon monoxide exhaust could accumulate and endanger your family.

Fire Escape Planning

When the smoke alarm sounds, everyone must know what to do and where to go. Develop a fire escape plan, keeping the following in mind:

Know two ways out of every room. The first way out would be the door, while the alternate escape could be a window that can be exited safely.

Make sure all designated escape routes are accessible and free of clutter.

Leave the building as quickly as possible. Once outside, don't re-enter the building for any reason.

Call 9-1-1 from outside the building using a cell phone or a neighbour's phone.

Make sure you have your 72-hour emergency kit: pick up a pamphlet at the Town Office or get details on how to protect your family at www.aema.alberta.ca/72-hour-emergency-kit or GetPrepared.ca.



Thanks to all the good candidates who applied for our Librarian position: the Board is happy to announce that Evelyn Henke is Mundare's new Librarian. Evelyn started work on December 14. Regular Library hours resume on Monday, January 4. Welcome, Evelyn!

Books Released This Month
THE BITTER SEASON Tami Hoag
ASHLEY BELL Dean Kootz
PRIVATE PARIS James Patterson & Mark Sullivan
DARKNESS Karen Robards
AMOROUS ENTANGLEMENTS: A STONE BARRINGTON Stuart Woods
IN A DIFFERENT KEY: THE STORY OF AUTISM John Donovan & Caren Zucker
THE EX Alafair Burke
THE THINGS WE KEEP Sally Hepworth
ORPHAN X Gregg Hurwitz
READY TO RETIRE? Lyndsay Green

Library Lads and Lasses
Preregistered Preschool Stories & Crafts
 Wednesday, January 13th @2:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 27th @ 2:30p.m.
 Telephone: 780-764-3929 or visit the Library to Register

We have Public Computers and Wifi @ the Library. These are free services during Library Hours.



BOOK CLUB is a great chance to meet new people in the community. Copies of the book **See Me** by author Nicholas Sparks are available at the Library. Next meeting: January 27 at 6p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Please check the Town of Mundare website for these and other activities happening in January! www.mundare.ca				1	2
3 Mundare Atom Vipers vs. Camrose	4	5 Town Council	6	7	8	9
10 Mundare Vipers vs Onoway (Novice), Strathcona (Atom)	11	12	13	14	15 1,2,3 Cook with Me	16
17 Mundare Novice Vipers vs CNN	18 Communities in Bloom	19 Town Council	20	21	22 1,2,3 Cook with Me	23 Mundare Vipers Bottle Drive Mundare Curling Club Improv***
24	25	26	27 Book Club	28	29 1,2,3 Cook with Me	30
31	***For improv tickets call 780-764-3965 Coming up: Mundare Viper's Hockey Tournament February 4-7					