

Mundare News

- If you have a complaint or concern that needs to be addressed by Council – please put it in writing and forward to the Town Office. All new correspondence will be tabled at the next council meeting.
- Council meetings are held the first Tuesday & third of the month @7:00 p.m. Town after hours emergency phone number 208-4464 (local number)

TOWN NOTICES—

Property Tax Monthly Tax Payment Plan-You can arrange for a monthly tax installment payment program. To qualify, all prior years' taxes must be paid in full by December 31 of the prior year. For more details contact the Town Office.

Property Tax Discounts-The Town of Mundare will give a 5% discount on prepaid municipal property taxes. To qualify your account must be in good standing and payment must be made by January 31, 2009.

Dog Tags – Please remember to get your 2009 Dog Tags.

Recycling Electronic –Effective January 1, 2009 the Town of Mundare Public Works Department will be accepting discarded TV's and Computers at the Public Works Yard. These items may be dropped off Monday to Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM. These items will have a designated area and must not be accompanied by cardboard, crates, etc.

When discarding Fluorescent tubes please bag them or package them. They break very easily and the garbage men could risk getting glass into their eyes. Thanks for your cooperation

Thank you to Topper Bookkeeping. Sunspot Greenhouse and Northern Lights for the beautiful display of poinsettias in the Town Administration Building.

Communities in Bloom

A sincere thank you is extended to all those who participated in the Christmas Extravaganza- those who donated baking for our Bake Sale; those who had floats in the parade; those who donated prizes to our raffle and coloring/writing contest; and everyone who participated in some way.

The coloring contest winners were:

	1 st	2 nd
Preschool	Dylan	Sylvia
Grade 1	Mandi	Cayden
Grade 2	Khloe	Brittney
Grade 3	Dayne	Torey

The writing contest winners were:

	1 st	2 nd
Grade 5	Frances	Russel
Grade 6	Jillian	Shea
Grade 7	Cynthia	Shannon

Thank you is extended to Jody Foulds of Servus Credit Union for their donation towards advertising and the coloring/writing contest prizes; Kelly Sprague, Northern Lights Landscaping and Betty Ann Goulet Mundare Sunspot Greenhouse for their donation toward prizes for the coloring writing contest. The next meeting is January 18 at 7pm in the Town Office. We welcome new members. Wishing you the best in 2009.

Servus Credit Union would like to congratulate the winners of the “Gingerbread House Contest” which was a new feature at this year’s Mundare Christmas Extravaganza. The entries looked great and showed lots of creativity.

1st place of \$ 200.00 in the Adult Category was awarded to Rhodena Peters. 2nd to Angeline Foulds (\$ 100) and 3rd to Debby Gargus (\$ 50)

1st place of \$ 50 in the Youth Category (12 & under) was awarded to Nathan Foulds. 2nd and 3rd were awarded to children at the Mundare Playschool (\$ 15 and \$ 10).

Library News

Northern Lights Library System’s New ILS (integrated library system) is coming to our library mid-January. We invite the public to come to the library to check out the enhanced features of the new ILS and to register for, or renew their library card.

New Business

Introducing Go-Global Wholesale travel, our exclusive Condo Card Program entitles customers to one year unlimited access to over 150, 00 Condo/Resorts all over the world at 60 to 80% off regular rates. “This is not a time share” for more information call Ernie at 764-2441.

H&J Lotus Garden – We will be closed December 22/08 to January 15/09. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Here are some of the winning entries in the writing contest.

Hey you! Yes I am talking to you! When was the last time you saw someone open a Christmas present and say “this sucks” or “I hate it”. Or you saw someone get the same present twice. Well instead of giving it away you could donate it to a family with financial problems and no I don’t your next door neighbors, I mean people who don’t even have enough money to put food on the table. I bet if they had a kid they would be thankful and even if they didn’t they could sell it and keep the money. Maybe it would help buy some new shoes or clothes.

How would you feel if you didn't have enough money to eat or have a house? I'm positive that it would be stressful. You wouldn't feel the greatest. You would have to sit your tired bum on the cold hard pavement and pout about your miserable life. I know I would hate doing that, what about you?

You hear all those commercials about the children's stollery hospital and the shelter for the homeless or the blood donations needed to save lives. So you have? Well if you thought "loads of people do that I don't need to do that" then consider this, if only 49% of the people in Alberta didn't vote because they thought "well it's just one vote" would it be just one vote? So if you donated 25 Cents and so did 100,000 people that organization would have \$ 25000.25.

Now let's say your son is dying of a fatal disease that costs \$ 20,000 and you don't even have enough money to put food on the table. You're in tears because your son is going to die and there is nothing you can do about it. Then someone comes up to you and says here's \$ 25,000 so you can treat your some and feed your family. Impossible right? Wrong. If you donated 25 cents and so did 100,000 people this could happen with the money from donations. Just think; could you live with yourself if you let him die.

So be passionate. Think of others. Because if it were for you. Would you bother? Now you've been in their shoes. So go out, be passionate. And be generous. It's Christmas people
-By Cynthia

Have you been generous today?

I believe that lots of people forget to be generous during the holidays. Read on to hear some reasons why YOU should be.

1. Lots of people on the streets don't receive gifts. Ever
2. Giving a gift will make both you and others feel good
3. Being generous will help you to get into the Christmas spirit
4. Some seniors can't leave their homes to shovel snow. All you need to donate is time.
5. May people don't have enough for a good Christmas dinner.
6. When you are kind, it is more likely that others will be kind to you.

All you need to do to be generous if give a bit of you day to make someone's life better. When you are kind, others remember you in a good way. Just imagine that one day, you lost all your money. The people you helped will be more willing to return that favor if you hadn't cared

-By Shannon

The importance of giving at Christmas

The importance of giving at Christmas can mean a lot to somebody like Mom, Dad or even a brother or sister. It makes you feel really good inside when you give something to somebody, like warm and fuzzy. Just to hear some laughter and people shouting brings joy to your heart. It's just not about presents and giving and getting, it can be sharing, happiness and spending time together, and loving everybody. I think that is the importance of giving at Christmas.

-by Francis

Giving to make everyone happy

Inclusive of all humans on earth

Vowing to help others at this joyous time

Imagine their faces when they receive that special gift

Noble efforts to help everyone out

Generosity at Christmas to make everyone feel joyous.

By Russell