

MANNVILLE VOICE

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New Mayor Appointed

Further to the annual organizational meeting held October 28th, congratulations are extended to Mayor Margaret Hatch and Deputy Mayor Martha Wessel who will serve for the coming year. Regular Council meetings will continue be on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Flu Season Hits Hard Already

With seasonal colds and flues, plus the threat of H1N1, many local schools or businesses are already noticing high absenteeism. To help prevent the spread of illness, the Village has released its pandemic policy encouraging staff to take needed recovery time at home. This may mean a reduction in services, such as longer waiting times for public works or shorter office hours and voicemail responses. Your understanding is requested as we attempt to prepare and cope.

You need to take precautions individually too. Be immunized. Cough into your sleeve, wash hands properly and frequently. Use hand sanitizers and respect personal space separation. Keep an adequate supply of flu remedies, prescription medications, fluids and groceries at home so that should you become sick there is no need to go out in public and infect others. Arrange for backup child care and cross train at work to assist with sufficient recovery time.

For more information visit www.fightflu.ca or www.healthlinkalberta.ca or call Health Link Alberta 1-866-408-5465.

Report to Ratepayers Cancelled

Due to the number of priorities currently in progress, Council has determined that the release of the next Report to Ratepayers will be postponed to summer 2010. Sorry for any inconvenience. Should anyone wish to pick up or request a copy of the Audited Financial Statements for 2008, they are available through the Village Office. As always, questions are welcome.

Water Metering Project Update

Any outstanding water meters will be installed by November 2nd. The reading to be taken that day will be the opening balance for November/December consumption billing of all accounts. When the Village began this project, we expected some challenges and that 2009 would be a period of adjustment. Council and staff thank you for your patience as we are now in a position to convert fully to the new rates starting in November.

Correction re: White Oaks

Last week, I incorrectly reprinted the pricing information released for the White Oaks Retirement Complex. Riverside Retirement Corporation proposes to offer studio units or one bedroom suites for rent ranging from \$1470-1980 per month and \$1150 or less per month under life lease. There have been requests for

another opportunity to ask questions and dialogue. Watch for a date and time in November hopefully. Meantime brochures are available to order from the Village Office.

Mannville to Host Symposium

Mannville will proudly host the Alberta Small Communities Symposium on May 28-30, 2010. To be a success, we will need help from the entire community/region. If you or your organization can assist with billeting/accommodations, meals, entertainment, marketing materials, or speaker costs; please contact Candace at the Village Office (780)763-3500. Volunteers are needed and welcomed!

Gadsden Fellowship Postponed

The Basil and Mabel Gadsden Memorial Fellowship did not meet on October 24th as planned and will likely delay another gathering until January, 2010.

Deadline for Extravaganza Space

Mannville and District Chamber of Commerce is booking tables for Saturday, December 5, 2009 as it hosts a Christmas Craft Sale at the Mannville Recreation Centre. The non-refundable fee is \$20 per table/space and \$10 each additional table. For details and the registration form please email swjmanagement@hmsinet.ca or call Amberlee at (780) 763-0070. *Deadline to register is November 7th!*

Red Wagon Playgroup

Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00

p.m., join an informal "get together" for infants and toddlers along with parents and caregivers to play, share and give support to each other! On the *first Thursday* of each month (Nov 5th), Midwest Family Connections Parent Link joins the program with Toys & Child Minders for the children and presentations for the adults. Join the fun at the Mannville McQueen Memorial United Church Basement.

Did you know?

Mannville urgently requires members of the public to sit on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and on the local Assessment Review Board. Training is provided for these quasi-judicial appointments. For more information or an application form, contact the Village Office or Council.

Upcoming Events

Nov 4 – Ag Society Weekly Bingo (Rec Centre) Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Nov 4 – Joint Landfill Committee meets (Council Chambers) 7:00 p.m.

Nov 6 – Library Tea (Centennial Public Library) 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Nov 6 – PAC Fall Supper ****Advance Tickets required by Tuesday**** (Mannville Rec Centre) 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Elementary Awards Night (Mannville School) 7:00 p.m.

Nov 7 – Deadline to register for the Dec. 5 Mannville Extravaganza (Craft Sale). Call Amberlee (780)763-0070.

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