

MANNVILLE VOICE

Submitted by Candace L. Dueck, CAO

Office Employment Opportunity

Are you willing to serve as recording secretary for the Village? This paid position would require an average of 7.5 hours per week, mostly evening meetings or work from home. It is an ideal opportunity for a college student or stay-at-home parent seeking administrative skills/experience. Familiarity with meeting conduct, minutes, typing and computer use would be an asset. Contact Candace L. Dueck, C.A.O. to set up an appointment soon to discuss.

Federal Gas Tax Funds Received

In December, the Village of Mannville gratefully received \$44,467 in funding towards its 2009 Water Metering Project. The funds were the final provincial allocation of the New Deals for Cities and Communities (NDCC) program. With it came confirmation that the program will continue as the Federal Gas Tax Fund (FGTF) for an additional four years to March 2014. The fund is to assist with completion of qualifying infrastructure needs.

Olympic Torch Relay Celebration

Elementary students from Mannville School will depart at 8:00 a.m. for a field trip to Vegreville on Wednesday, January 13th. They will witness Olympic history as the Torch Relay moves through town. Congratulations to local teacher, Mrs. Karina Miller, who is a torch bearer. Elks/Kinsmen (Pysanka) Park Celebrations include \$5 breakfast at Social Centre; figure skating demo on the pond; exhibits; 9:00 a.m. stage show

with Brett Kissell, Promin Dancers, Sopilka Dancers, First Nations hoop dancer Anthony WhiskeyJack, A.L.Horton). The torch is scheduled to arrive at 9:40 a.m. Thanks to the elementary teachers and Buffalo Trails Public School Board for giving our children this opportunity. Members of the public are also encouraged to attend the Vegreville celebrations and even stay for a chilli lunch. Do you believe!

Workshop Deadline is Jan. 15th

Time is running out! Learn about the Active, Creative and Engaged (ACE) Community program and the resources available in a free one-day workshop on Saturday, *January 23* (corrected), 2010 at the Mannville Legion Elks Hall. Our Village was built on the sweat and spirit of area volunteers – let's go the next step. The workshop is an opportunity for community leaders to enhance the quality of life of our residents by working together. It is offered *free* through ACE Communities with the generous support of Rural Alberta's Development Fund, EnCana, and Canwest. Please pre-register by *Friday, January 15th*. Call Crystal at the Village Office (780) 763-2323 or visit the Community tab then Workshops option on our website. Toolkits are available by pre-order for \$65 each to take back to organizations. Maximum 50 participants.

Home Occupations to Acquire Mannville Business License

For the low price of just \$25 per year one can acquire a local business license. Businesses operating within Mannville corporate limits should by-law obtain a license from the

Village Office each New Year. In addition, home-based occupations should complete a simple questionnaire to ensure there is no land use requirements associated. As a free bonus with your license, Mannville can list the enterprise in the website business directory. Having a license is also a pre-requisite to do work for the Village as a contractor. The listing also assists Mannville with project and emergency planning by knowing the resources and skills in our community.

Fitness Centre Memberships

Membership to the Mannville Fitness Room in the Recreation Centre can now be purchased or renewed for \$150 from the M-M-I FCSS office. Call (780) 763-3005.

Pet License Renewal Time

If you have not yet taken advantage of the lifetime registration option for your pet, it is time you considered it. The cost is \$100 per animal and half price if it is spayed or neutered. The registration is transferable should you have to replace your pet - you need only notify the Village Office of the new name and description. Pictures are also appreciated. An annual license is also still available for purchase or renewal. Cost per year is \$30 per animal and reduced by 50% upon evidence of pet being spayed or neutered. Get your new tags before January 31, 2010.

Bantam Tournament a Success

Mannville Minor Hockey hosted another successful six team

tournament this past weekend. The Bantam Hawks worked their way into the final game against Provost on Sunday. Thanks to all the coaches, sponsors, parents, volunteers and players. Way to go!

Did You Know...

Having an *emergency car kit* on hand could mean the difference between getting stuck in the snow for hours, or getting back on the road safely. Your emergency car kit should include: ice scraper and brush, shovel, gritty substance such as sand or kitty litter, booster cables, flashlight, antifreeze and extra washer fluid. Also include items such as warm blankets, fresh water, matches, first aid kit, and a well-charged cell phone. Of course you should also have a properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench and tire jack. When travelling longer distances, let someone know where you are going and when expected.

Upcoming Events

Jan 11 – Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting (Recreation Centre Conference Room/Lounge) 7:00 p.m.

Jan 13 – Olympic Torch Celebrations (Vegreville Park) 7:00a.m. – noon.

Jan 13 – Annual Lutheran Parish Meeting (St. Paul's Church) 7:00 p.m.

Jan 16 – Bartley Tae Kwon Do Snow Brawl Tournament (Vermilion)

Jan 23 – ACE Community Building Workshop (Elks Hall) 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.

Access your community information hub website at www.mannville.com.