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BUSINESS NETWORKING ON A GOLF COURSE – PRICELESS!

The Morden Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual **Spring Golf Tournament** and **General Meeting** on **Friday, June 19th** at **Minnewasta Golf & Country Club**. We will begin with a light lunch, golf nine holes and come back to the Clubhouse for a scrumptious supper followed by a short meeting which will include an update on plans for the **Corn & Apple Festival** and some preliminary observations from the **Business Retention & Expansion** project surveys. The **Manitoba Chambers of Commerce Directors** will be in Morden for their Board meeting and will join us for golf. **Chairman Dennis Brownlee** or **President Graham Starmer** will speak on the current activities of our provincial body.

Chamber Members have stepped up to sponsor holes and donate prizes for this event. Please call **Carol** at **823-0939** if you would like to donate a prize or sponsorship.

We will be taking registrations for **Lunch, Golf including Cart and Supper** for **\$65** or **Supper only, \$25 per person**. Call **822-5630** or email chamber@mordenmb.com to register today.

BR+E SURVEYS CONTINUE

The Morden Chamber of Commerce continues to conduct the **Business Retention & Expansion Survey** and 1/3 of the target Morden businesses have been surveyed.

The **Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E)** project is a community-based approach to economic development. The objectives are to demonstrate to local businesses that the community appreciates their contribution to the local economy, help them to solve problems, assist in finding programs to become more competitive and to build community capacity to sustain their growth & development.

FREE SEMINARS FROM COMMUNITY FUTURES HEARTLAND

Community Futures Heartland offers free video conferencing business seminars in the *Winkler Chamber* Board Room. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: www.cfheartland.ca.

June 15 – Marketing Part 1/ Basics; Marketing Part 2/ Research; **June 22** – Writing for the Web in the New Millennium; **June 23** – CBSA Customs Workshop; **June 24** – Interviewing Skills; **June 25** – How to Start a Business in Manitoba; July 6 – Things to Know Before Starting Your Small Business Website; **July 15** – Developing Proposals; **July 20** – Search Engine Optimization; **July 21** – Preparing a Winning Business Plan.

RESOURCE SHARING EVENT

The Morden and Winkler Chambers of Commerce together with **Manitoba Immigrant Safety Initiative (MISI)** will be hosting a **Resource Sharing Event** on **Friday, June 19th** from **9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** at **Boundary Trails Health Centre**.

This event will be of interest to employers, safety trainers, human resources personnel, EAL instructors, settlement agency staff and EI counselors. The purpose is to become familiar with new and innovative safety resources. Presenter, **Mike Waite, President and CEO of Safety Services Manitoba** will provide free materials and resources to promote a safety conscious workplace and to help you to educate your immigrant employees and adult learners about safety with materials that can be easily understood.

Please **RSVP** by **June 15th** to **822-5630** or email chamber@mordenmb.com.

MORDEN FARMERS' MARKET 6 DAYS & COUNTING

The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce **Farmers' Market** will be starting a new season at **4:00** on **Thursday June 18th** at the corner of **8th** and **Stephen Streets**.

In 2009 you will find breads, pies, bison meat, spice mixes, fresh herbs, vegetables, wild rice, dry mixes, cupcakes, squares, truffles, cookies, jams, pickles, flowers, crafts, beef, pork, kitchen ware and more.

At a recent reorganization meeting, 22 vendors and prospective vendors shared many great ideas to promote the market and their products. Much discussion focused on changing the perception that all the “good” stuff is gone in the first ½ hour of the Market. An idea the vendors are considering is taking pre-orders for pick up after 4:00 as an added service to customers.

COMING EVENTS

- Jun 12 Artful Stitches by Judy Morningstar opening reception – Art Gallery
- 13 Home Hazardous Waste Day – Firehall 10 am – 2 pm
- 13 Morden Game & Fish Assoc. Fishing Derby – Lake Minnewasta
- 14 Steps for Pets Walkathon – Morden Park 1:30 p.m.
- 14 Teddy Bear’s Picnic – Morden Park
- 15 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 18 Men’s Authentic South Carolina Barbeque Lunch – St. Paul’s United Church with guest Chef Joey Hatcher CFDC Paleontologist and winner of the 2008 MB Open BBQ Competition
- 18 **Morden Farmers’ Market starts – corner 8th & Stephen Streets – 4:00 p.m.**
- 19 **MISI Resource Sharing Event - BTHC**
- 19 **Spring Golf Tournament & General Meeting – Minnewasta Golf & CC**
- 24 Morden Collegiate Graduation – Community Centre
- 24 Essential Skills & Human Resources Workshop – Using Job Analyses & Profiles – Regional Connections Wklr – call 325-7261 to register for morning or afternoon session.
- Jul 1 Beach Blast – Colert Beach at Lake Minnewasta

OF MEMBERS & MORE

Welcome to **Natali Wuerz** of **Anna’s Shoes** opening today at 10:00 a.m. at **315 North Railway Street** (next door to the Chamber of Commerce office). Stop in and let her know how happy we are to have a new shoe store in Morden.

Congratulations to **Tyler Schroeder**, new General Manager of the *Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre*. Good luck with your new position.