

Presidents Message

This year has again seen many changes in our community. We have said goodbye to some much-loved old friends and acquaintances and have welcomed many new members to our community. I hope you take the time to introduce yourselves and welcome those who are present tonight. Those who are not here take the time to welcome them as you see them out and about.

There has been a lot of activity in our community as we said farewell to Pandemic status and adapted to living with the covid virus! This has included reuniting as a community and raising our community back to a new norm!

Breakfasts began in April fast and furious with a focus on dining in! It was decided to continue with the drive-through and reassess the need in 2024. The configuration of the breakfasts looks very different with a new and improved table set up, menus and servers providing food delivery. We have had only positive feedback from our changes to date! Although our attendance has not returned to pre covid numbers and the cost of food supplies has certainly increased, we have been able to generate an acceptable profit!

The decision was made to hire summer students utilizing the available municipal grants available to us to assist with park maintenance and hall activities. In doing this we were able to decrease the workload of our much-appreciated volunteers who have tirelessly cared for our parks throughout the pandemic. Thank you, again Pat Biggar and Linda Stoddart! We were very pleased with both the students, and the integrity and work ethic they showed over the summer. It has been so nice to watch them learn to work independently and take pride in their jobs. All in all, it was a success, and we look forward to next year!

Also, through the assistance of the municipal grants we were able to replace both our old stoves and the cooler for both safer and more efficient, improved propane stove and cooler. Please take a minute to have a look while you are here! Thanks to extra fundraising and the generous donations of Quilters4Shore, Rob McMahon and Carol Finley, much of the community dollar portion was taken care of! It amazes me this community comes together and works together to better our community. The upcoming year promises to be another busy year as our project never seems to get smaller!

We will be utilizing the Morden website from here on in. Thank you, Hannah Crossman for your work to get us to this point. The Association will soon be able to access the events calendar and you will see more posts on the website. Also, there is a link to add your email to the list, which will enable us to provide email information. Annette Ianaconne has agreed to take on the email notification role. If you wish to be part of the community email, please contact Annette. Activities you will see in the fall months will be meet and greets, monthly potlucks, biweekly coffee, weekly card parties, weekly quilting, possibly the restart of darts, and exercise classes to begin in October. Yes, this is a very busy community with our hall being utilized on a regular basis. You will still see all activities posted on the Facebook site!

Last but certainly not least, I would like to take this time to thank your Board for all the tireless work they do behind the scenes. They work very hard at this volunteer job and take it very seriously. And I would be remiss if I did not mention each one of you who comes out to participate and volunteer at community events and activities. Thank you so much! Without all of you we would not be enjoying all the amenities and activities our community has to offer. Here is to another successful year in this great community we all call home!

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