

MISTUSINNE COUNCIL UPDATE #25 – JULY, 2012

1. ANOTHER SUCCESFUL CANADA DAY



RECIPE FOR A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

- Start with a kids' parade with bikes and drummer.
- Stir in crafts, face painting, teen golf and races.
- Add violinists Ava & Clara Leschyshyn, ages 5 & 8!
- Make sure there's enough food to feed 300.
- Conclude with a slo-pitch tournament.
- All made possible by a crew of volunteers!



**Thanks
to our crew
of willing
volunteers:**



_ Councilor Craig Peterson and Marilyn
 _ Patricia and Patrick Carey
 _ Ronelda Fortner
 _ Mayor Lynne Saas and Al, Christie, Cori & Jessy Lee
 _ Hanne Caleval _ Linda Reiss

_ Councilor LEEANNE Hurlburt
 _ Don and Pauline Spasoff
 _ Janice Beaulé
 _ David Cawood

_ Councilor Ken Arcand & Paulette
 _ Donna Matthews
 _ Lila Boymook _ Eric Bumphrey
 _ Joan Fahlman _ Joan Lutz
 _ Jane Corney and Tessa, & Fiona

2. FOREST BUILDING - PHASE II

Councilor LEEANNE Hurlburt and staff member Keith Lonsdale, the coordinators of our community tree planting initiative, were recently joined by Mayor Lynne Saas for a field trip to the Resort Village of Shields to share information about our two Villages' efforts on behalf of building a forest.

Like Mistusinne, Shields has undertaken an ongoing concerted tree planting program using a variety of evergreens and shrubs. While our hosts were envious of the large number of trees we have planted and of our new irrigation system, we in turn, were envious of the Shields community composting program and especially of their use of natural mulch among their trees.

All three participants returned from the field trip with a list of good ideas that they are anxious to put forward to Council regarding the next phase of our forest building program.

3. MORE FUN STUFF THIS SUMMER

On the beach - Two swimming platforms have been installed on the north and centre beaches. We hope to have the third platform installed soon. Soon each of our three beaches will have one of these fun pieces of equipment.

At the gathering place - The new addition in the maintenance yard was used for the first time this past weekend. What a great place to serve the lunch to the 300+ people who attended. The addition was financed from dollars left over from the irrigation project and matched with dollars put aside in the capital trust. Also, your mayor has just received word that the grant proposal that she submitted, has yielded more dollars to add shade structures to the picnic area. Stay tuned for more good news.

At the playground - This year's new piece of equipment is a ride-on creature for tiny tots. Check out Dexter the Dinosaur. We invite you to continue to support our playground by:

- Donating your pop tins or beer bottles (at the recycling building) for the SARCAN rebate.
- Purchasing tickets on the Roughrider Barbeque. Tickets are available at the office. All proceeds go to the playground fund. Thanks to Faye and Dan Gaucher for donating the barbeque and to Keith Lonsdale for donating the barbeque cover.

At the golf course - The greens are connected to the new irrigations system and are in great shape. We've installed new garbage containers. Our new information clerk will be checking to see if you've paid your daily or seasonal fees. We're ready for another fun golf tournament on August 12th. Check out the course.



Get your tickets for this lovely Roughrider Barbeque at the Village Office. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. The draw for the winning ticket will be made at the golf tournament on August 18th.

4. LEARNING EXPERIENCES THIS SPRING

Sara Williams, well known author of the award winning book Creating the Prairie Xeriscape was our guest speaker of June 2nd at the Maintenance Building. Sara's workshop on tree pruning included a hands-on activity for participants. Sara taught us when and how to prune and stressed the importance of not pruning up the bottoms of evergreens.

The Global Institute for Water Study accepted our invitation and sent three of their researchers to speak in our village on Saturday, June 23rd. While the information presented was fairly technical, it was very interesting. It was also reassuring to know that an independent third party is conducting this longitudinal study of the South Saskatchewan River. The final study will tell us more about the quality of lake water, the health of the fish stocks, the level of lake water and the protection of our water supply in the lake.

5. A MESSAGE FROM DOUGLAS PARK

Dear Neighbours,

- Part of being a good neighbour is communication, so I am sending this note as a friendly reminder of some of our park rules. A vehicle entry permit is required to enter the park. Seniors turning 65 during the current calendar year are eligible for a free entry permit for their vehicle.
- Quads & ATVs are not allowed within the Douglas Park Boundaries, *including* the beaches. Riding ATVs on Park Lands could result in fines starting at \$150.00.
- Transporting fire wood in or out of a Provincial Park is illegal. In an effort to reduce theft, our wood pile is now marked with traceable confetti; also, certain areas of the park are now under video surveillance. Theft of firewood also results in fines starting at \$150.00.
- Every few years the parcel of land directly south of the resort village is grazed off by local ranchers. Grazing will take place in a short 3 week period and the cattle will be removed prior to the July Long Weekend. As usual, water will be piped up to the cattle and they will not have access to the lake. This is done in order to rejuvenate the grasslands, and to reduce the fire hazard between the campground and the village.
- Feel free to call us at 854-6266. Wishing everyone a very long and hot, fun and safe summer,

Joel Perry, Park Supervisor of Douglas Provincial Park.

6. FOND MEMORIES OF MISTUSINNE EARLY DAYS AND OF VERN AFFELDT

Those of you who attended Mistusinne's 30th birthday party in 2010 will recall Vern Affeldt cutting the birthday cake (see photo). Vern was invited as one of our special guests because his cottage was one of the first three built in 1971. Vern was the first cottage owner to receive his title that year. In 1971, Mistusinne was still a cottage subdivision of Douglas Park. We became an independent Resort Village in 1980, with 160 of the 250 lots still unsold at that time.

We are sorry to announce that Vern passed away suddenly on January 22, 2012. He was predeceased by his wife Joan and is lovingly remembered by his daughter Traci (Bob) of Ottawa and son Trevor (Donna) of Saskatoon. The Affeldt cottage (#663) remains in the family.

Vern had a great time at the Mistusinne birthday party and spoke fondly of his love for our lake and our village.

