

# MORTON AREA NEWSLETTER

January, 2018

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*Happy  
New Year*

We thank you for being a part of the community and welcome your input.

This newsletter will hopefully assist with keeping you informed of activities going on in and around Morton.

If you have items to add to the newsletter, please contact City Hall.

Council meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. and will continue to be aired on the Mediacom local access channel and on facebook.

Council meetings are open to the public and we encourage your attendance and participation.

## 2018 CITY COUNCIL GOALS

1. Business/Residential Development
  - A. Tax Increment Financing
    - a. Tailor the plan adopted for our visions
    - b. Determine level of assistance to Harvestland for their most recent development
    - c. Determine the project types and amount of assistance for future projects for the duration of the district
  - B. Business Development
    - a. Move forward with the Bonding Bill for school demolition
    - b. Continue to assist with business development at East Morton
    - c. Pursue funding for business recruitment and development
    - d. Develop a plan and vision for Main Street and along Highway 19 and implement
    - e. Develop a feasible and affordable method of business improvements on Main Street
  - C. Residential Development
    - a. Assist with application process for Housing Rehab.
    - b. Identify demolition and rehab needs
  - D. Water Drainage
    - a. Work with Engineer to develop a reasonable means of addressing drainage issues
    - b. Work with the County on the installation of the pond north of Morton
    - c. Work with the railroad to provide adequate drainage of water to the river
2. Support to Kids
  - a. Develop a plan for the 2018 Community Garden (same location or new location)
  - b. Support organizations' efforts and plans for recreational activities in Morton
3. Community Pride
  - A. Celebrations
    - a. Organize a committee for taking on the July 4 event
  - B. Community Clean Up
    - a. Work with Sheriff's Office for effective means of enforcement
4. Municipal Services
  - A. Water
  - B. Sewer
  - C. Sanitation
    - a. Assist with smooth transition of garbage service from Waste Management to R & E
  - D. Streets
    - a. Develop a plan and method for improving Centennial Drive to accommodate truck traffic
  - E. Park
5. Public Safety
  - A. Police
  - B. Fire
    - a. Work with Morton Buildings or other sources to determine affordability of a building
    - b. Place order for tank replacement; utilizing fund balance for equipment purchases
6. Management
  - A. City Offices/Community Center
    - a. Continue discussions regarding office space and center needs
  - B. Ordinance Update
    - a. Review, revise and approve

## Attention Veterans!

Lee Stock of  
Renville County Veterans' Services is at  
Morton City Hall  
on the  
2nd Tuesday of each month  
(or other dates if necessary)  
to assist you with any of your veteran  
service needs.

Please contact Lee to schedule an  
appointment

### Notice

Renville County WIC will no longer have an outreach site in Morton. Effective October 4, 2017, those who picked up in Morton can pick up their benefits either in the Olivia office every Wednesday from 1:30-3 pm or at the new Fairfax site on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of January, April, July, and October from 9:30-11:30. The Fairfax site will begin in January 3, 2018 at the Fairfax City Hall. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call WIC staff at 320-523-3762.

Olivia Site: Renville County Public Health Office, 105 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 119H (Government Services Center, lower level), Olivia, MN

Fairfax Site: Fairfax City Hall, 18 1<sup>st</sup> St SE, Fairfax, MN

Thank you so much to the Morton community for your help in supporting improved nutrition for Women, Infants, and Children!

Renville County WIC Staff

ALCOHOLICS  
ANONYMOUS  
MEETS AT  
MORTON CITY HALL  
EACH MONDAY  
EVENING,  
BEGINNING AT  
7:00 P.M.

### **CENTRAL COMMUNITY TRANSIT**

The Central Community Transit serves all of Renville County Monday . Friday and all your Transportation needs.

For more information call:  
Central Community Transit at:  
**320-523-3589 or 1-800-450-7964**



### *Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution*

The 3rd Tuesday of the month  
at the National Guard Armory in Red-  
wood Falls

Registration begins at 4:00

Distribution runs from 4:30-6:00  
a \$20 cash donation gets you a share  
bring 2 laundry baskets for your food  
contact [rubysredwoodfalls@gmail.com](mailto:rubysredwoodfalls@gmail.com)  
for information especially those who  
want to volunteer.

### RENVILLE COUNTY FOOD SHELF

Any resident of Renville County may  
visit the

Renville County Food Shelf located on  
Main Street in downtown Olivia.\*

#### Hours of Operation

Monday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday 5:00 – 7 p.m.

Friday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Located at 108 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Olivia, MN  
56277

Telephone: 320-523-5339

e-mail: [rcfoodshelf@gmail.com](mailto:rcfoodshelf@gmail.com)

\* Bring a current utility bill or other document that has your name and street address.

The Second Harvest Heartland guideline is 25 lbs . of food per person once a month or twelve times a year.

If you are doing home projects  
and improvements, please  
check with city hall to be sure  
you are complying with local  
requirements.

The official newspaper for the City of Morton is the Renville County Register. All notices and publications as required by law are printed in that paper and as an additional means of providing public information, such notices will be printed in this newsletter when possible. All other publications and postings are done as a courtesy and means of informing residents of activities.

### Church Service Schedule

#### Zion Lutheran

9:00 a.m. Sundays

Bible Study & Sunday school following services

#### St. John's Catholic

Mass at 8:00 a.m. Sundays

CHURCH SERVICES ARE AIRED ON  
MEDIACOM CUSTOMERS'  
CHANNEL 8

Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 and 1:00

#### Newsletter/Local Access

##### Information

If you have items you wish to have in the newsletter or posted on the access channel, please drop them off at city hall and we will be happy to include them (at no charge!)

### Council Meetings

Next

## Regular City Council Meeting:

starting at **7:00 p.m.**

Meetings are aired live on Media-com's local access channel and again the day following the meeting at noon.

Meetings are live on facebook as well

If you are experiencing issues with the broadcast, please contact city hall following the meeting, so improvements and changes can be made.

### CIVIL DEFENSE

### SIREN TESTING

Civil Defense sirens are tested each month on the first Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

### BONE BUILDERS

Our group meets on Wednesday & Friday at 8:45 a.m. at the Senior Center. Everyone has a great time, sharing news, joking & laughing. Join us!

## CANCELLED STAMP COLLECTION PROGRAM

If you have stamps and you don't know what to do with them. But you would rather not throw them away here is a nice option for you. You can collect them and drop them off at City Hall to be donated to a Veterans Organization. The Veterans' National Stamp and Coin Club is a wonderful organization. They collect U.S. and foreign stamps and coins, postcards, sports cards and much more. This group then passes the items on to other Veterans Affairs support centers across the nation. The stamps and coins, etc., are supplied for therapeutic use helping veterans.



UPCOMING

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

DATES:

Have your container at the location of your garbage pick up by 6:00 a.m.

(one day late due to the holiday

January 23

February 6 & 20

Mobile Recycling Unit

The mobile recycling unit has moved FROM the lot across from the old school TO the back of the parking lot next to River Valley Arms & Ammo

*As a reminder, residents that have the curbside service available to them are encouraged to use it.*

Change in Garbage Service Provider

As of January 1, the new garbage service provider is R& E Sanitation. During the last week of December each household was provided a BLACK garbage container.

On the first week of January, Waste Management came to town to collect the all green garbage containers.

If the BLACK container you received is too big, please contact city hall and arrangements will be made to get a smaller container delivered to your residence and the one you currently have will be picked up.

If you are in need of an additional container, please call city hall.

If Waste Management missed collecting your green container, please call city hall and arrangements will be made to pick it up.

Garbage collection will continue to take place on Tuesdays.

The green container with the yellow lid is for recycling. That service and schedule will remain the same.

*Thank you for your cooperation during this transition!*

**GARBAGE DAY IS**

**EACH TUESDAY MORNING**

PLEASE HAVE CONTAINERS AT THE CURB NO LATER THAN 7:00 A.M.

*PLEASE ALLOW FOR ADEQUATE ROOM FOR THE ARM OF THE TRUCK TO ATTACH TO YOUR CONTAINER. ALL GARBAGE MUST IN THE CONTAINER AND THE CONTAINER MUST BE ACCESSIBLE.*

Happy 98th Birthday Norma!

(January 26th)

# 2018

## Curbside Recycling in MORTON CITY

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Just chattin'

How's the weather down there. Beulah!!!

If it just wasn't for the wind!: To sum up; if you want character, go outside, If you want strength, stay inside, which does not kill you. For extra strong character, go out to get the mail in your shorts. (Star Tribune)

On my walk, I fell.....Quit laughing, Harry! It's not funny!

Do I believe in Santa Claus! Yes, I do!...a Christmas tin of chocolate covered peanuts...Thanks, Paul....., , roasted almonds covered in dark chocolate on my doorstep....Thanks, Mike...an omelet for breakfast and a chicken breast smothered in mushrooms and cheese sauce for lunch.....Thank you, Beck!

Studies show that dogs and cats can reduce several symptoms of depression, including loneliness, loss of interest and feelings of worthlessness. Pets are also shown to reduce stress and anxiety. Baloney!

Around 50 years ago: Morton extended its winning streak Friday evening with a 9-17 win over Sleepy Eye. Dan Hennen made a tackle down near the goal line that turned defeat into a victory.....Mary Colwell and Sharon Farrier of Minneapolis left Tuesday for an extended tour of the western states. Their tentative plans are to settle in Denver.....Seventy-two children enrolled for the swimming lessons given by Janet Lothert in the Morton pool this year.....Jody Frank, 6 year old, caught a 9 1/4 northern and landed it on a broken cane pole....Bobby Gallery fell from the diving board at the Morton pool and struck his head on the raft.....thieves entered a window at the Daun Oil Company taking eight tires.....nite crawlers A penny apiece. Randy Lothert...Barb Tate was among 74 Freshmen to be capped at exercises held Friday in the Plymouth Congregation Church in Minneapolis.....Gene Caven is supposed to have a snow bank in his yard so big he can change his yard light without a ladder.....Bishop Whipple and Morton schools to consolidate.....Morton is home of the oldest rock in the United States yet found in the United States.....The PeeWees pulled out a squeaker defeating Franklin 12-11, with a game winning hit by Tom Colwell. Mike Dallenbach had the only extra base hit for Morton.

At the Senior Center: Meals went up to \$4.50 on January 1. It's not because the meals are even better but the service is so good.....We celebrated Marilyn Vogl's birthday on December 11 and Jeff Haas on the 10th of December....and guess whose 98 January 26 (not me!!) Your right! Norma! Happy Birthday! Thank you to the Senior Center for the monetary Christmas gift. Bone Builders meet every Wednesday and Friday at 8:45a.m.

The great thing about my job is that I can write about anything I want. The terrifying thing about my job is that I can write about anything I want.

Our condolences to the U'Ren family on the death of Corky.

# Carl Robinson Memorial Blood Drive



Monday, January 15, 2018

1:00-7:00 p.m.

Franklin Community Center

Call Amy 507-276-9222

Kelly 507-430-2446

"Your gift of blood could save a life.. or give a child one more day"

## Pop Tab Program

**What is the Pop Tab Program?** Our Pop Tab Program is a great way for families, schools, organizations, businesses and individuals to support the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota's mission. When pop tabs are donated, volunteers bring them to a local recycling facility and exchange the aluminum for cash. All proceeds directly support the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester, Minnesota.

**What exactly is a pop tab?** A pop tab is the flip top on aluminum cans. You can collect them from soda cans, sparkling water cans and various other beverage cans. We also take tabs from soup, fruit, vegetable and pet food cans that have tabs.

**Where do I drop my pop tabs off?** Drop your collected tabs off at Morton City Hall. From here they will be forwarded to Rochester, Minnesota

# Happy 101st Birthday

# John Baumstark

# (January 19th)

The holidays have passed and you either fall into one of two categories, you either love them or you hate them. Each group has different reasons for their emotional attachment towards those feelings. We live in a society of emotional turmoil. More and more the evidence is accumulating that our emotional health can have a profound effect on our physical health. Many doctors are recognizing the possibility that a number of diseases are caused by emotional problems that link back to infancy and childhood- and perhaps even to the womb. These emotional problems can compromise body systems and even genetic structuring. The idea that memories and traumas can be embedded in the brain is not new, but scientists are now saying that these brain imprints may extend throughout the body and affect body parts and systems.

Scientists have discovered that the limbic system of the brain plays a vital role in interpreting and channeling intense experiences, particularly memories of fear or trauma. Olfaction or smell is the sense that is physically the closest to the limbic system structures of the amygdala, which is involved in experiencing emotion and also in emotional memory, and the hippocampus, which encompasses memory. This gives you an idea of how closely linked the sense of smell is to emotion and memory.

Researchers have agreed that the amygdala plays a major role in storing and releasing emotional trauma and that aromas can help to release hidden and suppressed feelings and memories of emotional bondage. Fear and trauma can produce conditioned emotional responses that, unless released, will not only hamper our ability to live and enjoy life fully but can also limit the ability of some body systems to function properly, particularly the immune system. This can result in unexplained pain and illness as well as depression and other psychological "issues." Many of the biochemicals in essential oils can increase blood oxygen levels in the brain. The stimulation of both aroma and oxygenation seems to facilitate the release of stored emotional blocks.

Another way in which essential oils can assist in helping people to move beyond emotional blocks is through their relaxing effect. The chemical compounds in essential oils such as Lavender, Ruta or Frankincense are very calming and sedating and allow us to relax. We can also use essential oils to release these stored emotions and traumas. The process of emotional release using essential oils should not be dramatic, but gentle, occurring step-by-step over a period of time. Many essential oil blends such as, Harmony, Release, Forgiveness or Hope, have been created precisely for the purpose of helping to release emotional patterns. Our emotional health is a precious gift to our physical health and well-being.

If you would like more information about this or any other essential oil related information, please feel free to contact me at 507-829-8647 or email at [oildrops4health@outlook.com](mailto:oildrops4health@outlook.com). I also hold free classes throughout the month at the Morton City Hall at 7pm. Please join me on January 16<sup>th</sup> to learn about how essential oils help our emotional health, or January 30<sup>th</sup> for Happy, Healthy Home.

Blessings,

Meghann Kodet

Young Living Executive Distributor



Prescription opioids\* can be **addictive** and **dangerous**.  
It only takes a little to lose a lot.

\*Codeine (Tylenol #3) Dilaudid, Morphine, Hydrocodone (Norco, Vicodin) Percocet, Oxycontin



Every day, more than 1,000 people are treated in emergency departments for misusing prescription opioids,<sup>2</sup> and more than 40 people die from prescription opioid overdoses.<sup>3</sup>

 [cdc.gov/RxAwareness](https://www.cdc.gov/RxAwareness)

"The Oldest Story in North America"

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AMENDMENTS TO THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8:: NONE

The following are the NOTES from the most recent council meeting (January 10, 2018)

These NOTES have not been approved by the council as of this publication.

Any changes will be noted in the next newsletter.

**JANUARY 10, 2018:**

Regular meeting called to order in open session at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Henning arrived late. All other members present. Others present: Matt Robinson, Harry Carruth, Linda Kahmeyer, Paul Neu-decker, Tom Robinson, Greg Deinken and John Gallery.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

CITIZEN ISSUES: None.

PRESENTERS: None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Walker and second by Prescott to approve as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Prescott and second by Walker to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Motion carried.

BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:

SENIOR CITIZEN CONTRIBUTION: Motion by Jacobson and second by Prescott to make a \$500 social service contribution to the Morton Senior Citizens. Motion carried.

TILING PROJECT UPDATE: The tiling behind the pumphouse is completed. Last update was that water was still running out of that pipe as well as the one that the city installed.

KOERNERS KORNER: The sale was completed and was open under new ownership as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

AUTHORIZE SALE OF PROPERTY: Motion by Jacobson and second by Walker to pass resolution 2018-01 authorizing the county auditor to conduct a private sale of parcel 34-00161 to adjacent landowners because the parcel cannot be improved on because it does not comply with local ordinances regarding minimum area, shape, frontage and access, the private sale will allow the parcel to be returned to the tax list and the highest and best use of the land can be achieved by adding to an adjoining parcel. Motion carried.

MEDIACOM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: Motion by Jacobson to renew the franchise agreement with Media-com subject to legal review. Second by Prescott. Motion carried. The agreement expires in 2020 but requirements outline the time frame needed to come to a mutual agreement by the expiration date.

SUPPORT TO KIDS/COMMUNITY PRIDE:

JULY 4 COMMITTEE: Council asked that people interested in serving on the committee contact city hall by January 15<sup>th</sup>. So far the only person coming forward has been Jennifer Madsen. Thank you Jennifer! Anyone else interested should call city hall.

CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS PROGRAM: The Foundation received a grant from the Center for Small Towns from University of Minnesota-Morris to complete a community needs survey. At the time the application was submitted direction had not been taken on the fire hall so the intent was to survey the community regarding the fire hall. Discussion on other items that should be included in the survey which include: campground in the park, a community center, a learning center, day care. The survey will be developed and forwarded to the council for their review.

PROVIDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

WATER/SEWER : Nothing.

SANITATION: We are transitioning from Waste Management to R & E. New containers have been delivered, old containers have been picked up. Anyone who (1) still has the all green Waste Management containers (2) Did not receive a black garbage container (3) Needs additional containers (4) Needs a different size container should contact city hall and arrangements will be made.

STREETS: None

PARK & RECREATION: None.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

POLICE: Summary report was available for council review. No issues were presented.

FIRE:

Fire Hall: The Council has received and discussed a proposal from Morton Buildings at the last meeting. Council members presented another option for a building at that meeting also, but there was no proposal for review and details given were all verbal. Today the individual working on the proposal (Dan Haase) contacted city hall regarding the information that would be needed for this meeting. It was relayed to Dan that it would have been helpful to have the information included in the agenda packets so council would have ample time to review the proposal and develop questions. So, at this time there is no written proposal but Dan was asked to have a complete proposal presented at city hall by February 1 if the council chooses to continue to explore this as an option.

Discussion on including city offices in this building was discussed. Council members expressed their desires for no longer leasing space and combining into one facility. Farmer reviewed some of the activities that take place in the office building and highlighted some of the needs that would need to be met. Farmer also updated the council on discussions that took place with MVHLC Board member Loran Kaardal regarding possible future plans for this building.

Discussion on apples for apples proposals and the need for having comparable projects to discuss. Walker indicated that apples for apples proposals may not be a priority if we are getting the project completed for less money. Jacobson questioned experience with constructing facilities like this, insurance and bonding and warranty. Prescott also questioned the warranty of Morton Buildings. All these items would need to be considered.

John Gallery expressed concern about the amount of debt we currently have and questioned adding more onto it for a town of 300+ people.

Matt Robinson reviewed the safety issues that exist and pointed out that if there was a serious accident or injury as a result of those safety issues, these construction costs would seem minimal.

Motion by Jacobson to table the fire hall project for the next meeting. Further discussion on comparable proposals and what other information the council expects to have available to them at the next meeting. Jacobson withdrew his motion.

Motion by Prescott to table the fire hall proposals until the next meeting so that all options can be considered including city offices. Second by Walker. Discussion. Motion carried.

Annual Organization approved as follows with a motion by Henning and second by Prescott and carried.

Acting Mayor: Tom Jacobson

Order of business: Agenda packets prepared during the week prior to the meeting. Keep agenda format as is with citizen issues and presenters at the beginning of the meeting, commissioner reports at each meeting.

Agenda Packets: Information pertaining to agenda items will be included in the packet for council review in advance. Items presented at the meeting without information provided in the packet are encouraged to be tabled for review. Visitors not on the agenda will be addressed at the end of the agenda.

Commissioners:

Business/Residential Development: Walker & Jacobson

Support to Kids/Community Pride: Farmer & Prescott

Municipal Services: Prescott & Walker

Public Safety: Jacobson & Farmer

Management: Farmer & Jacobson.

Official Newspaper: Renville County Register(Primary) with Redwood Gazette when council deems appropriate

Depositories: MNWest Bank (Primary), Bremer, Hometown & Franklin State

Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday beginning at 6:30 pm. With second meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday if needed. Agendas posted on front door of city hall, posted on facebook and on the access channel.

Newsletter/video: Newsletter prepared immediately following the first regular meeting and includes the notes from the most recent meeting. Corrections to be noted in the following newsletter. Newsletters will be completed and ready for mailing no later than 10:00 a.m. the day following the meeting.

Council notes are forwarded to radio stations and local papers as soon as they are available.

Council is live on access channel and facebook and replayed on the access channel the following day.

Board of Equalization training. Jorey and Lacey have until February 1 to complete.

Goals discussed.

KMS update at the next meeting.

Motion by Henning and second by Walker to pay bills. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

# ***Need a new roof? Siding? Windows? Wiring/plumbing updates?***



**The City of Morton is taking applications for its Small Cities Development Program grant for home fix-up and you may be eligible if you...**

- Live within the city of Morton
- Own or are purchasing your home
- Have Homeowners Insurance
- Current with your Mortgage & Property Taxes
- Annual Household Income falls below these guidelines

Household Size	Gross Income limits
1	\$36,600
2	\$41,800
3	\$47,050
4	\$52,250
5	\$56,450
6	\$60,650
7	\$64,800
8	\$69,000



**This deferred loan will be forgiven at the rate of 10% each year and will revert into a grant if the property does not change ownership within a ten (10) year period.**

**For more information or to request an application please contact us at:**

**United Community Action Partnership, Inc.**

**1400 S Saratoga Street**

**Marshall, MN 56258**

**507-537-1416**

**Applications packets are also available at Morton City Hall.**



United Community Action Partnership, Inc. is an EOE/AA/ADA employer.



**Healthy Puppy Pumpkin Balls**  
(Submitted by Myranda Fuller—River Valley Groom & Spa)

**Ingredients**

1/2 cup canned pumpkin  
4 tbsp molasses or honey  
4 tbsp water  
2 tbsp vegetable oil  
2 cups whole wheat flour  
1/4 tsp baking soda  
1/4 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp cinnamon (optional)

**Directions**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
Mix first four ingredients together  
Add the dry ingredients to the mixture and stir until dough softens  
Use a spoon to scoop out the dough and roll into small balls, flatten with a fork  
Bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees on a lightly greased cookie sheet

**Thank You!**

THANK YOU to Bob & Jessica Prescott for being a part of Morton's business community as owners & operators of the Cousins Saloon. Best of luck in your next adventure!

**ATTENTION  
MORTON RESIDENTS!**

Morton Residents living on Main Street and West are asked to begin leaving their water run at pencil size stream from a faucet to help reduce the possibility of water freezing.

Please begin now and continue until further notice.

**Questions – please contact city hall**



**Need to earn  
extra money?**

*Mature workers wanted!*



Earn while you learn and put your experience to work.

*Paid training with a goal of employment*

If you're 55 or older, unemployed and want to get back into the work force, Experience Works might have the training & employment opportunities that are just right for you.

Contact Experience Works at: 1-855-270-9660

  
www.experienceworks.org

# 2017 CITY COUNCIL IN REVIEW

1. Business/Residential Development
  - A. Tax Increment Financing
    - a. Business Subsidy Plan Approved October, 2017
    - b. Expanded district to accommodate Harvestland's continued development
  - B. Business Recruitment
    - a. Business plans developed for River Valley Groom & Spa
    - b. Assistance with River Valley Arts
    - c. Promotion of Detail Plus and their new location
    - d. Working with State Leaders on school demolition (Bonding Bill)
    - e. Approved utility extension for business expansion at East Morton
    - d. Agency Reviews successfully completed
  - C. Residential Development
    - a. Housing Rehab. Grant approved; application process underway
  - D. Water Drainage
    - a. Plan approved to assist with drainage near the community garden
    - b. Approved engineering surveying to be completed to develop a plan for drainage of the areas affected
2. Support to Kids
  - A. Activities
    - a. MVHLC plans underway for Summer Camp
    - b. MVHLC plans underway for year-around activities for youth and adults
    - c. River Valley Arts plans for activities
3. Community Pride
  - A. Celebrations
    - a. Notice given to develop plan for 2018
4. Municipal Services: Water, Sewer Sanitation, Streets, Park, Cemetery
  - A. Water/Sewer
    - a. Completion of Contract with People Service
    - b. Completion of Monthly Report Implementation Underway
    - c. Equipment purchases made to accommodate report processing
  - B. Sanitation
    - a. Contract with R & E Sanitation approved, effective date 1-1-18
  - C. Streets
    - a. Repairs as approved in 2016 were completed (locations where pavement disturbed or washed out)
    - b. FEMA process underway to address storms damages
  - D. Park
    - a. Birm from ice rink to be removed and area landscaped
  - E. Cemetery
5. Municipal Services – Public Safety – Police, Fire
  - A. Police
    - a. Contract renewed
    - b. Policy and ordinance enforcement
  - B. Fire
    - a. Received a grant from Monsanto for SCBA Tank replacement
6. Management
  - A. City Offices/Community Center
    - a. Discussions underway regarding end of the TIF term

## ATTENTION PET OWNERS!

2018 Pet Tags are due by February 1, 2018

To obtain tags, a certificate of vaccination and payment of a fee is required.

Fee: \$5.00 per pet, \$2.00 per pet if they are neutered or spayed.

Available at city hall during normal business hours or leave the information and fee in the drop box and tags will be mailed.



## ***Renville County Historical Society News January 2018***



The Renville County Historical Society is closed for the month of January while we reorganize the storage rooms. If you need to use the research library please make an appointment 507.697.6147. 2017 was a very successful year for RCHS. Thank you to all that attended the RCHS events and to those who are members and donors of RCHS. If you aren't a member, please become one today! Visit the Membership page on our website [www.renvillecountyhistory.com](http://www.renvillecountyhistory.com) or mail your check for your membership type to RCHS, 441 N Park Dr., Morton, MN 56270. Membership dues are reasonable (\$15 annual individual, \$25 annual family or \$200 LIFETIME) and this year instead of quarterly newsletters, members will receive six newsletters commemorating Renville County's involvement in World War I during 1918. The mid-winter 2018 newsletter is due out at the end of the month.

The Olivia exhibit is in the process of being taken down and put into storage and will be the featured town at the 2018 Renville County Fair. Bird Island will be the 2018 featured town. This exhibit and the Renville County in World War I: 1918 will open on April 2, 2018. Non-members 18 & Older \$5, 6-17 \$3 and 5 & Under FREE. Admission fees help support the continuation of the historical society.

One of the goals of RCHS in 2018 was to restore electricity to the schoolhouses and RCHS will begin to bring the Red Schoolhouse back to exhibit-able space this spring.

RCHS is currently planning the Annual Meeting which will take place in Bird Island in March, date and location to-be-determined.

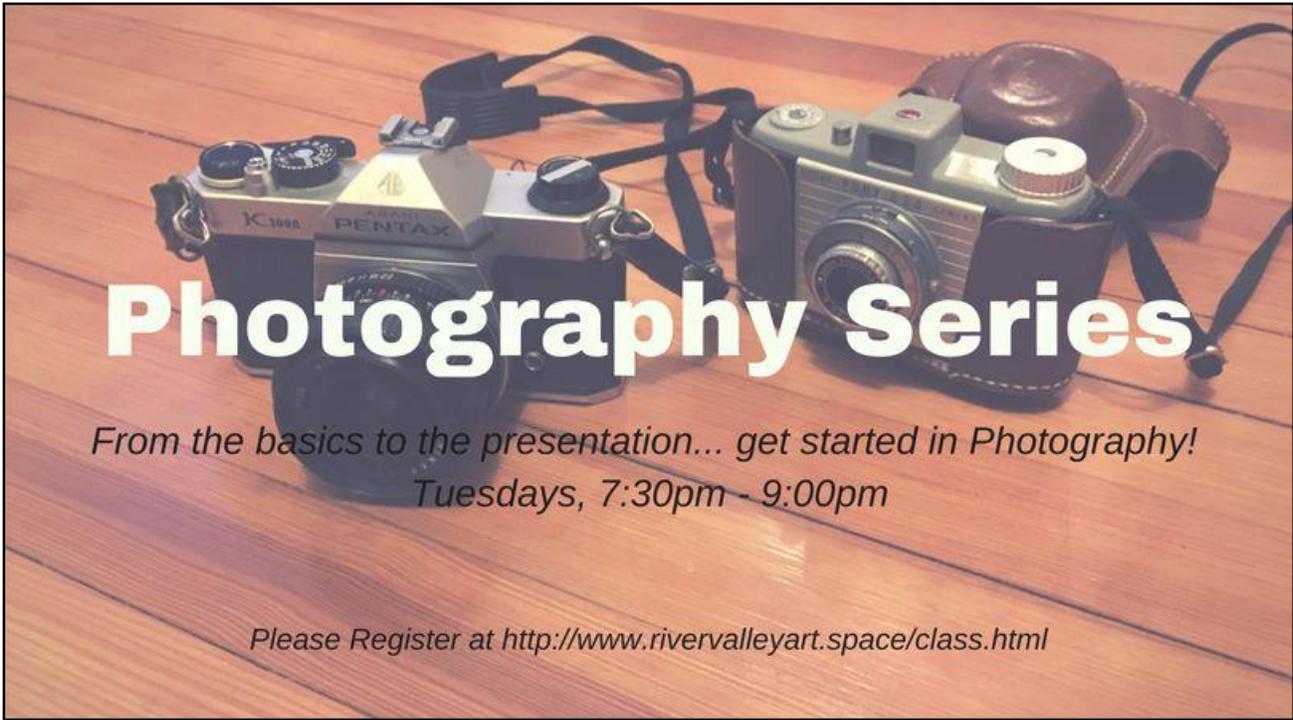
Be sure to LIKE us on FACEBOOK @RCHSMuseum to keep up on events.

## ***Morton Area Chamber & Tourism January 2018***



The Morton Area Chamber would like to remind our membership to pay their dues for 2018. Membership dues go toward the mission of the Chamber and also helps pay the \$2 days at the senior center (3x a month)! Support your local Chamber by being a good standing member. For more information on membership please contact the Board President, Nicole Elzenga, 507.697.1884 or email [info@mortonareachamber.org](mailto:info@mortonareachamber.org). The current board: Nicole Elzenga, President (Renville County Historical Society); Heather Koffler, Vice-President (Vantage Point Marketing); Bonnie Green, Secretary/Treasurer (Green LightHouse) and board members: Sarah Madsen, Darin Prescott and Joseph Evans. If you are interested on serving on the board please also contact Nicole. The board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at noon at various member locations.

Besides sponsoring the \$2 days at the Morton Senior Center, the Chamber also supplies the Kiddie Train and Bouncy equipment for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and hosts the Spring Garden Party (Saturday, April 21, 2018) and Beneath the Village Wreath event (Date TBD). The Chamber also has the Beer Station during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as their only fundraiser. Dues are reasonable, \$50 a year! Support the Chamber for 2018.



# Photography Series

*From the basics to the presentation... get started in Photography!*  
Tuesdays, 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Please Register at <http://www.rivervalleyart.space/class.html>

## Writing Club

Poetry, Artists Statements, Resumes and More!  
Wednesdays from 7:30pm - 9:00pm



# RIVER VALLEY ART FAIR

200 MAIN STREET, MORTON, MN 56270

JOIN US THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH FOR EXCLUSIVE LOOK AT LOCAL ARTISTS WORK, LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS, SALES, AND MORE! NEW ARTISTS/ARTISANS EVERY MONTH!

10:00AM - 4:00PM

**REGISTER TODAY AS AN ARTIST OR ARTISAN!**

Artists and Artisans of all kinds welcome! To register please submit 3 samples of work along with your name, email and phone number to [info@rivervalleyart.space](mailto:info@rivervalleyart.space).

Registration deadline for artists/artisans is the 2nd Saturday of every month. 10 booths available each month, reserve yours now!

[www.rivervalleyart.space](http://www.rivervalleyart.space) . 507-697-1033 . [info@rivervalleyart.space](mailto:info@rivervalleyart.space)

# Low Income Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households.

**EAP is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Grants are:**

- For renters or homeowners
- For households with income at or below 50 percent of the state median income
- Based on energy cost, household size, and income

**Services may include:**

- Payment of energy bills
- Help with utility disconnections or fuel deliveries.
- Education on efficient and safe use of energy.
- Advocacy with energy suppliers and human service providers.
- Repair or replacement of homeowners' broken heating systems.

## 2018 Maximum Energy Assistance Program Income Guidelines

EAP eligibility is based on the three most recent months of income.

Household Size	Three Month Maximum	Annual Income
1	\$6,250	\$25,000
2	\$8,173	\$32,692
3	\$10,096	\$40,385
4	\$12,019	\$48,077
5	\$13,942	\$55,769
6	\$15,865	\$63,462

APPLICATIONS AND ASSISTANCE WITH COMPLETING THE APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL

Welcome to JUDY SINDELIR, new owner of the former Cousins Saloon and now

KOERNERS KORNER!

Open 7 days/week

New menu items coming soon-Dine in or take out!

Daily Specials Including Soups and Stews

Stop in and check out the changes underway!

**KOERNERS KORNER 697-6244**

**Welcome!**



**Mini Storage Available**

**Secure 10'x10' and 10'x20'  
Storage Sheds**

**443 W 3rd Street, Morton MN**

**Call for availability**

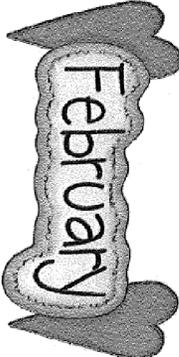
**507.430.9201-Dan**

**807.829.9040- Aaron**

**Lutheran Social Service**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

**Morton Senior Nutrition Program**

	<p><b>Call</b> 807-697-6112</p> <p><i>One day in advance to reserve your meal</i></p>					
						
<b>Monday, Feb. 5</b>	<p>3 oz. Sloppy Joe 1/2 c. Potato Salad 1/2 c. Corn Bun/Margarine Fresh Orange 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>4 oz. Salmon Baked Potato/Sour Crm 1/2 c. Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll/Margarine 1/8 slice Pie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>5 oz. Baked Chicken 1/2c. Whole Buttered Potatoes 1/2 c. Squash Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Apple Brown Betty 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>4 oz. Meatballs in Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Beets Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Lemon Sponge Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>8 oz. Ham Boiled Dinner w/ Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots 1/2 c. Peaches Cornbread/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p><b>Friday, Feb. 2</b></p>
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 6</b>		<p><b>\$2.00 Day</b></p>	<p>3 oz. Roast Beef 1/2c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy 1/2 c. Creamed Peas Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Cobbler 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>4 oz. Italian Meat Sauce 4 oz. Spaghetti Noodles 1/2c.Lettuce/Drsg/1/2cCauliflower Garlic Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Apricots 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p><b>Friday, Feb. 9</b></p>	
<b>Monday, Feb. 12</b>	<p>4oz. Teriyaki Glazed Chicken 1/2 c. Rice Pilaf/1/2c Broccoli 1/2 c. Tropical Fruit Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Ice Cream 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>6 oz. Hamburger Tomato Cass. 1/2 c. Green Beans 1/2 c. Pineapple Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Lemon Chiffon Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>8 oz. Vegetable Beef Soup 3 oz. Meat Salad Sandwich 1/2 c. Pea &amp; Cheese Salad Crackers/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>3 oz. Pork Loin 1/2cWhole Potatoes/Gravy 1/2 c. Carrots Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Cake 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>3 oz. Hamburger 1/2 c. Baked Beans 1/2 c. Cole Slaw Bun/Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p><b>Friday, Feb. 16</b></p>
<b>Monday, Feb. 19</b>	<p>4 oz. BBQ Pork 1/2 c. Scalloped Potatoes 1/2 c. Country Blend Veg Bun/Margarine 1/2 c. Applesauce 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>6oz. Creamed Chicken/Biscuit 1/2 c. California Blend Veg 1/2 c. Fruit Cup Margarine 1/2 c. Pudding 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>3 oz. Salisbury Steak 1/2 c. Parslised Whole Potatoes 1/2 c. Squash Bread/Margarine 1/2 c. Blushing Pears 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>3 oz. Roast Turkey 1/2c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy 1/2 c. Green Beans Cranberry Sc. Garnish/Brd/Marg 2"x2" Pumpkin Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p>4 oz. Pork Chop/Gravy 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Corn Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Bar 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p><b>Friday, Feb. 23</b></p>
<b>Monday, Feb. 26</b>	<p>8oz. Creamy Vegetable Soup 2 1/2 oz. Turkey Sandwich 1/2 c. Fruit Cup Crackers/Margarine Cookie 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p><b>\$2.00 Day</b></p>	<p><b>\$2.00 Day</b></p>	<p><b>\$2.00 Day</b></p>	<p><b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or EBT/Food Stamps) payment is accepted in lieu of donation. Contact Site Manager for more information.</b></p>	
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 27</b>	<p>3 oz. Liver or Pepper Steak 1/2c.Buttered Boiled Potatoes 1/2 c. Carrots Bread/Margarine 2"x2" Fruit Crisp 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>	<p><b>\$2.00 Day</b></p>	<p><b>\$2.00 Day</b></p>	<p><b>\$2.00 Day</b></p>		
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 28</b>	<p>3 oz. Roast Beef 1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes 1/2 c. Peas Dinner Roll/Margarine 2"x2" Pudding Dessert 8 oz. Low Fat Milk</p>					

This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging. Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities, and other adult contributors. Approved by: Terri Weyer, RD, LD  
 Posted menu is regular diet. Diabetic, sodium, and fat restricted diets available upon request. Regular menu provides average of 700-800 calories.  
**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

# Black Bean Soup

## Ingredients

- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1-1/2 cups chicken broth
- 3/4 cup chunky salsa
- 1/2 cup canned whole kernel corn, drained
- Dash hot pepper sauce
- 2 teaspoons lime juice
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onions

In a microwave-safe bowl, combine the first five ingredients. Cover and microwave on high for 2 minutes or until heated through. Pour into four serving bowls; drizzle each with lime juice. Sprinkle with cheese and green onions.

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