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SLOW AND SAFE GETS US HOME



Winter is here and that means our graders will be out in force clearing this winter's snowfall

from our municipal roads. There have been a number of close calls, stone chips, and mirrors damaged by vehicles passing at high speeds.

The RM graders travel at low speeds, and have hazard lighting for high visibility. If a passenger vehicle is involved in a collision with a grader, the collision will be investigated and the resulting fault could be solely that of passenger vehicle driver.

The RM works closely with our local R.C.M.P. detachment and we have been assured that they will support our grader and heavy machinery operators to the full extent of the law. Drivers and license plates will be reported to the authorities.

We ask that you please use caution and slow down when passing our graders as they work. Let's all get home safely.

LET'S GO TO TOWN!



Join us on April 25th at 7 PM for the Rural Municipality of Fisher Town Hall Meeting, with guest James Bezan, at the Ukrainian National Home Hall, 33 Provencher Street, Fisher Branch.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

We're pleased to welcome Amma's Treasures Thrift Shop, and the Fisher Coffee House, to Fisher Branch. Drop in for bargains, and then brag about them over a cup of premium coffee.



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

IT'S TIME TO COME HOME
..... JULY 26TH - 28TH, 2024



This July 26th to 28th everyone is getting called back home to gather, share memories and make new ones. All done in a fun Western theme.

Bring the whole family and enjoy:

- 🍷 Friday Night Wine & Cheese Meet And Greet
- 🍖 Saturday Authentic Argentine BBQ
- 💃 Saturday Night Dance
- 🥞 Saturday & Sunday Pancake Breakfast
- 🎪 Kidzone (With bouncy castles)
- 🎆 Parade

More activities are being planned to add to this festive experience of coming home. Throw on your cowboy hats, leather, jeans, and mosey on down to the Fisher Branch Homecoming this summer. Y'all come back now. Ya hear?



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FISHER

The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home.

- Confucius



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THE FISHER FIRE DEPARTMENT WANTS YOU!




DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER
CALL 204-372-6393 TODAY**

MEET THE ASSESSOR

Community Chest

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS?



**MEET THE ASSESSOR
JUNE 27TH, 2024**

Do you have questions about your property tax assessment? This is your chance to get some answers. Stop by the RM of Fisher office between 3-7 PM, June 27, 2024 for the Meet The Assessor Open House.

THANK YOU FROM SANTA!



On behalf of Santa Claus and all of his elves, we would like to sincerely thank everyone who volunteered, built floats, provided snacks and hot chocolate, and those who showed up to take part. You all made the parade one to remember!

We learned a few things, and look forward to a bigger, brighter and better next year. We can't wait for Santa to come back to town!



HOMECOMING CLEAN



Winter has arrived just in time for spring it seems. With spring just around the corner and the Fisher Branch Homecoming following not too far behind, we're asking everyone to pitch in with the beautification of Fisher Branch.

Please take some time to tidy up your yard and help make our community shine when family and visitors come to call during Homecoming July 26th - 28. The Homecoming is Western Settler themed. Anything you can add to your yard to take us back to the old West would be fantastic, and a lot of fun. Feel free to get creative, and we'll see you at the Fisher Branch Homecoming 2024!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME AGAIN



Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 10th, 2024.

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WINTER ROAD SURVIVAL TIPS



Winter is here and that means those of us who live in rural Manitoba will be

doing their fair share of traveling on our chilly and sometimes hazardous roadways. Here are some tips to help you survive a rural winter road mishap.

IF YOUR VEHICLE IS STUCK IN THE SNOW

- Try to stay calm and don't go out in the cold. Staying in your car, will prevent getting lost, and your car is a safe shelter.
- Don't tire yourself out. Shovelling in the intense cold can be life-threatening.
- Let fresh air in by opening a window on the side sheltered from the wind.
- Keep the engine off as much as possible. Make sure the exhaust pipe is not obstructed by snow.
- Turn on hazard lights or set up road flares to make your car visible.
- Keep moving your hands, feet and arms to maintain circulation, and stay awake.
- Try to keep clothing dry since wet clothing can lead to a dangerous loss of body heat.

PACK A VEHICLE EMERGENCY KIT WITH:

- Flashlight (preferably crank-type, because batteries don't last long in extreme cold)

- Reflective safety triangles or flares
- Small first-aid kit
- Snow brush and scraper
- Tire traction aids
- Small shovel with long handle
- Bag of abrasive material like sand or kitty litter for traction
- Plenty of windshield washer fluid
- Booster cables
- Gas-line antifreeze
- Lock de-icer (in extreme cold, keep it with you, rather than in your vehicle)
- Paper towels
- Small tool kit (Multi-screwdriver, pliers, wrenches, etc.)
- Extra fuses (for the vehicle's electrical system)
- Warm blanket, extra socks, boots and gloves
- Hand and foot warmers
- Bottles of water
- Granola bars



LOOKING BACK AT 2023

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

As we settle into 2024, it's time to reflect on 2023. It wasn't a year without its challenges, however, it was a great year for progress in our municipality.

We were able to wrap up the flood remediation work on a total of 265 sites. This involved rebuilding roadways and ditches, replacing culverts, and learning new ways to keep our municipality safe when water threatens our communities.

We applied fresh gravel to 193 miles of roads, which is 24% of our 800 miles of municipal roadways, with our gravel program.

Our dust control program was a success having applied calcium to 51 sections of roadway. This not only limits dust, it also strengthens the road structure, by providing resistance to erosion from water.

We look forward to an even more productive 2024 as we work to build and maintain a municipality that we can all be proud to call home. We wish you all a safe, happy, peaceful and prosperous new year.

WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!



If you live in the LUD of Fisher Branch, you probably already have

one of our new water meters. These new meters allow us to take water utility meter readings remotely. This means we no longer need to enter your home to read your meter.

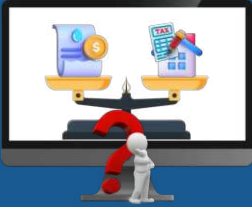
Your water billing is sent out quarterly, however we take readings monthly. This allows us to watch for monthly spikes in water usage. When a substantial spike is noticed we notify the customer there may be a leak. This has already saved our water utility customers many thousands of dollars.

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PAYMENTS MADE EASY

With today's technology things like paying your bills online have made things a lot easier.



However, it is still very important to pay attention to details. When setting up online or telephone banking, please be careful where you are sending your money. The Rural Municipality of Fisher will show up as two separate accounts. One will be RM of Fisher: Taxes and the other will be RM of Fisher: Utilities. When you choose one or the other, you are instructing the RM to direct a payment to a specific account and that is where it will go.

In some situations, account holders are only setting up one of the two accounts and assuming the RM will know where to apply their payment. This is not the case. Your funds will be deposited into the account as indicated by the account holder. This can result in credits in the wrong account and past due penalties in the other, because the payment was not made to the correct account.

In other cases, the wrong account is selected in error, and the funds are applied appropriately. This also can result in credits in the wrong account and past due penalties in the other, because the payment was not made to the correct account.

The onus is on the account holder to direct funds to the appropriate municipal account. The RM of Fisher will not reverse penalties or assume the responsibility of determining the correct destination of your funds. Please be careful when making your online or telephone banking choices. This will help avoid costly penalties and frustration.

VOLUNTEER & MAKE FRIENDS!



Volunteering is extremely important in small communities like ours because it brings people together to make a difference. When people like you volunteer, they do things like organize events, clean up parks, plan parades, help with sporting events, or assist neighbors in need. These actions make the community a better place to live. Every helping hand counts, and when people pitch in, it creates a stronger and friendlier place for everyone.

The great thing about volunteering in small communities is that it's like creating a big family. People of all ages and backgrounds come together to work on projects or support local causes. It's not just about getting things done; it's about building long-lasting friendships and making connections. When everyone helps out a bit, it builds a sense of belonging and togetherness that makes the community more vibrant and caring.

Volunteering isn't just about doing good things for others; it's also about feeling proud of where you live. When you volunteer in your community, you become part of the positive changes happening around you. Whether it's painting a mural, helping at a local event, or lending a hand to a neighbor, your efforts contribute to making your community a special place. It's like being a superhero for your community, making it a better and happier home for everyone.

You can make all the difference by volunteering your skills and time. Right now our communities are looking for volunteers for the Fisher Branch Rec Centre, The Rolling Memories Museum, Fisher Branch Homecoming, The Hodgson Community Club, The Poplarfield Community Centre and more. Volunteer, build community, and make friends!

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Many thanks to the Local Urban District of Fisher Branch who will soon be offering access to a Student Scholarship Fund for Fisher Branch Collegiate students volunteering for local non-profit organizations. More details will be coming soon.

