

MCA Newsletter

Munster Community Association
www.munsteronline.ca
Spring AGM Edition
April – May 2008

President's Report

Hello Everyone,

Winter is officially over. City workers came over with the mother-of-all snow blowers to take most of what winter had left on our street. Nice to see our tax dollars at work!

Vandalism is at an all time low. Enough said. My fingers are crossed. My Earth Day is on April 26th. Please come out and help us pick up garbage around the neighbourhood and main roads. Prizes for most unusual piece of garbage will be awarded! We'll also feed you for your efforts! Last time we collected over 40 bags. Thinking of moving out of Munster? The more reason for you to come out! Bring up your property value by showcasing your home in a clean neighbourhood!

The **AGM is on April 28th** at the Community Centre. This is your chance to vote me off the

island. Please attend. I promise I will keep it going fast. Elections of officials and members at large are the most important items of business.

The **Community Garage Sale** is on **Saturday May 10th** 2008, the perfect day to get rid of your junk and collect treasures!

The **Patio Party** returns to the tennis court this year with live entertainment. I can't wait!

Ball and soccer will be in full swing by mid-May. Please stay off the fields until the City gives us the green light.

REWARD! Cash for the name of the person who sold the Munster phone book to telemarketers. Just kidding. Am I the only one getting at least 2 calls a day?

That's all folks! See you at the AGM.

Mario Tremblay, President
Munster Community Association
mcapresident@hotmail.com

Munster Community Association Annual General Meeting Monday April 28th at the Community Centre, 7:30 pm

Please come out to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 28th. This is your annual opportunity to speak out about local affairs, meet your MCA members, and (hopefully) volunteer to help out the MCA. We anticipate several guests, including our local City Councillor (not confirmed).

This year we have several vacancies – Vice President and Recreation Director being the big ones, plus the Social Director could use some help, but all positions are up for review. If you would like to take on an Executive Position or be a Member-at-Large, please come out. Or, you could volunteer to help out with special events like Winter Carnival, Earth Day, or the Membership Drive.

The work is not overly time consuming, the people are great, and the experience is highly rewarding! Hope to see you there!

Membership Director's Report: MCA Phone Books

The 2008 MCA Phone Books have been printed and by the time you receive this Newsletter, you should have your copy. Occasionally we miss someone who wants to be a Member or his or her phone book doesn't get delivered, so if you want to be a Member or didn't get your book, contact any MCA Executive Member or better yet, come to the AGM!

Thanks again to the Quadrant Coordinators and Volunteers for ensuring this all came together.

Paul Spafford, Membership Director
paul@paulspafford.com

Munster Library

Top Ten Reasons to Visit the Ottawa Public Library Website

1. The OPL's online catalogue makes it easy to search for and reserve books, magazines and newspapers from home or the library and have them delivered to Munster branch
2. A new children's Website which includes fun animated activities for developing pre-reading skills in children under five and a book club for children six and older to build literary skills
3. An online Events calendar provides easy access to programs and events offered across the library system. From computers courses to Family storytime, its all there.
4. RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication) provide you with automatic updates for "New Titles", "What's New" and "Library Events".
5. Links for free access to databases with thousands of online magazines, and to sign up for Library e-news, our electronic newsletter, and much more.

6. Special Services including access to resources for small businesses or new Canadians and links to the Virtual Reference Library
7. The Study Zone, a specially designed site for teens containing resources, tips and information for researching school projects and homework.
8. Access to reference specialist via e-mail and MSN Chat to help with research and homework
9. Capital Smartlibrary provides access to collections in the six partner libraries, museums and research centres.
10. OPL website allows users to Connect, Explore and Experience a wealth of information including, contests, locations & hours, media releases, and all kinds of information to make your visits, both virtual and physical, more enjoyable.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 2:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. –2 p.m.

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Earth Day – Saturday April 26th

Once again this year, the MCA is joining with the City and other partners to help clean up Munster. Come on out on the morning of **Saturday April 26th** at the Community Centre on Dogwood – set a good example for your kids, or better yet, bring them along! We will be picking up garbage and recyclable material throughout Munster, the parks, and surrounding roads. It makes a huge difference and "many hands make light work!" **Free BBQ hotdogs** and drinks afterward at the Community Centre.

Watch the MCA website and signboard for details!

Munster Mosaic

Mosaic is currently operating on a drop in schedule, Wednesday evenings at the Community Centre. Bring something you want to work on or finish. If you want help with your project or need supplies, contact Wendy at 613-838-2869, Sheila at 613-838-4220 or Joni at 613-838-3964.

Recreation Directors Report

John and I would like to thank all the people who have helped out with our many projects over the past years. We are still looking for someone to take over the Recreation Directors portfolio. If anyone is interested please feel free to give us a call or come to the AGM.

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Recreation Directors

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Munster Patio Party – Back at the Original Venue, with a Live Band!

After the winter we've had we need a break. By popular demand, the MCA presents the return of the **Munster Patio Party on Saturday, June 21st**! This year we are going back to the **tennis courts** to try our luck at an outdoor event.

The night will include a scrumptious dinner provided by **Danby's** followed by a dance featuring live music by **OneAtom12**, (www.1a12.com).

Tickets are just \$25 each which includes dinner and a night of dancing or \$15.00 if you wish to just join us for the dance. For tickets, or more info please call, Shannon at 613-838-5413.

Gather up your friends and show some Munster Community spirit. **See you at the Patio Party!**



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Yoga at the Community Center

Yoga is taking a break in April but will start up again in May on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

Contact Joni Newman at 613-838-3964 for information or to register.

What's Going On?

Visit the MCA Website at www.munsteronline.ca

Munster Community Garage Sale -- Saturday May 10th

It's time to get rid of your junk!!!

Saturday May 10th 2008, 8a.m. – 1pm

Let's try this again...on Saturday May 10th, we invite all Munster residents to fill your driveways with treasures for others to buy. The Munster Community Association will take care of the advertising, yes I promise to do more than last year and you are in charge of the selling and removal of all unsold items.

For those rural residents who would like to participate, you are welcome to use the Munster

Community Centre parking lot (first come first served) to sell your treasures or let me know and I will make sure there are signs pointing to your house.

Please note that you are responsible for taking your unsold treasures home with you, **NOTHING** is to be left in at the Community Centre.

To make sure everyone knows where to stop please call or email Tracey McIntyre to register your house 613-257-7070 or tmontario@gmail.com

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City of Ottawa Youth Connexion

The Youth Connexion's mission is to support and encourage young people between the ages of 12 to 18 to design and carry out community service projects, develop leadership skills and fulfill their potential.

Get involved in your community! Help plan special events including out trips to Sens games, or plan your own ideas - **like Dinner (Boston Pizza) and a Movie (AMC) – April 26th with buses from Munster.**

Call Ashley Perrin 613-580-2424 ext 29452 to find out when the next Munster meeting is scheduled.




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Youth Movie Nights

The MCA and the City of Ottawa will continue to host movie nights in 2008. Events are held on Saturdays from 6-9 pm at the Community Centre. On select evenings there will also be other programs offered including crafts, karaoke and games. The Movie Nights are being run and staffed by the City of Ottawa enabling parents to drop off children should they choose to, though there are attendance limits. Admission is \$2 and there is usually a canteen for snacks.

Dates this Spring:

May 3 - Children's Movie Night (ages 4-14)

May 17 - Youth Movie Night (ages 14-18)

June 7 - Children's Movie Night (ages 4-14)

June 21 - Youth Movie Night (ages 14-18)

Watch the Signboard and website for movie titles.

1st MUNSTER SCOUT GROUP

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or **Gary Belding at 838-2585**

Thank you

Munster Exercise Group – March 17th to June 26th

Exercise classes offered for Munster Hamlet and surrounding areas

CLASSES AVAILABLE:

Monday Evening – Weight Training	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	14 weeks	\$84.00	March 17th to June 23/08
Tuesday Evening – Bootkamp	7:15 to 8:15 p.m.	15weeks	\$90.00	March 18th to June 24/08
Wednesday Evening – Stability Ball	7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	15 weeks	\$90.00	March 19th to June 25th/08
Thursday Evening Weight Training	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	15 weeks	\$90.00	March 20th to June 26th/08
Thursday Evening – Mixed Level Pilates	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	15 weeks	\$90.00	March 20th to June 26th/08

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHEQUE PAYABLE TO LESLIE DODS

ALL INTERESTED ARE INVITED AND WELCOME TO JOIN US AT ANY TIME. THE CLASS FEE WILL BE PRO-RATED ACCORDINGLY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT RETA HAMILTON @ 831-2401

Munster Cooperative Nursery School (MCNS)

We are currently accepting registration for all programs for the 2008-09 school year.

The nursery school is a great place for your pre-schooler to make friends in the community and to ease the transition across the hall of the Munster Elementary School to the junior kindergarten class, when the time comes. At MCNS the children learn through co-operative play, arts and crafts, circle and story time as well as outside in the play-yard.

Programs

- The Toddler Program for 18-30 month olds runs Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- 3 year old Program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.
- 3-4 year old Program runs Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

To get more information on the nursery school, call our registrar: Erica Leveque at 838-4914.

You can also visit our website at <http://www.munstercns.org>

Community Center Rentals

The community center is available for private functions and events.

Rates

The fee structure for rentals has been updated. Effective immediately the new fee structure is:

Private Function/no liquor

Up to 4 hours \$30
4+ hours \$60

Private Function/liquor (you must obtain a license)

Up to 4 hours \$50
4+ hours \$100

Community groups should contact the MCA for specific event rates. A \$25 damage/cleaning deposit is required at time of booking. For information or to book the center, call Joni at 838-3964.

Have Something to Say?

The next MCA Newsletter will be published in May/June 2008 to close out the year and give details on the Patio Party.

We are always looking to help publicize community events or to provide information on services in the Munster area. Send your contributions to dctoswell@hotmail.com

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Wednesday Morning Coffee

Coffee's On!

Judging by the turnout at the church on Wednesday mornings, it is difficult to imagine that there is anyone in Munster and area, who does not know about it, but if you are new to the community and would like an activity for Wednesday morning, this could be it.

Coffee is on at the church every Wednesday from 9:30 until 11:00. The hours are not strict - many people go to story time at the Library at 9:30 and come to the church afterwards. Coffee tea, and juice are provided and adults take turns bringing cookies. It is intended as a social gathering for both adults and children, so activity is unstructured.

If you have pre-school or kindergarten aged children, why not come out? It is an opportunity to visit with friends and neighbours and meet new people.

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Start Planning Now!
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New Programs for Spring and Summer 08
Munster Community Centre

Program	Dates	Times
Soccer & T-Ball	Saturdays May 24-Jun 21	9:30-10:20am (Ages 3-4) 10:30-11:20am (Ages 4-6)
Kinder Kids	M-F Jul 7-11 M-F Aug 11-15	9:00-11:30am (Ages 3-5)
Emergency Vet Camp	T-F Aug 5-8	8:00-5:00pm (Ages 6-10)

More Details Downloadable from the MCA Website:
<http://www.munsteronline.ca/whatsNew.htm>

Instructors Needed!

The City of Ottawa is also looking for instructors for these and other programs. For program and employment information contact:

Kelly Bean

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Get Involved in your MCA!

The Munster Community Association is a strictly voluntary organization that exists to represent the community and, hopefully, improve the quality of life in the Hamlet. We do this in a number of ways such as flooding and maintaining the Community Centre rink, decorating and lighting the Park at Christmas, cleaning up the village each Spring (Earth Day), organizing and running special events like Winter Carnival and the Patio Party. We also look after and rent out the Community Centre and represent Munster to the various levels of government.

The best way to start is to attend the **Annual General Meeting** on April 28th

It is enjoyable and fulfilling work alongside some great volunteers. That said, we are always looking for new ideas and new blood. Think about helping out!

Girl Guides

The 1st Munster Sparks recently enjoyed going door-to-door selling our classic vanilla and chocolate Girl Guide Cookies. The weather co-operated again, and we sold out before reaching every door! Thank you for your support.

We are looking for new leaders to join us for the Fall. We welcome assistance at all levels. Anyone interested or looking for more information on joining the Girl Guide Organization, please contact Lynn Gee, our Unit Administrator at 613-722-0927, or by email at UA.27@guidesontario.org

1st Munster Scouts

The 1st Munster Beavers, aged 5-7, meet Monday nights at the Elementary School.
 The Cubs, aged 8-10, meet on Tuesdays. For more information, visit our website at: www.munsterscouting.com

Registration: Attention Parents of Boys and Girls in Junior Kindergarten – Registration for next Fall’s Beaver Colony is coming up in early June.

Garden and Pool Supplies: Thanks to all for participating and purchasing items in our only annual fundraiser. This event funds all our annual programs. Delivery dates are April 25th and 26th.

Leaders Wanted: The 1st Munster Beavers and Cubs are victims of our own success. With a rejuvenated Cub Pack and a growing Beaver Colony, we are in a position where we will need new Leaders next Fall. If you can spare a couple of hours a week, please contact Group Commissioner Gary Belding at 838-2585. If we do not have enough Leaders next Fall, we may have to limit Registration.

Munster Cooperative Playgroup

The Munster Cooperative Playgroup is operating on Thursdays at the community centre from 9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. There is no fee for joining; all we ask is that you help out now and then with craft and/or snack. Any question should be directed to Trish-613-838-6015 or Claire-613-838-4767

Munster United Church

Greetings from your friends at Munster United Church! The congregations of Ashton and Munster United Churches together form the Ashton-Munster Pastoral Charge.

Services

Service times alternate between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in Ashton and Munster United Churches. Check the worship services schedule on our website at <http://apc.royalyorkers.com/>

Support your local Foodbank!

The Munster United Church Youth Group will be coming to houses in the hamlet to collect food for the Richmond Foodbank. We'll be coming around on Saturday, May 10th, in the morning. If you are not going to be at home that morning, please feel free to leave your donation of non-perishable food in a bag on your front step, and we'll be happy to gather it up. See you on the 10th!

Rev. Matt Gallinger

Ashton-Munster Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Munster Leisure Lobball starts May 4th!

Visit their website for schedule information:
<http://www.leaguelineup.com/mllb>
Don't forget to sign up for the **Golf Tournament** on June 14th at the Glen Mar!

Christ Church Anglican, Ashton

Rector: The Reverend Jim Kirkpatrick 613 253 2878
Website: www.ccashton.org

Services

Your local Anglican Church is situated just down the road in Ashton and a warm welcome awaits you there. Weekly services are at 8 a.m. when said Eucharist is celebrated from the Book of Common Prayer and 10 a.m. when Sung Eucharist is celebrated using the Book of Alternative Services. Children attend Sunday School during the first part of the ten o'clock service, joining the rest of the parish family for the Eucharist. Coffee tea, refreshments and fellowship follow the service.

Annual Beef Supper

Come on out and join us on Saturday April 26th when we will be serving roast beef with gravy, mashed potato and vegetables and, of course our famous home-made pies. The cost is just \$13 and we look forward to welcoming you.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Christ Church Ashton for children ages 4 – 12 years Monday to Friday July 14-18 from 9 - 12. The theme is "Take the Plunge with Jesus" and all are welcome - \$15 per child for the week. Call Karen Wiggins 613-257-3711 for details and to register.

Annual Plant Sale will take place at the church on Saturday morning May 24th - Mark this date on your calendar and come out for great prices and plants.

Annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday June 14 - bargains galore.

Aluminum Pop Can Recycling

One of our fundraisers is collecting cans and waste aluminum (old BBQ's eavestroughing etc.) If you would like to help with this call Joy Price (838-2039) or drop off cans at 21 Butterwick Street, Munster. Thanks to all those who contribute already.

Fair Trade Organic Coffee & Tea

Munster United Church continues to sell Fair Trade Coffee and Tea.

When you buy products with the Fair Trade Logo, you are doing a small part to help the workers who make or produce these items, to have a safer working environment and a better standard of living. Buying from our church helps maintain our goal of only using coffee, tea and sugar that are fairly traded. We appreciate the support we receive from the community as well as the church. Sizes and prices of coffee and tea are listed below:

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Tea Bags (Green or Black)	\$5.00 for 25 bags

If you would like more information or you wish to place an order, please contact Pat Lindsey at (613) 838-2868. You may also order online at www.mucoffee@gmail.com.

Pat Lindsey

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PROXY FORM

TAKE NOTICE that a member may vote in person the proxy of **ONE** other member, on the authority of the form provided below only.

Munster Community Association Inc.

Per. Mario Tremblay, President.

PROXY – Munster Community Association Inc. Annual General Meeting

I, the undersigned member of the Munster Community Association Inc. hereby appoint..... as my nominee to attend and act at the meeting of the members of the Munster Community Association Inc. to be held on Monday April 28th, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. and at any adjournment(s) thereof. This proxy shall cease to be valid at the conclusion of the said meeting or sooner if revoked by me in writing.

Dated this.....of.....2008.

Witness signature Appointer's signature

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Patio Now Open!

Upcoming Events

April 16th - last open stage until the fall. The line up for music this day will be great.
Come out and join us for a terrific afternoon with some great musicians!

May 23 – Live music with Smokey Rose. 8pm – midnight.

Nascar Pool – This popular pool runs for every Nascar race.
Must be present ½ hour before each race on most Sundays to buy into the pool.
Weekly winners win points towards a Nascar beer fridge.

Watch for **July 1st celebrations** at Danbys.
We have a great line up of outdoor entertainment for the entire day and fun for the kids!

Wing night – \$.45 every Thursday from 4pm – close.

Congratulations to our sponsored players
Richmond Royals Novice B blue and Midget B blue for a great season!

Clothing drop off box – now located behind the Munster plaza.
All proceeds go to the DARE program. Thank you for your contributions!

Great Food, Great Community!