Municipality of Central Huron Community Improvement Coordinator

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 To:
 Mayor & Council

 From:
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Monthly Report

Harvest Fest-After an inquiry from the County regarding our plans for Cultural Days, I met with the library, BIA and SOWM to discuss holding an event in Central Huron. The County is promoting the weekend events being held across the County and has advertising in place to help bring visitors to Huron County for the weekend. As the BIA had cancelled Harvest Fest for this year, I approached them to see if I could use the title "Harvest Fest" in order to have continuity of the event, which keeps it alive if they choose to take it up again next year. The style and format is new for this year and I hope families will enjoy the events that we have planned for the kids, as well as an artisan market. We're still looking for local artisans and musicians who would like to participate.

Council Chair Challenge-Show your true colours! Round up the creative types in your life and have them help you paint a chair! All council members have agreed to paint a chair and they will be on display at Harvest Fest. The public will have a chance to vote on their favourite chair. Happy painting! Chairs are available at Made In Huron if you don't have yours yet.

REACH Student Welcome-Working with the Student Services Coordinator from University of Guelph, a warm welcome to Central Huron was extended to the new students. With the help of business owners and citizens, I was able to procure free passes to many extra-curricular events for the students to enjoy. Mayor Ginn brought greetings to the students and welcomed them to Central Huron.



Banners/Flags-Banners have been installed in Londesboro and Auburn and flags were replaced/rehung as needed. The streetscapes are really looking terrific and residents have come out to express their thanks. Thanks to Nathaniel for all his help with the flags, and Dave and crew at Stumpy's for hanging the banners!



Horseless Carriage Association of America-August 24 & 25th we hosted this group in Central Huron. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate and the rain made it very uncomfortable for the

drivers and passengers of these old cars. **Spirits** weren't dampened though when they arrived to the windmill and were treated to some of the windmill history while enjoying coffee and refreshments. By the end of the day most of the old cars were back safely on their rather trailers than continuing to battle the elements, which resulted in only one car coming to the SOWM. The group had been guite interested in the School Car though and some stopped by the next day for a tour before heading home.

Picnic In The Park- On August 15th, the School on Wheels Museum was the location for the first community picnic. 88 residents of all ages came to enjoy an afternoon at the park. Although very hot, it was a beautiful day.

Thanks to council members that attended. As seen by the Facebook post, residents were happy that we hosted this and the community spirit was evident! 12 musicians



provided toe tapping tunes for most of the afternoon. Children's shouts and laughter on the playground was proof

that "A good time was had by all!" Thanks to the MANY volunteers that helped with the day!







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Commenting as Municipality of Central Huron 2nd Annual Children's Splash Pad Bash-Held on August 26th, found lots of families enjoying the splashpad and fun stations. Snippity the Clown worked her usual magic by transforming smiling little faces into superheroes, butterflies, jungle animals and more! Balloon creations, hotdogs, cake, freezies, innertubes and more added to the

fun!









BIA meeting-This months meeting was held at the Kildonan House. Bob and Janice welcomed all business owners to their home to brainstorm ideas for future initiatives. Those that attended enjoyed meeting some newcomers and look forward to upcoming partnerships.







Kick It To The Curb-The free give away weekend is being held September 28-30. Residents are encouraged to put unwanted items at the curb with a free sign. Treasure seekers can browse the items and take home anything they like, at no cost. Uncollected items are to be taken back in by 6pm Sunday. I'm hoping this initiative is successful and will aid in the reduction of our reliance on landfill. If effective, this will be planned annually.

Remembrance Day Banners-I'm busy making more for 2018 installation. Now that we have brackets available in the hamlets, please let your contacts know they can have a "Londesboro Veteran" banner hung in Londesboro, for example.

Aug 1-School On Wheels Museum mtg Aug 1-Shipping Store mtg Aug 2-Splashpad Bash mtg Aug 6-Council Aug 14-REACH mtg Aug 15-16 Student giveaway mtgs Aug 20-Lions mtg Aug 21-Library mtg Aug 21-BIA mtg Aug 22-Flag installation Aug 24 & 25 Horseless Carriage Aug 26-Splashpad Bash



85% Community engagement events, Children's parties, Cultural Festival, walking tour etc15% Other initiatives, BIA, admin, schools, Remembrance Day banners etc.

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