
THE TOWN CRIER

Merry
Christmas



DECEMBER 2011

Greetings From the Mayor

Mayor and Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



LANDFILL

CHRISTMAS HOURS OF OPERATION

The Watson Lake Landfill hours of operation for Christmas are as follows.

Closed; Friday, December 24th and reopening Thursday, December 29th

The Town Office staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Best wishes in the New Year.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held the first & third Tuesday of every month. The next scheduled Council meeting is Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 pm. Please approach members of Council on any agenda item that you wish to bring forward.

TOWN OFFICE CLOSURE

The Town Office will be closed at 12:00 noon Friday, December 23rd for Christmas and will reopen on Wednesday, December 28th at 8:30 am.

Christmas Light Contest

Enter your house by
December 22nd @ 3pm
Cash to be won!!!

Call 536-8022
For Meaghen
Have your lights on
by 5pm
On December 22nd

GREETINGS FROM RECREATION

Holiday Greeting from Recreation!

As Santa gets ready to come and visit those of us on the 'Nice' list it's time to settle into the season and get our holiday on! The weather has definitely been interesting, keeping us guessing and I hope you are all staying warm and dry, depending on if it is raining or a blizzard out there. Things are progressing nicely here at the recplex; hockey, step aerobics and yoga are in full swing, the new weight/cardio equipment is en route so we will have a new fully functional gym in no time! It will be a very welcome addition to the community's health and well being. We will have some baby gear, like a play pen so that parents can come down and work out while their baby has a safe place to play and/or nap. The Youth Centre has had a face lift, paint, furniture and we have installed a bar ledge in the youth centre so you can have a seat and watch some hockey, work on your laptop or have a snack and a cappuccino. We have just received some of our new couches and comfortable furniture and once we are done painting and reno-ing you will have a nice place to relax and catch up with friends. Perhaps have a smoothie after you work out in the new gym once it is up and running!

Good Eatz Café is opening very soon, come on down and enjoy some good food and good coffee, there is an espresso machine for those of you that love your Java. They will be serving Midnight Sun coffee, a Yukon locally roasted coffee bean, here is an excerpt from their website; "We take as much care in our roasting as we do in our service so that we can bring you the best coffee experience in the North. We roast in small batches in an antique Probat Roaster, taking care to bring out each coffee's individual characteristics." So come to the recplex and enjoy Good Eatz and Good Coffee!

The After School Program is in full swing and runs from 3:30pm-5:00pm, it is for kids aged 6-11. If you have a child that you would like to join the program please come down and register them free of charge. We start our "after school" program with half an hour of homework every day, if your child does not have any school work of their own, we have age appropriate worksheets that they are expected to work on here. After that they have an hour of activities. I would also like to remind parents that this is a winter program and therefore the kids need to have appropriate winter gear so that they can enjoy the outdoor activities that our youth staff has scheduled for them. The program is cancelled at -25 or colder, if you are unsure call the recplex to enquire if the program is on for that day. We close it at -25 for safety reasons, if it is -25 by 3:00pm there is a good chance the weather could get colder by the time the program is out by 5:00pm and there are a few children who walk home and we feel that it is unsafe in the cold conditions.

During the holidays we are going to be running the winter program the week of December 19th to December 22nd from 12pm-4pm. Friday the 23rd the recplex will be closing at 12:00pm so we will not have the program that day. The program will then be shut down for the Christmas Holidays until Monday, January 9th when it will run the regular after school hours 3:30-5:00pm. We would like to wish all the kids and their families a Happy Holidays.

Our youth staff are also hosting Family Fun Sundays at Wye Lake Park, from 1:00pm-3:00pm. There is tobogganing, outdoor activities, and hot chocolate. We will be hosting Family Fun Sundays this Sunday, December 18th and then it will be closed over the holidays until January 8th. We strongly encourage parents and siblings to take part as the day is for family fun! Once Wye Lake is frozen enough we will have outdoor skating on these days as well. This will also be cancelled at -25 or colder. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

In the New Year I would like to host some fun events, one of them being a Snow Pitch Tournament. Baseball in the snow-filled field! I will pick a warm weekend in January to hold this event. It will be a lot of fun and if you are interested, please put a team together and let me know. This will not be a serious sporting event but something for everyone to come out and have a ton of fun participating in!

This year New Years Eve at the recplex there will be a dance for the whole family and it is going to be hosted by the Community Club, so dress up the kids and bring in the New Year family style! For more information look for posters around town with the final details, or you can call the recplex after Xmas when we have all the details.

I have a youth group on Tuesday nights called Girl's Night Out, an evening for girls only! A place for us to come together and just be girls, enjoying good food and good company. Girl's Night Out is a youth group for our local girls between the ages of 12-18. I am inviting different women from the community to come and share their talents and inspirations with the next generation. Together we can inspire these young women in helping them realize their full potential in becoming who they want to be and in the shaping of their futures. We have been having all sorts of fun and I hope to eventually have all of the high school girls joining us.

I am just waiting for the Youth Centre Renovations to be complete and I will be starting a youth group on Saturday nights for all of the high school youth ages 13-18. Once the ski hill opens a lot of the youth night ski on Friday nights so I chose to hold my youth group on Saturday night so that the youth have something to do both nights of the weekend. I am looking forward to it!

I am always open to suggestions and ideas and would love your help in reshaping the recreation of our community. This recplex is a great place for families to come and spend time together so come on down and check it out.

Enjoy the Holidays and I hope to see you all soon.....

Meaghan Kimmitt
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Watson Lake Recycling Centre

Watson Lake Recycling Centre
536-2000

Christmas/New Years Hours

Dec 24	10 – 2
Dec 25	Closed
Dec 26	Closed
Dec 27	Closed
Dec 28	Closed
Dec 29	11 - 5:30
Dec 30	11 - 5:30
Dec 31	11 - 2:00
Jan 1	Closed
Jan 2	Closed
Jan 3	Closed
Jan 4	We return to our normal hours of operation
	Tuesday – Friday 11:00 – 5:30
	Saturday 10:00 – 5:30

The outside drop-off area for non-refundables will be unattended for 4 days....if you can wait until we re-open before dropping items off, it would be greatly appreciated. If you MUST drop items off before we re-open, please try and fit them into the bags as compactly as possible. Please do not drop off loose papers/magazines/soft plastics during this period.

Gift wrap goes in with boxboard

We do not recycle Styrofoam...please remove it from any boxes you bring in for recycling (after Dec 28, right?)

Recycling Club

Recycling Club 2011 has now ended and no more points can be earned. Two important dates:

Dec 21 last day to claim prize certificates
Jan 14 last day to use certificates to claim prizes

If you have any questions on how to complete these steps, drop by the Depot and we will help you out

Have a Merry Christmas!! Stay warm, stay safe.

Recreation Centre

Holiday Hours

December

1st – 22nd Regular hours
23rd Closed at noon
24th – 27th Closed
28th – 30th Regular Hours
31st, Jan 1st & 2nd Closed

Greyhound

Holiday Hours

December

1st – 22nd Regular hours
23rd 4:30 – 7:30
24th – 27th Closed
28th – 30th Regular Hours
31st, Jan 1st & 2nd Closed



FIRE DEPARTMENT



CHRISTMAS FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The Christmas Tree

- ❖ Get a freshly cut tree. It will be less of a fire hazard.
- ❖ Place the tree in a stand that will hold 2 to 3 litres of water and top it up daily. Make sure it is always immersed in water: If water drops below the trunk, the stem may reseal itself, requiring a fresh cut. Use a tree stand that has widespread legs for better balance.
- ❖ Do not set your tree up near a heat source such as a radiator, television, fireplace, heating duct or sunny window. It should not block doors.
- ❖ Never use lighted candles on the tree.
- ❖ Remove the tree within 10 to 14 days. After that amount of time in a heated building, even the freshest tree can start to dry out.

Decorations

- ❖ Choose decorations that are flame-retardant, non-combustible and non-conductive.
- ❖ If there are young children or pets in your home, avoid very small decorations.
- ❖ Avoid using angel hair (glass wool) together with spray-on snowflakes. This combination is highly combustible.
- ❖ Do not use metallic ornaments on the tree. If they make contact with defective wiring they could become a shock hazard.

Lights

- ❖ Use Canadian Standards Association (CSA) certified light strings/sets.
- ❖ Use the proper lights for the environment. Indoor light strings/sets should not be used outdoors because they lack weatherproof connections. Some outdoor light strings/sets burn too hot indoors.
- ❖ Inspect light strings/set before use. Check for cracked bulbs and for frayed, broken or exposed wires, and discard if faulty.
- ❖ Do not use electric light strings/sets on metallic trees. A faulty system could energize the tree and shock or electrocute anyone coming into contact. Illuminate metallic trees with colored floodlights placed at a safe distance from the tree and out of reach.
- ❖ Turn off all tree and display lights before retiring for the night or before leaving the house.

Denetia Animal Rescue Society would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Cobban and her grade 12 Justice students, for their generous donation of dog/cat food .

Help and Hope for Families would also like to thank Ms. Cobban and her Justice class for their donation of food for the women's shelter.

Thank-you

Dayna Dickson, James Magun, Shelby Magun-Porter and Kecia Shepherd

NORTHERN LIGHTS CENTRE

The Northern Lights Centre will be having children's matinees the week before Christmas.

Wednesday Dec. 21 2:30 The New Smurfs Movie

Thursday Dec. 22 2:30 A Dolphin Tale

Friday Dec. 23 2:30 Disney's A Christmas Carol

All matinees are \$3.00

The Northern Lights Centre will be closed from Dec. 24 until Jan.03, reopening on Jan. 04.

If you would like to rent the centre for your child's birthday party where they could have a movie or play video games on the big screen please call 536-7827 for more information.

Town of Watson Lake Web Page

We had an email from a lady in Wisconsin and she said her dad worked near Watson Lake from 1943 to 1945. She said that he had a lot of pictures from that time and she would like to send them to us. How exciting! They will be posted on the website when we receive them.

www.watsonlake.ca

Here is one of the pictures. Watson Lake Airport 1943



WATSON LAKE LIBRARY

Library Hours for Christmas

The Library will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 02, reopening on Jan. 03


Tuesday: 10:00am to 8:00pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 10:00am to 6:00pm

Friday: 10:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday: 12:30pm to 4:30pm





Santa's Reindeer

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m	a	o	e	u	n	d	p	k	t	c	r
o	s	x	i	a	u	u	n	w	k	j	e
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l	r	j	d	h	p	l	o	d	u	r	o
v	k	v	i	x	e	n	v	e	v	i	d
x	y	r	e	c	n	a	d	d	a	t	s
j	r	a	v	w	j	d	v	x	n	p	b

Blitzen	Comet	Cupid	Dancer
Dasher	Donner	Prancer	
reindeer	Rudolph	Vixen	

www.ActivityVillage.co.uk - Keeping Kids Busy

Whipped Shortbread Cookies

"A melt in your mouth cookie that's very easy to make."

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup butter, softened	1/4 cup red maraschino cherries, quartered
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour	1/4 cup green maraschino cherries, quartered
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar	

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a large bowl, combine butter, flour, and confectioners' sugar. With an electric mixer, beat for 10 minutes, until light and fluffy. Spoon onto cookie sheets, spacing cookies 2 inches apart. Place a piece of maraschino cherry onto the middle of each cookie, alternating between red and green.
3. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the bottoms of the cookies are lightly browned. Remove from oven, and let cool on cookie sheet for 5 minutes, then transfer cookies on to wire rack to cool. Store in an airtight container, separating each layer with waxed paper.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor Richard Durocher
Councillors Cynthia Armstrong
Howard Fick
Bev Lister
Rick Relkoff
Leigh Relkoff (Youth Clr)

NORTHERN LIGHTS CENTRE

CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST

Ages 5 to 8 Winner will receive one book of
Matinee Tickets and \$10.00

Ages 9 to 12 Winner will receive one book of
Matinee Tickets and \$10.00

COLORING PAGE IS THE ONE BELOW AND
MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE NORTHERN
LIGHTS CENTRE BY THURSDAY, DEC. 22

ALL COLORING PAGES WILL BE DISPLAYED
AT THE NORTHERN LIGHTS CENTRE.

All entries will receive one free matinee ticket

Please put your name and age on the page before you hand it in

