



Talk of the Town

Town of Fairview Newsletter

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Fairview GIVES at Christmas

The generosity of Fairview's residents, businesses, and organizations is a yet another marker of the great community we live in. The **Food and Toy Drive** has been an outstanding success. The Food Bank has enough food and toys this year to generously meet the needs of Fairview and area. Thank you to Fairview Fire Department, the Food Bank, 4-H and all those who volunteered and donated. There still is a need for Christmas Hampers which contain all the groceries required for a full day of Christmas meals - breakfast, lunch and a complete turkey or ham dinner. If you wish to donate items for a hamper or monies toward one, please contact the Food Bank. **Operation Christmas Child** is a project which local churches, schools, businesses and individuals have embraced whole-heartedly. The program involves filling shoe boxes or lidded plastic containers (re-usable) with small toys, clothing, school supplies, hygiene items etc. for children in poverty stricken countries. This year, Fairview and area sent out 390 shoe boxes. The spirit of giving was abundantly evident at the **Ladies' Salad Supper**. Hosted by Westside Community Church, the Salad Supper gives community women a much-needed night out for fun, relaxation and comradery. The event was a fund-raiser for a local youth group. Further, a "rule" of the evening is that if you win a door prize (and there are many) you must give it away to another woman in the room! It truly is more fun to give than to receive! The seasonal Christmas parties are in full swing. Most involve fund-raising in some shape or form to benefit local youth, sports, charitable organizations or some other worthy cause. The **Festival of Joy** brought people to the Fairview College Theatre for an evening of inspirational Christmas music by local talent. The "entry fee" was a non-perishable item for the Fairview Food Bank. Monies raised from the offering will be used by the Fairview Ministerial Association for the chaplaincy program at the Fairview Hospital as well as a Benevolent Fund. The **Festival of Trees** has been raising money for palliative care for fifteen years. They raised near \$25,000 this year. Over the years, they have purchase electric beds, special mattresses, pain control pumps and furnished 3 family suites adjoining the palliative care unit at the hospital. The **Fairview Minor Hockey Christmas Dine & Dance** was sold-out and a huge success. The Chamber of Commerce **Santa Claus Parade** brought out many volunteers, to the delight of hundreds of spectators, followed by free hot chocolate, coffee and donuts provided by the **Fairview Fire Department**. Christmas is not always a happy time. For those who are alone it can be the saddest day of the year. This year, St. Paul's United Church is offering warm hospitality and a **free Christmas Dinner** to those who would otherwise spend the day alone.

Fairview's volunteers and philanthropists shine year-round, but are in full swing during the Christmas season. This is evident throughout the community, but especially at Crossroads Women's Shelter, Food Bank, hospital, long term care, Harvest Lodge and Garrison Manor.

The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving.

.....Albert Einstein

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The FCSS Snow Angels program is now in effect. If you need help to keep your sidewalk and/or driveway clear of snow, call FCSS at 835-5471 to see if you are eligible to receive the help of a Snow Angel.

Do you want to be a Snow Angel? If you are willing to help out one or more seniors or disabled persons in your neighborhood, call FCSS to register and “earn your wings”. Information and forms are available at the Town Office.

CHRISTMAS HOURS

The **Town Office** will close on Dec. 26 to Dec. 30, 2011. Back to regular hours on Jan. 2. Utility or Tax payments may be placed in the Night Deposit Box at the west entrance of the Provincial Building, by mail (postmarked Dec. 31 for taxes), by telephone or on-line banking, pay at the bank or drop off a post-date cheque at the Town Office. Emergency? Call 835-1310.

Aquatic Centre will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31, Jan. 1.

Fairplex Arena will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan. 1.

The **North Peace Regional Landfill** will be closed Dec. 23 to 26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2. Open Dec.27 to Dec. 30.

TOWN STAFF and COUNCILLOR HONORED

At the annual Town Christmas Party/Staff Appreciation event on Dec. 3, Council presented long-term service awards to:

Razz Rolling	Recreation	15 years of service
Grant Oberg	Public Works	10 years of service
Sue Koyman	Administration	10 years of service
Kerri Ferguson	Aquatic Centre	5 years of service
Mary Bracken	FCSS	5 years of service

Congratulations to long-term service staff and Thank You to all of the dedicated staff who make Fairview a great place to live! The Staff presented Councillor Larry Chorney with a special Lifetime Achievement Award.

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from
Mayor, Council and Staff
Town of Fairview*

✂ Clip and Save

BLUE BAG RECYCLING PICK-UP SCHEDULE

December 8	Plastic and Tin
December 15	Paper and Cardboard
December 22	Plastic and Tin
December 29	Paper and Cardboard
January 5	Plastic and Tin

Plastics #1, #2, #4, #5 are accepted

PROPERTY TAX ARREARS PENALTY Municipal Government Act Section 326(c)

Outstanding property taxes are due December 31, 2011. On Jan. 1, 2012 all 2011 overdue property taxes are deemed to be in arrears. A 15% penalty will be imposed. Payments may be made at your local bank, telephone or Internet banking, mail, or at the office by cash, cheque or debit or in the drop-box at the west entrance of the Provincial Building. (See sidebar for Town Office Christmas Hours)

PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX INSTALLMENT PLAN
Town of Fairview property owners may pay their 2012 taxes by monthly installments. Arrangements must be made at the Town Office by January 15, 2012. Call 780-835-5461 for more information.

