



NEWSLETTER December 2011

TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Prince Township Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Saturday Dec. 24th through to January 2nd, 2011.

BLUE BOX COLLECTION

Town Line to 4185 Second Line West
Dec. 7 th
Dec. 21 nd
Jan. 4 th
Marshall Drive to end of Gros Cap
Nov. 30 th
Dec. 14 th
Dec. 28 th

911 SIGNS

Residents are requested to make sure that 911 civic number signs are clear of trees, snow etc. The sign should be visible by emergency personnel from 100 ft.

In the event of an extended power disruption or disruption to 911 service, volunteers will attend the homes of vulnerable citizens to ensure their safety. Please contact the municipal office at 705-779-2992 if you wish to be added to this list.



*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year
To Everyone*

COUNCIL IS ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SOUP KITCHEN FOOD DRIVE

Pease drop off your items at the municipal office by Dec 15th.

Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

RECREATION

Volunteers are needed to help with the skating rink at the Community Centre. Please call Ian Chambers at 705-779-3364

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Come on out and join the Recreation Committee. The next meeting will be Dec 7th, 2011 at 7 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Appointments to Boards & Committees will be made at the council meeting December 13th, 2011.

Library Board

Museum Board

Recreation Committee (desperately needed)

Interested parties are requested to submit an application by Dec 7th, 2011. We would like to encourage everyone including youth and/or students to apply. Applications are available from the Township Office or if you would like one mailed please call 705-779-2992.



Senior Light Tour of the city lights by the Elks – Dec. 11,2011

Please telephone the drop in centre at 705-254-6474 to register and for all the information.

Prince Women's Institute

DOGS AT LARGE

Complaints continue to be received about dogs at large and barking dogs. Dog owners are asked to be considerate by:



1. Cleaning up after your pet, especially if it is done on a neighbour's property, on the street or on public property.
 2. Make sure that your pet is on your property and not someone else's.
 3. Stopping excessive barking instantly.
- Patrols will be increases, and charges may be laid.

BEST START HUB NEWS

Early Learning Circle

Early learning circle provides children with an opportunity to learn and explore through discussion of experiences and individuality. We will include a variety of fun, interactive and hands-on activities for children, reinforcing listening and socialization skills. Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:00am.

Mother Goose/Story Time

Come on out and enjoy Mother Goose Time! We will be having interactive stories and songs with all materials we use to take home to keep. Begins at 10:30am Thursday November 3, 2011 for six weeks. We will be having these sessions in our Prince Township Public Library. Come on out and enjoy some singing and a story!

Christmas Craft Corner

Our Christmas Craft Corner is filled with easy creative Christmas crafts so cute that you could give them as gifts to someone special. Come join us and make some of these fun and inexpensive crafts. Begins Saturday November 5, 2011 at 11:00am for six weeks. Fun with Science You and your child can experience and explore the joy of science through safe, simple

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Tiny Tot Gym Time

This gross motor activity will work on you and your child's balance, coordination and cardio, while playing fun games and singing songs. Begins Friday, November 18, 2011 at 10:30am for five weeks. Come on out and get some fun exercise!

Literacy Day/123 to Literacy

Literacy Day/123 to Literacy is an eight week program that has fun, educational activities that promote children's language and early literacy skills. This program will begin on Thursday October 13, 2011 from 1:00pm - 2:30pm.

Please note that Prince Township Best Start Hub will be closed Saturday December 24, 2011 until Sunday, January 1, 2012. We are open again on Monday, January 2, 2012.

Monday to Friday	9:00-3:00pm
Thursday, also	6:00-8:00pm
Saturday	10:00-3:00pm

LIBRARY NEWS

Oh no! It's December already. This is a busy month for everyone, but be sure to take time to put your feet up and read. A little egg nogg and some Christmas cookies couldn't hurt either. New in the Library we have Michael Ondaatje's most recent book, "The Cat's Table". This renowned Canadian writer brings us one of his most compelling works of fiction to date. In the early 1950s, an eleven year old boy boards a huge ocean liner bound for England. At mealtime he is seated at the lowly cat's table with an eccentric and unforgettable group of grownups and two other boys. As the ship makes its way from former Ceylon across the Indian Ocean, through the Suez Canal, and into the Mediterranean, the boys find themselves immersed in the worlds and stories of the adults around them. At night they spy on a shackled prisoner. Looking back from the perspective of an adult we see that the boy began his life-long journey on this sea voyage. Enjoy.

We also have a couple of nice Christmas stories.

"A Christmas Homecoming" by Anne Perry was reviewed last month. This Christmas story has the added thrill of a Dracula component.

"Lost December" by Richard Paul Evans, one of America's most beloved storytellers, is his most spiritual book since The Christmas Box. Luke Crisp graduates from business school and his father, CEO and co-founder of a very successful string of copy centers has a surprise for him. He wants to turn the family business over to him. Luke has other plans. He takes

control of his trust fund and leaves home to pursue a life of reckless indulgence. When his funds run out, so do his friends. Humbled, alone and ashamed he takes a job at one of the copy centers. He falls in love with a struggling single mother and discovers great personal joy. This is a modern day version of the biblical story of the prodigal son.

"It has been said that sometimes the greatest hope in our lives is just a second chance to do what we should have done right in the first place. This is the story of my second chance."

-Prologue of Lost December

You might also want to pick up "**Secret Daughter**" by Shilpi Somaya Gowda. In a tiny hut in rural India, Kavita gives birth to Asha. Unable to afford the luxury of raising a daughter, her husband forces Kavita to give the baby up – a decision that will haunt them both for the rest of their lives. Halfway around the globe, Somer, an American doctor decides to adopt a child after discovering that she will never have one of her own. When her husband, Krishnan shows her a photo of baby Asha sent to him from a Mumbai orphanage, she falls instantly in love. She knew her life would change, but could the love she already felt overcome all obstacles. This debut novel by Gowda explores the emotional terrain of motherhood, loss and belonging.



This is the pick for the next Book Club which will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Library. Join us for a lively

discussion.



The Library Board will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7 in the Library. Following the meeting there will be a social at 11 a.m. Our volunteers are especially invited to join us so that we can let you know how much we appreciate the hours you give to the running of the Library.

We will have regular hours up until Friday, December 23. The Library will be closed from December 24 to January 2, 2012. We will reopen Tuesday, January 3 from 6 to 8 and for regular hours thereafter.



Sunday:	Closed
Monday:	Closed.
Tuesday:	6 - 8
Wednesday:	2 - 4, 6 - 8
Thursday:	10 - 12, 2 - 4, 6 - 8
Friday:	10 - 12, 2 - 4
Saturday:	10 - 12

There are still a few Prince Township Library Community Calendars left.

These make a great Christmas gift. They cost \$10.00 and feature birthdays, anniversaries, blue box days and meetings.



Prince Township Public Library
1987 – 2012

This is a very special year for the Prince Township Public Library. In 1987 some very forward looking people in the community established a small library in the basement of the Community Centre. They started serving the community on April 14th. Were you there? Do you know who the first Librarian was? Share your stories of the Library over the years with me and I will put them in the newsletter. Better yet, write a short story or send in some photos.



The children's story time will resume every second Thursday morning in the Library. This is open to all preschoolers, from the Hub and from the community.



We are on facebook.

COUNCIL NEWS

ADMINISTRATOR'S COUNCIL REPORT

The end of the year is quickly approaching. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

Remember, there will be a seasonal ride check underway, so be responsible and don't drink and drive.

St. John's Ambulance will be running Operation Red Nose beginning this Friday. It will run from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday this weekend, and each Thursday, Friday and Saturday to December 17th. A team will come and pick you, your party and your vehicle up and bring you home safely. The service is free but they won't refuse donations to help support the program.

The number to call is **705-945-1228**.

Council, at the request of Lou Madonna who was speaking on behalf of several residents, passed a resolution to name the park at the marina in honour of the late Councillor Roberta Williamson. Her dedication to the marina and the municipality was recognized and a plaque will be erected at the park.

With the passing of Councillor Williamson, Council will be declaring her seat vacant at the meeting of December 13th, 2011. At that time, Council will have to make the decision as to how her seat will be filled. Under the Municipal Act, Council has two choices. They may hold a by-election or they may appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

Council has made a decision on the agreements

with the remaining permanent residents at Prince Lake. There will be Minutes of Settlement drawn up for the unrepresented litigants and for the permanent residents who were not part of the Prince Lake litigation. The permanent residents will be allowed to enter into the minutes of settlement, similar to those residents who have already settled, at a cost of \$7,500 per household, provided they enter into the agreement as a group. Those who are not prepared to enter into the settlement at the time it is presented will be subject to a \$10,000 cost. The deadline for those who do not enter into the agreement as a group has not yet been set by Council. Registered letters will be sent to all eligible residents as soon as the agreements have been prepared.

2012 budget preparations will be underway soon. If you have suggestions for Council's consideration please present them at the township office or by email by January 15, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Greco
CAO/Administrator
pgreco@twp.prince.on.ca

Please note: Council agendas are available at the Municipal Office on the Friday prior to a Council meeting, and those wishing to come as a delegation are asked to contact the Administrator by the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting (705-779-2992).

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meetings
Tuesday December 13th, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Agendas can be picked up at the municipal office after 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before.

Reeve

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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Steff Moore 257-0511

Fire Department

As you know, the winter season is knocking at our door. Heaters are turned on and wood stoves are cranked up.

This is just a friendly reminder from your local Fire Department.

- Test your smoke alarms and remember to replace the batteries
- If you burn wood or other fuel, consider purchasing a carbon monoxide detector, it could be a life-saver!
- If you already have a carbon monoxide detector, test it and remember to replace the batteries.
- Make sure your furnace or wood stove is in proper working order and check that the chimney is clear of any obstructions.
- Make a fire escape plan and be sure to practice, practice and practice!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Fire Hall at 705-779-FIRE(3473).

Caring for Cut Christmas Trees



Remember, a Christmas tree is a living thing. Look after it carefully as you would a cut flower. Once you select a Christmas tree, follow these suggestions to keep it fresh and safe:

1. If you buy a tree several days before you plan to set it up, store the tree outdoors or on a cool porch or patio until you are ready to decorate it. An area that provides protection from the wind and sun will help the tree retain its moisture.
2. If you plan to store the tree for several days, make a straight cut across the butt end of the tree about one inch from the end. This opens the tree stem so it can take up water. Store the tree upright and place the butt end in a container of water.
3. When you bring the tree into the house for decorating, make another fresh cut across the trunk about an inch from the original cut. Use a tree stand that holds plenty of water.
4. Trees are thirsty. They may drink up to four litres of water per day, so be sure to check daily and supply fresh water as needed. A stand which holds at least four litres of water is recommended. If you allow the water level to drop below the bottom of the tree, a seal will form just as it does on a cut flower and a new cut will be necessary.
5. Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets and other

sources of heat. Turn off the tree lights when you leave and before you retire at night.

6. Avoid the use of combustible decorations. Check all electric lights and connections. Do not use lights with worn or frayed cords and **NEVER** use lighted candles on a Christmas tree.

Following these care and precaution measures should ensure an attractive tree that stays fresh indoors for two to three weeks.

EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR EXTREME COLD WEATHER

Prepare Your Home and Car for Winter

At Home:

- Have alternate means of heating with sufficient fuel, such as a wood or propane furnace, or a kerosene heater. Ensure alternative source of heat is approved for indoor use
- Generator with several days' worth of fuel (Caution: generators produce toxic gases such as carbon monoxide. These should only be used outdoors where fumes may be vented safely.)
- Electric space heaters with automatic shut-off and non-glowing elements(to reduce the risk of fire)
- Blankets

In the Car:

- Travel with a mobile phone
- Blankets and other warm clothing (gloves, toques, jacket) – never rely on a car for heat since it may break down

- First aid kit
- Signaling device, such as road flares
- Booster cables
- Toolkit
- Bag of sand (to pour on ice or snow for added traction)
- Tow rope
- Collapsible shovel
- Flash light and spare batteries
- Candles and matches
- Brightly coloured clothes
- Container of water and high energy bars
- Windshield scraper

Recycling

Blue box collection takes place every other Wednesday. Although we do not have “yellow” boxes, we do collect “yellow box” materials, provided it is sorted. We collect:

- newspaper/flyers
- magazines
- boxboard/small boxes (cereal boxes, detergent boxes, tissue boxes – plastic liners must be removed)
- cardboard boxes – larger quantities **must be bundled** 2x2x1' using tape, rope or string (no wire)
- paper egg cartons (not plastic)
- toilet paper/paper towel rolls
- milk/juice cartons – remove plastic cap & collar
- paper ice cream cartons
- paper – writing paper, notebooks, junk mail
- phone books
- wrapping paper
- hard and soft cover books
- steel (tin) food cans

- aluminum food and beverage cans
- glass bottles and jars (clear and coloured)
- No.1 plastic bottles (pop bottles, water bottles)
- No. 2 plastic bottles (shampoo etc.)
- Aluminum food containers (pie plates, take out food container, aluminum foil)

We are advised that the end-markets will not accept any number 1 or 2 plastics EXCEPT bottles at this time: therefore, we are not able to collect it .

Please remember to remove all lids and to wash or rinse all containers. We do not collect plastic bags, aerosol cans (spray cans), or any containers which have contained chemicals (anti-freeze, windshield washer fluid, oil, etc.)

When placing your recycling at the end of the driveway, place it on the opposite side from regular garbage. When not in use, keep recycling container in a clean and dry area (or cover it up).

Please sort recyclables.

Blue box containers should be placed for collection by 7:30 a.m.

Please remember that the bins in the back of the Township Hall are clearly marked. **DO NOT PLACE GARBAGE OR ITEMS THAT DO NOT BELONG IN THE BINS! REMEMBER THAT WE ONLY TAKE RECYCLING – NO GARBAGE.**



