



NEWSLETTER January 2012

BLUE BOX COLLECTION

Please note that starting in January the blue box pick-up will coincide with garbage pick-up. So when the garbage day pick-up is delayed one day for a holiday the blue box pick-up will also be delayed one day. Please note the chart below for your new pick-up dates.

Brian Evans, Roads Supervisor, will be working hard to make this change as smooth as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Municipal Office at 705-779-2992.

Town Line to 4185 Second Line West
Jan. 5 th
Jan. 18 th
Feb. 1 st
Marshall Drive to end of Gros Cap
Jan. 11 th
Jan. 25 th
Feb. 8 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.

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ALL THE BEST TO EVERYONE IN 2012

*I heard the bells on
Christmas day; their old,
familiar carols play. And
wild and sweet the words
repeat of peace on earth,
good-will to men!
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

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 Jan 4th, 2012 at 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S EXERCISE CLASSES

It is never to late to join! Starting Jan. 5th, 2012 every Tuesday and Thursday, registration at 6:15. Come join in the fun and healthy side of a small community exercise group. For more information please call Carol at 779-2968

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.

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, January 13, 2012 at 10:30am for six 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 January 12, 2012 from 1:00pm - 2:30 pm.

Family Literacy Day

Friday, January 27, 2012, Family Literacy Day, will be celebrated across Canada. Family Literacy Day was created by the ABC-CANADA Literacy Foundation. It is a national initiative that promotes the importance of reading and learning together as a family. Literacy is everywhere. We will be doing special activities on this day from 9:30am - 12:30pm. There will also be a free draw for families. Get together with your family, use your imagination and have some fun.

Mother Goose and Story Time

Come on out and enjoy Mother Goose! We will be having interactive stories and songs with all materials we use to take home to keep. Begins at 10:30am Thursday January 12, 2012 for six weeks. Come on out and enjoy some singing and a story!

Community Christmas for Kids Crafts

We will be having free craft activities available for children of all ages to participate in with their families:

*Tuesday, January 3, 2012 - Snowflake Crown
11am-1:30pm

*Wednesday, January 4, 2012 - Glitter Glue a
Snowflake 11am-1:30pm

*Thursday, January 5, 2012 - Bingo Dabber Mitten
11am-1:30pm

*Friday, January 6, 2012 - 3-D Snowman 11am-
1:30pm

Adult accompaniment and pre-registration is
required. Please call 705-779-3627 for more
information.

School Readiness Program

This program is designed for children ages 3-5 years
old. It is a six week learning readiness course,
providing age appropriate and developmentally
appropriate instruction to children, which will
enhance their entry into kindergarten or other
structured environments. Begins Tuesday, January
10, 2012 at RM Moore Public School from 1-2pm
and 2-3pm. Registration is required. Please call 705-
779-3627.

Alternative Stories

Children love to see the shapes, colours and textures
of materials, while experiencing stories, songs and
rhymes. We will be using a variety of techniques to
stimulate involvement, stretch and get rid of the
wiggles. Thursday evenings beginning January 12,
2012 at 6:30pm for six weeks.

Mother Goose Program

The Mother Goose Program is a six week experience
for parents and their children that focuses on the
pleasure and power of using rhymes, songs, and
stories together. Parents gain skills and confidence
which can enable them to create positive family
patterns during their children's crucial early years,
and give their children healthy early experiences
with language and communication. Wednesdays,
beginning January 11, 2012 from 10:00am-11:00am.

Registration is required. Please call 705-
779-3627.

Cooking with Kids

Make cooking with kids fun! These
recipes are perfect for young chefs.
Beginning Saturday, January 14, 2012 at
11:00am for four weeks.

**Please note that Prince Township Best
Start Hub will be closed Thursday,
January 5, 2012 from 6-8pm only. We
will be closed Saturday, January 7, 2012.
Our regular hours begin again on
Monday, January 9, 2012.
Happy New Year!**

Hours

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

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Resource Centre "Best Start Hub"
Or Google: Parent/Child Resource
Centre "Best Start Hub" if you do not
have Facebook
Email:
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LIBRARY NEWS

**“Scrooge was better than his word. ... He became as
good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as
the good old city knew, or any other good old city,
town, or borough, in the good old world. Some people
laughed to see the alteration in him, but he let them
laugh, and little heeded them; for he was wise enough
to know that nothing ever happened on this globe, for
good, at which some people did not have their fill of
laughter in the outset; and knowing that such as these
would be blind anyway, he thought it quite as well that
they should wrinkle up their eyes in grins, as have the
malady in less attractive forms. His own heart
laughed: and that was quite enough for him.
He had no further intercourse with Spirits, but lived
upon the Total Abstinence Principle, ever afterwards;
and it was always said of him, that he knew how to
keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the
knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us!
And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God Bless Us, Every
One!”**

**~ Charles Dickens ~
in
A Christmas Carol**



Happy New Year! I hope you had a happy and
peaceful Christmas holiday with good food, good
friends and family and peaceful time for meditation
and reading. 2012 is a brand new year, a time to
start new things and to return to regular duties with
refreshed minds and bodies.

The Library will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2012
from 6 to 8 and all regular winter hours thereafter.

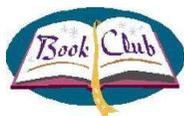
Sunday:	Closed
Monday:	Closed.
Tuesday:	6 - 8
Wednesday:	2 - 4, 6 - 8
Thursday:	10 - 12, 2 - 4, 6 - 8
Friday:	10 - 12, 2 - 4
Saturday:	10 - 12



The Library Board meets in the Library on Wednesday, January 11 at 1 p.m.



The Prince Women's Institute meets in the Library on Thursday, January 12 at 1 p.m.



The Book Club will meet in the Library on Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m.

We will discuss "**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. This debut novel by Gowda explores the emotional terrain of motherhood, loss and belonging. Please join us for a lively discussion.

A recent article in the Sault Star had an article that talked about the alarming drop in the number of students who enjoyed reading across the province and in our own school boards. Computers are great. They have made our lives much easier, but their benefits cannot replace those you get from reading.

If you are the kind of person who makes New Year's resolutions, then you might want to consider making a resolution to read more or to read to your children more often or to encourage your children to read.

Here's why.



8 Benefits of Reading

(or Ways Reading Makes You Better at Life)

The public library is a phenomenon that boggles the mind. Free knowledge for anyone. Literally, anyone. Can you imagine going into a clothing store, for instance, "checking out" an outfit, wearing the outfit and returning it in four weeks, free of charge.

Except books are so much better than clothes.

If you have always been a reader, as I have, then you know what I'm talking about. No matter what you read, the act of reading every day helps in nearly every aspect of life. Here are a few ways that reading improves the quality of life.

1. Enhanced Smarts

Wow, this may be the most obvious benefit, right? Well, it turns out that reading helps in almost every area of smarts. Those that read have higher GPA's, higher intelligence, and general knowledge than

those that don't. In Anne E. Cunningham's paper "What Reading Does for the Mind", she found that reading, in general, makes you smarter, and it keeps you sharp as you age.

No matter what it is that you are wanting to do or become, you can't do it without more knowledge. Reading is an excellent way to get where you want to go.

2. Reading reduces stress

Reading a book, helps your mind shift gears. If you have had a stressful day, a book can easily distract you from your worries. Fiction is fantastic for this. Reading an awesome fiction book is perfect right before bed time. Though sometimes it's hard to put the book down if it's really good. Still, you'll be relaxed ;)

3. Greater tranquility

Reading can soothe like no other. If you are a high-energy person, reading forces you to sit and be still. This daily act of making yourself be quiet and still has been nothing short of miraculous for anxiety.

4. Improved analytical thinking

That's right, ladies and gentlemen. Cunningham's studies have found that analytical thinking is boosted by reading. Readers improve their general knowledge, and more importantly are able to spot patterns quicker. If you can spot patterns quicker, your analytical skills receive a boost.

5. Increased vocabulary

It's no secret that reading increases your vocabulary and improves your spelling, but did you know that reading increases your vocabulary more than talking or direct teaching? Reading forces us to look at words that we might not have seen or heard recently. In fact, the language in children's books is likely to be more sophisticated than your average conversation.

Increased vocabulary is especially crucial for bloggers or writers. All successful writers will tell you that in order to write well, you need to read. Every

day. You'll be surprised at the words you start incorporating into your writing.

A beefier vocabulary isn't just for writers though. Knowing what other people are saying and using the perfect words to convey your feelings is a critical part of being a better human. Better listeners are more successful in life.

6. Improved memory

Do you have an awful memory? Perhaps you cannot remember what you have had for breakfast, let alone things like names and addresses. You will find that you can remember stuff much easier when you have been reading consistently. Do I have any scientific data to match this up? Not really. But I'd say it's a pretty safe bet that reading has somehow given me a memory mojo.

7. Improved writing skills

This isn't much of a stretch, considering that reading improves vocabulary and critical thinking. You will feel like a better writer if you are constantly surrounding yourself with works from people who are better than you are. That's why English classes in High School make you read "the classics". That's why art students learn to copy masterpieces, so they know what creating something incredible should feel like.

The more you read, the better a writer you'll become.

8. Helps prioritize goals

Many times we're certain we know what we "really want" in life. Yet I've found that activities like reading show me things I didn't know about myself. My mind will drift to things that I'd really like to do, and it isn't long before these little lapses in reading start to cycle. The same sort of goals keep popping into my head, allowing me to see what I really want to do. When you remove yourself from your work environment ie. retire, take a vacation or change careers, you'll start to see things that you might really want to do, that you're not doing yet. Reading gives you a chance for your mind to wander.

No time? No money?

If you think that you don't have enough time to start reading, you're wrong. How do I know? Because we make time for the things that are important to us. How much TV do you watch? How much time do you spend surfing the net? You could easily replace those activities with reading.

If you're worried about the cost of books, check them out at the local library. Most libraries take advantage of the interlibrary loan system, so you can check out nearly any book on the planet.

There's really no excuse not to start reading on a regular basis. The benefits far outweigh the costs, and more knowledge never hurt anybody.

Look on the New Book shelf for these titles to get you started.

1. Diana Gabaldon continues her Outlander series with hero Jamie Fraser in "The Scottish Prisoner".
2. Sue Grafton works her way towards the end of the alphabet in her new release "V is for Vengeance". In a spiderweb of dangerous relationships a woman kills herself – or was it a murder? Kinsey Milhone must get to the bottom of it.
3. Janet Evanovich brings us "Explosive Eighteen". In another dynamite novel, bounty hunter Stephanie Plum's life is set to blow sky high when international murder hits close to home. It all starts on Flight 127 on her way home to Newark from Hawaii.
4. In "Red Mist", Patricia Cornwell's new Kay Scarpetta novel, our heroine travels to Georgia's Prison for Women to find out what happened to her former deputy chief, Jack Fielding, who was murdered six months earlier.
5. Alexander McCall Smith brings us "The Forgotten Affairs of Youth", another installment in the ongoing saga of the life and loves of Isobel Dalhousie, editor of an applied ethics journal and her life in Edinburgh.
6. Last but not least, we have "The Hunger Games" trilogy for the young people. This extraordinary, groundbreaking series by Suzanne Collins has topped the New York Times best sellers list for most of this season. Stunning, gripping and powerful – read on.



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.

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COUNCIL NEWS

ADMINISTRATOR'S COUNCIL REPORT

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

At the Council meeting of December 13, 2011, Council declared the seat formerly filled by the late Roberta Williamson vacant. Their options to fill the seat were by appointment or by by-election. It was their decision to appoint David Yanni to the vacant seat.

The 2009 draft Financial Statements were presented to Council by Anthony Rossi, CA of Calam, Rossi Chartered Accountants. The statements show that everything is in order. However the look of the statements is quite different from previous years due to the legislated change in the accounting method.

The compliance to the Public Sector Accounting Board, including asset management accounting and amortization, the new integrated accounting software, and a change in the Administrator position in 2009 and again in 2011 contributed to the delay in having the Financial Statements prepared sooner.

The appointment of a new fire chief has been deferred until the New Year when Council is once again at full capacity. In the interim, the Deputy Chief, Fred Rushon will be in charge of the Fire Department.

I hope everyone had a Safe and Merry Christmas Season!

Respectfully,
Peggy Greco

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 January 17th, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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

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Fire Department

Safety Tips for Emergency Lighting and
Heating During Power Failures

In recent years very few people have frozen to death in their homes. However, many people have suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning, smoke inhalation or burns incurred through the inappropriate

use of emergency devices.

When your power is out, you may be introducing potential hazards to your home so you must take extra precautions to make sure that everyone stays safe.

Candles - If you use candles, make sure you keep them away from all combustible materials. Never leave them unattended and place them out of reach of young children. Candles should be placed in solid, secure candle holders and protected by a glass chimney.

Try to avoid walking with a lit candle or taking it into a closet to look for things. Use a flashlight.

Never leave a child unattended in a room with a candle or oil lamp.

Oil lamps - Oil lamps or lanterns provide excellent light but can be a fire hazard if placed too close to combustibles. Keep oil lamps away from combustibles and out of the wind. Make sure they are kept in a secure place where they cannot be knocked over. Refill the lamps outdoors or away from combustibles and other people.

Before going to bed make sure that all candles and lamps are out.

Matches and lighters- Keep all matches and lighters out of sight and reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.

Heating and Cooking - Think carefully before you bring a fuel-burning appliance into your home. Any device that burns fuel requires oxygen to provide complete combustion and ventilation to remove the products of combustion. Any device fueled by natural gas, propane, heating oil, kerosene, coal, charcoal, gasoline or wood produces carbon monoxide.

- Use only portable space heaters that have been designed for indoor, residential use.
- Before using a portable heater, review the manufacturer's recommendations for usage

and follow the instructions carefully. Only use the fuel for which the appliance was designed.

- When using the heater, provide adequate ventilation by opening a window slightly.
- Before refueling, turn off the heater, wait for it to cool and take the heater outside to refill.
- Never use propane or charcoal barbecues indoors. They are designed for outdoor use only. It is preferable to eat a cold meal than die from carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Keep all heaters at least 1M (3 feet) away from combustible materials including drapes, carpeting and furniture.
- Turn portable space heaters off when you are not in the room and before you go to bed.
- If you are using a wood stove, be careful with the ashes. Always empty ashes into a covered metal container and store them outside away from combustibles.
- If you have not used your fireplace or woodstove for a long time, have it checked by a professional technician before using it. Your chimney may be blocked or damaged, which could cause a fire or a build-up of carbon monoxide inside the home.
- Generators should not be brought inside the home for any reason.
- Before going to bed, do a quick check of every room to make sure candles are out and heaters are off. Wear several layers of clothing to preserve body heat.

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.

