

Township of La Vallee

Newsletter

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Township of La Vallee's Sixteenth Annual Community Christmas Party & Fun Day Sunday, December 6, 2009 starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Devlin Community Hall

**Pot Luck Supper at 5:00 p.m. Bring your favorite family hotdish or salad
Christmas Sing Along Sleigh Rides-weather permitting Kiddie's Corner
Santa's visit with goodies for the kids!!**

Bring along your sleds, cards, cribbage boards or any game you wish to play or share. Hope to see you there! Sponsored by the Township of La Vallee and the Devlin Community Club.

Community Service Hours Available:

We are looking for Secondary Students who may wish to do their Community Service Hours in this Township. Students are needed to assist with the annual Christmas Party, helping with the Kiddie's Corner, clean-up and general assistance wherever needed. To sign up call 486-3452 during office hours.

Holiday Office Hours

During the Holiday Season the Municipal Office will be closed from December 24th, 2009 to January 1st, 2010. Regular hours will resume on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Holiday Landfill Hours

During the Holiday Season the Landfill will be closed on Thursday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), Saturday, December 26th (Boxing Day) and Thursday, December 31st (New Years Eve). **Just a reminder to residents, please do not bring hot ashes to the landfill. Please note we don't recycle plastic bottles or cardboard. The items we still recycle are metal cans, pop cans, copper, aluminum and brass.**

Rainy River District Mutual Fire Aid Association:

2010 Cash Calendars are on sale now. They make a great Christmas gift and are available at the municipal office or from any Fire Department volunteer.

History Book

Both Connections and Further Connections History Books are still available through the municipal office. The cost is \$50 and cheques should be written to the Township of La Vallee. They make great Christmas gifts.

Cemetery Candle Lighting:

The Cemetery Committee is again making ice candles. The ice candles can be purchased by contacting either the Township office at 486-3452 or Maxine Hayes at 274-6049. The candles are \$5.00 each and all proceeds from the candles will be used for improvements at the cemeteries. Deadline for orders placed with the municipal office is Monday, December 14th and candles must be picked up by Wednesday, December 23rd by noon. There are no planned services at the cemeteries. You are responsible for lighting your own candles. Also Maxine Hayes is looking for ice cream pails to make the candles in. If you have any to spare you can drop them off at the

Building Permits

Just a reminder that building permits are required for any building construction within our municipality. You will be charged a \$200 administration fee in addition to the regular permit fee if you start construction without the required building permit. If you have any questions as to whether or not you need a permit please call the municipal office or our Building Inspector, Henry Van Ael at 274-8531 or 276-0473.

Snowplowing

If you would like your driveway plowed out this winter please stop by the township office and sign a snowplow waiver or call the office at 486-3452 to request one to be mailed or faxed to you. You must sign a waiver before we can plow your driveway. All outstanding snowplow invoices must be paid.

ALARMED for Life! Every home in Ontario must have working smoke alarms-it's the law. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. Test the alarms once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year.

The Council and Staff Wish Everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Use of Municipal Sign Policy

Municipal signs are available for use by the community and district for advertising events.

Municipal uses take priority over all other uses. Community uses take priority over district uses.

Examples of Eligible users are as follows: Church groups, local community groups, tops club, ball club, schools, fair board, not for profit organizations, charities, and organizers of community events open to the public.

Requests to advertise on the municipal signs require two weeks notice prior to the event. The earlier the request is in, the better chance you have in having an event advertised.

All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate requests; however there are no guarantees that your event will be advertised on the signs. Availability of signs will be determined by weather, access to the signs, staffing availability and other sign priorities.

Lettering on signs will be changed by municipal employees only.

Sign use must be approved by the Clerk-Treasurer or designate. The decision of the Clerk-Treasurer is final.

Any other concerns about sign usage can be directed to Council.