



CP SCOOP – December 1st, 2020

## MUNICIPAL UPDATES

**Santa Neighbourhood Visits** - The Town of Carleton Place Recreation & Culture Department is pleased to share more information regarding this weekend's Santa Claus Neighbourhood Visits. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and a few of their friends will be visiting the neighbourhoods of Carleton Place this weekend.

Santa will be visiting the following neighbourhoods on the following days:

### **1- Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>- 6:00 p.m. starting at the Carambeck Community Centre.**

Visiting Streets: Bridge, Prime Place, Joseph, High, Dumlage Crescent, McCrostie, Flora, McKenzie, Moffatt, Dufferin, Thomas, William, Mullet, George, Edmund.

### **2- Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>- 6:00 p.m. starting at the Carleton Place Arena.**

Visiting Streets: Begley, Princess, Franklin, Beckwith, Lake Avenue East, Rochester, Franktown Road, Nelson East, Park Avenue, Wellington, Queen, Miguel, McGregor, King, Francis, Hooper, Hurdis Way, Dunlop Road, Roe, Crampton Drive, Stonewater Bay, Patterson Crescent.

### **3- Sunday Dec 6<sup>th</sup>- 2:00pm starting at the Ocean Wave Fire Company/OPP.**

Visiting Streets: Grant, Nelson West, Alexander, Julian, Lansdowne, Lake Avenue West, Napoleon, Arthur, Sarah, Caldwell, Woodward, Doucett Drive, Dunham, Mississippi, Morris, Napoleon.

Visit to Miller's Crossing: McNeely Avenue, Flegg Way, Fanning, Riddell, Captain A Roy Brown Boulevard.

We encourage you to visit the [Carleton Place Recreation & Culture Department Facebook Page](#) to see the detailed maps that outline exactly where Santa will be.

If Santa is not visiting your street, we invite you to pop over to a street that he is visiting so that you can see him go by. A reminder to please stay a safe 6 feet distance apart from your neighbours, and only gather with members of your household.

The Ocean Wave Fire Company will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Lanark County Food Bank. If you would like to make a donation, we invite you to drop off your donation to the closest stop sign from your house, and our firefighters will pick them up as they go by!

Come get in the Christmas spirit with us! Join us for some music, lights, and Christmas magic. Proudly presented by: The Town of Carleton Place, Lanark County OPP, Ocean Wave Fire Company, and A1 Towing. For more information please visit our [Facebook page](#), email: [jhansen@carletonplace.ca](mailto:jhansen@carletonplace.ca), or call (613) 257-1690.

## **FEDERAL UPDATES**

**[Government of Canada Releases Supporting Canadians and Fighting COVID-19: Fall Economic Statement 2020](#)** - A second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic has gripped people and economies around the world, including Canada. The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, released [Supporting Canadians and Fighting COVID-19: Fall Economic Statement 2020](#). This plan will continue to protect Canadians' health, jobs and the economy.

## **PROVINCIAL UPDATES**

**[Ontario Supports Local Manufacturers Producing Masks for Adults and Children](#)** - The Ontario government is investing \$550,000 to help local manufacturers retool their operations and increase capacity in the manufacturing of masks for both adults and children. These initiatives will help keep the province safe by making Ontario self-sufficient in the production of critical PPE. Funding is being provided through the Ontario Together Fund.

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**[Ontario Collaborates with Industry Experts to Plan the COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout](#)** - The Ontario government is collaborating with leaders and experts in a wide variety of sectors, including pharmaceuticals, health care and logistics, to develop a plan for the safe and efficient distribution of COVID-19 vaccines when they become available. Partnerships across these sectors are critical as Ontario prepares to handle one of the largest vaccine rollouts in its history.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

**Lanark County OPP – Slow Down, Drive According to Conditions** - The Lanark County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind all drivers that the holiday shopping season is upon us and with that comes a significant increase in the amount of traffic on local roads and around area businesses.

Weather and road conditions can change quickly at this time of year, so plan ahead if you have to travel or even if you are just on the roads near home. Excessive speed is the cause of many collisions and this busy and hectic time of year makes it all the more important to devote all of your attention to the task of driving when you are behind the wheel. Remember, speed limits are for ideal conditions.

Let us all do our part to make our roads safe by driving according to the weather and road conditions and driving without distractions.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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**Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit - Health Unit encourages you to make this holiday season meaningful and memorable** - Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice or more... this year it is going to look different. Different doesn't have to be bad though. It's all about framing expectations and being creative; and to make this holiday season meaningful and memorable.

The current state of our Leeds, Grenville and Lanark area is we are in the **GREEN-PROTECT** level of [Ontario's COVID-19 Framework](#). We encourage people to check this status through our social media channels and website when planning or before attending events.

Here are 2 things to focus on this year to celebrate and still stay safe:

1. **Make it More Intimate** – With large gatherings on the ‘naughty-list’ – think small this year. Instead of large group lunches, dinners or parties, plan more personal ‘Secret-Santa’ type ideas that could involve random acts of kindness.
2. **Make it About Others** – 2020 is the perfect time to think about those who are struggling. Challenge coworkers and family members to donate funds, gifts, food or other supplies to local charities. (see the [‘Tips for Giving’](#) section of our website)

Celebrating virtually or with members of your own household (who are consistently careful to reduce the spread of COVID-19) poses the lowest risk for spread. In-person gatherings that bring together family members or friends from different households, including college students returning home can increase the levels of risk. Here are some ideas on how to modify some of our traditions:

### **For Workplaces:**

**Instead of** a large team potluck or restaurant lunch - **try** ordering take-out from everyone’s favourite local place. Space out the seats in the lunchroom or bigger room in your office so everyone is 2 metres apart (may need to schedule in shifts or different days if there is not enough space). If people are working from home, book a virtual video meeting so you can still enjoy the social connections.

**Instead of** White Elephant gift exchanges where people gather in a large group and make a game of stealing gifts from each other - **try** drawing names virtually (Secret Santa style) to still enjoy the gift giving and receiving without compromising physical distancing. Make this year about others. Partner with a local Long-Term Care home or retirement residence to give virtual messages/letters to the residents.

**Instead of** Office parties - **try** making this the year that you do something different. Try secret virtual messages, since many colleagues could be working from home, this could be festive messages, recipes, photos/videos, [positive notes and compliments](#); office/work team fundraisers for local charities; holiday sweater/poem/story/photo contests – find a way to make 2020 even more memorable!

### **For Family Celebrations:**

**Instead of** a family dinner - **try** arranging a timed dinner with family via video calling so you can virtually eat together, regardless of location – across the country, with those in care, or even internationally.

**Instead of** holiday baking with friends or family - **try** making the same recipe with family or friends while video conferencing – like a virtual cooking show.

**Instead of** holiday in-person visits - **try** making time for virtual coffee or tea dates with friends and family or go walking or skating outdoors; Virtual countdown calendars (sending a message (email, text or DM) or mailing/dropping off messages to someone each day or week leading up to the holidays to keep things exciting)

**Instead of** family in person gift exchanges - **try** mailing or dropping off gifts on doorstep; donating to local charities instead (we have a large section on our website with [tips for giving](#)).

## **For Community Celebration Ideas:**

**Instead of** a holiday parade - **try** doing a tour of local decorations. Map out driving routes to see festive displays at homes and businesses.

**Instead of** community gatherings with donations for food drives or other donation events - **try** planning food drives to be no contact with drop off sites and physical distancing and masks for volunteers with small numbers (preferably the same household members) working on the food baskets; Doorstep drop-off family gift baskets/snowsuits. *Note: ensure proper hand washing and cleaning is in place when handling food or when donating used items.*

**Instead of** holiday concerts - **try** planning a virtual concert where physical distancing is in place for performers (minimizing the numbers as much as possible), and extra measures are followed if people are singing or playing wind instruments (like having solos).

## **IF you do decide to plan a small gathering:**

Restrictions can change quickly. Currently, the private social gathering limits are 10 indoors or 25 outdoors. Be sure to check the [latest status of our region](#) before attending or planning any events. Any gatherings of people outside your household are higher risk for spreading COVID-19. Consider whether people are travelling, who is attending, where you are holding the event and other ways to reduce the risk involved with gathering. [See more about this on our website.](#)

As always if you do find that over the holidays you are not feeling well, stay home and do the [self-assessment tool](#) on the Ministry's website. If you are required to get tested, [visit the nearest Assessment Centre or call the Health Unit for information about mobile testing.](#)

For more information about reducing the spread of COVID-19, contact the Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853. You can connect with [LGLHealthUnit on Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for important public health updates.

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**Mississippi River Health Alliance - Better Together Newsletter** - The Mississippi River Health Alliance's (MRHA) has released the [Winter edition of their community newsletter](#) to keep everyone informed about news at Almonte General Hospital, Fairview Manor, Lanark County Paramedic Service and Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital. They are working together to ensure the very best care close to home.