



HCM News

THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

HOLIDAY HOURS

Council and Staff of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy Holiday - Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Staff and Council have enjoyed having the opportunity to serve you in 2013 and look forward to the challenges and adventures that 2014 will bring.

The Municipal Office will be closed the following dates for the Holidays.

Tuesday, December 24

Wednesday, December 25

Thursday, December 26

Tuesday, December 31 &

Wednesday, January 1

Disposal Sites will be closed **Thursday, December 26**. Mackey and Stonecliffe



Collection will occur on **Friday, December 27**. The site will not be open until Saturday.

Recycling Collection will occur as usual on **December 30** and **January 6**.

The Garbage Collection on **December 27 & 31** and **January 2 & 7** will be Amnesty Days where more than the usual one bag of

garbage will be collected roadside. For these dates, two untagged bags of normal household garbage will be allowed. Rules as to unacceptable materials and sorting of recyclables will be enforced. We are simply allowing an additional bag due to the "normal" amount of extra waste accumulated during the holidays.

Come January, the Disposal Site Hours will be

Reduced - January, February and March **ONLY** Bissett - Tuesdays - 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Stonecliffe - Thursdays - 12:45 - 2:30 p.m. Saturday hours remain the same.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The anticipation of Christmas is all around us but most especially in the excitement of children. I witnessed this joyful noise at our community centre last Saturday, where Christmas decorating was in full swing. Hopefully we can all recapture that wonder and magic in ourselves in these weeks before December 25th.

This is often the time of year when we reminisce about childhood family traditions and stories. My mother would always tell us "that in her day" if you were on Santa's naughty list a lump of coal would be the reward on Christmas morning. There were years when I thought it could also have been my fate. At our house we always left the obligatory carrots for the reindeer but on my father's insistence Santa always had cookies and a beer waiting!

At the heart of this season is a most special child, born in a lowly place and a harsh and unbelieving world. His message of peace and good will is one that resonates through the centuries and to all faiths. I hope that all the residents of our beautiful community share in the true spirit of Christmas with family, friends and neighbours this year.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Councillor Debbi Grills



" I wish love and peace
to all at this special time

of year. Please consider joining us in our newly renovated hall (our best Christmas present yet) for the events planned in December. "

Councillor Jim Gibson

Dates to Remember

Saturday, November 30, 2013—**Public Meeting**

- Grant Funding Wish List
- Budget 2014
- Council participation in a Public/Private Partnership—Solar FIT program

Saturday, December 8, 2013—CWL Community
Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 11, 2013—North Ren-
frew Long Term Care Centre **Christmas Lunch**

Friday, December 13, 2013—**Council Meeting**

Tuesday, December 31, 2013—**New Year's Eve
Celebration**

Euchre, Sunday December 1 and 15, January 5

Missing Link Dates to Remember

Next Meeting – Tues Dec. 17th

7:00 p.m. at Balla-Boudreau's in Mackey

Planning for the 4th Annual "Open Sesame"
Poker Run & Dinner Sat. Jan. 18th will be on the
agenda.

Happy Sledding Everyone!

HCM Library - Community News Winter 2013

It seems the older we get the more amazed we are at how fast time flies, but here we are getting ready to celebrate the Christmas Holidays. During the holiday season our library will be closed all stat holidays as outlined in the Township portion of the newsletter but we will be open Saturday Dec. 28 volunteer present. If a volunteer should not be available the closure will be posted on the library door.

As for what is happening in the library we are revving up the **History Project** by training a volunteer to scan, upload and access the information entrusted to us for the site <http://images.ourontario.ca/hcml/search> . That means should you have photos or historical documents that you would like placed on the site you can bring them to the library, have them scanned and processed. Our volunteer in training is Cathy Sutherland and gung-ho she is!

The library would like to share with its patrons the fact that **late fees** have become a concern. We have forgiven fees in the past but would like everyone to know that we are working on a “onto time return” policy so late fees will now be enforced. The library is manned 3 times a week and we have a drop off slot in the Township Hall Door for your convenience. Because of how the library is manned everyone gets a few extra days grace when they drop of the books to the library but long over- dues will be notified. Below is the fee chart for Head, Clara & Maria Public Library.

Material Type	Loan Period	Optional Renewals	Fines Per Day	Max. Fine Per Item
Books	28 days	1	\$0.25	\$5.00
DVDs	7 days		\$1.00	\$10.00
Magazines	21 days	1	\$0.25	\$2.00
Playaways	28 days	no	\$1.00	n/a
Laptops	7 days	1	\$1.00	n/a
Replacement Cards				\$5.00

As most of our patrons know, the Library Board tries to plan and host several coffee mornings and fundraising events over the course of the year. We are looking for **volunteers** for these events. We need people to bake, set up, tear down or host the event. We would like to set up a data bank of names and then have people on a rotation type of schedule so we are not always looking to the same people. We have a list of cooks for our card parties but would like to update that as well, so we can add in new volunteers. So, please contact Gayle if you love to bake but don't love to eat it, have some time to help with set up the event or would just like to come tear down.

The Afternoon Social featuring the **Aging Well Theatre** was very well attended and a good chuckle was had by all. What an interesting group of people to come and perform such humorous and life teaching skills. Thank you to the whole troupe. Also thank you to Marlene Gibson and Betty Condie the event Hostesses. Your time and treats were very well received. ...Continued on Page 5

To HCM Municipal Employees

I want you all to know that I couldn't do what I need to do for this municipality day in and day out without the positive efforts and contributions of each and every one of you.

In doing your jobs so well, you make my job so much easier;

Taking pride in your tasks and duties shows; and allows us to successfully and regularly meet ratepayer requests, Council directions and Municipal goals;

Because you work so well independently and as a team, it looks easy;

It gives me great satisfaction when we accomplish so much together, on time and on budget; And I thank you from the bottom of my heart for doing what you do each day! Together we accomplish so much!

You should each be proud of your accomplishments and contributions, I am.

Terry Lamure, Bob Labre, Gayle Watters, Noella LeBreton, Bill Donnelly, and Trang Ton

Thank you for all that you do for our municipality, Your positive outlook and consistent efforts truly make a difference.

Merry Christmas to you and your families,

From my heart, Thank You

Melinda Reith

N O S N O W O N M U N I C I P A L R O A D S

Annual snowplow operations begin with the first significant snowfall of the year. This can be as early as November 15 (our contract start date) or as late as Mother Nature decides. Township bylaws and the *Highway Traffic Act* prohibit parking or stopping on a road

in a way that interferes with plowing operations. Plow operators need clear roadways to complete their routes safely and on time. Under the *Highway Traffic Act*, residents are prohibited from depositing snow on any roadway. When clearing snow, pile it on your

property - do not shovel it onto the road or across the road into the ditch. This practice is dangerous because it may cover the salt/sand applied and may cause drivers to lose control. It may also cause windrows of snow that freeze across the road causing further hazards.

D I S P O S A L S I T E W I N T E R H O U R S

At its meeting of Friday, September 27, 2013 the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria, after public consultation, passed a resolution to alter disposal site hours for the months of January, February and March of 2014 in the

same manner as in 2013. Both sites will remain open on Saturday but the hours on Tuesday and Thursday will be reduced somewhat. On Tuesday, the Bissett Creek Road site will be open from 12:30–2:00 instead of 3:30 and on

Thursday, the Kenny Road site will be open from 12:45–2:30 instead of 4:15. Saturday hours remain as usual – Bissett Creek Road –12:45–3:45 and Kenny Road–8:30–12:00 noon.



L I B R A R Y N E W S C O N T I N U E D F R O M P A G E 3

Crime Stopper Calendars are selling pretty fast so if you have not got yours call Fran Kelly-Chamberlain or stop by the municipal office for yours. The calendars cost \$20.00 with \$5.00 for each one sold coming to our public library. We would like to thank all those who have purchased one so far and wish them good luck.

We would just like to re-

mind you to save your **Valu Mart tapes** for us. The **Bingo Book Challenge** will be finished by December 9, 2013 and the Calendar Sales are winding down.

Thank you to all who visited during our **“Library Week”**. The Library Week prizes (Cole’s Book Store Cards) were awarded to 1. Pauline Perrin - \$25.00 2. Judy Johnston - \$15.00 and 3. Laurel Lentz - \$10.00. A big thank

you to Pauline Perrin who donated her prize back to the library.

So visit the HCM Public Library and give yourself the wonderful gift of time, in which to snuggle in with one of our great reads or watch one of the fantastic movies available.

A Merry Christmas & A Very Happy New year from the HCM Public Library Board members and staff. (GW)



New Year's Eve 2014

Come Ring in the New Year with your Neighbours, Family and Friends

At our Newly Renovated

Stonecliffe Community Centre

Doors open at 8:00

Live Band to begin at 8:30 featuring

Richard Kennedy and the Skwecky Wheel

Late lunch at 11:00 hot/cold

Cash Bar w Complimentary Champagne toast at midnight

Advance Tickets \$15/person \$25.00/couple

All tickets at the door \$15; advance sale ends Dec. 26th

**Contact Albert Chartier, Jennie Dowser, Wanda Baril, Linda Chartrand, Gayle Watters,
Melinda Reith or the Municipal Office**

Designated Driver Program - complimentary beverages for DD's

Door Prizes—Bring an item for our “Time Capsule”

Limited Tickets Available—Get Yours Now!



Residents of Head, Clara & Maria are invited to
the CWL

Community Christmas Social & Potluck Supper

Sunday December 8th at 2:00 pm

Stonecliffe Township Hall



Activities are planned for the whole family.

Please bring a donation for the Food Bank

Join us for an afternoon of Christmas fun.

Supper served at 5:00 pm

Help us plan - RSVP by December 4th to:

Debbi Grills 586-1904 or Linda Chartrand 586-2366



WE'RE ON THE WEB

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EMAIL LIST If you would like to be on our community email list please contact the Municipal Office. It is the intent of staff to keep email addresses secure by using Blind Carbon Copy however; we can not guarantee confidentiality.

INPUT: Council and staff are interested in what you have to say. If you have ideas for service changes, comments, concerns, complaints? Please forward to the Municipal Office or any of your members of Council at the contacts provided. Your input is valued. Many positive changes recently implemented have been the result of ratepayer suggestion. Please take every opportunity you can to take part in the future of your government and your community.

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Notice: By December 31, 2013, all outstanding tipping fees will be added to your tax bill. If you have fees outstanding please make arrangements to pay them.

High Road Maintenance
1-866-685-2770 for all complaints, issues or concerns.