

Christmas Presence



Observe this season by adding Christmas Presence to your Christmas Presents! Local churches offer many opportunities, and always welcome visitors (even outstanding members).

- Ebenezer United, December 19th, 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service.
- Eden Mills United, December 24th, 7 p.m.
- St. John's Anglican, December 24th, Family Service, 4 p.m.
- St. David's Presbyterian, December 24th, 7 p.m.
- Nassagaweya Presbyterian, December 24th, 8:30 p.m.
- St. John's Anglican, December 24th, 11 p.m., Dec. 25th, 9:30 a.m.
- Arkell United: December 25th 10 a.m.

Regular services return to all Churches on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th.
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Christmas in the Country

Does it get any better than this? Soon there will be crisp fresh snow to tramp in, birds flocked around the feeder and a host of wintery fun things for the kids to do. The new millennium is just around the corner, but while you're waiting for that New Year's Eve countdown, try some of the following for fun.

Have lunch, **visit with Santa** and help out a charity all at the same time when Santa makes a special visit to Don Cherry's Grapevine in the Milton Mall on Saturday December 4th. The man in the red suit will be visiting from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and all proceeds will be donated to Rose Cherry's Home. Call for reservations or more information at 905-875-1559.

Milton Cooking School offers a variety of classes for the kids throughout December. There's **Kids and Parents Cook Together** on Sat. Dec. 11 from 9:30-11:30 at a cost of \$10 and featuring a Christmas Cookie Bake-off. Kids can decorate either **Gingerbread Houses** (Dec 5 and 12) or **Santa Faces** (Dec. 19) from noon till 3 p.m. All supplies are provided and cost is \$14.99 for the Gingerbread Houses and \$7.99 for Santa Faces. Call Christine Thomas at 905-875-6871 for more information on these or any other cooking classes. Be sure to tell her Donna sent you!

Halton Hills Public Libraries want to keep the kids busy this season, so they're offering a **P.A. day program** in making unusual gifts at both their Georgetown and Acton branches on Friday Dec. 3 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. All families are invited to "**Merry Christmas Storytime**" Thursday Dec. 16, 7 p.m. at the Georgetown branch. Bring the entire family for an hour of songs, carols and refreshments. For more information on either program contact Lori Morrison or Cindy Cooper at 905-873-2681.

Speaking of libraries, swing by Milton Public Library to register for Preschool programmes like "**Storytime**," "**Tales for Twos**," and "**Babytime**." Registration takes place from November 30 to December 5 for programmes beginning January 11. Call 905-875-2665 to find out more.

Christmas and Nature go hand in hand at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre Dec. 5 from 10-4. Hike along a snowy trail, enjoy a horse drawn sleigh ride and make a special decoration for your tree. Also at Mountsberg is **Winter Days in the Country** from December 26 to January 2 and weekends throughout January and February. Skate on the old farm pond, enjoy horse drawn sleigh or wagon rides, rent a pair of snowshoes or just enjoy the bonfires. Call 854-2276 for more info.

Watch the big man in the red suit pull into town on December 19 for the annual **Campbellville Santa Claus Parade** at 1:30. To find out more, call Glenn Goldstraw at 1-800-567-3212, ext 7184.

If the kids love to sing and perform, or like watching other children perform, take them to Charley Fitzwhiskeys Restaurant on any Sunday afternoon. From 5 to 7 p.m every Sunday, **Kids' Karaoke** rules the day while the adults sit back and watch. It's a lot of fun, whether you take part or just watch. Call 905-878-6697 and talk to Harvey or Eric to find out more.

Springridge Farms offers **kids' classes** every weekend throughout December. For a small fee, kids have the opportunity to bake and decorate gingerbread or decorate a glass ball for their own tree. More information is available by calling 905-878-4908.

Kidz Korner invites all youngsters to attend its **Dinner with Santa** on Thursday, December 9 from 6 to 8 p.m at 150 Nipissing Rd., Milton. Includes pizza, drinks, dessert and playtime with Santa. Tickets on sale now! Hurry, space is limited! Call 905-878-4697.

I wish to all of you and your families a very merry and safe holiday season. I'll be back in your mailbox just before the year is out with ideas to keep the kids busy over the school break. If you know of any great programmes going on, please don't hesitate to phone me at 905-854-2469 or email me at ddanielli@interhop.net. Happy Holidays one and all!

HALLOWE'EN PARTY A HOWLING SUCCESS

BY DALE HAMILTON
THE COMPASS

After making the rounds on Hallowe'en, many Trick-or-Treaters in Eden Mills topped off their evening at the annual Hallowe'en party at the Community Hall.

One way to describe this event is "high energy" - combine several dozen excited kids and throw in handfuls of candy loot and the energy level is bound to go off the scale.

The event organizer, Barb Marshall, handles it all very well. She gets the kids involved in activities such as apple bobbing and a get-up-and-dance-off-some-energy costume parade. This year there was everything from classic vampires and princesses to cool characters from Pokemon and Star Wars. Many parents in attendance expressed their gratitude that the costume parade is non-competitive. In this way nobody has to take home a disappointed dinosaur or a crying clown.

Barb Marshall deserves a big thanks for organizing this event. Barb was inspired to carry on this tradition by her mother (the late Betty Marshall) who organized a similar event in the village for many years. Thanks also to the Eden Mills & District Community Club for their generosity in sponsoring this event.



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TRICK OR TREAT - Keeley Duffield and Madeleine Darling were just two of the cool characters out for a night of "high energy" fun at the Eden Mills Community Hall on Hallowe'en.

Cindy Pearson Lunau's

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MOHAWK RACING: The racing this year has been the best ever, breaking records both on the track and at the front gate! Breeder's Crown offered a tremendous night of racing, even if it included some unfortunate upsets. Purses in the eight races were more than \$5.3 million, wagering was a record \$4.4 million, and attendance (including Slots) was estimated at over 8,000! This was the first year of a five-year agreement to host this prestigious event at Mohawk. Just wait 'til next year! The Fall Racing Meet continues through December, excluding Wednesdays & Sundays (dark days in track vernacular.)

SOUND OF MUSIC: The hills of Nassagaweya were alive with musical sounds in the past month. First Ebenezer presented outstanding sounds of Classical Chamber music at the Speedside Festival. This past weekend, St. David's Rev. Glen Soderholm joined with Father Mark Curtis and Chris Fischer from Knox Presbyterian Church to present the "Three Tenors" concert in the foothills of Nassagaweya (aka Milton.) Congratulations too to St. David's on the Dedication of their new addition, part of their Anniversary Service on November 14. The new three-level facility includes classrooms, offices, kitchen, elevator, lounge, and washrooms. (The congregation is correct when it proclaims, "A church is not a building; it's people." Still it's nice to have some comfort!)

40TH ANNIVERSARY: November 21st, Milton Hospital celebrated its 40th Anniversary! Congratulations! Sunday's Community Open House concluded a weeklong celebration including Flag Raising, luncheons, craft sales, Gourmet Dinner, and Hospital tours. There are always lots of opportunities to support your local hospital facility, including the opportunity to Buy a Bulb for the Hospital tree.

HOMEFEST: The Nassagaweya's Women's Institute 18th Annual Homefest was a wonderful event! The WI works to keep Community Spirit alive! Neighbours enjoy meeting at Homefest for a homemade lunch prepared and served by Institute members. Local artisans displayed their many talents and offered unique gift ideas. Money raised through Homefest supports local community projects. The Women's Institute meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Community Hall in Brookville. New members are always welcome. Call Katherine Garwood (905) 854-2470 for more information.