

DECEMBER 2011

# LYNN LAKE LIFE

**The Sportfishing Capital of Manitoba**

*Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2012*

As 2011 draws to a close and the new year begins to unfold, Council and Staff of the Town of Lynn Lake take this opportunity to thank the individuals, businesses, groups and agencies that have played a role in sustaining our community through the past year.

As a community, we have many accomplishments to celebrate from the year just ending, the most significant being the new water treatment plant that pumps out crystal-clear water.

We also acknowledge that not all efforts and enterprises in the community have been successful, but the new year springs new hope and with that: May our combined efforts in 2012 bring all the progress Lynn Lake residents deserve!

We hope the forthcoming year will witness business growth and new development, as well as health and prosperity for all residents in the Lynn Lake area.

As we prepare to settle in for the holidays, please note that the Town Office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 23,



2011, and not re-open until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012. Any emails and other correspondence received through the holiday will be dealt with promptly in the New Year.

The Town's Public Works Department will close at noon Friday, Dec. 23, and re-open at the normal time on Wednesday, Dec. 28, for the rest of that week. The Department will again be closed on Monday, Jan. 2, 2012.

The Town Landfill site will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23 to Tuesday, Dec. 27, closing again from Saturday, Dec. 31, until Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2011.

As we take a break to enjoy time with our loved ones, the Town of Lynn Lake Council and staff wish you and yours:

**Happy Holidays!**  
**See You in 2012!**



*celebrate each day.*

# LYNN LAKE



The *LYNN LAKE LIFE* monthly newsletter is produced free for community-wide distribution by the Economic Development Office of the Town of Lynn Lake. This newsletter aims to provide Town residents with both a source of information about what's going on around them, as well as a vehicle with which to inform their neighbours of upcoming events and other items of interest. This newsletter is not intended as means to fan the flames of controversy. Therefore the Community Economic Development Officer retains the right as Editor-in-Chief of *LYNN LAKE LIFE* to refuse any submissions perceived to fall short of the newsletter's mandate to deliver a positive message about life in this Northwestern Manitoba community.

Because of the monthly publication schedule, contributions must be forwarded well in advance of the promoted events, or as soon as the information of interest is available. Photos are welcome.

Please send your contribution to Erkki Pohjolainen as email to [edo@lynnlake.ca](mailto:edo@lynnlake.ca), drop it off at the Town Office, 503 Sherritt Ave., or mail it to Lynn Lake Life, PO Box 100 Lynn Lake MB, R0B 0W0.

## Happy ending from casual conversation

You just never know where conversations can lead.

Case in point: A bonanza of healthy food and gifts delivered to Lynn Lake resulting from a fortuitous conversation in late summer.

Lynn Lake resident Gerald Umbach happened to mention casually to Muriel Buhr of British Columbia that John and Hazel Perepeluk volunteered in a breakfast program at the local school. A few weeks later, Ms Buhr called Ms Perepeluk from the Creston Valley Hospital, Creston, BC, to report that she received her name from Mr. Umbach and that she advocated for needy children here in Lynn Lake. Ms Perepeluk recounts the conversation: "She told me she had heard that fresh fruit and milk were very expensive up North."

That conversation was in early October. Fast forward six weeks to late November when the Gardewine North truck pulled up to West Lynn Heights School, bearing 600 pounds of fresh BC apples along with a sizable quantity of skim milk powder, tuna, toys and clothing for Christmas.

"We are using approximately 100 pounds of apples for the breakfast program," reports Ms Perepeluk. "The rest of the apples, tuna and skim milk powder went to families with small children."

The toys and clothing will make their way to deserving children for Christmas.

But there's more to this good news story:

Ms Buhr was able to get the goods from British Columbia to Winnipeg, but wasn't sure how they could be transported from there to the end destination – Lynn Lake. In keeping with the Christmas spirit, Gardewine North graciously stepped up and volunteered to provide complimentary transport to Lynn Lake.

All parties involved in this episode deserve a tip of the hat for their efforts and volunteerism, and if there is anything to be learned from this experience it is that: Communication opens doors. Had Mr. Umbach not casually mentioned the Perepeluks' endeavours to Ms Buhr, this happy story would not have come about.





**WHERE IN LYNN LAKE IS THIS** a regular feature in *LYNN LAKE LIFE*. Submit your answer for where this photo was taken at Town Hall to enter a prize draw. You may recall last month's photo was of the Town's Cenotaph at the corner of Sherritt and Eldon Avenues. **Cassie Cook** was among those to correctly identify the location and her name was drawn from among the correct responses. She wins a \$15 gift certificate for lunch at the Lynn Inn. Another exciting prize awaits someone who can identify this location.

**CHAMBER CHATTER:**

**Members asked to consider serving on 2012 executive**

With 2011 at an end, the Lynn Lake Chamber of Commerce is again calling out for new members and reminding current members to renew their membership for 2012.

Members are also invited to put their names forth to serve on the executive, to be elected during the December meeting.

Members meet 10 times a year, usually the fourth Monday evening of the month, except for the two dinner meetings – held

in December and June. There are no regular meetings through July and August.

To learn more about the Chamber, contact any of the current members.

The annual fee is \$135 and entitles the member a say in all matters addressed by the Chamber.

The date and location for the December meeting are yet to be confirmed, but members will be notified by phone as soon as plans are finalized.

**Current members**

Contact	Organization
Marianne Jantz-Olson	Lynn Lake Hospital
Eugene Shin	Lynn Inn
Larissa Bodz	Town CAO
Erkki Pohjolainen	Town CEDO
Sean Maher	NWCFD Corp.
Tracy Thomson	Clarks Pharmacy
Gord Loewen	Lynn Lake Esso
Joanne Ladouceur	Manitoba Hydro
Lynn Tozer	Northern Store
Ollie Romanow	RCL, Br. 236 MTS
Pat Campbell	Northbound Tours
Tyler Hunt	LL Friendship Centre
Marilyn Hunt	WLH School
Tom Gallant	CIBC
Jim Shortt	Lynn Lake Video
Charles Brassington	Lakeview Apartments
Lyle, Linda McMillan	Grey Owl Outfitters
Nicole Smith	Town of Lynn Lake
Doak's Petroleum	in The Pas Gallant Photography

**Lynn Lake Poetry past**

Wade Allison Dale, an on-line subscriber to *Lynn Lake Life*, says he "had the privilege of growing up in Lynn Lake."

He submitted for publication three poems by his mother, Betty Dale, among a collection of her works he is compiling in a book titled, *Poems, From My Soul*.

Alongside here, for your reading pleasure, is the third of the three poems Wade submitted:

**Chinook In Lynn Lake**

The snow came in September  
With a sigh we did surrender  
To the thought of winters howling winds  
So we gulled our hoods up tighter  
And just smiled a little brighter  
Because we couldn't do a thing.

When we thought winter would last forever  
We go a big change in the weather  
Cause a Chinook came and now we all can sing  
With our parkas open, a warm wind blowing  
We can turn our thoughts to spring.

Little boys are hiding round the corner

Throwing snowballs at their Dad  
While mother dries clothes out on the line

As the day to night is slipping  
And the thermometer is digging  
As the Chinook bids farewell  
I feel so very sad.

But perhaps some night while I am sleeping  
Another Chinook will come creeping  
Then I can wake to greet a nice warm day.  
In Lynn Lake Manitoba  
Where temperature can dip to 50 below and stay  
We're very glad when a Chinook comes our way.

## WLHS Student Poets' Corner

The following is a selection of poems submitted by Mrs. Morris with parental permission. These works are written by students in her Grade 10 ELA Class.

### I Live on Reindeer Lake

I live on Reindeer Lake  
And that's where I am from.  
But grandma loves to bake  
When she has a shot of 151 rum

We like to go fishing  
In all of the bays  
And some go hunting  
Almost everyday.

I like to race dogs  
I race with cousins TinTin and Chad.  
We get a bit of logs  
And when I win, they get mad.

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### Florida

The waves crashing on the shore  
The Gulf of Mexico is the place to go  
Going to Disney World is a dream  
Cotton candy and ice cream

All the princesses dancing around  
Their feet barely touch the ground  
Listen to the dresses sway  
As they dance the night away

When the kids head to their beds  
The parents kiss their little heads  
Dreaming of all the fun  
Just yesterday, it all begun.

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### Brochet

Brochet is the place to be,  
Commercial fishing every day,  
Picking berries with great ease,  
Seeing boats in the breeze.

I feel safe at home,  
Even when I'm alone.  
I go on the Skidoo,  
Hunting for Caribou.

Winter roads are long and bold.  
Getting firewood in the cold.  
Racing dogs off the trail,  
Sometimes I feel like I want to bail.

By Dylan Laponsee

By Ashlan Reimer

By Mason Merasty

### Rose in the Rain

A Rose as red as blood,  
Rising from the rainy ground,  
A raging river nearby.

Someone roaming in the trail,  
Memories of a rotten past.  
She returns to the rainy road,  
Running, stopping, noticing the radiant rose,

A smile rises on her face,  
Tears running down her rosy cheeks.  
She remembers by this rose,  
That she can put her past to rest.

By April Dumas

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### Be There for Hours

Be there for hours  
With no one around to make a sound,  
Be here to think  
And watch the scenery.

The beautiful sunset going down  
In a soothing manner each and every day.  
The color of the trees' leaves changing  
With every minute passing by.

The beauty of the color in the sky,  
When it's going to bed.  
The calming smell of the air,  
As the season changes.

The sound of the water going down the river.  
The feeling you get walking,  
Across the bridge, not knowing  
What's going to happen next.

Whether you're going to make  
A good or bad decision  
Whether you're going to jump off,  
Or keep on going.

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By Jadiine Merasty

***LYNN LAKE LIFE welcomes creative writing. If you have penned a short story or piece of poetry and would like to share it with the community, get it to the Town Office or email it to edo@lynnlake.***



# THE Lynn Lake Friendship Centre

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Lynn Lake, MB  
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E-mail: lynnllfc@cancom.net



*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy Holidays,  
Everyone!*



*The Board and Staff of the Lynn Lake Friendship Centre Inc. would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!*

The Lynn Lake Friendship Centre offices will be closed Tuesday, December 20, at 12:00 p.m. and will reopen on Wednesday January 4, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

The last bingo of 2011 is December 14, bingo will resume on Wednesday January 4, 2012.

Due to the Seniors Christmas Feast there will be no Hot Lunch on December 9, 2011.

The last Hot Lunch of the year will be December 16, 2011 and will resume Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

Thank you to all the volunteers, people who donated and attended the LLFC Christmas Tea, it was a huge success and could not have been possible without your support!

## **2012 Community Christmas Tree**

You may purchase bulbs In Memory of a Loved One or as a Seasons Greetings for \$5.00 each. Bulbs may be purchased at the Lynn Lake Esso, Lynn Inn or the LLFC.

The Tree Lighting was scheduled to take place at the LLFC Basketball Court on Decem-

ber 1 at 6:00 p.m. with everyone welcome.

## **Christmas Candy Grams for Sale!**

Candy Grams for \$5.00 each will be delivered to that special someone on your list! See Jamie at the LLFC!

## **Seniors Feast**

The Seniors' Feast takes place Friday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m. in the LLFC Hall.

## **Children's Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 11, at 1:00 p.m. all children are welcome to a Christmas party at the LLFC Hall.

## **Community Feast**

Thursday, December 15, at 5:00 p.m. everyone is welcome to the Community Feast at the LLFC Hall

Parents: Please accompany your children!

## **EFYC Christmas Party**

December 17 at 5:00 p.m. the EFYC Christmas Party unfolds at the LLFC Hall.

## **Christmas Hamper Delivery**

Tuesday December 19, Christmas Hamper deliveries will begin at 9:00 a.m.

## **LLFC Christmas Raffle**

A 40 Inch Flat Screen LCD television will be awarded to the lucky winner of the December 15 draw. Tickets for a chance to win the LCD TV are \$5.00 each.



# Sunrise/sunset times for Lynn Lake December 2011

Motorists are reminded that they are required to have their lights on when driving from a half hour before sunset to a half hour after sunrise, while hunting is prohibited from half hour after sunset to half hour before sunrise.

The following schedule for Lynn Lake can be found at [www.sunrisesunset.com](http://www.sunrisesunset.com):

Dec.	Sunrise	Sunset
1	8:55 a.m.	4:11 p.m.
2	8:57 a.m.	4:10 p.m.
3	8:58 a.m.	4:09 p.m.
4	9:00 a.m.	4:08 p.m.
5	9:02 a.m.	4:07 p.m.
6	9:03 a.m.	4:07 p.m.
7	9:05 a.m.	4:06 p.m.
8	9:06 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
9	9:08 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
10	9:09 a.m.	4:04 p.m.
11	9:10 a.m.	4:04 p.m.
12	9:11 a.m.	4:04 p.m.
13	9:13 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
14	9:14 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
15	9:15 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
16	9:16 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
17	9:17 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
18	9:17 a.m.	4:03 p.m.
19	9:18 a.m.	4:04 p.m.
20	9:19 a.m.	4:04 p.m.
21	9:19 a.m.	4:04 p.m.
22	9:20 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
23	9:20 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
24	9:21 a.m.	4:06 p.m.
25	9:21 a.m.	4:07 p.m.
26	9:21 a.m.	4:07 p.m.
27	9:22 a.m.	4:08 p.m.
28	9:22 a.m.	4:09 p.m.
29	9:22 a.m.	4:10 p.m.
30	9:22 a.m.	4:11 p.m.
31	9:22 a.m.	4:12 p.m.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Waste Disposal Grounds will be CLOSED as follows for the Christmas Season:

- Friday, Dec. 23
- Saturday, Dec. 24
- Monday, Dec. 26
- Tuesday, Dec. 27
- Saturday, Dec. 31
- Monday Jan. 2



**Please note:** There will be NO GARBAGE PICK-UP on the following days during the Christmas Season:

- Monday, Dec. 26
- Tuesday, Dec. 27
- Monday, Jan. 2

**The entire Town will have garbage picked up on December 28.**

### Town Hall Holiday Hours

Town Office will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 23, 2011, and not re-open until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012. Any emails and other correspondence received through the holiday will be dealt with promptly in the New Year.

**Reminder:** Lynn Lake Residents are reminded that the only acceptable garbage for collection is common household trash. This does not include carpets, building materials, appliances, furniture, etc. It is the responsibility of residents to transport these items to the Town Waste Disposal Site.

## LYNN LAKE JOB BOARD



### Lynn Lake Hospital

Is now hiring for the position of **Office Manager**.

A full time position responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, evaluating and completing all accounting and payroll functions for Lynn Lake Hospital and Leaf Rapids Health Centre.

The Office Manager provides assistance in budgeting, personnel functions and activities of the hospital and Health Centre.

#### Requirements:

- Business Administrative Certificate or comparable experience.
- Excellent verbal and inter-personal skills.
- Experience in unionized environment.
- Excellent computer skills.
- Must have a dependable, consistent and reliable work record.

**For more information or to send a resume, please contact:**

Marianne Jantz Olson, Manager  
 Lynn Lake Hospital and Leaf Rapids Health Centre  
 Box 2030 Lynn Lake MB R0B 0W0  
 Phone: 204-356-2474  
 Fax: 204-356-8023

CLOSING DATE IS DECEMBER 6, 2011

To post local job openings, contact Lynn Lake's Economic Development Officer Erkki Pohjolainen, (204) 356-2418 [edo@lynnlake.ca](mailto:edo@lynnlake.ca)

## **Tobacco Awareness For You and Your Family**



**Don't give up  
giving up.**

You are invited to attend this free of charge session.  
Monday December 12 at 7:00 – 9:00 PM at West Lynn Heights School  
Home Ec Room

### **Learn About Your Choices**

- Stopping smoking
- Cutting back
- Making your home smoke-free
- Healthier life-style

### **Free:**

- Nicotine patch and gum will be free of charge for those who need them.
- Booklets and pamphlets
- Draw for a Healthy Living Bag (worth about \$100.00)
- Refreshments

**All are welcome** – there is **NO cost** and **NO pressure** to quit or reduce smoking. Come and get information for your self, a friend or for family members.

**For more information contact Marianne Jantz Olson 356-2474.**

Sponsored by Manitoba Tobacco Reduction Alliance (MANTRA),  
Burntwood Regional Health Authority and West Lynn Heights School.

# Holiday fire safety message from your local Firefighters

## Fire – The Facts

**KID'S ACTIVITY PAGES ON THE LAST THREE PAGES OF THIS LYNN LAKE LIFE**

• The Christmas season is a time of high fire risk and danger.

• During the holiday season the incidence of fires and fire losses involving candles, home heating equipment, clothes dryers, and electrical sources increase significantly higher than these same categories for the rest of the year,

## SAFETY TIPS

### Christmas Trees:

• Ensure your artificial tree is 'Fire Resistant.'

• Ensure your live tree is fresh and moist at all times. Cut the stalk at an angle and keep the tree well watered. Dropping needles indicate a dry, highly flammable tree.

• Set up live and artificial trees away from fireplaces, heaters, and other heat sources and ensure it is not blocking an exit.

### Lighting:

• Indoors or outdoors, use only lights that have been tested and labelled by a recognized testing agency such as the ULC or CSA.

• Inspect holiday lights yearly for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections and throw out damaged sets.

• If using extension cords, make sure they are rated for the intended use and in good condition.

• Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.

• Turn off all holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

• Outdoor electric lights and decorations should be plugged into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters.

### Decorations:

• Choose non-flammable decorations whenever possible.

• Keep decorations, curtains, clothing and spray aerosol cans away from open flames or heat sources, such as lights, candles, heaters and fireplaces.

• Never put a candle on or near the branches of your Christmas tree.

• Mount candles on metal or glass candle holders, or place them in non-combustible containers.

### Holiday Entertaining:

• Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Do not leave your cooking unattended.

• Provide smokers with large, deep

ashtrays and check them frequently. Douse butts completely in water before discarding.

• After a party, check inside and under upholstery and cushions for smoldering cigarettes.

• Keep matches and lighters up high and out site and reach of children.

• Test your smoke alarms and explain your fire escape plan to your guests.

• Do not smoke in bed, when tired or under the influence of alcohol or medication. Smoking is the most common cause of fire deaths.

### The Holiday Season:

• Electrical and heating systems can fail and become fire hazards. Ensure they are regularly checked by a professional, especially prior to the holiday season when fireplaces, heaters, appliances and other electrical equipment are in maximum use.

• Have your chimney and furnace cleaned and professionally inspected prior to each winter season.

• Keep heating appliances at least one metre (three feet) away from combustibles.

• Ensure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home and a well rehearsed fire escape plan in case a fire does break out in your home.

## New program to help prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV

Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors Minister Jim Rondeau announced today the province will help mothers living with HIV access free baby formula to help prevent mother-to-child transmission of the virus.

"We've worked very closely with our partners to develop a program that will allow mothers living with HIV to safely feed their infants without fear of HIV transmission," Rondeau said.

There are approximately 10 to 15 infants born to HIV positive mothers a year in Manitoba. This new initiative is part of the province's ongoing commitment to help improve the delivery of care and treatment for those living with HIV-AIDS, and ensure those who test positive for HIV have more immediate and accessible care when they need it, said the minister.

"The Nine Circles Community Health Centre applauds the province for taking this necessary step," Michael Payne, executive director of Nine Circles said. "Providing formula to women living with HIV is an essential tool in the preven-

tion of HIV."

The province continues to fund programs throughout Manitoba, including Strengthening Families, Our Selves, Our Daughters, Play It Safer Network, Safer Choices Northern Network, the 595 Prevention Team, and the Sexuality Education Resource Centre, that work to promote sexual health and wellness, including sexually transmitted blood-borne infections (STBBI) prevention, through increased education, services and resources, Rondeau said. These and other programs use a peer-based, harm reduction approach to improving sexual health and substance use awareness, he said, adding they have an overall goal of minimizing impacts and reducing the number of newly acquired STBBIs including HIV-AIDS.

Manitobans are encouraged to teach young people good sexual health habits that can prevent sexually transmitted infections and consider regular HIV testing, which can include point-of-care testing done on site and provides a result within 30 minutes, as part of their overall health care, Rondeau said.

# Free calendar features green, cost-saving ideas

The 2012 EcoCalendar is available to the public across the province at no charge, providing easy ideas and tips for adopting a greener lifestyle and saving money at the same time, Conservation Minister Dave Chomiak announced Nov. 24.

"In this fourth edition of the popular EcoCalendar, we're providing more ideas, tips and hints than ever before for Manitobans who want to save money while reducing their carbon footprint," said Chomiak.

"The calendar helps people learn how to live a more sustainable lifestyle, save resources and reduce waste, all which support a healthier environment and a greener Manitoba."

The minister noted that partners from various sectors came together to support the creation and production of the calendar. Green Manitoba, a special operating agency of the provincial government, produced the 2012 calendar in partnership with Manitoba Hydro, Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba, the Canadian

Beverage Container Recycling Association, Manitoba Conservation, the Manitoba Association for Resource Recovery Corporation, Rechargeable Battery Recycling Council of Canada, Post-Consumer Pharmaceutical Stewardship Association, Tire Stewardship Manitoba and others.

Calendars have been distributed across Manitoba and copies are available at Lynn Lake Town Office, as well as Canada Safeway stores; Canadian Tire stores; Salisbury House restaurants; Manitoba Hydro regional offices; municipal offices; Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs community council offices; Manitoba Conservation regional offices; Employment Manitoba centres; Canada-Manitoba Business Service Centre regional offices; urban and rural libraries; Winnipeg arenas, pools and fitness facilities; and Winnipeg Regional Health Authority community offices and ACCESS centres.

Information on provincial sustainability initiatives and links to valu-

able information sources, such as the Manitoba Sustainability Initiatives and Green Building Products and Services Directories, are available on Green Manitoba's website at [www.greenmanitoba.ca](http://www.greenmanitoba.ca).



## Consumer Protection Agency issues caution about debt-reduction claims

The Manitoba Consumer Protection Office is warning consumers to be cautious in dealing with companies that say they can reduce total debt to less than what is owed, sometimes by as much as 60 per cent. This promise is tempting for consumers who are struggling with household debt, but in some cases consumers can end up owing even more money.

Debt-settlement agencies tell consumers to stop paying their creditors and put money into a separate account until they have saved a larger amount.

Then, the debt-settlement company says it will negotiate with creditors to reduce the total amount owed.

Up-front fees charged by some debt-settlement companies can be significant and are not refunded if negotiations with creditors are not successful.

Consumers may continue to receive calls from their creditors and collection agencies even after they have paid a significant amount of money to a debt-settlement agency.

Consumers thinking about using a debt-settlement agency should know:

- Creditors do not have to negotiate with debt-settlement agencies and may refuse any offer made.
  - If minimum payments on debts are stopped, creditors may charge late fees and interest, or take other actions against consumers.
  - Debt settlement may take years.
  - Any unpaid debt will affect a credit rating for years.
  - For-profit debt-settlement agencies do not have to provide any credit counselling.
  - Financial counselling is available from financial institutions and non-profit credit-counselling agencies.
- Debt-settlement agencies are contacting Manitobans directly and through advertising. The services of debt-settlement agencies are not government programs.

*For questions about debt-settlement agencies or help finding financial counselling support, contact the Manitoba Consumer Protection Office toll-free at 1-800-782-0067 or by email at [consumers@gov.mb.ca](mailto:consumers@gov.mb.ca).*

## December Holiday Fire Safety Activities

**Hey Kids:** Here's some coloring fun for you while you wait for the Big day! There's also a maze on the next page and a crossword puzzle on the last page. Complete all three pages and bring them to the Town Hall for a chance to win a prize!

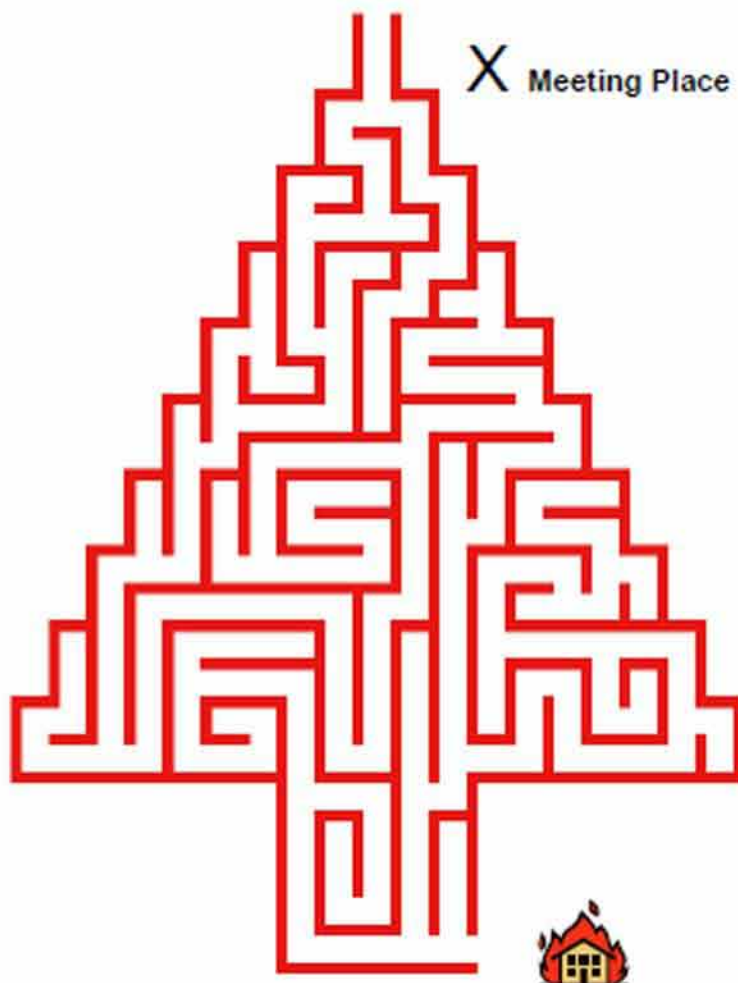


## December Holiday Fire Safety Christmas Tree Maze

At home you should plan and practice a home escape plan with your family. Just like your escape plan, find your way out of this maze.

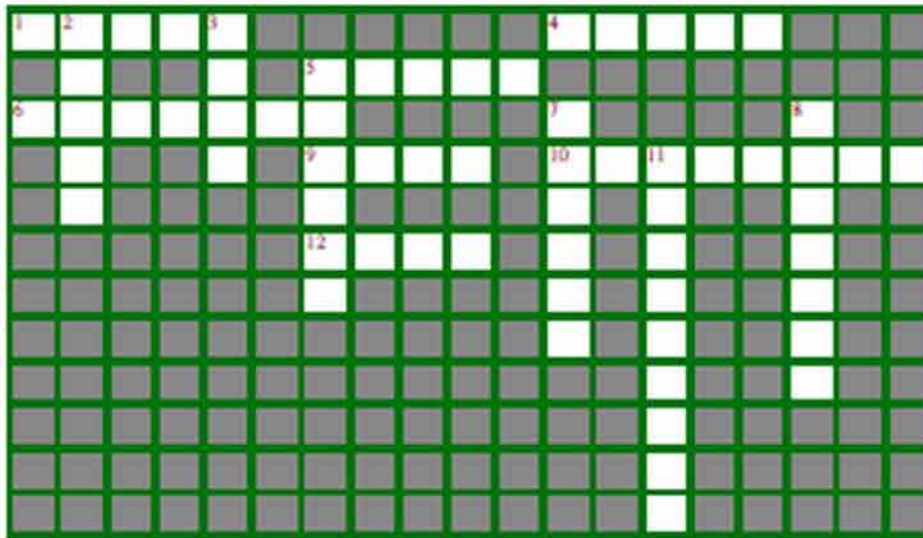
Also, remember these safety tips for your home fire escape drill:

- Crawl low to avoid smoke and heat.
- Feel doors with the back of your hand before opening them.
- If the door feels hot, find a second exit.
- Get out and stay out.
- Go to your meeting place
- Call 9-1-1 from a neighbour's phone



# December Holiday Fire Safety Crossword Puzzle

Use the holiday fire safety clues below to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.



### ACROSS

- \_\_\_\_\_ your live Christmas tree regularly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ low under smoke.
- Make sure holiday decorations do not block \_\_\_\_\_.
- Keep \_\_\_\_\_ away from all holiday decorations.
- If you get burned: \_\_\_\_\_ a burn. Don't use cream or salve.
- The number of home fires \_\_\_\_\_ during the December holidays.
- Do not overload electrical \_\_\_\_\_-ins

### DOWN

- Test your smoke \_\_\_\_\_ at least once a month.
- If you or your clothes catch on fire: stop, drop, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Design and regularly practice a home fire \_\_\_\_\_ plan with your family.
- Turn off holiday \_\_\_\_\_ before you go to bed or leave the house.
- Children should never play with \_\_\_\_\_, lighters, or candles.
- Ensure holiday lights are in good \_\_\_\_\_. Replace wires with cracks, breaks or frays.

View upside-down in mirror to see answers

Answers: Across: water, crawl, exits, candles, cool, increase, plug, Down: alarm, roll, escape, lights, matches, condition