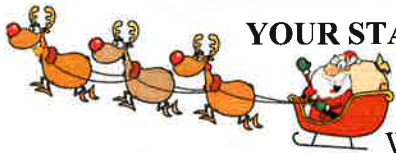


TOWN OF SPANISH NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2022

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YOUR COUNCIL:

Mayor: Karen Von Pickartz
Deputy Mayor: Sandra Trudel
Councillors:
Mary-Louise Zarichney
Debra Joncas
Ted Clague

The **Municipal Office** will be closed the week of December 26, 2022 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Water and Sewer payments are due Dec. 30th.

The office is closed that week, but you can drop your payment in the library book deposit. This will be checked regularly and receipts will be mailed.

Public Works will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, Tuesday, Dec. 27 & Monday, Jan. 2, 2023

Four Seasons Complex will be closed from Friday Dec. 23 to Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023.

The **library** will be closed the week of Dec. 26 and will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

The **Medical Clinic** will be closed Thursday, Dec. 22 and will reopen on Monday, January 2, 2023.

Committee/Board Vacancies

Please contact the municipal office for more information if you are interested in sitting on any of the following Committees or Boards:

- Recreation Committee
- Health Centre Fundraising Committee
- Mount Calvary Cemetery Board

Congratulations to the winners of Octobers Pumpkin Contest



- 1st Channing McNaughton
2nd Kaileigh Orozco
3rd Marshall Zarichney

Door prize winners:

1. Carter Nieforth
2. Connor Patrie
3. Dani Hobbs

Adult Halloween Dance Winners

1. **Charlie and Carmen Cotnoir**
(Bee Keepers)
2. **Dan and Cheryl Pilon**
(Colonel Sanders and Chicken)
3. **Stephane and Sandra Rollin**
(Viking and Queen)
4. **Krista Budge and Dwayne Gignac**
(Dandelion and Bee)
5. **Kelly Cavanagh**
(Pumpkin Head)
6. **Sue Morneau and Burt Gagne**
(Yellowstone Couple)
7. **Cindy Budge**
(White clown)
8. **Dan Townsend**
(Guy that's a girl)
9. **Carol Rousseau**
(Spanish Dancer/Skull Bride)
10. **Annette Gaudreau**
(Scarecrow)

The local **Food Bank** is open the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 4 – 5 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion.
Phone: 705-844-2723

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN.....

Sunday, December 11th, 2022 at 1:00pm come and visit with Santa at the Legion!

Free hot dog, pop and treat bags for the kids!

Friday, December 23, 2022, Santa will be hitching a ride in the fire truck, accompanied by his elves. Santa will tour the town wishing all a Merry Christmas and the elves will be handing out candy canes to the children. For safety reasons, please stay at the end of your driveway – the elves will come to you. Santa will be leaving the Fire Hall at 1 p.m. and will make his way around town beginning on the north side of the highway, then the south side.



SPARKLE CONTEST

Make sure your Christmas lights are on Monday, December 19th, 2022, at 7:00pm

Prizes will be handed out for the best decorated homes





MAYOR'S HOLIDAY MESSAGE



On behalf of myself, Council and Staff of the Town of Spanish, we hope you all experience the magic and wonders of the Holiday season, celebrating with family and friends.

We hope your new year is filled with health, happiness and peace. Please travel safe wherever your festivities may take you.



Merry Christmas from all of us!
--Mayor Karen--

SPANISH MEDICAL COMMITTEE TREE OF LIGHTS

Once again, the Spanish Medical Committee will be lighting a tree of lights this holiday season and are offering the opportunity for everyone to purchase a light in memory of or to honour a loved one or to simply send a holiday greeting to friends and family.

Each light will be sold for **\$5.00 per name or 3 for \$10.00** and names of donors and honourees will be published locally between November 2022 and January 2023.

Lights can be purchased at the municipal office between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, up to December 23, 2022

All monies raised go to the Spanish Medical Clinic Building Fund.
We look forward to your support!



Complete and return to the municipal office with payment. Thank you for supporting the Spanish Health Centre Fundraising Committee. All donations go towards the Spanish Medical Clinic Building Fund.

TREE OF LIGHTS 2022

- In Memory of
- Season's Greetings to

Please list names below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Cost is \$5.00 for each name listed or 3 for \$10.00.
Amount Enclosed: _____

Please remit payment to the Town of Spanish Municipal Office.

Donor Name: _____



News & Announcements

*Happy
Holidays*

Holiday Hours: The library will be closed for the week of December 26, 2022 for the holidays. Reopening on January 3, 2023



The Spanish Public Library presents

FAMILY CHRISTMAS STORY TIME

10:30am to 11:30am Tuesday, December 6

**Celebrate the season with
songs, stories, snacks & activities!**

A FREE drop-in event for all ages!

InamojoTM
for children's wellbeing

**Holiday Break
PROGRAMMING**
*at the
Spanish Public Library*
**11AM TUESDAY
DECEMBER 20**

A **FREE** 1 hour
creative & playful **DROP-IN** playgroup
for kids age 5-9

Meet Aloka & the Wolf in an all new fairytale, learn to trust your instincts & dance your way through the "Witches Curse" while expressing the journey through mindful art!

***A social emotional learning tool to
help build resiliency, nurture the
heart and grow the Spirit.***

**DECEMBER
KIDS CRAFTY
CREATION KIT**



Available FREE at the
Spanish Public Library

**Grab your kit & get entered into the
PRIZE DRAW**

Don't forget to stop by and pick up your **FREE** Monthly
Crafty Creation Kits for Kids and enter the monthly draw
for a **PRIZE!**

We gnome you will love these little guys.

Just a reminder in addition to our traditional collection of books, we also have DVD's, Video games, Tackle Share, Nintendo Switch, Telescope and our newest additions, laptop, tablet, mini projector and webcam technology. Our many digital offerings include Overdrive & Hoopla, and our online databases to entertain and enrich your life.

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday: 9:30am to 4:30pm
Wednesday: 9:30am to 4:30pm & 6:00 to 8:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am to 4:30pm & 6:00 to 8:00pm
Friday: 10:00am to 2:00pm

<http://www.townofspanish.com/residents/public-library/>

705-844-2555

library@townofspanish.com

**Spanish Public Library
Fundraiser**

Book Bags



\$15.00 +tax (\$16.95)

Screen printed with historical
sketch on both sides of bag


Available in Beige or Black.

All proceeds to the Spanish Public
Library.

2022 TREE OF LIGHTS

Donor:	In Memory of:	Donor:	In Memory of:	Donor:	In Memory of:
Gary & Jocelyne Bishop	<p>Luc Lambert Donald and Arbutus Cook Armand Lambert Pierre Lambert Raymond Lambert Firmin & MaeBelle Bishop Fay Bishop</p>	Ronda Vance	<p>Julie Beckerton Lee Pierce Bernadette Tremblay Russell Vance Eleanor Vance Basil Vance Edith Vance Cindy Spencer Julie Trowbridge</p>	Sheelagh MacDonald	<p>Michele Kohout William Renwick Runjie MA</p>
Jim & Mary Bray	<p>Stan Bray Virginia Bray Peter Dolan Sr. Elizabeth Bond Dolan Bernadette Sturrock Aneta Thiessen Alger Bond</p>	Kathy & Allan Joncas	<p>Julie Lortie Eugene Joncas Dorinda Orozco</p>	Orville Royal	<p>Harvey Royal Doris Royal Julie & Brian McCarter</p>
Russell Christensen	<p>Jean Kirkland</p>	Shirley Lawrence	<p>David Lawrence</p>	Lise Whalen Royal	<p>Donald Whalen Jim McCarter Theodore Wheler</p>
Leonard Joncas	<p>Lavina Joncas Gertrude Joncas Albert Joncas Leon Joncas Larry Joncas Diana Tester Joncas</p>	Jeff Van Dyke	<p>Patricia Van Dyke</p>	Jean-Luc Trudel	<p>Pierre Trudel Jeannette Paradis Raymond Paradis</p>
Roger Cyr	<p>Maurice Cyr Rejean Rousseau Marvin Lewis Paul Larochelle Alcide Lemire Paul Levesque Dave Adams Bert Vezeau Gabriel Bourgeois Dave Cavanagh David Cavanagh Jr Jeanne McNaughton Linda Arnold Leo Landriault Amadie Desayeux</p>	Dan & Fay Yorke	<p>Victor Yorke Jodi Yorke Frank Yorke DJ Yorke Amy Yorke Gail Longe</p>	Alan & Jean Trowbridge	<p>Rose Trowbridge Helen & Jack Trowbridge Ronald Trowbridge Johnny Trowbridge Dan Sonnenburg Laura Muldoon</p>
Kyle Yorke	<p>Archie Nesseth Bea Nesseth Aubrey Yorke</p>	Marg & Ted Clague	<p>Irene Guppy Fred Guppy Theresa Fallahay</p>	<p>SEASON'S GREETINGS From: David James Rittberg To: Dorothy Lidstone, Pam & Reggie Lortie and Bryne Fournier</p>	



Donor:	In Memory of:	Donor:	In Memory of:
Reg & Pam Lortie	<i>Nan and Grandpa Shelp Nan T and Grandpa Owen Mom and Dad Lortie Elmer (Peanut) Trowbridge Shelley Sabourin Cindy Spencer</i>	Chuck & Pat Shelp	<i>Helen Shelp "Hap" Charles Shelp Priscilla Budge Julie Trowbridge Elmer Trowbridge Owen Trowbridge</i>
Shane & Janet McCormick	<i>Herb McCormick Lauretta McCormick Stan McCormick Samuel Rice Paulette Rice Billy Rice</i>	Kayla McElhone	<i>Myles Boultrice D.J. Yorke Lionel Gignac</i>
Kathy Rietkoetter	<i>David Cavanagh Senior</i>	Edelgard Mader	<i>Vincent Family Stella & Snuffy Corbiere JR Gauthier Joseph Mader</i>
Jean McElhone	<i>Herbert McCormick Lauretta McCormick William McCormick Stanley McCormick Donnie McCormick James Budge</i>		



12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY FIRE & CO SAFETY



12 TIPS FOR HOLIDAY FIRE & CO SAFETY

TIP #1
MONDAY
DECEMBER 12

Use the proper lights when decorating and check for worn or damaged cords. You don't need to be Clark Ginswold to show bright with lights this holiday! Consider using LED lights and hang your outdoor-rated lights with real-free clips. Cut your loss and toss damaged strings – an electrical fire is a sure bet for a lousy holiday.

TIP #2
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 13

Keep decorations away from candles. Fires caused by holiday decorations and open flames from candles are all too common this season. Battery-operated candles are a great alternative, but if you must light up, put candles in sturdy containers and always blow out when you leave the room. Keep candles away from children, pets and anything that can burn.

TIP #3
WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 14

Install and test smoke alarms. 'Tis the season – literally! Fatal fires are at their highest rate during the holidays. When seconds matter, a working smoke alarm is the gift of time in the event of a fire. An alarm on every storey, tested monthly, and batteries replaced annually, is probably the best gift you can give your family this season.

TIP #4
THURSDAY
DECEMBER 15

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms. Unlike gingerbread, carbon monoxide is odourless. Unlike your uncle's ugly Christmas sweater, it's invisible. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly gas that can cause flu-like symptoms. A CO alarm alerts you to a potential CO emergency with four beeps and is the best way to protect your family from The Silent Killer.

TIP #5
FRIDAY
DECEMBER 16

Wash your face daily. Falling candles are your face's way of telling you it's drying out and is a fire waiting to happen. If you use it, wash it with a cool wet towel being a mistake, and water your face daily. Be wary of heat sources near the face including fireplace vents and non-LED lights.

TIP #6
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 17

Check extension cords for damage and use them properly. Getting wound up in the holiday spirit? Don't "overextend" your outlets! Extension cords are a temporary solution and if more outlets are required, have them installed by a licensed electrician. Fire and electric shock are not on anyone's list this season – avoid overloading a circuit and never run extension cords under a rug.

TIP #7
SUNDAY
DECEMBER 18

Use candles with care. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles for your holiday decorating and celebrations. If you do use real candles, always keep an open flame away from anything that can burn including curtains, decorations or paper. Keep children and candles away from dishes and stoves. Any used candles belong in the garbage.

TIP #8
MONDAY
DECEMBER 19

Prepare and practise your escape plan with everyone in your home. Santa needs one way out of your home – you need two. Give your family the gift of peace of mind with a home fire escape plan and have two ways out of every room, if possible, to ensure your loved ones are prepared for the worst so you can focus on the best: festive cheer!

TIP #9
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 20

Look while you cook. Holidays are stressful enough but when 17% of fires in Ontario are cooking-related, it's important to remember to slow things down in the kitchen. Fires caused by cooking mostly happen when the stove is on unattended, so be mindful when cooking and never leave the kitchen while using a stovetop.

TIP #10
WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 21

Keep heating sources away from anything that can burn. Baby, it's cold outside! Staying warm this Winter Solstice means practising fire safety. Space heaters, wood stoves and fireplaces are all great ideas until an accident happens. Keep at least one metre (3 feet) distance between your heat source and combustibles, like paper and fabrics.

TIP #11
THURSDAY
DECEMBER 22

Smoke outside. If cigarettes are Ontario's number one cause of fatal fires, this solution leaves all smoking needs and ashtrays during – strictly ashtrays. Never drink your tea – a little might be the difference between a holiday to remember and a holiday you'll never forget.

TIP #12
FRIDAY
DECEMBER 23

Be aware of lithium-ion batteries. Receiving a new toy or device during the festive period can be exciting, but if it has a lithium-ion battery, it can also add potential risk to your home. Always monitor the toy or device when it is charging; read the manufacturer's instructions for safe charging and do not exceed the recommended charging time.



Adult Education Centre



LBS Services and Courses

- Upgrading in reading, writing, and math
- Beginner computer courses
- Microsoft Office
- Microsoft Office 2016 or 2019 Specialist Certification
- Preparation for high school
- GED preparation
- Preparation for college
- Apprenticeship preparation
- Preparation for Personal Support Worker program
- Preparation for Health Service Support Jobs
- Making it Work Communication Course
- Work Skills Manual
- Workwise Readiness Series
- Your individual learning goals

Call 705-848-1088 in Elliot Lake, 705-356-1949 in Blind River, and 705-844-1657 in Spanish for more information.



Reminder



Effective November 1st, 2022 there is a four (4) bag limit for curbside pickup in Spanish

Youth Photo Contest



Submissions will be accepted from September 1 to December 30, 2022. Judging will take place in January 2023 by an independent judge (date to be announced later)

Contest open to youth up to and including the age of 17.

Age Categories – 6 and under
 7 to 13
 14 to 17

Themes: Nature, Seasons, People, Community

Participants are invited to submit a photo in one or more theme category using the following outline:

- 4" x 6" print (10.16 cm x 15.24 cm) on photo stock paper
- Colour or Black and White
- Unmatted
- Unframed
- Mount on white card with a ½" (2.54 cm) border on each side of the photo (for uniformity and stability when displaying)

Photos can be registered at the Spanish Municipal Office during regular business hours. Photos will be on display at the Spanish Public Library until judging in January. If you need assistance with printing your photo, please see Gwen at the Library. She can also assist with registration.

Prizes will be awarded in each age group. All photos will remain the property of the entrant and will be returned.

Sponsored by the Recreation Advisory Committee for the Town of Spanish.

Spanish Legion News

- 🌿 **Date: December 3, 2022**
- 🌿 **Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm**
- 🌿 **Event: Legion bazaar, vendor's, silent auction, and penny sale**



Christmas Hampers can be picked up on December 9, 2022.

The Legion will be closed from December 17, 2022 until January 12, 2023.



Thank you for your continued support!



December

2022

Tree of Lights - available for purchase at the Municipal Office

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Food bank	2 Curbside pick-up <u>Fiber</u>	3 9am – 2pm Legion Bazaar 10am – 3pm Christmas Market at the Complex
	4 7pm Health Committee	5 7pm Council	6 7pm Planning	7 7pm Council	8 Pick up Christmas hampers at the Legion Curbside pick-up <u>Coming</u>	9 10
				11 1pm Legion Visit with Santa 	12 13 14	15 16 17
				18 7pm Health Committee	19 20 21	22 23 24
				25 Christmas Day	26 <u>Sparkle Contest</u> 7pm Recreation 	27 28 29 30 31 Christmas Eve New Year's Eve 