

# TOWN OF SPANISH NEWSLETTER – January 2024

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## YOUR COUNCIL:

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

## 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

## SPARKLE CONTEST WINNERS

1<sup>ST</sup> Ken and Marina McVety  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alan and Alana Lortie  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cory and Jessica Solomon  
Runners up in no particular order:  
Mike and Deanne Lemire  
Missy Joncas  
Mike and Ruth Bacon  
David and Linda Villeneuve  
Shane and Janet McCormick  
Barry and Betty Tracy  
Barrie Dunbar and Kelly Anne Boulrice-Dunbar

The Recreation Committee would like to thank everyone in town for letting their Christmas spirit shine!!



## Attention Business Community

Several members of the Business Community have requested that Council form a committee with them. In response, Council is inviting all business owners/operators from within the Town of Spanish to a meeting on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 7:00 pm** in Council Chambers. The purpose of this session will be to gather information on the mandate of the proposed committee and the role of Council in making this a viable and successful committee that will benefit current and future business development in the community.

## Garbage and Recycling Reminders

Please have your garbage roadside by 7 a.m. Do not place your bins out the night before as the local wildlife may create a mess. Garbage should be placed in an animal proof container. The Town of Spanish has a **4-bag limit**.

The weight of the garbage bag shall be **50 lbs or less**

## OPP CAMSAFE PROGRAM

This new program is a voluntary registry of security cameras, CCTV systems and doorbell cameras. Find out more at [camsafe.ca](http://camsafe.ca)

Help to create a safer community!

The Spanish Health Committee would like to thank all participants and donors who participated in the Christmas Market. The event was a huge success and over \$5,700.00 was raised for the Spanish Medical Equipment Fund!

We hope to see you all at the Spring Market.

Congratulations to:  
Heather Senecal who won the Quilt and to Virginia Boilard the winner of the 50/50 draw.

Happy anniversary to Charles and Cleo McCormick, who celebrated 70 years together on December 23. Congratulations!!

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## MINI MONSTER BINGO

Where: Serpent River First Nation  
When: February 11, 2023,  
Doors open at 11 am.  
Tickets go on sale Jan. 8, advance tickets \$65.00 and at the door its \$80.00

For more information call the Daycare at: 705-844-2070

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## **Message from the Mayor....**

**As we look forward to new beginnings with the approach of a new year, it seems a perfect time to reflect on the past year and the accomplishments of the Town and projects that we need to continue to push forward.**

**The departure of our long-time doctor saw Council and staff come together to work diligently on attracting a new physician, as well as locum doctors in the interim. As you may already know, Dr. Jessie Allison will commence practicing at the Spanish Medical Clinic on or about January 15, 2024 and Melanie Talbot will remain on staff to work with Dr. Allison.**

**The reconstruction of Algoma and Colonization Road was finalized in the summer of 2023. The scope of this work included sub-grade reinforcement, regrading, granular replacement and asphalt resurfacing, rock removal to allow for ditching, as well as a small storm sewer system to improve drainage and the surface water flow. Driveway and cross culverts were also replaced as part of the scope of the project.**

**Work commenced this Fall on Hamilton Street with the first phase being the replacement of manholes and some sanitary sewer and sanitary sewer lateral work. The next phase of work, scheduled for 2024 will include sub-grade reinforcement, regrading, granular replacement and asphalt resurfacing, along with improvements to the sidewalks and curbs.**

**Council and staff have been working since 2020 on a streetlighting project that will see improved lighting on Highway 17, from Anne Street to Short Street. On November 22, 2023, we finally received an Encroachment Permit from the Ministry of Transportation, which will enable this project to finally move forward in 2024.**

**The municipality has received funding to repair docks at the Spanish Municipal Marina. Piers 2 and 3 have been removed from the marina in their entirety and will have repairs conducted over the winter and placed back into the marina basin prior to the 2024 boating season.**

**2023 has been a rebuilding year for the Spanish Fire Department. We now have 8 firefighters and they have all been outfitted with new gear, and an agreement has been signed with the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers for Fire Chief services, which will continue until at least December 31, 2024. Practices are held weekly and the Spanish Fire Department works closely with the Walford and Massey Fire Stations. A Junior Firefighter Program has also been established and there are currently 3 active recruits 17 years of age and under, training and practicing with the Spanish Fire Department.**

**The landfill expansion project is also progressing. This is a slow process which involves working closely with the Ministry of the Environment, Parks and Conservation, as well as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.**

**The Council of the Town of Spanish would like to thank all volunteers who sit on municipal Boards and Committees. A big thank you to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 576 and the Spanish Foodbank, the Spanish Horticultural Society, the Spanish River Snowmobile Club and to those individuals who make a difference without anyone ever knowing. Thank you to everyone who works to make our little town the best place in the world to live!**

**On behalf of all Council members and staff, we wish everyone a joyous, safe and healthy new year!**

**Mayor Karen Von Pickartz**

*Happy  
New Year*



# 2023 TREE OF LIGHTS



<b>DONOR:</b>	<b>IN MEMORY OF:</b>	<b>DONOR</b>	<b>IN MEMORY OF:</b>
<b>Stephen &amp; Debbie Lang</b>	<b>Beulah Lang Rodney Lang Dorothy Klym</b>	<b>Ricky &amp; Kathy Story</b>	<b>Ronald Vance Barry Loiselle Mom</b>
<b>Brittany Laurin</b>	<b>Rene Messier</b>	<b>Anonymous</b>	<b>Homeless people Worldwide All those suffering Prayers for World Peace</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Mary Bray</b>	<b>Peter Dolan Sr. Elizabeth Dolan Bond Aneta Thiessen Bernadette Sturrock Stan Bray Virginia Bray</b>	<b>Melanie Talbot</b>	<b>Eugene Solomon Marina Solomon Myles Boulrice Rejean Rousseau Alfred Rousseau Laurette Rousseau</b>
<b>Kathy Joncas</b>	<b>Julia &amp; Arthur Lortie Eugene Joncas Rolland Lortie</b>	<b>Love, Diane, Randy Boulrice &amp; Family</b>	<b>Ivy Yorke D.J. Yorke Amy Yorke Dad Boulrice Mom Boulrice William (Nushie) Boulrice Dad Proulx Mom Proulx Donnie McCormick</b>
<b>Shane &amp; Janet McCormick</b>	<b>Herb McCormick Lauretta McCormick Paulette Rice Sam Rice Billy Rice Stan McCormick</b>	<b>Caring Thoughts Diane Boulrice</b>	<b>Julie Trowbridge JoAnn Frost Gary Carney</b>
<b>Shane McCormick</b>	<b>Larry Joncas Joey Solomon Pat Corbiere</b>	<b>Love, Maurice &amp; Veronica Mailloux</b>	<b>Bill Larabie Priscilla Larabie Budge Rhonda Duff</b>



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<b>Dale Carney</b>	<b>Gary Carney Lil Theriault Jean Budge Roger McCormick Judy Landriault</b>	<b>Love, Randy Diane Boulrice &amp; Family</b>	<b>Arthur (Art) Boulrice Barry Loiselle Anastasia (Stasia) Muldoon</b>
<b>Marilyn &amp; Richard Jodouin &amp; families</b>	<b>Natasha Sizer James Robbie Sizer Darryl Glana Great Uncle Gerry Jodouin Mary Irene Langille Aseph Langille</b>	<b>Rick &amp; Lise Smith</b>	<b>Fleurette Guenette Dick Smith Larry Joncas Adam &amp; Myrtle Muldoon Bill Lillian Smith Leslie Hamilton</b>
<b>Marina &amp; Ken McVety</b>	<b>Simone Carre Joseph Carre Marvin Lewis</b>	<b>Jamie Smith &amp; Caden Fox</b>	<b>Dick Smith Fleurette Guenette Bob Fox</b>
<b>Bob &amp; Priscilla Melis</b>	<b>Lucien Simon Desneiges Simon Paul Drouin</b>	<b>Barry &amp; Elizabeth Tracey</b>	<b>Chad Tracey Yvonne Tracey Mary Hickey</b>
<b>Gary &amp; Jocelyne Bishop</b>	<b>Donald &amp; Arbutus Cook Pierre Lambert Firmin &amp; MaeBelle Bishop Armande Lambert</b>	<b>Serge Labelle Jan Fowler</b>	<b>Andre &amp; Marguerite Labelle Squad Labelle Kirk Fowler</b>
<b>Ronda Vance</b>	<b>Russell Vance Basil Vance Edith Vance Judy Landriault Cindy Spencer Eleanor Vance</b>	<b>Jeanette Desaulniers Lortie</b>	<b>Danny Lortie Julia Lortie Della Desaulniers</b>
<b>Angie &amp; Peter Kennedy</b>	<b>Paul &amp; Germaine Larochelle David &amp; Lucy Kennedy The Kennedy's</b>	<b>J.P.s Daughters</b>	<b>Gail Labelle Laurier Labelle Nicole Granberg Jeanine Tremblay Morisette Ted Morisette Simon Tremblay J.P. Tremblay Penny Tremblay George Solomon</b>



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Leonard Joncas	Gurtrude Joncas Albert Joncas Diane Laforge Lavina Joncas Florence Yake Fred Brock Leon Joncas Larry Joncas Barry McNaughton Jimmey McNaughton	Reggie & Pam Lortie	Nan & Grandpa Shelp Mom & Dad Lortie Nan T Peanut Trowbridge Owen Donaghue
Shirley Lawrence	David Lawrence		





@ the Library  
January 2024

## Dr. Seuss Activity Day



Start the new year off in style.




Dress up as your favourite character from a Dr. Seuss book!

Stories, Crafts and activities, Oh My!



Wed., Jan. 3, 2024  
11:00am - Noon  
All ages

## Winter Hours

**Beginning January 2, 2024**

Mon: 9:30am to 4:30pm  
Tue: 9:30am to 4:30pm  
Wed: 9:30am to 4:30pm  
Thu: 9:30am to 4:30 pm  
Fri: 10:00am to 2:00pm

### January Craft Kit:

Free Crafty Creation Kit

### Popsicle Walrus



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!**

### Historical Calendar Returns for 2024



Available at the Library.  
\$10.00 plus HST

**Borrow ebooks,  
audiobooks &  
magazines**

Libby.  
The library reading app



Available to borrow with your SPL Card:

- Books
- DVD's
- Video games
- Tackle Share
- Nintendo Switch
- Telescope
- Laptop
- Tablet
- Mini projector
- Webcams

**Watch our website for our exciting new online resources starting in January.**

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Tap into Discovery.  
Instantly Read, Listen, and  
Watch with Your Library Card.

**Winter Hours:** Mon - Thu.: 9:30am to 4:30pm; Fri.: 10:00am to 2:00pm

<http://www.townofspanish.com/residents/public-library/> 705-844-2555 ♦ [library@townofspanish.com](mailto:library@townofspanish.com)



# Adult Education Centre

## Literacy and Essential Services and Courses

- Upgrading in reading, writing, and math
- Beginner computer courses
- Microsoft Office
- Microsoft Office 2016 or 2019 Specialist Certification
- GED preparation (temporarily unavailable)
- Preparation for high school
- 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
- Soft Skills Solutions© Certificate

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



# January

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! All Municipal Offices are closed.	2	3 7 pm Fire	4 7 pm Fire	5 Comingle Food Bank	6
7	8 7pm Planning 7 pm Recreation Municipal Office Closed To the public	9 10 am Library board	10 7 pm Council	11 7 pm Fire	12 Fibre	13
14	15 Municipal Office Closed To the public	16 7pm Cemetary Board	17	18 7 pm Fire	19 Comingle Food Bank	20
21	22 Municipal Office Closed To the public	23 7 pm Council	24	25 7 pm Fire	26 Fibre	27 Volunteer Appreciation Day! Stay tuned for details!!
28	29 7 pm Public Works Municipal Office Closed To the public	30	31 7 pm Special Council Meeting with Business Owners in town			

\*\*\* Please visit [www.townofspanish.com](http://www.townofspanish.com) to view hours for the Gym and Laundromat\*\*\*