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**The office will be closed
December 22nd at 2pm,
reopening
January 2nd at 8am**

**After Hours
Maintenance Emergency
542-0443 ext 9
(For Emergencies Only)**

In case of an emergency such as fire, life threatening medical problem, or a crime in progress, always call **9-1-1**.

Happy Holidays

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Tips for Conserving Electricity Over the Holidays

- * Lower your thermostat to 16°C at night and when you are not at home.
- * Shift your electricity use to off-peak times when it costs less. These include weekends and statutory holidays, as well as 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays.
- * Use an outdoor timer certified by CSA International to switch outdoor lights on and off. Lights should be turned on after 7 p.m. to avoid the electricity rush hour.
- * Replace older, incandescent holiday lights with LEDs. They use just a fraction of the energy, last much longer (no more reaching to replace that one bulb that's burnt out) and generate less heat for improved safety. Always turn off holiday lights when you leave the house or go to bed.
- * Preheat ovens for a minimum amount of time. Preheating is really only necessary for baking.



- * Don't use holiday lights with broken fuses or broken light bulbs.
- * Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors.
- * Never leave burning candles unattended.
- * Poinsettias, holly and mistletoe are highly toxic to pets and children.
- * Plug no more than 3 strands of lights into each electrical cord or outlet. Overloads can cause fires or lines to short.
- * Cats love tinsel because it's sparkly and fun to play with, but ingesting this can lead to serious intestinal obstructions.
- * Place your Christmas tree in a location that can be easily monitored to avoid accidents with curious children and pets.
- * If you are travelling during the holidays, be well rested for a long drive and plan the trip so that you share driving responsibilities to avoid fatigue.
- * Refrigerate leftovers within two hours of preparation, as leaving food out too long at room temperature is one of the biggest holiday food safety dangers.



Sweet Treat

DIY Caramel Popcorn

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1 tsp salt
- 1tsp vanilla extract
- 5 qt popped popcorn

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees F (95 degrees C). Place popcorn in a very large bowl.
2. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Stir in brown sugar, corn syrup and salt. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil without stirring 4 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in salt and vanilla. Pour in a thin stream over popcorn, stirring to coat.
3. Place in two large shallow baking dishes and bake in preheated oven, stirring every 15 minutes, for 1 hour. Remove from oven and let cool completely before breaking into pieces.



Important Dates

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1

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Craft Corner

Hand Print Ornament

Materials:

- * 1 cup flour
- * 3/4 cup salt
- * 1/2 cup water

Instructions:

1. Knead until dough forms
2. Use cookie cutter or make your own shape
3. Press hand into shape
4. Poke holes in the top for hanging
5. Bake at 200 degrees for 2 hours or allow to air dry for at least two to three days
6. Paint and decorate the ornaments as you please.
7. Add ribbon to hang and your decoration is complete!



FREE & LOW COST ACTIVITIES

Santa is coming to the Square!

Bring your friends, family, wish list and camera to Market Square every Saturday in December (2, 9, 16, 23), 11am-2pm!



Public Skating & Horse Drawn Wagon Rides (Weather permitting)

Skating in Market Square and horse drawn wagon rides every Saturday in December (drop off/pick up at Market Square between 11am and 2pm)! This is 100% fun and free!

Lunch by George Annual Christmas Dinner!

Location: 270 King St. E. (at Johnson)

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

This is a highlight of the year! The meal is fabulous, there are gifts, there are servers in fine Christmas clothing! It is a sit-down dinner! Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and dinner is served at 12:00 noon!

Martha's Table: Christmas Dinner Free Meal

Location: 629 Princess Street

Date: Thursday, December 21, 2017

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

