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THE SPIRIT OF GIVING – A COMMUNITY TRADITION

by Grant, Avery and Isla

The Spirit of Giving is a heartfelt school initiative at South Grenville DHS, revived by teacher J. Morrell and an incredible team of dedicated students. Over the years, the school has partnered with the Kinsmen Club of Prescott to bring holiday cheer to local families in need.

Through generous donations from our community, we help ensure that every family can experience the warmth and joy of the season. Whether it's non-perishable food donations or financial support, every contribution makes a difference.

We invite all community members to join us in spreading kindness and making the holidays brighter for those who may be struggling. Please consider dropping off a donation at SGDHS. Together, we can create a season of hope and giving!



Newsletter created by SGDHS students Grant Emmell, Avery Griffin and Isla Shields.



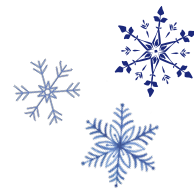
LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS EVE



For 14 years, Johnstown's Christmas Eve Luminaries have lit up the streets with glowing bags and candles, creating a magical Hallmark-style community tradition families look forward to every year.

Brighten your laneway with luminary kits this season. Order yours by emailing serarecreation@gmail.com. Available to all, not limited to Johnstown homes.

Kudos to South Edwardsburgh Recreation Association (SERA) for keeping this tradition alive!



CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH HOLIDAY EVENTS

TWPEC is welcoming the holiday season with family-friendly events for all ages.

Holiday Family Night at the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Public Library

Celebrate the season with Santa and enjoy a festive family evening at the library. Kids can play reindeer games, listen to holiday stories, and visit with Santa. Photos are welcome, just bring your own camera to capture the memories. All ages are welcome with a caregiver.

- Cardinal Branch on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m.
- Spencerville Branch on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Cookie Decorating

This family-friendly event is open to kids and adults who love to get creative. All supplies are provided, just bring your holiday spirit and imagination. Decorate delicious cookies, enjoy the cheerful atmosphere, and make sweet memories together. Registration at twpec.ca.

Date: Sunday, December 7

Time: 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: South Edwardsburgh Community Centre



Sensory-Friendly Santa Visit

Families are invited to enjoy a Sensory-Friendly Santa Visit on Saturday, December 20 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre in Johnstown.

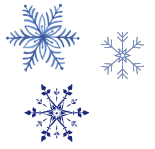
This event is designed to provide a calm and inclusive holiday experience for children who may benefit from a quieter, low-stimulation environment. Each family will have a 15-minute private visit with Santa, allowing time to make holiday memories in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

The event will feature gentle lighting, reduced noise, and sensory supports to ensure a comfortable visit for all participants. Registration at twpec.ca.

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STAY FIT WITH TWPEC



SKATING WITH SANTA

Families can enjoy free community skating, festive music, and the chance to skate alongside Santa. Donations of non-perishable food items are appreciated and will support our local food bank.

- Ingression Centre: Friday, December 19 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Spencerville Arena: Sunday, December 21 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



HOLIDAY SKATING

Enjoy free Holiday Skating sessions at our community arenas all season. These skates offer a way to stay active and spend time with family and friends. All sessions are free and open to all ages. Bring your skates, share the ice, and enjoy the holidays in a cheerful and welcoming setting.

Spencerville Arena:

- December 21, 24, 28, and 31 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Ingression Centre:

- December 23 and 30 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- December 19 and January 2 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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SENIOR EXERCISE PROGRAM

The StrongerU program is designed for seniors who want to stay active, improve mobility, and build strength in a safe and supportive setting. Each class includes gentle strength training, balance exercises, and movements that support everyday activities. Our enthusiastic instructor creates a warm and encouraging space where every fitness level is welcome.

NEW! This is a drop in program. Registration is not required. Space is limited and participation is first come, first served.

Johnstown: Mondays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. from January 5 to February 23 at the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre

Spencerville: Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. from January 7 to February 25 at the Townhall, Upper Level

INDOOR WALKING TRACK

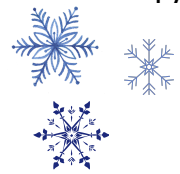
Stay active year round on our free indoor walking track at the Ingression Centre. It is a safe, weather proof place to stretch, stroll or pick up the pace. The track is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Strollers, wheelchairs and walkers are welcome the track. Only certified service animals are permitted.

Our weekday walking group meets from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Adults and seniors are welcome to join for exercise, conversation and community.



TOWNSHIP TIDBITS



TRI-MUNICIPAL 2025 CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE CUP CHALLENGE

by Grant, Avery and Isla

The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, Augusta Township and the Town of Prescott are partnering again for the annual Tri-Municipal Christmas Food Drive. This community initiative supports the South Grenville Food Bank and helps local families during the winter season and beyond.

Each year, the three municipalities collect non-perishable food to support neighbours who are facing food insecurity. The friendly competition encourages each community to gather as much food as possible. The municipality with the highest total earns the Christmas Food Drive Cup trophy. In 2024, TWPEC collected a record 1,971 pounds of food and brought the cup home.

Residents can contribute by dropping off non-perishable food items at the Township Municipal Office, Spencerville Arena, Ingredion Centre and both branches of our local library. Suggested items include canned vegetables, pasta, rice, cereal, baby formula, peanut butter, hygiene products and other necessities. Cash donations are also welcome and allow the food bank to purchase high need items in larger amounts.

The deadline to contribute is December 15 at noon. The winner will be announced at the South Grenville Food Bank Open House on Saturday, December 20 at 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact Natalie Charette, Interim Clerk, at 613 658 3055 ext. 105 or clerk@twpec.ca.

HOLIDAY CURBSIDE COLLECTION AND TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

There will be changes to garbage and recycling collection during the holidays. This differs from the 2025 schedule released earlier this year.

December 25 – No collection. Thursday route moves to December 26. Friday route moves to December 27.

January 1 – No collection. Thursday route moves to January 2. Friday route moves to January 3.

The Scott Road Transfer Station will be closed on December 27.

Christmas trees will be collected curbside in Cardinal, Johnstown, New Wexford and Spencerville from January 5 to 16, 2026. Place trees curbside by January 5 with all tinsel, plastic and decorations removed. Trees will also be accepted at the Scott Road Transfer Station in January at no charge.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE CLOSURE

The Township office will close on Wednesday, December 24 at noon and will reopen on Friday, January 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Please use the “Report a Concern” feature at www.twpec.ca for any service requests during this time.

**Happy
Holidays**