



THE HEPBURN HOWLER

December 2023



Dear Hepburn Residents,
As we bid farewell to a remarkable year, December arrives with the promise of joy, warmth, and community. It's a time to come together and celebrate the spirit of the season. In this newsletter, we share exciting events, updates, and wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Water Consumption Rate

Please note that in 2024, the water consumption rate for residential & commercial will be increasing. This is due to an increase in the water rates from SaskWater & the City of Saskatoon. On January 1, 2024 SaskWater is increasing their portion of the rate by 4.12% and the City of Saskatoon is **proposing** a 5% rate increase. **The proposed rate requires City Councils approval and therefore the Town of Hepburn does not currently have the official price from the City of Saskatoon. The Town of Hepburn staff have been working to obtain the rate, as soon as we have the official full water rate for 2024, we will notify Hepburn rate-payers.** Please also note that the Town of Hepburn water consumption rate is straight cost recovery based on the rates of SaskWater & the City.

Arena Season is Coming!

Volunteer! Ice-Making:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A9A62DABF85-45780110-help>

Make a booking by emailing: arena@hepburn.ca View calendar here: www.hepburn.ca/recreation/arena.html

Arena Concession

Hot Mess Grill is back! Miranda Martens & Dakota Fehr have been awarded the Tender for the Arena Concession for 2023-2024. Contact them at hotmessconcessions@gmail.com.

Hepburn Volunteer Fire Department

The Hepburn Fire & EMS Department is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in joining the team, visit the town office to pick up an application form.

Friendly Reminder

Tax Payment is due on **December 31, 2023**. Make sure to process your payment prior to this date to avoid an interest charge.



Hepburn Childcare Hub Call for Board Members

The Hepburn Childcare Hub is calling for nominations for Board Members. The volunteer board is responsible for the governance and oversight of the non-profit childcare centre and the afterschool program. The opening day of the centre has been a long time coming and has required countless hours of work by the current board. It is for this reason that some of the board members are needing to step away in the near future. Therefore, the Hub is looking for new board members that will help bring fresh new energy and ideas to the table! Please consider joining the Hub Board to ensure that the hub is successful well into the future! Please contact the hub at hepburnchildcarehub@gmail.com

Holidays Hours

The Town Office will be closed on **Monday and Tuesday, December 25 & 26** in observance of Christmas Day and on **Monday January 1** in observance of New Year's Day.



Please plan your visits and inquiries accordingly. For any urgent matters during this closure, please leave a message or send an email to info@hepburn.ca

Council Meeting Highlights

At the regular Council meeting on November 22, 2023 Council adopted two new bylaws; Bylaw No. 79-2023 Building Bylaw and Bylaw No. 80-2023 Building Administration Fee Bylaw. These bylaws provide for the administration and enforcement of the acts pertaining to building codes within Canada and Saskatchewan along with the fees for the administration of building permits in Hepburn.

The next regular Council meeting will be held on Wednesday December 13, 2023.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HEPBURN!

HERITAGE COMMON

GYM TIMES @ Heritage Common

Mornings: Mon-Thu 9:30-11:30am. \$2/person, or \$10/mnth.
Homeschoolers: Tue 1-3pm, & now also Thu 1-3pm. \$5/adult, \$2/child. RSVP to recreation@hepburn.ca
Evenings: Mondays, Dec 4, 11, & 18, 7:00-8:30pm. Try pickleball, badminton, volleyball, shoot hoops, walk laps, etc.
Youth & Family Drop-in Times: Christmas Break – **Dec 27, 28, 29, Jan 2, 3, & 4, from 1:30-4:30pm.**

BOOKINGS - Contact Sarah at events@hepburn.ca for rentals and bookings. Gym Times, Christmas Party, Family Gathering, Birthdays, Staff Training Sessions, New Years Party, Kitchen Rental, Craft Night, and MORE!

COMMUNITY GROUPS & EVENTS

FEAST BY BALLA FAMILY – You are invited to this event at Heritage Common on Saturday December 2.

Mekka Marie Balla

The Anishinabeck culture honors and supports family members who have lost a loved one by holding a feast a year after the passing. The family of the departed is inviting all of you to join and experience this beautiful Indigenous tradition.

The feast will last approximately 2-3 hours & seating will be separated by men & women. Guests will sit in chairs and servers will bring you your meal on disposable bowls, cups & cutlery

BRING CONTAINERS TO TAKE HOME LEFT OVERS FROM FEAST

SPECIAL THANKS TO: HEPBURN CO-OP & MENNONITE BROTHERS

WHERE:
HERITAGE COMMON
GYM HEPBURN, SK

WHEN:
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2ND 2023
CEREMONY BEGINS @ 2PM

HEPBURN CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

Nominations & donations close **December 8th, 2023.** Email hepburnchristmashampers@gmail.com with name, contact number, reason for need, and number of people in the household. Contact: **Judith at 306-230-8947.**

HEPBURN CENTENNIAL BOWL @ Main St – Hours: Tuesday -Thursday from 3-10pm, Friday-Saturday from 11am-12am. Grades 7-12 welcome after school. Lunch Friday and Saturday. Phone **947-BOWL.** See Facebook for Christmas Hours/Dates. Find Menu and order in or take out!

HEPBURN COMMUNITY GARDENS PROJECT

Would you like to see Community Gardens in Hepburn? Contact Leanne T to find out more – at t4ranch@yourlink.ca.

HEPBURN SECRET SANTA

Contact tamara@skippingstonesdesign.ca or 306-947-0025 about nominating a family or donating by Dec 15.

HEPBURN SENIORS ASSOCIATION @ The Centre Main St

Coffee Time: Dec 6, 13, 20, 27: Wednesdays 9am.
Seniors Christmas Banquet: Friday, Dec 1. Punch 5:30pm, Supper 6pm. Tickets \$25/each. P: 306-371-2809.
Christmas Country Gospel Night: Dec 5, at 7:00pm. Contact Jim at 306-371-2809.
Forever in Motion Class: Wednesday at 10:15am. **Dec 6, 13, 20, 27.** Debra Gess will offer FREE activity classes for older adults after Wed coffee at The Centre!

NEW: SLO-PITCH LEAGUE COMING! 8 team league coming involving Waldheim, Laird, Rosthern, and Hepburn. Games 6pm & 7:30 pm - Mondays in Laird, & Wednesdays in Hepburn. \$400 entry fee, with a year-end tournament held in Laird. Want to get a Hepburn team in? Email Lisa.

BUSINESS, REGIONAL, & PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

BUSINESS CARDS & WEBSITE DIRECTORY Share your info with US so we can share your info with OTHERS! Bring cards to Lisa at Office B115, and register your business at Town Office: www.hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_directory.html

PARKS & RECREATION

LIGHT UP HEPBURN CONTEST From Nov 25-Dec 31! Join the annual **Christmas Decorating Contest.** Decorate your home and yard for the season, & nominate yourself & your neighbours for chances to win prizes. Nominations welcome from Nov 25-Dec 31. Send address and why you like it! We will make a Twinkle Tour MAP & Scavenger Hunt!

PUBLIC SKATING VOLUNTEERS – Sign up to host public skating times on Sundays & School Breaks, 1:30-4:30pm. **First Day Sunday Dec 10 To Be Confirmed.** Email Lisa. We sometimes plan LOBBY activities for kids if you have ideas!

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS – Congrats to all the nominees this year: Judith Andres, Jonathan and Teddi Dear, Jackie Hutchinson, Doug Peters, Amanda Pitcher, Troy Prosofsky, Leanne Thiessen, Karen Voth, and Ruby Wall. The Winner was Karen Voth. The Award was presented at the Christmas Market at Heritage Common on Light the Night!

VOLUNTEERING MATTERS - Thanks to **LIGHT THE NIGHT** Volunteers – a special thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for making the trip! Sign up for December - think events, subcommittees, fundraisers, grants, inventory, grounds work and décor, gym nights, winter karaoke night, and more: www.hepburn.ca/recreation/volunteering.html

REACH OUT TO YOUR BOARD! - **Regular Meeting: Mon, Dec 11, 7:00pm.** Correspondence & Delegation Requests Due: **Wed Dec 6.** E: recreation@hepburn.ca.

