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# Community focus weekly

[www.grandecache.ca](http://www.grandecache.ca)

**Next Regular Council Meeting: January 29th, 2007 @ 5:00pm**

## BEAUTIFICATION & REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

The Town of Grande Cache is reconvening its **Community Beautification Committee** this winter to review our **2008 plans** and brainstorm ideas for a **Downtown Square** concept. All downtown businesses will be invited to attend, and at this time, we are calling on any Community Members at large that wish to participate.

**Our next meeting will be 5:00pm on January 10, 2008 @ Métis Hall.**

If you are interested in participating in next year's planning process, please contact the Town Office @ **827-3362 ext. 27** or email [tara.wignes@grandecache.ca](mailto:tara.wignes@grandecache.ca).

## HOLIDAY HOURS

The Admin Office, Tourism Centre, and Public Works offices will close Monday Dec. 24, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. and remain closed until Thursday Dec. 27, 2007. Offices will remain open (regular office hours) on Dec. 31st and will be closed Tuesday Jan. 1, 2008.

FCSS will be closed at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Throughout this winter, the Tourism & Interpretive Centre will be CLOSED on Sundays. High season hours will resume in the spring.

*Rec. Centre hours are listed below under "Recreation Events"*

## RECREATION EVENTS!

### > Family Skate at Power Pond

January 5th from 6-8:00pm  
Bring the family out to power pond for some great winter fun. We will be playing festive music as you skate in the great outdoors. Hot chocolate and other goodies will be available. A fundraising BBQ will be provided by the Youth Programs. A shuttle service courtesy of Milner Power will bring skaters to and from the Recreation Centre starting at 5:30pm.

### > Stocking Stuffers

Recreation Centre Day Passes will now be available in books of 5 passes. Cost is \$10 for Youth and Seniors and \$15 for Adults. Passes may be used for swimming, skating, fitness centre usage and any drop-in programs (including Aquafit and Water Running).

### > Conversational Spanish

Going on a holiday this winter? Always wanted to learn a second language? Spanish is the official language of Spain, Balearic Islands, Canary Islands, all the South American republics except Brazil and Guyana. Specifically Cuba, Dominican Republic and Mexico – our favorite sun destinations. Join us in learning some conversational basics. Tuesday Nights 9:15 - 10:15pm January 15 - Feb. 19. Cost is \$30 with a 6 month or 1 year membership or \$60 without a membership.

### > Community Christmas Concert

7:00 p.m. December 18th, at the United Church

### > Check our website for upcoming movies!

### > Drop-in Sports at Grande Cache Community High School

Cancelled January 21-February 1 due to Exams and Feb. 18 for Family Day. You must be 16 to participate. Indoor shoes are required.

January 7 - March 19  
 Soccer - Monday 6:30-7:30pm  
 Volleyball - Monday 7:30-8:30pm  
 Basketball - Wednesday 7:00-8:30pm

### > Spin classes (indoor cycling)

Monday & Wednesday, January 7th - February 13th, 8:00-9:00pm  
 Fee: incl. with 6 month or 1 year membership or \$60 for non members  
 Child Care Available: Yes

Tuesday & Thursday, January 8th - February 14th, 6:00-7:00am  
 Fee: incl. with 6 month or 1 year membership or \$60 for non members  
 Child Care Available: No

Tuesday & Thursday, January 8th - February 14th, 12:15pm-12:45pm  
 Fee: incl. with 6 month or 1 year membership or \$30 for non members  
 Child Care Available: No

### > Step Aerobics - Beginner to Intermediate

Monday & Wednesday, January 7th - February 13th, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
 Fee: \$30 for members \$60 non members  
 Morning Step and Saturday Fat Burner Class are available.  
 Child Care Available: Yes

### > Circuit Training

Mon, Wed & Fri, January 7th - February 15th, 1-2:00pm & 6:45-7:45pm  
 Child Care Available: Evening session only

### > Water Running

Tuesday & Thursday, January 8th - February 14th, 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 Fee: Adult - \$40.00, Youth/Senior \$37.00

Drop-ins are welcome  
 Child Care available: Yes

### > Aquafit Class

Tuesday & Thursday, January 8th - February 14th, 9:00 - 9:45am  
 Drop-ins are welcome

Child Care Available: No

### > NEW Swimming Lessons

Parent & Tot 1-3: \$31.00; 1/2 hour classes

Preschool 1-5: \$31.00; 1/2 hour classes

Swimmer 1-6: \$31.00; 1/2 hour classes

#### Winter Set 1

January 8 - February 7, 2008

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:00am - 11:00am

5:30pm - 7:00pm

#### Winter Set 2

February 19 - March 20, 2008

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:00am - 11:00am

5:30pm - 7:00pm

**\*Space is limited for all classes so please sign up early at the Recreation Centre or call 827-2446 for more information.**

### > Christmas Hours

\*Christmas Break Schedules are available at the Recreation Centre

Dec 24: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Dec 25, 26: Closed

Dec 27, 28, 29, 30: 8:00am - 10:00 pm

Dec 31: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Jan 1: Closed

Jan 2,3,4: 8:00am - 10:00pm

Jan 5: Regular Hours Resume

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### > Removal of Alleyway Items:

The Town of Grande Cache **DOES NOT PERMIT** vehicles, trailers, or any other items to be parked or left in the alleyways. Residents are asked to remove all items **IMMEDIATELY**. Any items in the alleyways are at the risk of the owner, and will be removed by the Public Works Department at the owner's expense. The Town of Grande Cache is not responsible for any damages as a result of the removal of these items. For further information, please contact the Public Works Department.

### > Garbage Pickup:

Normal garbage pick up for Tuesday Phase 1, 2 and 5 will be picked up Monday the 24 of December. There will be no garbage pick up on the 25 or 26 of December.

### > Monthly Tax Installments:

The Town of Grande Cache is once again offering monthly tax installments for 2008. Two (2) options are available; postdated cheques or preauthorized debit. Please call the Town Office *PRIOR* to January 1, 2008 should you wish to participate in the monthly tax program. If you are already participating in the monthly tax program and wish to withdraw or change your payment option please advise the Town Office *PRIOR* to January 1, 2008, or your payments will continue under the same option as 2007.

### > Christmas Decorations:

In keeping with the Town's new direction, we have made some much needed changes to our Christmas decorations. Our old decorations were becoming unsafe to use after battling 30 years of Grande Cache winds. The mounting brackets were beginning to fail, causing the decorations to fall off the light standards. This situation was of great concern because of the danger to the public. We decided to abandon them, and go with a new approach. We are in the process of making new decorations, however we did not get them completed in time for the Christmas season. We do hope to be ready for next year with a brand new look. We hope you will be patient with us during this transitional time and look forward to lighting up for next year.

### > Snow Removal:

The winter season is upon us and with it comes the snow! The removal of snow from the Towns roads and sidewalks continually causes problems with windrows in driveways, icy or snow covered sidewalks. Keeping the roads and walkways clear and safe is the top priority of the Public Works Department after a snowfall. There are situations that complicate our job, one of them being homeowners pushing snow from their driveways out onto the street. This is not only illegal, but it creates problems for the neighbours across the street. The snow pushed onto the road from the driveway builds up on the grader blade and does not come off until the next point of release, which is the driveway across the street. The Public Works Dept. would greatly appreciate your help in remedying this situation. Please pile your snow on your own property (i.e.) the lawn or beside the driveway. This situation will be monitored for the next snowfall and individuals who choose not to comply may be subject to fines. *Thank you for your cooperation!*

### > Business Licenses:

Effective January 1st, 2008 **all** business licenses must be renewed. Please note that all business operating in Grande Cache **must** have a valid business license as per By-law #416. New business licenses and renewals are available at the Town of Grande Cache Administration Office.

### > ATTENTION Dog Owners:

Dog licenses expire on December 31, 2007. Under By-Law No. 646, possessing or owning a dog without a license is contrary to the By-Law and subject to prosecution as stated in Section 13 of the said By-Law. License for each neutered male or spayed female dog shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) and twenty (\$20.00) dollars for each male or female dog. Notice or ticket may be issued for the offences specified herein, but in such cases the payment shall be in the following specified amounts:  
**Dog without a license: \$50.00 (first offense). Each additional offense: \$75.00**

Please clip and mail along with your cheque or money order to:

Town of Grande Cache	Owner:	Name of Dog:
P.O. Box 300	Telephone #:	Breed:
Grande Cache, Alberta	Civic address:	Sex:
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## HOLIDAY LIGHT COMPETITION WINNERS

### > Residential Winners: Prizes: 1st \$300, 2nd \$200 & 3rd \$100

1st Alec & Dorothy Didow – Sponsored by Milner Power  
 2nd Paul & Cindy Degrosilliers – Sponsored by Michel's Super A and the Town of Grande Cache  
 3rd Laurier Adam – Sponsored by Willmore Wilderness Foundation

### > Commercial Winners: Prizes: 1st \$300, 2nd \$200 & 3rd \$100

1st Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church – Sponsored by the Town of Grande Cache  
 2nd Flower Garden – Sponsored by the Town of Grande Cache

### > Honorable Mentions: Christen Mercereau & Rose Dalton

## TOURISM

The Tourism and Interpretive Centre would like to remind everyone that they have many great last minute gift idea in stock. Stop by or call to learn about the great items they have for the holiday season.

## TRAVEL ALBERTA MARKETING TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Travel Alberta is hosting upcoming marketing training workshops in Hinton and Grande Prairie for regional tourism operators. These workshops will focus on: Building a Marketing Plan, Segmentation, Targeting & Positioning, and Partnering, Packaging & Programming. If you would like more information on dates, registration information, or how this may benefit your operation please contact the Town Office @ **827-3362 ext. 28** or email [sean.kinney@grandecache.ca](mailto:sean.kinney@grandecache.ca)



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