

Gooderham CONNECTION

Your Town, Your News



Thank You Donna Graham

The Gooderham Connection would like to thank a very special lady who has faithfully served this community for the past nine years.

Donna Graham has worked laboriously for our community.

She has accomplished many things and has made many friends.

Donna has been our Councillor in Ward three for the past 9 years and has work on several committees in the community.

When Donna joins a committee she puts her whole heart and soul into it and works as hard as any member. She has a passion for her community and has always been there to encourage or lend a hand, and to get concerns brought to Council.

We will miss you Donna but wish you well as you move into the next season of your life.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Everyone is invited to meet at the Fire Hall, Saturday, Dec. 11 at 8:15pm for a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. There will be hot chocolate and baked treats to enjoy as we start what hopes to be a growing annual holiday tradition in town. Santa will also be at the fire hall for kids to visit and have their picture taken with.

A special thank you to all that have helped make this event possible: Phil and Donna Paul for donating the tree, along with Dawson and Jack Haywood for excavating it, Cecil Ryall, Aubrey Bauld, Brian Horner for moving and planting the tree, TIM-BR Mart, the Firefighters Association and The Paul's for donating lights, The Action Group and Fire & Rescue Auxiliary for the hot chocolate and snack. Since it is so easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and the hottest toys and endless Christmas shopping, we thought our Tree Lighting Ceremony would be a great place to remind everyone about the true spirit of Christmas—giving. Although not a requirement for attending, we do encourage those interested to please bring a new, unwrapped gift in support of the YWCA's holiday gift program. This important program helps women and children that have used the shelter and or counselling services within the past year. The YWCA wants to make their first Christmas in their new lives a joyous one, but we need the community's help as well. Gifts for children, teens and mom's would be appreciated. Gifts can be brought to the fire hall the night of the ceremony, or dropped off at the LCBO by Dec. 11. Hope to see you there.

Donna's Diner Re-Opens

With any luck Donna's Diner will be re-opening its doors at 6 a.m. on Saturday, December 18 under new management. Donna will be returning to her favourite haunt and can't wait to start cooking for the hungry hordes of Gooderham once again. Val Henderson will be joining her as the new manager and will be serving free coffee and treats on opening day. The menu will remain the same with a few additions of corned beef hash and monster sausages on the breakfast menu and a Coney Island Foot Long Hotdog for lunch. Dare ya to have that with

bacon and cheese!! There'll be pogo sticks for the kids, shrimp and scallop skewers and tasty pastas for the adventurous. There's also talk of some new desserts, old fashioned sundaes, banana splits and ice-cream floats. The kitchen has been scrubbed down and painted for a fresh start and the new hours will be posted on the front window. They will be closed on Wednesdays, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. A huge thank you to the community for everyone's support, enthusiasm and patience. Hope to see you there to catch up on all the gossip. Our new number is 447-0330 so call for takeout if you're too busy to drop by.

Gooderham Old Fashioned Community Christmas Dinner

There are still tickets available for our Dec. 11th Community Christmas Dinner. Tickets are \$15.00 each, and need to be purchased no later than Dec. 5th. There will be our annual penny sale and this year we are having a silent auction for 2 sets of premium Blue Jay tickets for a Jay's home game in 2011, an autographed baseball by Ricky Romero, an autographed bat by Adam Lind and a signed print by Robert Bateman. We will also be announcing our Community spirit award recipient. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, fun and a great Old fashioned turkey dinner. Tickets can be bought from Linda in the Building Dept. or by calling Barb Bader at 447-2207 or Bonnie Ryall at 447-3473.

Anyone interested in an Aquacize class ?

We are looking into organizing an aquacize class here in Gooderham, however, we need to know how many are interested in it. We have a pool that is suitable all we need is people to fill it. If you are interested please call Barb Bader at 447-2207.

Fun Night in Gooderham

For those of you who are not aware, there is an Adult Dancercise class at the Community Centre every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. It is great fun and an excellent way to get in some exercise, especially during the winter when you can't get out and walk. It is a lot of fun and is for all ages, teenagers to seniors. Come out and enjoy a night of fun and laughter with a little sweat thrown in. We have a great dance instructor Jamie Purnell, and it only costs \$5.00 per session. Come out and give it a try, you'll love it!

Brighten Up Your Christmas With These Easy To Make Lemon Squares by Barb Bader

Crust:

2 cups flour
1/2 cup icing sugar
1 cup butter

Filling:

4 eggs, slightly beaten
1/4 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/3 cup lemon juice

In a large bowl; combine crust mixture at low speed until crumbly. Press into a 9 X 13 inch ungreased pan.

Bake at 350F in a glass pan for 20-30 minutes or until light brown.

Combine filling ingredients. Pour mixture over crust. Return to oven and bake for 25-30 minutes, or until golden brown.

A Special Word Of Thanks

We would like to take the opportunity to recognize and thank Scott Crichton and Sue Cannell, who own a home on Contau Lake Road for their contributions to our community. This fall, Scott was responsible for ensuring that the boards at the Gooderham Ice Rink were repaired and painted. As President of DBS Certified Mechanical Services Inc., not only did he sponsor the cost of the materials, Scott and Sue were involved in the actual repair. Sue, as Executive Assistant to Mr. Paul Beeston, was able to acquire Toronto Blue Jays support for both this year's Horseshoe Days and our Gooderham Community Christmas Dinner. As active members of the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders, they are also deeply involved with the Gooderham Corduroy Enduro that runs locally in September. When asked for a comment, they simply wished all the residents of our community a safe and wonderful Christmas. Thank you Scott & Sue!

"If you're not worrying about how to put food on your table, you should be worrying about why other people don't have food on their table." - Cher

Kids Activities Kick Off

On Wednesday evenings the Community Center is full of little kids running around learning to play soccer in 45 minute weekly classes. Once the balls are put away, the older kids come in, pump the music up and learn some cool dance moves thanks to the Gooderham LCBO's bottle drive. The store has been raising money since last summer to hire instructors to put on recreational activities here in town, that are free for all the kids in Gooderham and surrounding areas. And thanks to your continued

support, about a dozen kids aged 3-7 years old are enrolled in weekly soccer classes, and kids aged 7-13 are enjoying Hip Hop dance classes that will also run weekly for 4 months. Beginning in January the store has arranged Tuesday evening Karate lessons for kids as well. There are also instructors willing to put on Art Workshops, music classes, ball hockey, craft workshops. If your child is interested in any of these classes, please contact staff at the store, at 447-2557 or call Jennifer at 447-2556. Or if you are interested in running any programs please call either number as well. With our new skating rink

and donated hockey equipment, we really need someone willing to teach skating lessons and hockey. The bottle drive funds can help purchase any needed equipment and pay an instructor who is willing to teach. We've got the rink, some equipment, the kids who want to skate, and the funds to support a fun hockey club in town. All we need is a couple of instructors to run it. If you can help, please call Matt or Jennifer at 447-2557.

If there are any parents interested in enrolling their child in a casual, fun program to help learn French, please call Jennifer at the above number, as a French Immersion

Fundraising Shirts for Sale

Fred Park, of RiteMix Marketing Inc. (www.ritemixonline.com) in Peterborough heard about the LCBO's efforts to raise money for kids sports and generously donated 6 boxes of brand new, excellent quality, men's and women's shirts. There are a variety of styles, from men's long sleeve polo shirts (pictured below left) and long sleeve dress shirts in black and white, to ladies fitness shirts, both long sleeve and short sleeve, (below right). The ladies Performance shirts have Moisture Management, Anti-Bacterial Treatment and U.V. Protection. There are a couple of shirts at the LCBO and the post office on display. The



ladies short sleeve performance shirts are selling for \$7.00 and all other shirts, men's and women's are \$10.00 each. There is also an assortment of hats for \$2.00 each. These shirts would make great Christmas gifts, and 100% of the proceeds from this sale will be put back into the Kids Recreational Activities Fund, providing free sports such as soccer, dance and karate for local kids. For more information on purchasing these shirts, please see the staff at the LCBO, or call Jennifer at 447-2556. Thanks for your support.



Library Food for Fines

On Dec. 21, 22 and 23, all Haliburton County Public Library branches are accepting donations of non-perishable food items in exchange for having users book and DVD late fee's waived. So if you're not sure if you've got some outstanding fines that need paid, or you are sure you have fines, and have been avoiding the library, no worries. Just drop by any branch with a food donation and your fines will be erased. As well as the Food for Fines Program, all Library Branches are participating in a kids coloring contest. Kids can color their picture (on the last page of this newsletter) and drop it off at the library for a chance to win a prize. Coloring pages are also available at the library. **Have a safe and happy holidays everyone!**

Christmas Colouring @ Your Library
Haliburton County Public Library

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/template.asp?l=http://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/color/bear.gif>



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