



.....Keeping in Touch

January 2017

Happy New Year!

Your Board of Directors and Sub Committee would like to wish each and everyone Good Health and Happiness in 2017!



Auld Lang Syne

We sing this every New Year's Eve to say good bye to the old year and welcome the new one, but what does it mean? Our Scots friends would know, of course, but how about you?... It actually translates to 'Old Long Since' or, more loosely, 'Days Gone By'.

When Robbie Burns penned this poem in 1788, we might have had some trouble understanding the words. To give you an idea, here are the original words with the English translation in brackets:

Should auld (old) acquaintance be forgot
and never brought to mind?
Should auld (old) acquaintance be forgot
and auld (old) lang syne?

CHORUS

For auld land syne, my jo, (dear)
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak' (take) a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld land syne.

And surely we'll be your pintstoup!
(And surely you'll buy your pint cup)
and surely I'll be (buy) mine!
And we'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

CHORUS

We twa hae run about the braes
(We two have run about the slopes)
and ou'd the gowans fine;
(and picked the daisies fine;)
But we've wander'd mony a wear fit,
(But we've wandered many a weary foot)
sin' auld lang syne
(since auld lang syne)

We twa ha paidl'd in the burn,
(We two have paddled in the stream)
frae morning sun till dine;
(from morning sun till dine)
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
(But seas between us broad have roared)
sin' auld lang syne
(since auld lang syne)

And there's a hand, by trusty fiere!
(And there's a hand my trusty friend!)
And gie's a hand o' thine!
(And give me a hand o' thine!)
And we'll tak' a right gude-willie waught
(And we'll take a right goodwill draught)
for auld lang syne.

So now if you keep practising, you can amaze your friends next year and sing the words as they were originally written!



In Remembrance

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to all the residents who have lost their loved ones in the past year. May they rest in peace!

*Winter Home Decorating Contest
Winners*

Congratulations to the winners of the 2016-2017 Winter Home Decorating Contest:

Robert & Carolanne Babuik - 2 Centre St.

Rick Ball - 12 - 6th Ave. West

Kevin & Stacy Black - 21 - 8th Ave.



*Upcoming Events
Pancake Breakfast*

On March 18 we will be holding our Annual Pancake Breakfast in the Community Hall, Summerville Pines. Please mark this date on your calendar and watch for the flyer for more details.

Notes from May.....

Happy New Year everyone:

As I sit here thinking about all the problems in the world. I would like to think our little community is very blessed to have each other. We will have our ups and downs but we will always know someone in the Park has our back.

Here are a few helpful hints that I picked up off the internet.

As many of you know I am very upset by mice, squirrels and ants. What a wimp (you think?) Do not use chemicals to kill ants. Fill a spray bottle with water and salt (25% salt) Spray ants and hills and boom they are gone! This also works on weeds in driveways and where unwanted weeds want to grow.

Run cold water over bacon before cooking and it will reduce shrinkage by 50%

If you wish to have a pretty flower at the bottom of

your punch bowl, cut off the bottom of a 2 litre pop bottle, fill with water and freeze. Very pretty.

This is a tried and true way to ease coughs and sore throats. Heat ½ cup Ginger Ale in a Microwave until hot, add honey and lemon to the ginger ale (to taste) and sip slowly.

This came from Donna Harries' Grandmother. Old folks knew so much about home remedies.

DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must, but wouldn't be better
To paint a picture or write a letter
Bake a cake or plant a seed,
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there is not much time
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb
Music to hear and books to read
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind
Old age will come and it is not kind.
And when you go-and go you must
You, Yourself, will make more dust.

Just something to think about during the long cold days of winter.

See you all in the spring.

Until next time May Stewart

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Cooks' Corner

Cracker Toffee

72 non-salted Saltine crackers
 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
 1 cup packed brown sugar
 1/4 tsp. salt
 2 ½ cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
 2 cups chopped pecans

* preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line 17"x12" jelly-roll pan with heavy-duty foil. Spray generously with nonstick cooking spray. Arrange crackers in pan and set aside.

* Combine butter, brown sugar and salt in heavy medium saucepan. Heat over medium heat until butter melts, stirring frequently. Increase heat to high, boil 3 minutes without stirring. Pour mixture evenly over crackers; spread to cover.

* Bake 5 minutes. Immediately sprinkle chocolate chips evenly over crackers; spread to cover. Sprinkle pecans over chocolate, pressing down. Cool to room temperature. Refrigerate 2 hours. Break into chunks to serve. (Makes 24 servings)

Variation: Substitute peanut butter chips for chocolate chips and coarsely chopped, lightly salted peanuts for chopped pecans.

Courtesy of Kimberley Curtis.

Park Rules

To keep our Park and Community safe and sound, please remember.....

- keep to the speed limit (10 km/hour)
- stop at the stop signs
- keep all dogs on a leash
- please move your vehicles to assist the snow plows in clearing the roadways



Quantas' Gripe Sheets

After every flight, pilots fill out a form called a gripe sheet, which tells the mechanics problems they encountered which need repair or correction. The mechanics read, correct and respond as to what action was taken. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour. Here are some actual logged complaints and solutions. By the way, Quantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

(P = problem) S= (solution and action taken)

P: left inside main tire almost needs replacement
 S: Almost replaced left inside main tire

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough
 S: Auto-land not installed in this aircraft

P: Something loose in cockpit
 S: Something tightened in cockpit

P: Dead bugs on windshield
 S: Live bugs on order

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear
 S: Evidence removed

P: Suspected crack in windshield
 S: Suspect you're right

P: Number 3 engine missing
 S: Engine found on right wing after brief search

P: Aircraft handles funny
 S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious

P: Mouse in cockpit
 S: Cat installed

P: Target radar hums
 S: reprogrammed target radar with lyrics





Board of Directors

Just a reminder... for past and up-to-date news, visit our website at www.twinpinespark.ca. To date we have had 71,561 visits to our website.

If you have any issues you would like addressed by the Board, please contact one of the members listed below:

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Your Sub-Committee consists of:

Linda Ashcroft	647-242-0583
Bruce Cooley	
Dwight Williams	289-521-0496

The Sub-Committee is always looking for people to join. This is a great way to contribute to our community. The committee is responsible for the actual events, flyers, menus and supplies. As there are only four events throughout the year, there is really not much to do, but the rewards are great!!!!

Update on Redevelopment of Twin Pines

KPMG has advised that they are planning for the Twin Pines' residents, two meetings on January 31, 2017 - 3-4 pm and 6-7 pm to review the results of the Total Public Value Report which will be presented to the Peel Living Board on February 2nd. There will be a 15 minute presentation and a 45 minute question and answer session. This will be held in the Community Hall in Summerville Pines. We urge all residents to attend.

Your Board of Directors

WARNING!!

Used hypodermic needles have been found on some properties in the Park. Please be vigilant when walking your pets and report any sightings to Intelligarde Security.

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Peel Waste Line: 905-791-9499

(large items, such as appliances, must now be called into the City of Mississauga, and there is a fee for pickup)

When the winter winds blow cold, the nights are long and the window panes are etched in frosty paintings, be not faint-hearted.....Spring will be here before you know it!!!

