

BURNT RIVER ACTIVITIES GUIDE



December 2017



Tree Lighting Ceremony

BR Blooms is having their Tree Lighting on **Saturday, December 3rd** at the Village Square at 5:30pm. Come out for a social gathering, enjoy free treats and refreshments in the Firehall and meet your Blooms members for the beginning of this festive season.

News from St. Luke's

This year the Christmas tree at St. Luke's will be decorated with white doves, each containing the name of a person. Everyone is invited to print the name of someone special on a dove and then pin it on the tree. You may have as many doves as you have special people to remember or thank: there are no limits. In return St. Luke's asks that you make a voluntary donation to the church. Each dove has been created and decorated by Beth Handley and she is well prepared for your telephone order (705-454-8327). There are also doves awaiting names at St. Luke's on Sunday mornings. St. Luke's is counting on you to help reach a goal of at least 150 doves by the time of the Carol Service on December 10th. (There are already about 20 on the tree — see photo below.) You will experience a wonderful feeling of belonging, of peace, and of connection with the person whose name is on "your" dove(s) when you see it/them on the tree. And, as a bonus, you will know that your donation is helping the work of St. Luke's in conveying God's message of Hope. Plans for the annual Christmas Carol Service — complete with candles and vintage oil lamps — are well underway. St. Luke's Lay Reader, Larry Barker, will be the officiant. Peter Stauffer, Paul Fountain and Donna Bisschop (known as "DigTheMoon") will be back by popular demand to lead the music along with St. Luke's organist Marian Lee and soloist Andrew Bain. There will be seven lessons read by members of St. Luke's and the Burnt River United Church, and there will be a social time after the service for you to greet your neighbours over a hot drink and Christmas snacks. So mark your calendar for 7 pm on **Sunday, December 10th**. Early next year, St. Luke's will embark on a capital campaign. Next time you drive by the church, take a look at the south side of the roof and vestibule. You will see that the shingles need to be replaced. The estimated cost is about \$5,000. Due to this year's wet weather, skilled workers are behind schedule and it will be next summer before the work can be done. So the church has until June 2018 to raise about \$5,000 (the estimated cost today), plus at least another thousand for contingencies. St. Luke's is a "local landmark" and the congregation will be looking to the wider community to help raise the funds. More about this initiative as plans coalesce.



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Brunch & Bucks Euchre Tournament

November Brunch Euchre at the Burnt River Community Centre was an enjoyable outing for 8 tables of enthusiastic players. Brunch featured Braised Back Ribs with roasted vegetables and a Pumpkin Delight Dessert garnished with Ice-Cream. Again, thanks to our amazing volunteers for making it a reality – KARIN BARRINGTON, VERONICA MISNER and GRACE MCDONALD...much appreciated!

“Bragging Rights” were awarded to the top Euchre players—1st place-BETH BARRIBAL, 2nd – RON MACLEOD, and 3rd –JANICE THIBADEAU. Congratulations go out to the winners of the door prizes - MARY ANNE BYRNE was the winner of the CHRISTMAS CAKE, donated by DAVE REID and thank-you, Dave, for that kind gesture. SANDRA JUNKIN was the winner of the wooden poinsettia Christmas Bouquet.

An altered format was approved by the November group and agreement expressed to continue the monthly event as an enjoyable, social gathering with door prizes only. The suggestion to reduce the original entrance fee (\$15) to \$10 was unanimously supported. This new fee breaks down to- \$2 for Hall Use, \$5 for Brunch, with the balance directed to fundraising projects. With regards to the changes, the Management Board is most APPRECIATIVE and extends a sincere THANK-YOU to the Brunch Euchre group for their on-going support.

Mark your calendars for the next Brunch Euchre Event hosted by the BRCC Management Board. It is scheduled for **Thursday, DECEMBER 14th** beginning at 11:30am. The November Group decided to make Brunch for December a Christmas “POT LUCK” event - which will give our amazing kitchen volunteers a well-deserved break. “Pot Lucks” are always outstanding and we look forward to sharing the group’s delicious seasonal surprises. The cost has been cut in half to \$5.00 per person which breaks down to - \$2 for hall use, with the balance going towards expenses and fundraising efforts at the Centre.

The primary objective of the monthly event is to be an enjoyable social outing for those who like to play Euchre within a venue that is accepting, fun, and welcoming to everyone – regardless of skill level. Talk to your friends and consider joining us for the December/Christmas -Themed gathering. For planning purposes, CONFIRMATION is requested one week before the event—by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th. For viability, 5 confirmed tables (20 people) by the cut-off date was agreed upon by the group. If, on occasion, there is less than that, a cancellation notice will be e-mailed to all contacts by the end of that weekend. To CONFIRM, simply e-mail or call the co-ordinator, Hugh Armstrong at armstrong.hugh.ruth@gmail.com or 454-8085.

Diners' Dinner

The **Christmas Diners' Dinner** is planned for **Wednesday, December 13th. Noon-1:30pm** presented by CCCKL at the Burnt River Community Centre. Call us at 705-324-7323 to reserve your spot. Cost \$7/person

Community Care - Blood Pressure Clinic

This is a free clinic that takes place at the Community Centre on **Wednesday, December 13th** from 10:30am – 12:00 noon. No appointment necessary.

Make your Calendar – watch for details!

- Saturday January 27th, 2018 - Annual Chili Cook-Off
- Saturday February 10th, 2018 - Pub Night featuring North Country Express



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Regular Weekly Events

SAGES (Seniors Activity Group Exercise)

SAGES exercises will take place at the Burnt River Community Centre every **Monday and Friday between 9:30 - 10:30 am**. The SAGES program is geared for older adults exercising at different levels. The exercise program focuses on improving: cardiovascular endurance, balance, muscle and bone strength and flexibility.
For details please call 705-324-7323 ext. 301.

Quilting and Crafts

Every **Tuesday** at the Burnt River Community Centre **10:00am to 4:00pm**. Group programs or do your own thing. Everyone is welcome!

Burnt River Bingo (Returns in April – watch for updates)

Every **Tuesday**, at the Burnt River Community Centre until December.
Doors open at **5:30pm**. Canteen is open with all profit supporting Community Centre initiatives.

Meals-on-Wheels

Meals-on-Wheels takes place on **Wednesdays**. A nutritious and delicious meal at affordable prices is delivered right to the door through Meals-on-Wheels to seniors, people with disabilities, and people recovering from illness or injury. Ask about our special diet options, including diabetic, no salt and low fat. Also, frozen meals are delivered to your door. For more information, please call Community Care at [705-324-7323](tel:705-324-7323) to find out the costs and delivery schedule. Additional information is also available on our "Service for Seniors and People with special needs information sheet".

Community Darts

Thursday's at 7:30pm at the Community Centre. All welcome!



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