Vision Statement: *Matachewan strives to preserve its friendliness and to create a progressive community that will have economic growth and bring wealth to all through strong leadership and community involvement.*

Township of Matachewan Municipal Newsletter December/January 2025/2026

Tax and Utility Payments

Utility Bills Due December 12th

Tax and utility payments can be made by DEBIT, cheque, or cash or at the bank or online from RBC, TD, BMO, and Credit Union.

Email **accounting@matachewan.ca** for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments

RECYCLING UPDATE

Recycling will be switching to

Every Other Monday STARTING JANUARY 1ST 2026

READY • RECYCLE • REPEAT™

Say hello to your new recycling cart

Starting January 2026, recycling will be even more convenient with a new recycling cart in Matachewan .



Learn more: circularmaterials.ca/matachewan

Recycling Dates 2025

December 3

December 17

If you wish to contact Eco Logix Please call 705-647-2322 & leave a message

Township of Matachewan Holiday Hours

Office will be CLOSED December 24th—January 4th 2026

Office will be OPEN December 23rd-8:30 A.M. —5:00 P.M. & returning January 5th 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. for regular hours

Landfill Hours

Landfill will be CLOSED December 25th 2025 & January 1st 2026

Water Lines Reminder

Reminder to our Community that frost can cause water lines to freeze.

In order to prevent your water lines from freezing, Please ensure you have a water bleeder installed.

Should your water lines Freeze,

an outside company would need to be called in, and the homeowner will be responsible for the cost of thawing the line

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Township of Matachewan is looking for Volunteers for all Committees & Community Events

- Are you passionate about helping others?
- Do you want to give back to your Community?

Volunteers are often the Glue that holds a community together

Contact us today to learn more about volunteer opportunities
1-705-565-2274 or Email admin@matachewan.ca
www.Matachewan.com

Council Meetings

The meetings are held in the council chambers at 6:00 pm members of the Public are welcome to attend all Council Meeting

Next Council Meetings

December 3rd
December 17th
January 21ST



Self Care Quotes

Christmas gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us." —David Cameron

Jokes of the Month

What's an elf's favorite music genre?
Wrap music.
Which one of Santa's reindeer has the **best moves? Dancer!**
Why is it always so cold around Christmastime?
Because it's Decembrrr.

PA Day Program

The YDMC will be open for Families to play/do activities on PA days

Pending volunteers availability

Next DSB1 PA day

January 30th, 2026

Santa Claus Parade
Friday December 5th at 6:30 P.M.

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Friday December 5th at 7:30 P.M Rec hall after parade

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa YDMC
December 14th 2- 4 P.M

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Township of Matachewan

CHRISTMAS Food Hampers

If you know someone in our Community
who could benefit
or is in need of a hamper

Please write their name, address &
phone number in a sealed envelope
and leave it in our drop box outside
the Township office

DEADLINE FOR NAMES:

December 17th 2025

Township of Matachewan

CHRISTMAS Food Hampers

Donations

Donations of the following Items can be dropped off at the Township Office

Each Hamper Requires

Canned Corn
Canned Peas
Canned mixed Vegetables
Boxed Stuffing
Cranberry Sauces
Jug or Bottle of Juice



December 2025

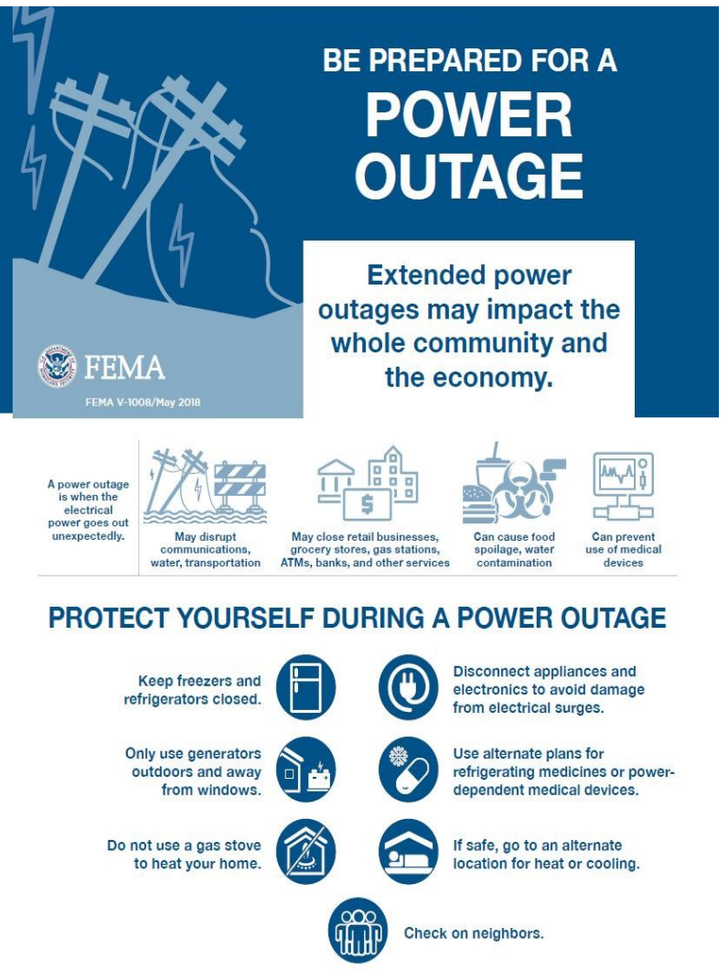
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Yahtzee 7 - 9 p.m.	2 Chair Yoga 7 - 8 p.m.	3 Colouring, Puzzles, Word Search 1 - 3 p.m.	4 RCL Bingo 7 p.m.	5 MDL Darts 7:30 p.m.	6 Darts/Pool 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
7 Shuffleboard Rec Hall 7 - 9 p.m.	8 Chess Checkers 2 - 4 p.m.	9 Chair Yoga 7 -8 p.m.	10 Crib/ Euchre 7 - 9 p.m.	11 RCL Bingo 7 p.m.	12 MDL Darts 7:30 p.m.	13
14 RCL Members X-Mas Dinner 5 p.m.	15 Yahtzee 7 - 9 p.m.	16 RCL Meeting 7 p.m.	17 Chair Yoga 7 - 8 p.m.	18 RCL Bingo 7 p.m.	19 MDL Darts 7:30 p.m.	20 Darts/Pool 7 - 10 p.m.
21 SALC Appreciation Luncheon 12-1 p.m. Crib Tournament with prizes 1-4 p.m.	22 Chess Checkers 2 - 4 p.m.	23 Colouring, Puzzles, Word Search 1 - 3 p.m. Chair Yoga 7 - 8 p.m.	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day Merry Christmas!	26 Boxing Day	27
28 Shuffleboard Rec Hall 7 - 9 p.m.	29 Colouring, Puzzles, Word Search 1 - 3 p.m. Yahtzee 7 - 9 p.m.	30 Crib / Euchre 2 - 4 p.m. Chair Yoga 7 - 8 p.m.	31 New Year's Eve			

Legend
MDL - Matachewan Dart League
RCL - Royal Canadian Legion

Note
All SALC activities take place at the RCL unless specified at an alternate location

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Tips to Help Your Communities Prepare for Winter

Winters in Ontario can be unpredictable. The government of Ontario is committed to keeping the people and communities of the province safe. Here are some tips to help ensure Ontarians are ready for anything from winter storms to icy roads to power outages

Keep an emergency preparedness kit

Households are encouraged to build an emergency preparedness kit in case of a power outage or winter conditions that prevent people from being able to leave their homes. Kits should include items like a flashlight, water and non-perishable food to last for at least 3 days.

Weather-proof their homes

Remember to check for potential hazards around your home, including those that may not be top of mind. Remind community members, friends and family to do the same. The following actions will help get your home winter ready:

● Trim branches hanging over your house or vehicle so they don't cause damage if they get weighed down with snow and ice.

● Shut off your outdoor water or insulate your outdoor pipes to prevent freezing.

● Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are in good working order.

● Have your chimney inspected and cleaned to ensure it's not a fire hazard.

● Seal your windows and doors to prevent drafts.

● Stock up on salt to prevent falls on your driveway/sidewalk.

Get ready for winter driving with a vehicle kit

Winter weather has already begun in parts of Ontario. The following tips can help get you and your vehicle ready for winter driving:

● Get a maintenance checkup for your vehicle.

● Keep your fuel tank at least half full to help reduce moisture in the fuel system and add weight to the vehicle.

● Make sure you have an ice-scraper and washer fluid that works down to -40°C.

● Put together a winter kit to keep in your vehicle that includes a blanket, warm clothing like gloves, hats and sweaters, a phone charger, candles, a shovel, jumper cables and water.

Home Heating

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of January, February and December.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, (e.g. furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater).
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

Fireplaces and Chimneys

Dirty chimneys can cause chimney fires, which damage structures, destroy homes and injure or kill people. With proper chimney system care, chimney fires are entirely preventable. Here are some ways to avoid them:

● Only use seasoned wood. Dryness is more important than hard wood versus soft wood considerations.

● Build smaller, hotter fires that burn more completely and produce less smoke.

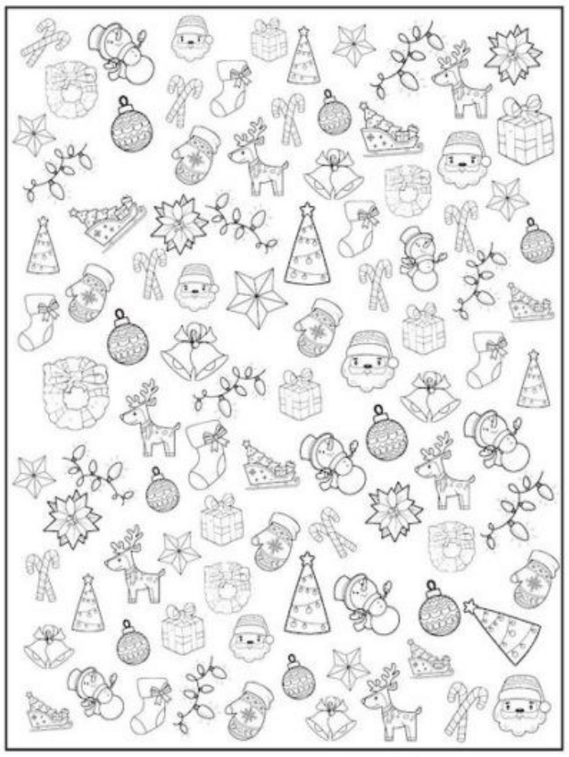
● Never burn cardboard boxes, wrapping paper, trash or Christmas trees. These items can spark a chimney fire.

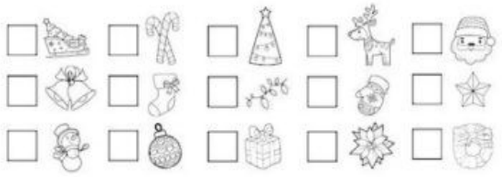
● Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures where wood stoves are in use, so you can adjust burning practices as needed.

● Have the chimney inspected and cleaned on a regular basis.

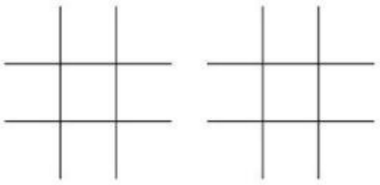
MERRY CHRISTMAS

I-Spy Christmas Game





Tic Tac Toe



Word Scramble

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tansa _____

dycna eanc _____

ftsgi _____

Decorate A Christmas Tree



