



# RIPPLES

Corporation of the Village of South River

December 2016 / January 2017

## Christmas In The Village

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> is the date of this year's 'Christmas in the Village' Celebration at the Village of South River Municipal office. Hosted by the Village of South River and Township of Machar, there will be horse drawn wagon rides, crafts at the library, a bonfire and a special guest appearance!

Festivities will take place from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

There is also a Holiday house decorating contest. Residents and Businesses can enter by calling the South River Municipal office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2nd @ (705) 386-2573. Please have your lights

on between 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for judging between December 6th and 8th.

Winners will be announced at the South River - Machar Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 9th. See you there!



## Thank You For 20 Years of Great Service!

Everyone is invited to join in celebrating and thanking Jan Heinonen for her 20 years of dedicated service at the South River-Machar Union Public Library.

All are welcome to drop in between:

**10 a.m. and 12 noon  
Saturday, December 17th at  
the library.**

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The South River—Machar Culture & Recreation committee would like to thank Skye Buchanan, Bob Dell and Suzette Payne for their help with the Halloween party. Also special thanks to the Arena staff who supported the event coordinators while setting up the decorations.

## FREE Holiday Skating

*Thanks to local businesses for their kind sponsorship of this holiday ice time!*

Tuesday, December 27th 1 - 3 p.m.  
 Wednesday, December 28th 1 - 3 p.m.  
 Thursday, December 29th 1 - 3 p.m.  
 Friday, December 30th 1 - 3 p.m.



Monday, January 2nd 1 - 3 p.m.  
 Wednesday, January 4th 1 - 3 p.m.  
 Friday, January 6th 1 - 3 p.m.  
 Saturday, January 7th 1 - 3 p.m.  
 Sunday, January 8th 1 - 3 p.m.



## Visit The New Village Website

The Council of the Village of South River is proud to present a new website. The new site offers lots of information and conveniences for residents and visitors alike. Be sure to check out the new site still at [www.southeriverontario.com](http://www.southeriverontario.com) and tell us what you think. (You may have to refresh your browser to see the new design.)

### Business As Usual

- Keep all of your receipts issued by the municipality. There is an administration fee of \$25.00 for providing duplicate copies.
- There will only be one Council meeting in December. The meeting will take place on December 12th at 5:30 p.m.
- Christmas tree pick up will take place on Monday, January 9, 2017. To use this service, have your tree at the curb by 8 a.m.
- Watch for 2017 Waste & Recycling calendars to arrive in the mail and appear on our website soon.

### Municipal Office Holiday Hours

Monday, December 26th	CLOSED
Tuesday, December 27th	CLOSED
Wednesday, December 28th	CLOSED
Thursday, December 29th	CLOSED
Friday, December 30th	CLOSED
Monday, January 2nd	CLOSED

**OPEN**

The office will **reopen** on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 for regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please feel free to use the mail slot at the front entrance of the building. You can also make online payments while the office is closed.

### Water Arrears

Any arrears owing on municipal water accounts at the end of January 2016 will NOT be transferred to the corresponding tax account. The Village of South River may disconnect water services with arrears as permitted by the authority of by-law 5-2014. The cost of a water disconnection and reconnection is \$45.00 each. If your water service is disconnected, you will be required to pay a deposit before it can be restored. The deposit will be a minimum of \$250.00.

## Snow Removal And Winter Parking

*In 2014, the Village of South River adopted a new policy to define and explain snow clearing and ice control.*

*The entire policy is available for viewing on our website under the 'Policy' tab or at the municipal office, please take time to read it.*

- \* *Windrows of snow plowed across private approaches and/or walks and resulting from street plowing or sidewalk clearing shall not be removed by the municipality.*

*\* It is suggested to pile snow on the right side of your driveway (when facing the road) when shoveling. This helps minimize the ridge of snow created by the snowplow at the end of your driveway.*

**\*It is illegal and unsafe to deposit snow or ice onto a roadway.**

\* Ontario Highway Traffic Act, Deposit of snow on roadway 18.1

A new Parking By-law has been passed by Council. Remember no person shall park any vehicle on any

highway under the jurisdiction of the Village between the hours of 12 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. from November 01 of each year to April 30 of the following year. Contravention of this section of the by-law may result in the vehicle being towed and impounded at the expense of the owner. Read the new parking by-law 34-2016 in full for more details. The by-law will be made available on our new website shortly or can be viewed at the municipal office during regular business hours.

**Did you know...** that as a taxpayer of the Village of South River a substantial amount of your property tax is used to support the services of the Ontario Provincial Police? In addition to a base amount the Village must pay to the OPP, each 911 call to the Village is an additional charge to the municipality. It's important to know that you should only call 911 for true emergencies. All requests for non-emergency OPP services or questions should go to the OPP at 1 888 310-1122 to avoid extra charges to property taxes.

If you or someone you know is having a mental health crisis, please call the Canadian Mental Health Association Crisis line: 1 800 461-5424. Low income individuals or families may be eligible for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) program if you're struggling to pay for hydro, oil, propane or other items or services. To find out if you're eligible for financial assistance from the CHPI program you may call your local social services office at: 705 386-2552.