




Holiday Closure Dates

**RM of Montcalm Office:
December 25th to January 1st**

**Transfer Station:
Tuesday, December 26th**

RM of Montcalm Office: (204) 737-2271 Fax:(204) 737-2326 Public Works Shop: (204) 758-3824

info@rmofmontcalm.com Office hours: Monday– Friday 8:30am till 4:30 pm / Closed from 12:00pm—1:00pm for lunch

December 2023 						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

-  Garbage Pick Up
-  St Joseph, Letellier & St Jean Recycling
-  Stat Holiday/Office Closed
-  Council Meeting

LUD of St Jean Baptiste

With Christmas just around the corner, lights and decorations are going up all over town! We hope that you have noticed the new lights on Caron Street this year. This is our second year replacing some of the old lights. The last round of replacements will occur next year.

Although it doesn't feel too wintry so far, the LUD committee is thinking ahead about our winter festival "Family Fun Day on the Red". We are asking for your help with ideas for the festival, such as what to keep, what to add, or anything else you would like to see. As always, volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If your group or organization would like to help organize the festival or one specific activity, please contact an LUD committee member.

The new gateway signs at the north and south entrances to Saint-Jean-Baptiste have been up a few months already. The LUD would like to acknowledge and to thank the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM) for their extensive contribution towards this project. The signage was funded through the Tourism Relief Fund (TRF) from Prairies Can, and the Economic Development Council for Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (CDEM) assisted with the coordination of this project. The LUD was responsible for erecting the new signs.

May the warmth and wonder of the holiday season fill your homes and we wish you all the very best in the New Year.



St. Jean Arena

FREE Public Skating every Sunday

1PM - 4PM



Homemade Hot Chocolate

Ingredients:

- * 4 cups milk
- * 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- * 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- * 1/2 cups bittersweet or semisweet chocolate chips or chopped chocolate bar
- * 1/4 tsp pure vanilla extract

Instructions:

Place milk, cocoa powder and sugar in a small sauce pan. Heat over medium-low heat, whisking frequently, until warm (but not boiling). Add chocolate chips and whisk constantly until the chocolate chips melt and distribute evenly into the milk. Whisk in vanilla extract and serve immediately with your favorite toppings!



CHRISTMAS BASKETS

For who: Families in need in the RM of Montcalm (request forms at St. Jean Foods and Letellier Country Market)

What:

- Non expired, non perishable foods
- Money donations or cheques

(Make cheque payable to:

Chevaliers de Colomb St Jean and specify on cheque: Christmas Hampers)

Where and how:

Donations may be brought to:

- Caisse Financial Group St Jean Baptiste
- St. Jean Foods
- Barnay's Restaurant
- Letellier Country Market

Deadline: Monday December 11, 2023

Baskets will be delivered on the evening of Wednesday December 13.

St. Jean contact: Fran Sabourin 204-712-7344

Letellier contact: Cheryl Demarcke 204-996-6600



Holiday Safety Tips

- ♦ **Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn. Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Keep children and pets away from lit candles.**
- ♦ **Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving the home or going to bed.**
- ♦ **Water live Christmas trees daily, keep your tree away from heat sources and check the lights for excessive wear.**



**Water bills due
January 20, 2024**

**Supplemental Taxes
due December 31, 2023**

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Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays! It's that time of year again when we gather with friends and loved ones to celebrate this joyous season. We are all very grateful to be able to gather with all our family, friends and loved ones.

This has been an incredibly busy year for all RM staff, and we are very blessed to have such a fantastic team! If you see them around, make sure to give them a wave and a smile to show your appreciation for all their hard work! We would also like to say a huge thank you to all our Fire Department members and all the volunteers at the many community organizations that make Montcalm such a remarkable community.

2024 is coming quickly and the RM Council and staff are busy planning for next year. There is still a lot of flood recovery to be done and the flood mitigation project on St. Mary's Road will continue to move ahead. Projects for 2024 are starting to take shape and we are all looking forward to some amazing opportunities for the RM of Montcalm.

Make sure you follow us on Facebook & Instagram for the latest news, we don't always have time to get paper notices out in emergency situations. If you would like to be added to the text notification list, please contact the office by phone or email and we will get you set up. Also, you can sign up for our email list by visiting our website at www.rmofmontcalm.com.

In closing, on behalf of Council, myself and all the staff we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Friendly reminder to remove parked vehicles and refrain from parking on public streets and lanes during and after snowfall events which require the removal of accumulated snow. You may resume parking on streets after snow removal operations have been completed. We also ask that residents do not deposit snow from private properties

An early and wet snowfall took a toll on the gravel and dirt roads. The repeated snowfalls mixing with the wet gravel caused for very poor conditions and made it difficult to get the roads back in shape. Staff have been working hard to get the roads leveled out and grass mowed along the ditches before freeze up to try and aid with drifting problems.

Over the winter please be cautious of snow clearing equipment on the roads as you go about your day.

Curtis Schultz
Public Works Manager



Bibliothèque Montcalm Library

Did you know that you could borrow puzzles from the library?

We have a large selection of 300, 500 and 1 000 plus pieces. There is something for everyone! What a great pastime during winter!

Collecting tabs off your aluminum-canned beverages? You can bring them to the library for the Tabs for Wheelchairs Program.

Our hours of operation are

Tuesday – Wednesday- Thursday
4 to 8 p.m.



**A MERRY LITTLE
CHRISTMAS
CRAFT & VENDOR
SALE**

FREE ADMISSION WE ARE ACCEPTING NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK	DEC 9TH 2023 10AM-3PM ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY HALL 118 RUE MORIN, ST JOSEPH	30+ VENDORS! FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT CANTEN!
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