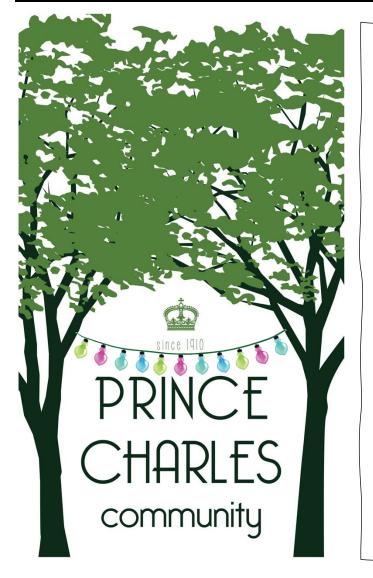
### DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



### MONTHLY <u>IN PERSON</u> <u>MEETINGS</u> POSTPONED



Due to COVID-19, our regularly scheduled in person meetings have been postponed.

### Join us for our regular <u>virtual</u> monthly board meeting on **December 7, 2020**

Contact the Prince Charles Community League board via email for more information:

pcclcommunications@hotmail.com

If you have an item to bring forward for discussion, please let us know so we can add it to the agenda!

## What's Happening in Prince Charles?

Our Christmas Decorating Contest is in full swing!

Deck the halls and string up those lights because the best-looking houses have a chance to win some prizes!!

If you are a community member and have something to share, please email it to us so we can include it in future newsletters!

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## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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## GARBAGE DAY IS TUESDAY!

Garbage and recycling are collected weekly on the **same** day of the week, year-round, including statutory holidays! The only exceptions are **Christmas Day** (December 25) and **New Year's Day** (January 1). **Garbage** and blue bags must be out by 7 A.M. Do not set your containers or waste out before 4 P.M the day before pickup! If you see someone that looks cold or might need help

2-1-1 has resources that can help people who are struggling get warm and back on their feet.

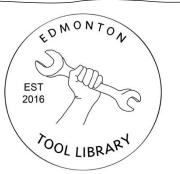
Baby, it's cold outside!

Winter is here, and now that we've cranked the heat, our bills are going up! Here are 4 tips to help you cut down on those bills:

- 1. **Turn down your thermostat**. You won't notice much change in comfort if you go from 22 degrees C down to 20 degrees C, but it could mean significant savings for your heating bill.
- 2. **Cover floors**. Rugs and carpets might seem like stylish home accessories, but they're also great insulators. Bare floors can account for as much as 10% of heat loss, not to mention how cold they can feel on your feet!
- 3. Set ceiling fans to rotate clockwise. Reversing the fan and running it at the lowest speed can help push warm are where you want it down to you.
- 4. **Install a door sweep**. Cold air can be very sneaky. Make your own "door snake" or install a new sweep to help keep the cold (or snow) outside where it belongs!

The Edmonton Tool Library is a registered, not-for-profit society in Edmonton, Alberta. It provides affordable access to hand, power, and garden tools for its members.

To access the Tool Library, you must a community league membership!



### Edmonton Tool Library

COMMUNITY LEAGUE

**MEMBERSHIP PRICES** 

Seniors: FREE Single: FREE Family: FREE Business: \$40.00

Wednesday Saturday 6-8 P.M. 1-5 P.M.

Bellevue Community Hall 7308 112 Avenue NW edmontontoollibrary.ca

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## **Prince Charles**







HOME DURING THE HOLIDAYS



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Theft overall tends to rise in the months of November and December. Best thing to do is to make sure you secure everything that you can. Lock up cars, trucks, and homes.

### LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON

Thieves usually don't approach homes that appear to be occupied. Leave on outside lights at night (or set them with a timer) and when you leave the house during the day; leave on some of the lights inside the home to give the appearance that someone is home.

PACKAGE DELIVERY More and more people are purchasing gifts online trend, more people are having packages stolen right off their front porch. If you're expecting packages, request signature confirmation or have a trusted neighbor hold on to it for you.

COOKING HAZARDS A fried turkey is delicious. A fried house due to a instructions on how to prepare your turkey safely and please, use the deep fryer OUTSIDE of the house.

ECORATION HAZARDS

Speaking of fires, Christmas tree fires can be devastating for what is normally such a beacon of happiness. If you have a live tree, make sure that it has water every day, and ensure that any `lights you use are checked for breaks or exposed wires.

Neighbourhood Watch

Happy Holidays

CONTACT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPRESENTATIVE AT PRINCECHARLESNW@GMAIL.COM

# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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We might be spending holidays a little differently this year, but here are some suggested activities to make your holidays at little bit more

# merry and bright



# Get outside and enjoy some of that crisp winter air!

Go for a skate or find a hill to sled on. Getting outside is a good way to see other people, but from a safe distance! And while you're out and about, grab a coffee or a hot chocolate and drive around and look at Christmas lights!

# IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR FUN THINGS TO DO AT HOME, TRY SOME OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

**Put together a holiday puzzle**. Doing a puzzle is a relaxing way to spend a winter evening. While you work, set the mood with a scented candle.

**Make a commemorative ornament**. The 2020 holiday season is bound to be unique, so why not make an ornament to remember it by? Mix up a salt dough recipe (all you need is flour, salt and water) and use your favourite festive cookie cutter. Don't forget to write the year in paint. **Host a virtual party**. Just because you can't get together in person doesn't mean you can't see your family and friends!

Watch your favourite holiday movie. Watching a movie is the perfect way to spend time between presents and dinner or to unwind once the festivities end.



### 2020 has been a year of challenges

If your budget permits, consider donating to one of these local charities



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Jan 20 – Talking Archaeology - https://epl.bibliocommons.com/events/5f5fecc1973f073a0048b55e

For a link to attend the virtual board meeting, email pcclcommunications@hotmail.com

## **Holiday Word Search Challenge**

Solve each clue to reveal the holiday-related words to find in the puzzle going across, down, and diagonal.

- 1. December 25th holiday: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 2. Jolly man in red suit: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Hung by the chimney: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. December holiday celebrating African-American heritage:
- 5. Family customs passed down to next generation: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Kwanzaa candle holder: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Hung on a door at Christmas: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Jewish Festival of Lights: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 9. Special Jewish candelabra: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 10. Red and white striped Christmas sweet:
- 11. A wax light that is used as a ceremonial symbol of many holidays: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Number of days of Hanukkah: \_ \_ \_ \_
- 13. Santa's vehicle: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 14. Kwanzaa feast: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 15. Gifts given on the last day of Kwanzaa: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 16. Christmas songs: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 17. Potato pancakes:\_\_\_\_
- 18. They pull Santa's sleigh:



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#### Bonus: Find 5 more holiday words hidden in the word search grid

# GINGERBREAD RECIPE

#### Ingredients

10 Tablespoons (2/3 cup; 145g) unsalted butter, softened to room temperature 3/4 cup (150g) packed light or dark brown sugar 2/3 cup (200g) molasses 1 large egg, at room temperature 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract 3 and 1/2 cups (437g) allpurpose flour (spoon & leveled) 1 teaspoon **baking soda** 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 Tablespoon ground ginger 1 Tablespoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

### Instructions

1) In a large bowl using a hand-held mixer or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream butter. Add the brown sugar and molasses and beat on medium high speed until combined and creamy looking. Next, beat in egg and vanilla on high speed for 2 full minutes.

2) In a separate bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, allspice, and cloves together until combined. On low speed, slowly mix into the wet ingredients until combined. The cookie dough will be quite thick and slightly sticky. Divide dough in half and place each onto a large piece of plastic wrap. Wrap each up tightly and pat down to create a disc shape. Please see photo and description above in my post. Chill discs for at least 3 hours and up to 3 days. Chilling is mandatory for this cookie dough. I always chill mine overnight.

3) Preheat oven to 350°F (177°C). Line 2-3 large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.

4) Remove 1 disc of chilled cookie dough from the refrigerator. Generously flour a work surface, as well as your hands and the rolling pin. Don't be afraid to continually flour the work surface as needed- this dough can be sticky. Roll out disc until 1/4-inch thick. Cut into shapes. Place shapes 1 inch apart on prepared baking sheets. Re-roll dough scraps until all the dough is shaped. Repeat with remaining disc of dough.

5) Bake cookies for about 8-10 minutes, until done.

6) Allow cookies to cool for 5 minutes on the cookie sheet. Transfer to cooling rack to cool completely. Once completely cool, decorate as desired.

optional: royal icing for decorating

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 Allows you the right to become a board member and help shape the future of the Neighbourhood

\* Allows you or your children to participate in the sporting activities (even if we do not offer the programs in Prince Charles)

\* Discounts at the City of Edmonton recreation centers for annual, monthly and multi-admission passes

\* Discounts to certain attractions

\* Access to the TOOL LIBRARY

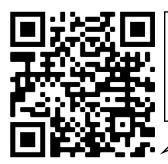
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