

# THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **Windermere House** - Lots of things happening at WH. Stop in for a drink or meal at one of their lovely dining options.
  - **Windermere Pub & Patio** - Lunch & Dinner - patio open weather permitting. Reservations on Open Table
    - 12pm - 11pm weekdays, Weekends 12pm - midnight
    - Live music - Fri.&Sat. 7-10pm
  - **The Rosseau**, upscale dining, beautiful setting 7 days/week - 12-9pm.
  - **High Tea** returns June 28th - a timeless tradition
  - **The Trading Post** - Artisanal goods & produce, charcuterie, souvenirs and more.
  - **Spa at Windermere** - Daily 9am - 6pm
- **Windermere Marina** NEW HOURS! - 7 days a week - 9am - 5pm.
- **Windermere Golf Club** - Open to all for lunch and dinner throughout the season at **Iron and Strings Restaurant**. - "**Wing Night**" - every Thursday with live entertainment.
- **Windermere Garden Centre** Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm. Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun. Great Cappuccino and Lattes at the cafe!  
**More details at** [taylorfarms.ca/market](http://taylorfarms.ca/market).  
Or email [strawberries@taylorfarms.ca](mailto:strawberries@taylorfarms.ca)
- **Lagree by the Lake** - Fitness Studio right in Windermere. Check out [lagreebythelake.com](http://lagreebythelake.com) for hours and classes.

**Windermere Lions Club** is offering a bottle drop off for your recyclables - this is part of their fundraising for all the great things they do for the community and beyond. Drop off at Taylor Farms.

### Ice Cream Scoopers and gas attendants WANTED @ the Windermere Marina!

A summer of fun!! Must be 16 years old.  
E-mail Sherry @ [windermere@muskokamarinas.ca](mailto:windermere@muskokamarinas.ca)

- **Christ Church Windermere** - services Sunday at 10:30am. Welcome all.  
Strawberry Social - June 27th - 1 - 4pm
- **Windermere United Church** - services Sunday at 10:30am. Check out "Upcoming Events" for Taize & meditation schedule.

## Celebrating Canada Day in Windermere

*On July 1st, there is a distinct magic that settles over all Canadians. Beyond the celebration of Confederation, it heralds the beginning of summer in Muskoka! And here in Windermere, the quintessential Canadian summer feels entirely unchanged by time.*

While many might be celebrating with fireworks and festivals, this small community of Windermere celebrates the day with quiet pride. The holiday is not just a celebration of a country, but an reflection of a tight-knit community whose roots are woven into the very fabric of Canada's earliest days.

A Windermere Canada Day has an interesting timeline. Canada became a nation on July 1, 1867. Less than one year later, on January 1, 1868, the settlement of Windermere was officially established with the opening of its first post office at Archibald Taylor's sawmill at the mouth of the Dee River. Named after the famous Lake District in England, this rugged pocket of Muskoka was carved out of the wilderness by resilient pioneering families like the Forges, the Fifes, and the Aitkens.

When the rocky soil proved too stubborn for traditional farming, the community pivoted with entrepreneurial grace. By 1870, Thomas Aitken began boarding traveling sportsmen in his home, a humble beginning that eventually blossomed into the iconic Windermere House, proudly known as the "Lady of the Lake".

If you find yourself in the early morning, sitting on the wharf, or by any dock or water's edge here in Muskoka, you can hear the lap of the water against the docks or shore, and if you are lucky, the call of the loon. This community, which was once the smallest incorporated village in Ontario, retains an spirit of togetherness. Think about it!....generations of cottagers and year-round residents have shared in the magic for as long as Canada has been a country!

It is here in the village that you find the wonderful "presence" of the past, and when you stand on the shoreline looking out over the water, you are sharing the exact same vantage point as the passengers who stepped off the *Waubamik, the Nipissing, the Wenonah or the Simcoe* steamboats in the late 1800s. The community has survived shifting eras, global changes, and even the 1996 fire that claimed the original Windermere House - only for the community to rally and rebuild it faithfully to its original Victorian splendour the very next year.

As the sun sets over Lake Rosseau on July 1st, casting a brilliant orange and pink glow over the water, the true meaning of the day becomes clear. Windermere doesn't need grand spectacles to celebrate Canada. Its very existence - built on neighbourly reliance, a shared love for the land, and 158 years of continuous, unbroken heritage - is a living testament of what it means to be Canadian!

## Happy Canada Day!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

If you have a community event to announce, let us know!

**Muskoka Arts and Crafts at the Village Hall!**  
Open 6 days a week for July and August.

**July 1st** - Lions Club BBQ at Taylor Farms & Pick your own Strawberries!!

**July 2nd** - Wing Night (every Thur.) - WG&CC

**July 3rd** - **Tayrn Rose** @ WG&CC - 6pm-8:30

**July 3rd Sept 4th** - every Friday - Lions Club BBQ at the Wharf.

**July 8th** @ 7:30pm @ Windermere United Church - *Mindfulness Meditation* in the traditions of Thich Nhat Hanh (also Aug 6th & Sept 6th)

**July 11th** - **Tayrn Rose** @ Windermere House 7-10pm

**July 13th** - "Grand opening" of the Village Playground - All are welcome!! **Name the Bear contest...**more details coming soon!

**July 15th** @ 7:30pm @ Windermere United Church "*Peace and Presence in Taize Tradition*" - (also August 12th & Sept 16th)

**August 7 - 16**

**The Muskoka Chautauqua Festival** - Great line up of music, art, literary and kids events Stay tuned for additional details here....highlights

**August 8th** - Rising Stars- Singers Songwriters

**August 8th** - CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!

**August 9th** - Caroline Marie Brooks

**August 10** - Toronto All-Star Big Band

**August 11** - Maggie's Wake

**August 12** - Candlelit Taize

**August 13** - The Muskoka Philharmonic Orchestra

**August 14** - Beverly, Charlie & Friends

**August 15th** - Northern Lights Steel Orchestra

**June 21st** and once per month for the summer, our two churches will be holding joint worship services - to be held @ Christ Church.

**July 26th** - The churches are holding a joint outdoor worship service at the Wharf.

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**Police - Non-Emergency** 705-645-2211

**Fire Department** 705-765-3156

**District of Muskoka Office** 705-645-2100

**By-Law Office Township** 705-765-3156

**Wharf Master** 705-769-3611

**Windermere Golf Club** 705-769-3381

**Windermere Marina** 705-769-3661

**Windermere House** 705-769-3611

**Taylor Farms** 705-769-2368

**Windermere Garden Centre** 705-769-3238

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**Lions Club** - [windermereclubmuskoka@gmail.com](mailto:windermereclubmuskoka@gmail.com)



*Proudly Canadian*

**Beginning July 1st, running Monday - Friday until August 5th - Muskoka Chautauqua's**

**"Creative Kids"**

At the Village Hall

**10am - 12pm**

(Arts and crafts for kids ages 4 - 12)

**Beginning Friday July 3rd, running every Friday all summer long!!**

*The Windermere and District Lions Club*

will be hosting their fabulous BBQ!

On the Wharf

11:30am - 2:00pm

**GRAND OPENING of the "new" Windermere Village Children's Playground!**

Monday July 13th @ 4:30pm

Fun for all.

**Name the Bear Contest - submit your ideas to [windermeregazette@icloud.com](mailto:windermeregazette@icloud.com)**

**Now Open!!**

**Lagree by the Lake** - a Fitness studio for all levels.

Details at [lagreebythelake.com](http://lagreebythelake.com)

**August 8th...mark your calendar, buy your tickets!**

**CHOIR!CHOIR!CHOIR!**

**at the Chautauqua Festival!**

Belt out the biggest 80s hits with **Choir! Choir! Choir!** in this fun, interactive live music experience!

**Choir! Choir! Choir!** is the fully interactive, participatory show that turns the audience into performers! So get ready to laugh, dance and **SING!** your hearts out with hundreds of other music-lovers just like you. It's like a big birthday party for the greatest songs of all time, and you're invited!

So grab a friend (or ten), and come out ready to GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT! - all voices welcome, no experience necessary. **They Teach, You Sing! Everyone Wins!**

This time, Choir!Choir!Choir! presents: **An EPIC 80s Sing-Along!**

**BUYTICKETS**

Or visit the **Chautauqua Festival website**