

# THE WINDERMERE GAZETTE

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VILLAGE?

- **Windermere celebrates 100 years since incorporation.** It was founded in 1870, but in 1924, under the leadership of Henry Longhurst, the village applied for independent village status with the government of Ontario. Longhurst became the first Reeve (Mayor) of Windermere.
- **Windermere House** - Lots of things happening at WH this summer. Stop in for a drink or meal at one of their lovely dining options.
  - **Windermere Pub & Patio** - Lunch & Dinner served 7 days/wk. Enjoy the entertainment - Fri.&Sat. 7-10pm
  - **The Rousseau** - upscale dining in a beautiful setting. Open 7 days/week - 12 to 9pm
  - **High Tea** - Sundays in summer, 2-4pm
  - **The Trading Post is open!** Artisanal goods and produce, charcuterie, souvenirs and more.
- **Windermere Marina** - open - Sun. - Thur. 9am - 5pm, Fri, Sat. 9am - 6pm.
- **Windermere Golf Club** - private golf club for July & August. Open to all for lunch and dinner throughout the season.
  - **"Wing Night"** - every Thursday with live entertainment.
  - **"Bridge Night"** - Mondays
  - **"Euchre Night"** every Tuesday @ 5:45pm \$25 includes dinner.
  - **"Brunch"** - every Sunday 10am - 1pm - open to all
- **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!!
- **Farm to Table Summer Produce Box** - Sign up for one week or all summer - 7-10 items - fruit and veggies - local Ontario. -Small or Large Box. Order by 6pm on a Sunday. Pick up at Taylor Farms on Thursdays, Crossfit in Port Carling on Thursday. or Bracebridge on Wednesday-  
**More details at**  
[taylorfarms.ca/market](http://taylorfarms.ca/market). Or email [strawberries@taylorfarms.ca](mailto:strawberries@taylorfarms.ca)
- **Christ Church Windermere** -services Sunday at 10:30am
- **Windermere United Church** -services Sunday at 10:30am

## This week's "Historical Interest" Article

### "RUSH" at Windermere House

*A more recent bit of Windermere History*

*Submitted by Russ Boychuk*

Over the last 155 seasons Windermere House has hosted many renowned musical guests. In March of 1982 the band RUSH came up in the dead of winter to write, rehearse and record songs for their Platinum selling album "Signals". Geddy Lee, Neal Peart and Alex Lifeson stayed for the month of March in the old Settler's Bay units where the Fractionals now stand.

"It was a very cold, snowy winter. The snow was piled up everywhere and we ended up staying in this deserted summer lodge." Alex told Prog Magazine. "The place was completely empty - it was like *The Shining*."

The Grange, the stone barn now staff housing, had a local rehearsal and recording studio on the first floor at the time. "There was a big venue and we locked ourselves in there for a month or so and rehearsed and finished the songs for the album."

Alex and Geddy played in the Grange during the day as Neal would spend hours by the fireplace in Settlers Bay writing the music. In the evening all 3 would put it together in the Grange.

"The strength of those songs and Alex starting his fascination with remote control airplanes" Geddy told Cygnus Mag. "Those are my enduring memories of the cottage. As soon as we got a break from writing, he would he would go out and try to fly these planes. And of course they'd eventually get lost and we would have to send out a search party for the plane!"

Over the last 40 years on our countless walks thru the nearby woods, I still keep my eye out for any of Alex's lost planes.



*Geddy Lee at Settler's Bay, Windermere, March 1982*



*Rush at Settler's Bay, Windermere, March 1982*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 22nd** - Wing night with entertainment @ WGCC.
- **August 23rd** - Jake Dudas @ Windermere House
- **August 24th** - Briar Summers @ Windermere House
- **August 27th & every Tuesday @ 5:45pm** - Euchre Night @ WGCC - \$25 - includes dinner
- **August 23rd & Every Friday for the summer**, a lunchtime BBQ at the Windermere Wharf - in support of the Windermere and District Lions Club.
- **August 31st** - LIVE Auction of all Contents at the Baldwins - 10:30am start. Don Colling - Auctioneer.
- **September 15th** - The Terry Fox Run in Windermere!

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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
- **Archives**  
[windermereandareaarchive@gmail.com](mailto:windermereandareaarchive@gmail.com)
- **Lions Club**  
[windermere@ar2lions.ca](mailto:windermere@ar2lions.ca)

## Community Fundraiser for the Village Playground

<https://auctionsontario.ca/https://auctionsontario.ca/auctioneers/don->

All proceeds from this auction will go towards the new playground in the Village of Windermere

Fans, TV Screens, fridges & more

**Previewing on**  
**Friday August 30th - 2 - 4pm and**  
**Saturday August 31st 9 - 10:30am**

Terms: Cash or Good Cheque only - with valid ID.  
 10% Buyer Premium applies to all sales.  
 All items must be paid for and removed day of sale.

Auctioneer - Don Colling - 905-877-0117  
 Owner - Karen Lang - 416-716-8070

**Everything must sell!**

## Live Clearing Auction Sale

**Saturday August 31st, 10:30am**

**The Baldwins Resort**

1024 Golf Avenue Road  
 Windermere

Complete contents of all buildings!  
 (Partial listing shown here)



Lots of  
**Pine Kraft,**  
 Solid Pine  
 Furniture!!



Commercial Kitchen  
 Equipment (Garland Gas  
 Oven, Stainless Steel  
 sinks and work stations,  
 utensils, etc.)



## The Terry Fox Run in Windermere - Sunday, September 15th, 2024.

The small village of Windermere may only host a small population, but its community is filled with amazing people and huge hearts. As of 2023, this small community surpassed the \$575,000 mark for total donations collected on behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation.

Initiated by Bev Longhurst in 2000, the Windermere run was organized to recognize her daughter's battle with cancer. The local run acts as an annual reminder of loved ones lost, and those who are still with us because of the strides made in cancer research. It is with great pride that the committee is organizing its 25th event on Sunday, September 15th 2024. This milestone is a wonderful time to meet new supporters and for past participants to reconnect with this special place. Despite the unpredictable weather, attendance at the Windermere event is strong and is a day not to be missed. The route for the annual run has changed a little over the years and

currently winds through picturesque and tranquil rural scenery.

The day has become an event filled with community connections, music, food, and friends. It is a time to reflect, and a day filled with gratitude. Everyone is welcome with children and pets making things extra special.

If participating in the run is not your cup of tea, there are many ways to support the community and the Terry Fox Foundation; form or join a team, make a monetary donation to a participant, or volunteer on the day. Part of the event's success has been the inclusion of a silent auction, supported by our local community which is always open to more donations.

Since this is such a big year, there are expected to be several new and interesting surprises leading up to and throughout the run day.

If you have questions or would like to join our email list, please connect with us at [wterryfoxrun@gmail.com](mailto:wterryfoxrun@gmail.com) make donation to the run at the Windermere's Terry Fox Page (<https://run.terryfox.ca/56000>)