

# 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** - Open year round. 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 Rosseau** - upscale dining in a beautiful setting. Open 7 days/week - 12 to 9pm
  - **The Trading Post is open!** Artisanal goods and produce, charcuterie, souvenirs and more.
- **Windermere Marina** - **OFF-SEASON hours have begun.** Thursday - Sunday 9am - 5pm
- **Windermere Golf Club** - open to the public  
**Restaurant hours:**  
 Sun. - Wed. - 11am - 6pm  
 Thurs. - Sat. - 11am - 9pm  
Wing night - Thursday 5pm
- **Windermere Garden Centre**  
 Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4  
 Lots of fall specials going on. Visit them!!
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm. Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun. Great Cappuccino and Lattes at the cafe!!
- **Christ Church Windermere** -services Sunday at 10:30am
- **Windermere United Church** -services Sunday at 10:30am

## The Windermere Terry Fox Run

is coming up September 15th here in the village.

In 2023, the theme of the event was "Letters to Terry". This letter was written by co-editor of the Gazette, Bev Longhurst. The run is a wonderful community event for everyone and an example of community coming together for a great cause.

Dear Terry,

*I hope this letter finds you in the embrace of gratitude and admiration that we, your admirers, hold for you. My name is Bev Longhurst, a mother and a witness to the incredible impact your Marathon of Hope has had on countless lives, including mine. As a mother, I have experienced firsthand the heart-wrenching journey of watching a loved one battle cancer. My daughter, Jennifer Jackson, was diagnosed with cancer as a young adult at university, a diagnosis that shattered our world and filled our days with fear and uncertainty. It was during this trying time, I discovered your story — a tale of unwavering determination and an unbreakable spirit. Your selfless journey across Canada, despite the challenges posed by your prosthetic leg and the weight of your own battle with cancer, ignited a spark within me. Your bravery, resilience and refusal to succumb to despair touched my soul and transformed my perspective on life's adversities.*

*In 2000, driven by the inspiration your story had instilled in me, I took the leap to organize a Terry Fox Run in our community of Windermere. It was a small initiative at first, but with the support of our dedicated volunteers, compassionate businesses and the wholehearted participation of our community, it grew beyond our wildest dreams.*

*Each year, on the second Sunday after Labour Day, our community gathers in the spirit of hope and unity, lacing up our shoes and taking to the streets.*

*The Windermere Terry Fox Run symbolizes resilience, love and a shared commitment to eradicating cancer. Over the years, with the tireless dedication of our volunteers and the unwavering support of our community, we have raised more than \$500,000 toward cancer research — a testament to the incredible power of collective effort and the legacy you left behind.*

*Terry, your legacy lives on through the countless lives you continue to touch. Your determination to make a difference, to create a world where cancer is nothing more than a memory, is a beacon of light guiding us through our darkest moments. Your Marathon of Hope was not only a physical journey across our vast nation, but a spiritual journey that touched hearts and united communities.*

*From the depths of my heart, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the immeasurable difference you have made in our lives. Your legacy lives on, not only through the funds we raise, but through the connections we forge, the stories we share and the determination that fuels us each day.*

Bev Longhurst  
Windermere Terry Fox Run

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sept. 5th** - Wing night @ WGCC.
- **Sept 5th and 6th** - House smoked Roast Beef at WGCC
- **Sept. 6th - Rob Watts**  
@ Windermere House
- **Sept. 7th - Liam Kearney**  
@ Windermere House
- **Sept. 15th - Terry Fox Run**  
Registration - 8am  
Official start - 9am  
Windermere Community Centre @  
2416 Windermere Road
- **Sept 25th, 7 - 8pm**  
Contemplative Ecumenical Taize  
Service - Windermere United Church.  
*Search for communion with God through  
monastic chants, silence, prayers and  
personal reflection.*
- **October 5th, 7 - 9pm** - Music  
Night Fundraiser - Live foot-tapping  
music featuring the Creators,  
Kuepfers and Balodis.  
*We will also have desserts! Bid on an original  
painting of our beautiful church from local  
artist - Marilyn Gosling. Check out her FB  
page soon for an early peek. All donations  
support Windermere United Church*

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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- **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**  
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- **Lions Club**  
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## What would you like to see in the Children's Playground at the Village Hall Park in Windermere?

We would love to have your suggestions. If you have ideas, photos, requests, favourite playground equipment photos, please send an email....  
There will be a more formal survey that the township is involved in, but for now, it is good to get some ideas and feedback from the community.

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**We want your input!!**

Thanks to all who came out for the auction at The Baldwins! We had a lot of interest, a great auctioneer, some fun bidding, and many people came away with some incredibly great things!! We raised \$6000.00 that will go towards the playground fund. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a successful day.



**Thanks also to the Windermere and District Lions Club who set up their amazing BBQ for the event!!**

**We hope everyone had a great summer.**

The Gazette will continue until Thanksgiving weekend. If you have any community announcements, please let us know.