

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. **Celebration of 100 years - at The Village Hall - July 5th, 11-4pm**
- **Windermere House** - Lots of things happening at WH this summer. Check out all the changes that have been made over the winter. 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.
High Tea - starting Sundays in summer, 2-4pm
The Trading Post open now! - artisanal goods and produce, charcuterie, souvenirs and more.
- **Windermere Marina** - open Thurs.- Sun. - 9am -5pm until June 27th - then Sun.-Thur. 9am - 5pm, Fri, Sat. 9am - 6pm.
- **Windermere Golf Club** - open to the public for golf until June 29th and after Labour Day. Open for lunch and dinner throughout the season for all. "Wing Night" every Thursday with live entertainment. "Euchre Night" every Tuesday @ 5:45pm - \$25 includes dinner.
- **Windermere Garden Centre** Mon.-Fri. - 8 - 5, Sat - 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4
- **Taylor Farms** - Mon - Fri, 7am - 6pm. Sat. 9am - 5pm. Closed Sun.
- **Christ Church Windermere** -services Sunday at 10:30am
- **Windermere United Church** -services Sunday at 10:30am

This week's "historical interest" article.

Windermere Post Office and General Store



The Old Post Office and General Store

The first store in Windermere, was constructed in 1896, by Perry Prosser. It operated as a general store and also a residence into the late 20th C. In 1912, William Aitken purchased the property and moved his telegraph and post office to the store. Also on the property are a large ice house (one of the last cold storage buildings in Muskoka), a small dairy and small stone building for storing flammables. The stone building is constructed of local field stone with timber gable. The dairy is no longer standing but ruins can be seen adjacent to the general store. The structure was abandoned, and afterwards purchased by architect Catherine Nasmith, and noted urban designer/landscape architect, Robert Allsopp, rehabilitated for use as office space and residence. The former Windermere Post Office and General Store was the first general store in Windermere and the first location to sell gasoline after the popularization of the automobile (the gas pumps were later removed). Adjacent to the property is the Benjamin Taylor cottage, constructed between 1911 and 1914 and occupied by early settlers.

This building was designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in 2019. It played a role in the development of Windermere, its relationship to Windermere House, for its connection to the village's early families, and for its contribution to the streetscape of the early period of tourist and cottage development.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Father's Day BBQ Kit Take Out at Windermere House - order by June 13th for pick up June 16th

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-June 6th - Wing Night - WGCC- with entertainment

-June 7th - Rob Watts @ Windermere House

-June 8th - Liam Kearney @ Windermere House.

****June 13th -Community Conversation - Windermere House 4pm**

-June 29th - Strawberry Social - Christ Church - 1 - 4pm

-June 30th - Christ Church - Canada Day Service - Outdoor Concert with Neil Barlow & Trumpet and Lunch 10:30am - 1:30pm

-July 2nd @ 5:45pm - Euchre Night @ WGCC - \$25 - includes dinner

-July 4th - Taryn Cator performing @ WGCC

-July 5th - Windermere Anniversary Celebration - Village Hall - 11am - 4pm

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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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- Archives**
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- Lions Club**
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Stone storage building for flammables.



Ice House



How do you want to see in Windermere evolve over the next 100 years

Don't miss the

"Community Conversation #2

June 13th @ Windermere House - 4pm.

The Muskoka Chautauqua Festival, with its historic roots in Windermere over 100 years ago, was the impetus in coordinating "Community Conversation #1" at the festival in August, 2023.

It was an opportunity to come together for discussion of ideas, concerns, and strategies that would foster a sense of place and strengthen our community going forward. We would like to continue that conversation!

We heard what you said.... newsletter, & Family Fun Day back at the waterfront.

Lets turn more ideas into actions.

Join us - June 13th (and August 7th)

Facilitator - Collin Heaney
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The Chautauqua Festival's Windermere Family Fun Day (August 11th) is looking for a few more volunteers. If you can help please contact Gayle at mci@muskokachautauqua.com

The Windermere Lion's Club will be collecting "empties" of Beer, Wine, Liquor bottles & Cans. "Drop off" at Taylor Farms. Proceeds go to community projects.