

# THE HEART OF THE HARBOUR

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE NEWSLETTER



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## MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

On behalf of my colleagues on Council, staff, and all residents of the historic Town of Harbour Grace, I'm proud to present this special Christmas edition of *The Heart of the Harbour*, our seasonal community newsletter.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everybody in our community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your contributions in 2024. Although the holidays are often a time of celebration, they can also be a time of difficulty for those less fortunate in our society. Please take the time to think about those who may be struggling this holiday season, as we wish for peace and prosperity in 2025 and in years to come. Lend a helping hand if you can.

Make sure to check out our most recent 'Business of the Week' profiles on R. Tetford & Son and Compassion HomeCare, which are now available on our website. If you have the opportunity, we encourage you to shop local this Christmas.

Let's embody our tagline, **Let Yourself In**, and continue to be welcoming neighbours to each other. "It's a great place, our Harbour Grace."

Mayor Don Coombs



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## EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

- The Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade's **77th Annual Santa Claus Parade** will take place on Saturday, December 7, at 10 a.m.
- The **4th Annual Christmas in the Harbour Craft Fair** at the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre will take place on Saturday & Sunday, December 7 & 8, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission: \$3 at the door; free admission for children U12 when accompanied by an adult.
- The Civic Events Committee is hosting the Town of Harbour Grace's **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** on Sunday, December 8, at the S.W. Moores Memorial Park (across the Town Hall), starting at 6:30 p.m. Warm up with a hot chocolate while enjoying an evening of festive entertainment featuring St. Francis Choir, a visit from Santa, special guests from Easton's 1602 Pub, and music by DJ Paul Martin!
- **Earhart's 50+ Club** will host a **Christmas Celebration** on Wednesday, December 11, at the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre's Multipurpose Room, from 2 – 4 p.m. All are welcome!
- The Harbour Grace Civic Events Committee will be hosting their **Annual Festive Community Dinner** at the Harbour Grace Volunteer Fire Brigade Social Building on Sunday, December 15. Takeout dinners will be available from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., and service for eat-in dinners will begin at 5 p.m. Tickets are required for admission and they are no charge. Tickets will be available at the Council Office on Tuesday, December 3, from 5 – 7 p.m. Limited number of tickets available.
- There'll be a **free Christmas skate** at the Danny Cleary Harbour Grace Community Centre on Sunday, December 22, from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- **Tibbs Eve Party** at the The Old Courthouse, Harbour Grace, on Monday, December 23, with Damian Follett, 8:30 p.m. showtime. Tickets: [locarius.io/events/1640/tibbs-eve-harbour-grace](https://locarius.io/events/1640/tibbs-eve-harbour-grace). (19+ event.)
- The Civic Events Committee invites you to take part in our annual **Sparkle Parade and Fireworks Display**, which will be held January 1, at 6:30 p.m., at the *Spirit of Harbour Grace* Municipal Park.