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December 2021



The Gilbert Plains Fire Department urges residents to remain diligent in their fire safety practices during the holiday season.

Decorations including candles, lights and Christmas trees are festive, but without safety precautions, they can become fire hazards.

To highlight the importance of holiday fire safety, the Fire Department would like to provide you with some Candle Safety tips and smoke alarm tips for the holiday season.

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. They encourage you to test your smoke alarms every month. Do this by pressing and holding the test button for a few second. The alarms should sound immediately. Replace models that do not have test buttons or that are more than 10 years old. These proactive steps can help keep your family safe this season

Council would like to thank the Fire Department for the dedication, service, responding to every call and keeping us safe 365 days of the year!

The Gilbert Plains Municipal Council would also like to express sincere gratitude to all of the volunteers and community organizations in Gilbert Plains, who use their skills and their availability in support of their fellow citizens. More than ever, we consider the unwavering commitment of volunteers to be one of our greatest assets. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to the community.







Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

Candles and Kids

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.

Candle with Care

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anythingthat can burn.

If you DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you.....

- Use candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home
- Have flashlights and battery-operated lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles

On average, a candle fire in the home is reported to a U.S. Fire department every 40 minutes.

- More than one-third of home candle fires started in the bedroom
- More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.



Greetings from Brandie!

Council would like to welcome Brandie Bryan as the Interim Recreation Director, while Chantal Gamache is on a one-year maternity leave since September.

Brandie is looking forward to coordinating, planning recreation programs and activities for the community of Gilbert Plains. She is very pleased to announce that she was recently approved for the *Healthy Together Now Grant* and will be purchasing pickleball equipment and several snowshoe packages that can be signed out for use to anyone in the community.

You can reach Brandie at 204-548-2519 or 204-548-2326 Email: gprecdirector@gmail.com

The Public Works Department have been very busy in the last month installing civic address signs in the rural municipality.

The blue civic address sign **provides a location reference for all emergency services** such as police, ambulance and fire which results in faster response time. All emergency services deal strictly with legal land descriptions. The civic signs will help all emergency services to differentiate between multiple yard sites on a section of land. Knowing your correct civic address also prevents crucial time being lost if someone is trying to give directions to a rural residence to a person's not familiar with the area. The municipality has been informed by Manitoba Hydro that they will be implementing the civic signs for future Hydro service requests.



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Urban garbage pickup will be bi-weekly effective January 5, 2022. Visit the website <u>www.gilbertplains.com</u> to download a copy or visit us at 201 Main St. N. to pick up a copy. You can also email: rmofgp3@mymts.net to request a copy

Office Holiday Hours

Friday – December 24th- 8:30-Noon Monday – December 27th – Closed Tuesday – December 28th – Closed Wednesday – December 29th – 8:30-4:30 Thursday – December 30th – 8:30 – 4:30 Friday – December 31st – 8:30 – Noon Monday – January 3rd- Closed

On behalf of the Gilbert Plains Municipality Reeve Blake Price, Deputy Reeve Jim Manchur, Councilors: Sharon Basaraba, Trent Crowe, Ryan Paziuk, Travis Stewart, Craig Von Bargen CAO: Amber Fisher Staff: Brenda, Connie, Alexander, Chantal, Brandie Charles, Mike, Dean, Robert, Tim, Wayne

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We send our best wishes for the Holidays and look forward to working with you in the New Year!