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## Holiday Happenings at Alex House

### Fresh Wreath Making

**4-6pm Sunday Dec 9th**

*followed by community carolling, hot chocolate and treats from 6-8pm and/or*

**2-4pm Wednesday Dec 12th**

Have you always wanted to make your own fresh holiday wreath? Now you have two opportunities! Join talented volunteer and experienced floral arranger Ruth for a fun afternoon. Bring your favourite decorative bits and bobs and garden gloves, clippers or wire cutters if you have them. \$20/session (Same content for both sessions). Due to sharp/tiny objects, workshop is for adults only.

### Community Carolling

**6-8pm Sunday Dec 9th**

with Nelson Beavington, carol singer extraordinaire.

(Carol walk indoors if weather is bad).

Bundle up for an evening of festive carols, friendly neighbours, sweet treats and warm drinks! Please bring a sweet treat or holiday baking to share if you can!. By donation, pre-registration required. All ages welcome, song books provided.

### Holiday Lunch

**12-2pm Wednesday Dec 12th**

Celebrate the season with a Christmas Lunch of roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry sauce, veggies and dessert. We'll have a carol sing, some festive cheer and a visit from our preschool kids!

### Winter Family Pancake Breakfast

**9-11am Thursday Dec 13th**

Join us for our 4th Annual Family Pancake Breakfast and Jingle Bell Walk for families with children up to age 6. Breakfast 9am, Jingle bell walk 10:30am and sing song at 10:45am. Adults \$6, children \$3 (over age 1). Tickets must be purchased in advance.

### Christmas at Burnaby Village Museum

**11:30-3:30pm am Wednesday Dec 19th**

Join us for a fun day trip! Try different things, meet people in your community and see new places. Don't miss charming Burnaby Village Museum, decorated for a Heritage Christmas! After exploring the village we'll enjoy a delicious lunch at the Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlour. Cost is \$30/person, everything included.

### Can't wait to join in?

Please Register by Thursday December 6, 2012 for all activities

at Alex House, 2916 McBride Avenue in Crescent Beach

or contact **604-535-0015** ext 236

[communityprograms@alexhouse.net](mailto:communityprograms@alexhouse.net)

*The Alex House office will be closed at 4pm Monday Dec 17,  
then will be closed for the holidays from Friday Dec 21- to Wednesday Jan 3.*

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# Community Corner

## OPEN HOUSE & POTLUCK

Thank you to the **144 neighbours!!!** who took the time to complete the 2012 Community Evaluation Form. Now it's time to help your community make its New Years resolutions! Please join us Tuesday January 15th, 5:30-8:30pm in the Dining Hall for an open house and potluck to explore ideas gleaned from the Community Evaluation Form. Program information will be provided. Please bring a vegetarian dish or dessert to share. RSVP your attendance by Friday January 11th to 604-535-0015 or [communityprograms@alexhouse.net](mailto:communityprograms@alexhouse.net)

## COMMUNITY LUNCH



Last month we celebrated **Diwali**, the Hindu festival of lights, enjoying some delicious Indian fare and fabulous authentic drumming and dance by Suman Sharma, who teaches Indian music and dance in Surrey and managed to get participants clapping and dancing along! Suman also shared a bit about the history of Diwali and how it's celebrated today.

Our next community lunch, celebrating **Christmas** will be held on Wednesday Dec 12. We'll be having a full turkey dinner with all of the trimmings and a visit from our pre-schoolers, some Christmas carol singing and lots of holiday merriment. Cost for lunch is \$12 members and \$15 for non-members and all members of the community are welcome to join us! Please sign up by **Friday Dec 7** by calling our office at **604-535-0015** or e-mail [communityprograms@alexhouse.net](mailto:communityprograms@alexhouse.net).

## DAY TRIPPING

Get in the holiday spirit and join us Wednesday Dec 19th 11:15am-3:30pm for our next Community Day Trip to Burnaby Village Heritage Museum. Explore the village, which will be all decorated for the holidays, then enjoy lunch at the Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlour. Day trips are a fun way to explore local attractions and meet others from your community. Cost is \$10 per person plus the cost of lunch. Everyone is welcome! To register please call **604-535-0015 ext 237** by **December 14th!**

## FOOD BANK

In the spirit of the season we are accepting non-perishable food donations for the Food Bank. In Crescent Beach we're collecting at the Camp office and at Joyce Mason Daycare on McBride and at the Beachhouse Daycare on Sullivan. We also have collection boxes at the Kensington Prairie Daycare in Morgan Crossing and at our Vine Avenue Youth and Family Centre in White Rock.



Alex House was nominated last month for a Surrey Board of Trade Business Excellence Award in the non-profit, budget over \$500,000 category. I guess we didn't cross our fingers hard enough because we did not win, but it was an

honor to have been selected as a finalist and it was a real pleasure to attend the awards event. Maybe next year ....



Think of Alexandra Neighbourhood House as you consider your year end donations. Your donation can be designated to a specific program or project, or we will apply it where it's most needed. Charitable donation tax receipts are issued for all donations of \$25 or more.



A big 'thank you' to the Rotary South Surrey for their generous contribution of \$7500 towards the purchase of our new van.

## More Tools

for your Parenting Toolkit

A group for parents/caregivers of children ages 4 to 12.

Children in the middle years are learning and accomplishing many new skills, which makes this an ideal time for parents to do some learning of their own. This group includes discussions and activities on attachment, listening to our kids, making sense of and understanding their behaviour, parent self-care...and much more. The next session will begin in February 2013. To register or for more information contact Shelley at 604-538-5060 ext 24 or e-mail [scranstone@alexhouse.net](mailto:scranstone@alexhouse.net).



## Community-Based Pre-School

for children ages 3-5 at Crescent Beach  
*Inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach to learning*

**604-535-0015 ext 233**  
**[sgrewal@alexhouse.net](mailto:sgrewal@alexhouse.net)**

*Alexandra Neighbourhood House Children's Centres are approved, government licensed facilities.*

**Alexandra Family Place** drop-in is a program for parents with children birth to 6 years. Connect with other parents while your children explore, create, imagine, move and PLAY! Tuesday/Thursday mornings from 10-12:30. For more info call 604-535-0015 ext 229.