

## PHOTO ISSUE

# News & Views

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The City of New Hope's Employee Newsletter

## Holiday Train's first visit to New Hope

A cold, snowy day did not dissuade enthusiastic people from greeting the **Canadian Pacific Holiday Train** on Saturday, December 10. It is estimated that 1,000 people attended, many of them wide-eyed children. The train is in its 18th year of raising money, food, and awareness for local food banks. Mayor Hemken and Crystal Mayor Jim Adams thanked the train and greeted the visitors before 30-minutes of music entertained the crowd.



From a city PC,  
see the video at:  
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Holiday Train](P:\CommDev\CP Holiday Train)



See page 6 for  
sponsors and  
participating New  
Hope businesses.

Photos clockwise from top right:

- \* The Train arrives
- \* Santa greets the crowd
- \* Santa, Mrs. Claus, and music
- \* A donation from Canadian Pacific presented to food bank
- \* The crowd & food shelf trucks
- \* Mayor Hemken welcomes the train
- \* Center: lots of happy people!





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**Kirk McDonald** liked the feel of the EOY tiara on his head, too, but he relinquished it to Bernie.



**Mayor Hemken** thanked staff for all the hard work and long hours it takes to run the city day-to-day.

### Congratulations Bernie Weber!

The tiara may be difficult to see, but **Bernie Weber** is the Employee of the Year for 2016! Bernie is a very popular choice for all his contributions to the city and staff.

**Walker Crawford**, Admin Specialist in City Manager & HR departments, and **Scott Stephan**, Arena Maintenance Operator, were also nominated.

Read more about Bernie, Walker, and Scott in the December 30 issue of News & Views.



Above: Attendees were welcomed upon arrival.



The hors d'oeuvres table was a popular place during the social hour.



Above and left: Thanks to the **Parks & Rec Department** for the excellent party. Food was delicious (including the great cheesecake!), the event was well organized, everyone who attended received a gift card to Target, wonderful gift baskets were raffled off, and poinsettias were given away at each table.

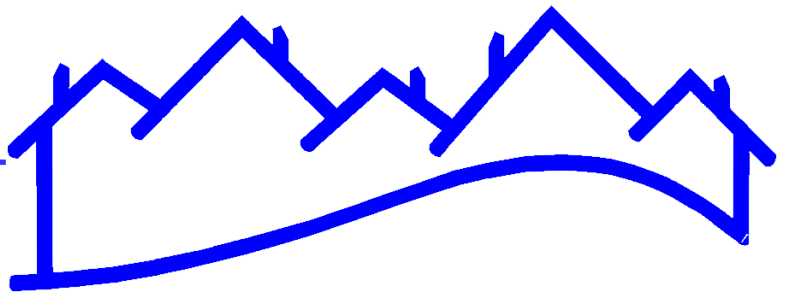


Once again, **Mayor Hemken** baked 100 dozen cookies, wrapped them 12 to a package, and put a tag on each saying thank you to staff. In addition to those attending the party, Kathi delivered cookies to PD night staff and kept some in her freezer for "anyone who happens to need a cookie"! Thanks Kathi!



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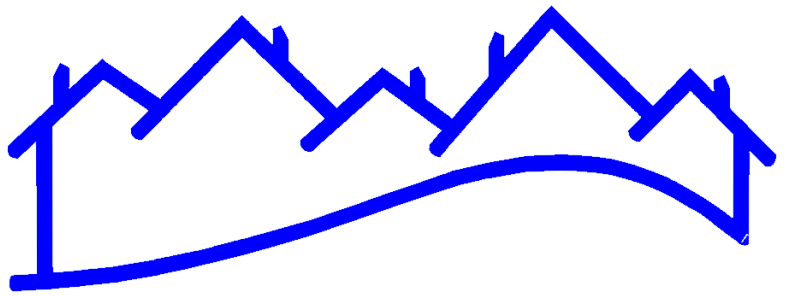
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## 2016 Employee Potluck & Teen Toy Drive

The Parks & Rec Conference Room smelled delicious leading up to the potluck held on December 7. Lots of smiling employees brought gifts suitable for teens, as well as a dish to share. There were lots of nifty food items and all were enjoyed.

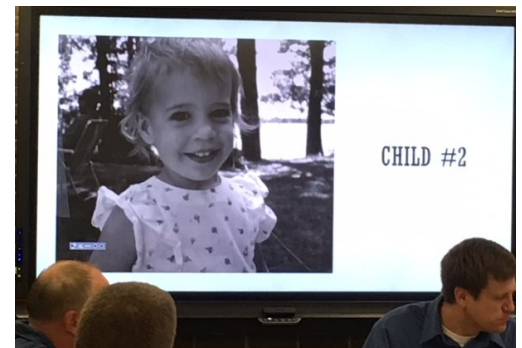
The highlight of the event was a “Name That City of New Hope Baby/Child” contest, won by eagle-eye Jeff Sargent. He was awarded a baby bottle filled with candy.

All the donated gifts were added to the Police Department Toy Drive.

The annual Police Department Toy Drive was another resounding success, with hundreds of toys donated. Nickie Korth distributed them to NEAR and other community organizations.

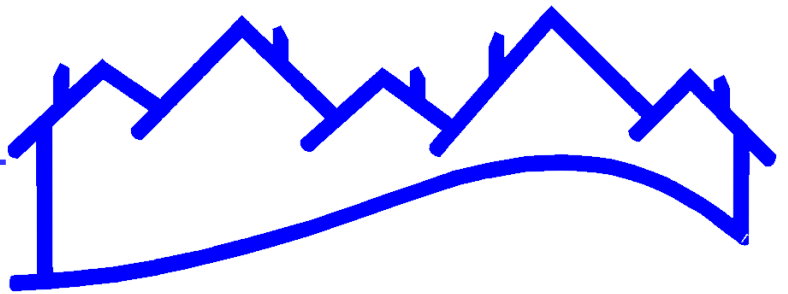


The News & Views Investigation Team confirmed a bogus photo after a tip was received. The imposter (not shown here) did not affect the outcome of the fun game. \*



\* Baby photo #1 was a Gerber baby.

Thank  
&  
Congrats!



### Service Awards Earned in 2016

**Dave Friskney**, Police Officer, 25 years  
**Jerry Beck**, Communications Coordinator, 15 years  
**Eric Hanson**, General Inspector, 10 years  
**Tim Hoyt**, Police Sergeant, 10 years  
**Nadine Jacobs**, Police Officer, 10 years  
**Mike Thomason**, Maintenance Worker, 5 years  
**Dan Peacock**, Maintenance Worker, 5 years

Congratulations to all!!

### Nichole Korth

Thanks Nickie, for coordinating the annual toy drive and for delivering the hundreds of toys and the cash that were collected.

### Holiday Train

Thanks to all who helped to bring the Holiday Train to New Hope!

Special thanks to **Jeff Alger** for coordinating the sponsors and all the many details of the event!

### Potluck Event

Many thanks to the coordinators of the Employee Potluck and Teen Gift event:

**Jeff Alger, CD**  
**Sarah Hansen, P&R**  
**Nichole Korth, PD**

Special thanks to Jeff Alger for collecting, organizing, and putting together the Power-Point photo stream, shown on the extra large smart board! It was lots of fun!

### Recognition Event

Thanks to the Parks & Rec Department for an especially nice Recognition Event, held December 8.

**Susan Rader**  
**Mark Severson**  
**Matt Remore**  
**Steve Ellingson**  
**Sarah Hansen**  
**Penny Spitzer**  
**Jill Smisek**

Job well done!

### Holiday Train Sponsors and Business Participants

#### Sponsors

- Canadian Pacific – \$4,500 donation
- Hy-Vee – matching up to 1,500 pounds of donated food
- Cole Papers – \$250 donation
- Associated Bank, Brama Real Estate Group, and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage – Shuttle buses

#### Business Participants

- Mountain Mudd – coffee and cider
- Minnesota Rusco – hot chocolate, back scratchers, rubber ducks
- North Memorial – oranges, Kleenex, chapstick
- Saint Therese of New Hope – cookies
- State Farm Insurance – popcorn