

# Season's Greetings

## From the Laird Recreation Committee

### **SANTA'S MAILBOX**

The Santa's Mailbox is located outside the Laird Township Office. Children are invited to mail their letters to **SANTA** before Thursday, December 14th, 2023, and **SANTA** will write them back.



### **Preparing Your Home For A Safe Christmas**

The holiday season is a time for celebration with friends and family. This means more food, decorations, hosting, and a need to be extra cautious around the house. Here are some tips to help you safely prepare your home for Christmas :

- **Keep your driveway and walkways clear** : When it snows, clear your driveway and walkways of snow and ice. Your guests and delivery people will appreciate it.
- **Holiday plants and pets do not mix** : Make sure you keep your pets away from poinsettias, holly, mistletoe and real Christmas trees as they can be toxic.
- **Reduce clutter** : Gifts, decorations, and winter clothes can create hazards. Try to reduce the clutter before the holiday season or confine it to a specific area of your home.
- **Check your safety alarms** : Check your smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detector, fire extinguisher and first aid kit.
- **Give safe gifts to children** : Toys are age-rated for safety – be mindful of what age you are buying for. If you are gifting a scooter or other riding toys, include the appropriate safety gear.

### **CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS**



Laird Recreation Committee is assisting the Echo Bay United Church Outreach by collecting items for Christmas Cheer Baskets. Items can be dropped off at the **Laird Township office before December 11, 2023**. Donations of food and toiletries as well as hats, mittens, and socks for all ages accepted. Any new gifts for toddlers to teens are more than welcome.

Donations are greatly appreciated, and sure to help spread some joy and Christmas spirit during this difficult year.

#### **Donations can be made to:**

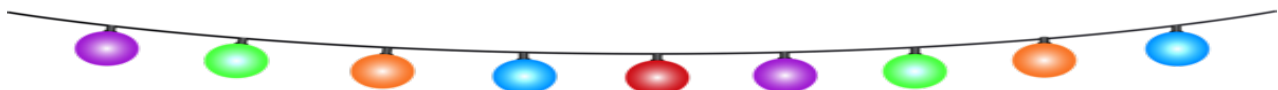
- Echo Bay United Church Outreach, Box 447, Echo Bay ON P0S 1C0
- E-transfer echobaruc@gmail.com marked Outreach
- Credit card Echo Bay United Church <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/> marked Outreach

If you could use an Outreach Christmas Cheer Basket, please call Echo Bay United Church (705) 248-2801 or (705) 248-1834

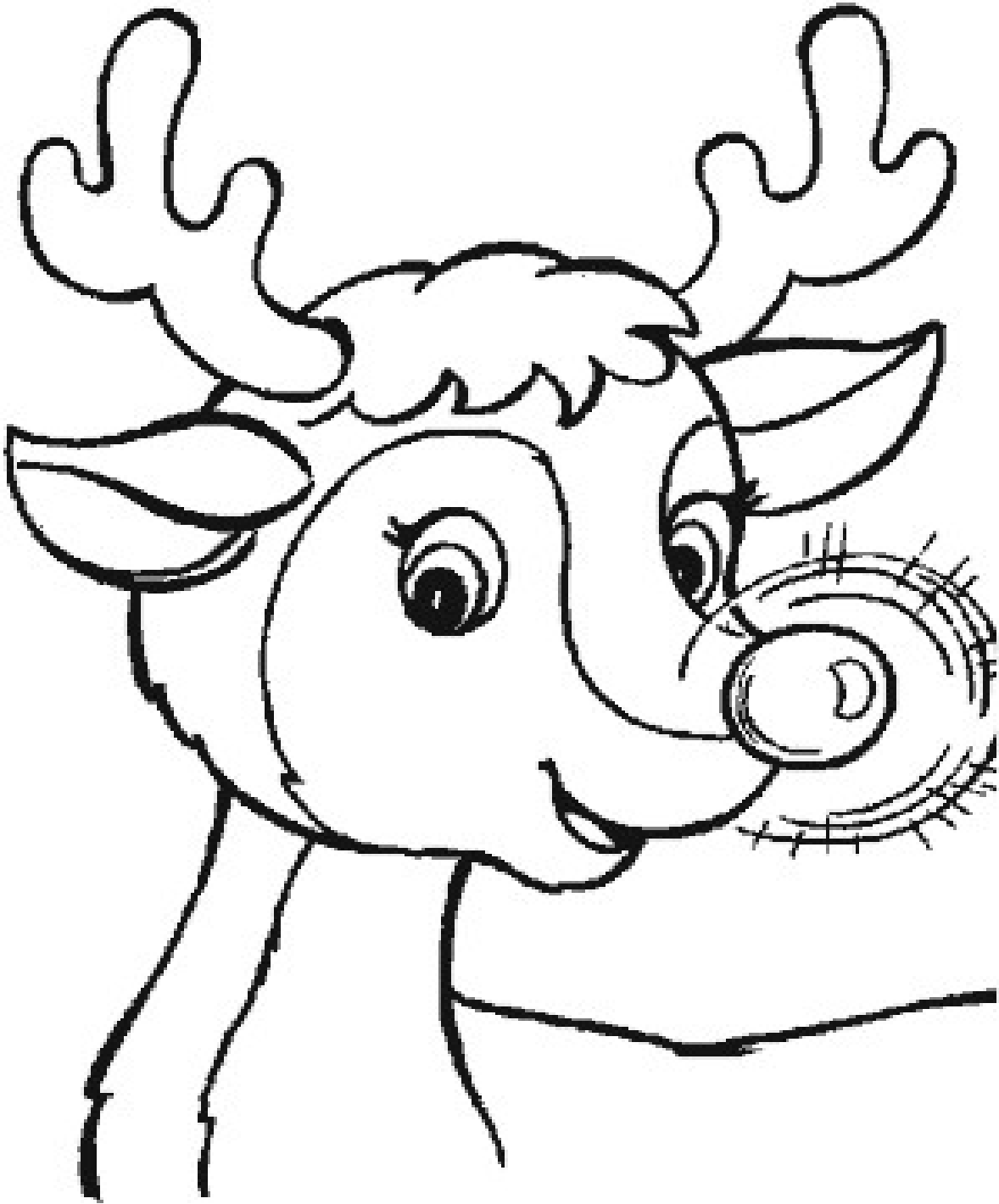
Don't forget Echo Bay's **PARADE OF LIGHTS**

**Saturday, December 9, 2023, @ 7 p.m.**

***This Year's Theme: Everyone's Santa***



# Christmas Colouring Contest



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Please submit to Laird Township Office by **Friday, December 15th, 2023.**  
(If you can't make it in during Office hours please use drop box at the top of the stairs at the office entrance).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entries will be displayed at the Laird Township Office**