

## Holiday Frents IN GREATER BUFFALO, NY

#### Christmas Over the Tavern

Shea's 710 Theatre December 5th – 22nd

Enjoy a comedic theatrical production, written by a Buffalo playwright, that follows a lower-middle class family living over a saloon at Christmas in 1959.

■ Create a Fresh Holiday Arrangement

**Buffalo Botanical Gardens December 19th and 20th** 

Create a beautiful holiday arrangement to take home with you. Bring clippers, scissors, and a box to transport your creation! Garden Members save \$5.

#### ■ John Morris Russell's Holiday Pops

**Kleinhans Music Hall Gardens** December 19th – 22nd

Join Maestro John Morris Russell and Emmy Award-winning singer Liz Callaway for a fun performance of music, festive merriment, and holiday cheer.

**■** Free Holiday Train Show & Meet Santa

**The Broadway Market** December 21st and 22nd

Grab your little ones and check out a magical display of model train layouts that are sure to amaze. Plus, meet and greet Santa on Saturday!

#### MAKE A HOMEMADE GINGERBREAD HOUSE



#### Instructions:

- 1. Look online for a gingerbread house pattern. Print it and cut out the shapes to make templates.
- **2.** Find the gingerbread recipe of your choice. Mix all the ingredients and roll the dough to ¼ inch.
- **3.** Use the templates to cut out your gingerbread house pieces. Each house typically needs two roof pieces, two wall pieces, a front, and a back. Bake these according to your recipe.
- **4.** Let the pieces cool while you make a cement icing recipe of your choice.
- 5. Prepare a base for your house by wrapping a tray or plate in aluminum foil. Assemble your house using the icing as glue.
- **6.** Let the icing set, then start decorating! Some of our favorite decorations include gumdrops, pretzels, licorice, and mini marshmallows.
- 7. Sprinkle some shredded coconut around your house to replicate a fresh snowfall.

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## **DRUM OIL & PROPANE NEWSLETTER**

SINCE 1946 KEEPING WESTERN NY HOMES COMFORTABLE ALL YEAR LONG

### WINTER IS HERE!

As we embrace another cold season, it is with warm hearts that we extend our gratitude to you for trusting us with your New York home comfort. We appreciate your patronage, and we look forward to showing you our dedication to service through another freezing winter.

Feel free to browse the information in this newsletter, and please contact us if you have any questions or would like to talk about anything home comfort. The Drum Oil & Propane team is here for you, 24/7!

Wishing you a warm and happy holiday season!

Sincerely, **Drum Oil & Propane** 



FIND INSIDE...

Don't forget to share your creation with Drum Oil & Propane on Facebook! We can't wait to see.

#### SHOVEL A PATH FOR YOUR FUEL DELIVERY DRIVER

No matter what type of fuel your home uses, it's important to keep your driveway and your oil or propane fill and vent pipes clear of snow and ice. This accessibility will ensure that your deliveries can make it to you, no matter what the weather looks like outside.





#### OIL TANK SAFETY IN YOUR HOME

Where does your fuel storage tank draw oil from to fuel your heating equipment? If the answer isn't the very bottom, we recommend upgrading your oil tank in the near future.

#### **Side Feed Oil Tanks**

We've noticed that many households in our area are currently using outdated side-feed oil tanks, which were very common years ago. The easiest way to tell if you're using an outdated tank is to check where the oil feed line (the tubing that delivers oil from your tank to your heating system) is located on your storage tank. If it's anywhere higher than the very bottom of your tank, we highly recommend upgrading to a more reliable option. Side-feed tanks allow water and bacteria to settle along the bottom of the tank while bottom-feed tanks reduce the risk of water or bacteria settling in your tank. To give you a better idea about the dangers of a side-feed oil tank, we have not seen them manufactured since the 1960s.

#### **The Solution**

Bottom-feed oil tanks are the new standard in home heating safety. A bottom-feeding tank allows clean oil to be transported directly to your furnace or boiler, leaving less room for condensation or bacteria to collect and create internal corrosion. We recommend all side-feed oil tanks be upgraded to bottom-feed tanks. This will help reduce the risk of a hazardous and expensive oil leak and a no-heat emergency.

Be proactive and give us a call to schedule an oil tank inspection or bottom-feed upgrade!

#### **GIVE YOUR OIL TANK SPACE TO BREATHE**



Most New York oil tanks are stored in basements. The problem is that these spaces also tend to fill up with storage items. While this is normal, there's one part of your basement you'll want to keep clear: the area around your oil tank.

For your annual tune-up and other maintenance, a technician needs full access to your tank.

Ultrasonic equipment is used on the sides and bottom of your tank to determine its integrity.

Without clear access to your tank, our techs will be unable to get an accurate reading.

Keep all items, ESPECIALLY flammable ones, far away from your heating equipment. You'll keep your heating system running smoothly, your home safe, and your family happy.

Contact us online at DrumOil.com for more info about ultrasonic tank testing!

#### ATTENTION, WILL-CALL FUEL CUSTOMERS!

We hope you're loving our will-call ordering option for oil and propane. But here's a question for you—have you ever considered NOT having to check your oil or propane fuel gauge constantly? We offer an easier way: automatic fuel delivery. This convenient service lets us manage your fuel orders, allowing you to sit back, relax, and know you'll have oil or propane when you need it.



**Contact us to enroll in auto delivery!** 

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Don't worry—we won't be knocking on your door every week to check your fuel gauge. Instead, we use your heating history, the size of your home, and degree-day technology to determine when your tank starts to run low on oil or propane. Our system automatically schedules a delivery, and you get a refill before you run out. It's that simple!

#### WILL YOU DELIVER MORE FUEL THAN I NEED?

No. With our automatic delivery, you'll always get the exact amount of heating oil or propane you need. Besides, you can actually save more with auto delivery by significantly reducing your risk of a fuel runout, which requires specific testing and pilot re-lighting before your tank can be refilled.

DOES AUTO DELIVERY COST MONEY?

Believe it or not, there's no extra fee for automatic fuel delivery. Consider it our way of thanking you for being a loyal Drum Oil & Propane customer!

# Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays FROM THE DRUM FAMILY TREE

