



A Few Words from the President



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Well, it's that time of year again, the holiday season! A time for gatherings and fellowship and a time for good cheer. As Molossia is a family nation, these traditions are important to us, and we thus place great emphasis on family gatherings. So, as other activities wane in December, Christmas and other holidays celebrations reign supreme. This month we will celebrate Christmas around the National Christmas Tree in Government House, and then Boxing Day (with accompanying shepherd's pie) the day after. And, like most, we will count down the minutes to the new year (even though our official new year celebration is also Chinese New Year). And of course we will be sending out our annual Christmas Cards again this year. So join us in this season of merriment and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Molossia Changes

Winter in Molossia is often a time of changes and of construction. This year is no different; now that tourist season is over and in between foul weather, it is time to remodel. The first project, accomplished in mid-November, was the move of the Bottle Forest from Red Square to its new home next to the Tower of the Winds. Next came the move of the famous Pineapple Fountain from Norton Park to its new location in Red Square, where the Bottle Forest used to be. Also planned, the long-anticipated construction of the Molossia Constabulary, next to Molossia's Salt Mine. The Molossia Railroad is also slated to be rerouted, eliminating Thunder Mountain Tunnel; an adjacent structure in Norton Park is also planned to be moved, opening up a new area in the Park. All of these changes will make our nation a better place to visit and to live in.



Relocated Pineapple Fountain



Relocated Bottle Forest



Constabulary Under Construction



Guy Fawkes Celebration

5 November 2017

On 5 November 2017 XL, Molossians celebrated our seventh annual Guy Fawkes Night. Guy Fawkes Night, or Bonfire Night, is a popular event in Great Britain, dating back to the foiled Gunpowder Plot of 5 November 1605 when Guy Fawkes and 13 of his cohorts conspired to blow up Parliament and King James I of England. After the plot was uncovered and the conspirators executed, the 5th of November became an official holiday in Great Britain, adopted likewise six years ago in Molossia, in recognition of our English roots. Prior to the holiday, Molossian citizens gathered in Government House and created their own Guys, to burn in effigy.



Guy On Fire

That done, on the 5th of November the bonfire in Norton Park was lit and Molossians gathered for the evening festivities. Dinner was shepherd's pie, Molossian style, accompanied by hot apple cider and apples dipped in caramel. Then the Guy Fawkes rhyme was recited by the company, after which the Guys were committed to the bonfire, one by one, the President's going in first. The evening was concluded with gentle revelry around the fire until it became coals and the celebrants dispersed. A fine time was had by all and we all look forward to next year's Guy Fawkes Night!



The Many Guy's of Molossia



Gathered Around the Bonfire, Guys Ready to Go

Around Molossia...



Visit Molossia, the world's smallest republic – in Nevada!

About 30 miles south of Reno, Nevada, sits the smallest republic in the world: Molossia. NBC's Lucy Kafanov clears customs to get a tour of the micronation from His Excellency President Kevin Baugh.

November 4th, 2017

As seen on TV: NBC's Today show visits Molossia and lives to tell about it!

<https://www.today.com/video/visit-molossia-the-world-s-smallest-republic-in-nevada-1088564291746>



(left to right) Molossian First Lady Adrienne Baugh, President Kevin Baugh, and First Daughter Alexis Baugh (photo by Denise Crites).

The First Family visiting Virginia City, Nevada and being ignored yet again by Nevada gubernatorial candidate Adam Laxalt.

Winter in Molossia

For seven months of the year, Molossia is a very public place, numerous tourists visiting, and with a wide variety of events taking place such as Naval missions, parades, rocket launches, expeditions and much more. After 15 October, though, our tourist season ends and Molossia becomes a much quieter place - but still busy. October through December is the holiday and parade season, with our participation in the annual Nevada Day Parade followed the holidays of Halloween, Guy Fawkes and later still Thanksgiving (not an official holiday but still very much enjoyed in Molossia). December brings Christmas, of course, a major holiday in Molossia, followed by Boxing Day. After all that, the focus shifts and after the new year, when weather permits, construction season begins. This does not always mean literal construction (although it often does), but also repairing, painting, and general cleanup in preparation for the coming tourist season. The weather in the desert can be rather harsh and there are almost always repairs to be made to our buildings, signs and fixtures after a year of wear and tear. It's not all work, though, as during this time comes our annual ceremonial new year, the Lunar New Year, as well as Emperor Norton Day and Qingming. After all this, tourist season starts again on 15 April and with the warmer months come most of those interesting events that help make Molossia the remarkable place that it is!



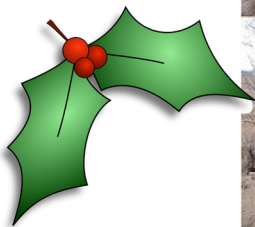
Holidays of Molossia

Across

1. Adopted Chinese festival
7. The President's birthday

Down

2. Also known as bonfire night
3. The day we became a nation
4. First Lady's birthday
5. Patron Saint of Molossia
6. Official "dog day"



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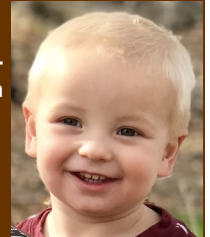
December Calendar

- **Christmas Day - December 25th** The biggest holiday of the year, celebrated with presents, music, Christmas movies, Christmas cookies and lasagna for Christmas Dinner . The Christmas Eve meal is a more traditional fare of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, etc.
- **Boxing Day - December 26th** Celebrated with our own version of "Shepherd's Pie".



• **Bradley Harrison's Birthday - December 18th**

• **Penny Baugh's Birthday - December 27th**



THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

Molossia's weather is always gorgeous, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures year-round of 22° Celsius (72° Fahrenheit). However, our little country is surrounded by the US and they are so close, their awful weather invades frequently! So the weather report reflects both our weather and theirs.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	21° C / 70° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-5° C / 23° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	13° C / 55° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	42.9 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady



The countdown to Christmas has begun! December has arrived and the holiday season is in full swing! Hopefully everyone was able to spend time with their friends and family for Thanksgiving or are making plans for Christmas. Family and friends are so important. Some people have family that lives far away or family that they don't get along with. Some people don't have much family at all. The holidays are a time that everyone should try to put those differences aside for the greater good and be thankful that we have each other. Here in Molossia we have a bountiful family. A never ending parade of cousins and aunts and uncles. Always someone to talk to or to do something with. If you don't have much family then it is important to be close to friends. Look around and think about your friends. Think about who doesn't have very much family and see if you can invite them to be with you during the holidays. Even better than a present underneath the tree, someone that is there for you is a gift that lasts a lifetime. Who can you give that gift to?

Merry Christmas!

~Adrienne

