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A Few Words from the President

The year ahead brings new challenges and new opportunities. Even as 2013 waned, plans were afoot to enhance our nation and as the new year arrives we are putting these plans in action. This year will see the expansion of Red Square, a kitchen added to the Tiki Hut Bar and Grill and possibly the construction of our Molossia Constabulary. A picnic area next to Red Square will also take shape, as will more construction on our Bottle House. Intertwined with all this will be more naval expeditions, rocket launches, tourist visits, speeches, state visits, parades, holidays (of course Founder's Day) and all of the many, many other activities that make our nation interesting. Stay with us, join in and keep up, there's never a dull moment in Molossia, the World's Smallest Sovereign Republic!



Molossian Christmas

25 December 2013



The National Christmas Tree
inside Government House

Christmas is a major holiday in Molossia and a time of great tradition as well as festivity. Christmas is one of the most important holidays in the Republic of Molossia, and is traditionally a three-day celebration. The holiday actually begins on December 24th with Christmas Eve activities, including watching movies, baking (and eating) cookies, drinking eggnog and playing board games as a family. Christmas Eve dinner is our traditional meal of lasagna, reflecting the Italian heritage of Molossia. The evening ends with the reading of the "Night Before Christmas", and with tracking the arrival of Santa Claus using NORAD's website. Christmas morning, December 25th, begins early, as the family descends upon the hoard of presents beneath the National Christmas Tree. Once the frenzy of present-opening ends, Christmas breakfast is made and served, and afterward everyone settles down to enjoy their gifts. Christmas dinner takes place in later afternoon, largely wrapping up a lazy, relaxing day. Christmas dinner consisted this year of ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and all the trimmings. Boxing Day is on December 26th, and is the last day of the Christmas holidays. While no special events take place, dinner on Boxing Day is traditionally Shepherd's Pie, in keeping with the British theme of the day. This wraps up the Christmas events for the year, with everyone eagerly looking forward to the distant arrival of next year's Christmas.



The National Christmas Tree
in Republic Square

Winter Arrives In Molossia

11 December 2013

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Winter has finally arrived in Molossia. Beginning on Tuesday, 3 December 2013 XXXVI the first snow of the season fell, and the second storm struck on the evening of Friday, the 6th. By Saturday morning our nation was covered in a blanket of white. Cold temperatures ensured that this second snowfall remained, instead of melting away quickly like our snow usually does.

The winter season usually begins around the last week of November, with the first light snowfall almost invariably falling at that time. After that, the snow usually abates until January (and almost never occurs on Christmas). January and February are the real winter months in Molossia, with frequent snowfalls and cold temperatures being the rule. Occasional warm spells occur, especially in February and March, called "false spring", followed by the real spring in April.

So this may be last snow we see for a while, but we still hold out hopes for a white Christmas!



Functionality Project

11 December 2013



His Excellency, The President has announced the Functionality Project. In his directive to the nation, all Molossia-related facilities are to be functional, that is, actually work for the benefit of the nation. This project has already moved forward with the recent expansion of the telephone system. Previously this system only existed in the form of two phones just used by tourists during tour of the nation. As a result of the expansion, the phones now connect all of the regularly occupied buildings in Molossia and the system can be easily expanded as more buildings are built. A future example of the Functionality Project will be the construction of an outdoor kitchen area for Molossia's Tiki Hut Bar and Grill, so that food can actually be prepared there instead of being brought in. Another facet of the Project will be to explore a connection between the Molossia postal system and the US Postal Service, just over the border. The Functionality Project will be a permanent facet of Molossian life as our country continues to grow and expand, and will be a marked improvement in the development of our great nation.

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Texas Embargo Lifted

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After over five years, His Excellency, The President has directed that the Texas Embargo be lifted. The Embargo was enacted in 2008 when a prominent member of the First Family defected to Texas. Since then, the Embargo has continued as an amusing aside mentioned during tours of our nation. It has never been actively enforced and Texans and Texas products have been tacitly allowed in our nation, the former with prior permission. Effective 1 January 2014 XXXVII the Embargo will be abolished and all restrictions lifted. Welcome to Molossia, Texans!



Miscellaneous...

Molossia continues its tradition of supporting loans through Kiva, the microfinance organization. On 17 December 2013 we loaned USD \$25 each to Enoth, a banana farmer in Uganda and Godfrey, a tea farmer also in Uganda. Support Kiva! www.kiva.org

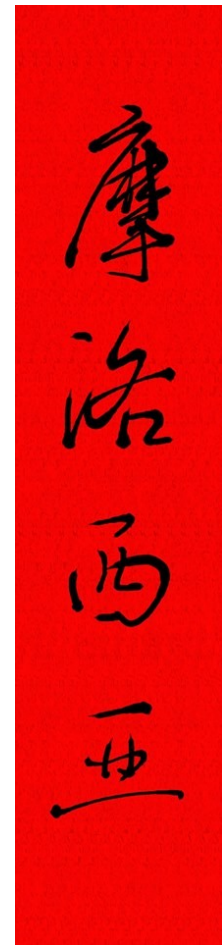


GREATER MOLOSSIA PROJECT

Help us build a better nation, support the Greater Molossia Project!

<http://www.molossia.org/gretermolossia.html>

Can You Spot The Differences?



Republic of Molossia in Chinese



Republic of Molossia in Arabic

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www.molossia.org.

We're also on Facebook, at
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www.twitter.com/Molossia.

January Calendar

- **Emperor Norton I Day - January 8th.** In memory of Emperor Norton I, Emperor of the United States and protector of Mexico. The "patron saint" of unrecognized nations. This holiday is traditionally celebrated with a "Cookie Dough Fest"
- **Molossaphone Day - 28 January.** A day to laud our National Musical Instrument, the Molossaphone!
- **Chinese New Year - 31 January.** The ceremonial start to Molossia's New Year. Celebrated by eating Chinese food, of course!
- **Tom Baugh's Birthday - January 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	18° C / 65° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-18° C / 0° F
Average High Temperature	22° C / 72° F	7° C / 45° F
Average Low Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-6° C / 22° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	11.4 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady



Hello everyone! It is 2014 already! Can you believe it? Did you accomplish everything that you hoped to in 2013? So begins another year and a fresh start. It's time for resolutions and the starting of goals. This can seem overwhelming! Do you remember your goals from last year? How can we change it up this time around? Having clearly defined and measurable goals is the way to go. If you have a large goal then break it down into smaller steps. There isn't a goal so big that you can't achieve. We have the same 24 hours in a day, what will you do with yours? Something to ponder. :)

Thank you and until next time...
Happy New Year!

~Adrienne