



Tom's Message Board



What do I Really Want for Christmas?

I have very fond memories of Christmas growing up, from parents who sometimes stretched their means to deliver the treats and traditions of the season to me and my three sisters that included giving, receiving, family, and faith. Christmas for me was, and still is, magical! My life is full; I am grateful and blessed with family, friends, a good business and good health. Honestly...there is nothing I personally need...but here are a few things this Christmas I wish for...

- A white one... Vermont's economy and our spirit rely on it!
- The food shelves chocked full for folks in need of some help
- Our "leaders" in Washington to start acting as such
- The Packers to win another Super Bowl
- Reliable 5-bar cell service throughout Vermont
- A Beatles reunion concert with Ed Sullivan as MC... if John and George can make it back, might as well go for the full effect
- Movie times to change so that you don't have to eat dinner at either 4:30 or 10:00 pm in order to get to an evening showing
- Health insurance that people can actually afford
- Finally... the completion of the Champlain Parkway
(a Christmas miracle indeed!)

Feel free to add your own wishes to the list... that's the magic about this time of year. We can take stock, reflect, and maybe even actualize some of them! Miracles can happen!

But... getting back to my original question of what do I really want for Christmas? For me it's simple. It's a much anticipated family weekend with our daughter. We are all learning to appreciate those times when we can get together, given her busy work schedule. We'll decorate our tree on Christmas Eve (new schedules mean new traditions), enjoy a relaxing Christmas morning with strudel and coffee, make a pumpkin pie and banana bread for her to take back to her apartment, take a walk in the woods with Lucy, then prepare for the Brassard family party at our house this year. Life is good.

Please share your wishes for the Holidays and the coming year on our Facebook page at [www.tinyurl.com/PawFacebook], or scan this QR code

Happy Holidays and don't hold back on your list!



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