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Maps and Mistletoe, New Bedrock Lobby Update,
Holiday Card Contest, and more.

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From the Editor

Happy December! If you have not already started, the time is finally here to prepare for the holidays! If you celebrate any of the holidays this month then you will definitely notice some of them mentioned throughout this month's edition.

Within this edition, you can find several holiday-themed articles as the Newsletter Team prepares for the huge holiday month of December. Additionally, we have onboarded two new members! This month, they wrote their very first articles and now I can say that I cannot wait to see what their creativity will bring to the future of the Newsletter Team after seeing their articles this month.

As we dive into this month's edition, our first article is a Build Team showcase with some winter additions as to what the Build Team has been working on for this winter season. The Bedrock platform received an entirely new lobby update which will also be showcased in our second article. Finally, one of our writers reached out to the community this month to gather some holiday cards and some of the types of holidays that are celebrated throughout the Mineplex community!

Further, this month, I have opened the Newsletter Team applications up indefinitely! This means that the Newsletter

Team will have rolling decisions every time our team is looking for new members. Our team is currently looking for some new writers within the near future, but we went ahead and opened up the option to apply for the editor position as well. For this reason, please remember if you do apply for the editor position, it may take a while for your application to be processed. Lastly, it is no longer possible to apply for both positions at this time, but may be possible after you join the team. If you have a creative mind and strive to join the Newsletter Team, then please send in your application [here](#)!

If you have any specific inquiries in which you would like to speak with me privately about the Newsletter, the team, an article, or any other concern, you're more than welcome to and can do so by messaging me on the forums. Otherwise, you can always submit comments or feedback through our [official form](#) or on the thread. We hope you enjoy this month's edition of the Mineplex Newsletter!

Have a wonderful December and a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or a Happy Holidays!

- ddglfer, Newsletter Program Manager

Maps and Mistletoe

By TheBlueComet

We gather around the crackling fireplace to wrap gifts in red and green, as the leaves are replaced with snow and a chilly wind blows through the trees. The Build Team has been working hard to get ready for the holidays this year, and we cannot wait to show you what they have been up to. Take a sip of milk, fill your pockets with some cookies, and let's check out what they have for us this year!

This year, the Build Team has provided many sneak peeks! The Newsletter Team wants to share their excitement and how they have been coming along with producing maps for the festive season.

Making sure gifts get to you!



Bundle up, don't let the moonlight bite!



Rooms full of Christmas cheer!



Now I won't let you all go without sharing the 2022 Christmas lobby! This year they topped all of their previous years and have put countless hours into it to ensure it went out on time. With tons of assets and many new locations to explore, you will be full of the holiday spirit!



The Build and Newsletter Teams would like to send best wishes for a great holiday season and a Happy New Year.

“Best way to spread Christmas cheer, is building maps this holiday year”



New Bedrock Lobby Update

By WinteryOsprey38

On October 31st, Bedrock received a fresh new hub for Halloween, returning to its roots with a medieval-themed build. Being much larger than the past lobbies, there are many diverse areas to explore, ranging from a formidable fortress to a vibrant, expansive cave system complete with waterfalls and a parkour course!

As many veteran players will know, Mineplex began life on Bedrock with a medieval-themed lobby in 2016, a trend that continued until the addition of the modern city hub in 2020. Following two years with this hub, the lobby has once again transitioned back to the

iconic medieval theme of the past, filling long-time players with nostalgia while offering new players a taste of the past.

In this article, we've decided to interview various players throughout the Bedrock community to gather their feedback on the new hub!

What are your thoughts on the new Bedrock hub?

WidestSinger982: "I really love the new lobby, it's big and is similar to the old castle lobby while still being new! My favorite part would have to be the underground parkour because it's a lot

longer and harder than the last. When I first saw the hub I was shocked at how big it was and how much space you have to explore!”

TheArrowsShadow: “I was very excited when it first came out, I was one of the first people to actually see the lobby because I was not sleeping when it went out around 3-4 AM. It's very hype to see the work of the build team, and it's always just amazing to see Bedrock get an update at all. The builders did not disappoint, going back to the medieval theme and increasing the size of the hub were fantastic improvements from the old lobby. I was never a huge fan of the modernized city hub, so when I stepped into the new lobby for the first time my mind was absolutely blown by the amount of detail and the sheer size of the hub. There were a ton of new things to explore, and very exciting to see Bedrock get some much-needed attention!”

SmoothKiller689: “I really like the new Bedrock lobby, it brings a new good feel to Mineplex and maybe a sentimental one because of how similar it was to the ones before the city hub. I was predominantly playing Mineplex during that time period so it just feels like home. I definitely need to explore some more of the amazing features that I probably haven't even noticed yet because the map is so huge!”

DaPBilk: “I found the new Bedrock lobby to be a really unexpected

surprise! Not only was it brand new, but it was a Halloween seasonal lobby. There was so much to explore both above and below the surface and I would say a huge congratulations should go towards the builders for all their hard work building this. It's not often that Bedrock does get map updates like these, but when they do arrive, they're always spectacular. Although, I do wish that it had come out only when the original lobby was also finished, but I understand that development on all the features it'll have seems to be taking a while. Nonetheless, whenever the full lobby comes out, I think that it'll be a nice change of pace as the city lobby never really suited Mineplex in my opinion. I can't wait to see the complete lobby!”

sweetenr: “The new lobby matches with Mineplex's theme more and is a lot nicer. The city lobby was nice but all the bright colors were a bit much, plus we have had the city lobby for what feels like years so it was nice to see something new!”

Huge thanks to all those who participated in this interview, and especially to the Build Team for their amazing work in bringing this new hub to life!

DISCLAIMER: The city hub has returned temporarily while the Developers are working on backend issues but you can expect to see this lobby return sometime in the near future, complete with a new treasure hunt and an ocean parkour!

Unique Holiday Traditions and Holiday Card Contest

By Amg_

Hello everyone, happy holiday season! As the holidays are rapidly approaching, I'm sure a lot of us are preparing for our yearly traditions that we do during the holidays to make the season feel more jolly. This could be with family, friends, or even something you do on your own time to spruce up the holidays. With that being said, the Newsletter Team grew curious and we asked several different community members what their holiday traditions were. Grab your hot chocolate and sit by the crackling fireplace as we dive into a showcase of others' unique holiday traditions!

HiHelloItIsMe: "Not very unique but definitely a tradition. Every year (excluding the last few due to Covid). Every Christmas, my family and our close friends get together in the late morning and spend the remainder of Christmas day at my aunt's house. We've been doing it for as long as I can remember and it's always a great experience."

Kaiven: "All I am going to say is that there is a lot of hot chocolate involved..."

Emiliee: "Not super unique but a lot of people I explain it to haven't heard of it: My family does a peppermint pig celebration where we have dinner on New Years Eve, and when the clock strikes midnight we take out a large piece of peppermint candy shaped like a pig, shatter it with a metal hammer, and we all eat a piece of it. It's supposed to bring good fortune for the year, but my family doesn't really believe in that kind of thing, so we just like to break stuff."

TheArrowsShadow: "This doesn't really happen during the winter holiday season, but in July we used to always hold this Christmas in July party. My parents would invite all their old college friends, high school friends, camp friends, everyone- and anyone who could come would show up to our old house. Everyone would catch

up and eat food and just have a good time for an entire day, and then people would either go home or spend the night and leave the next day. Some people would stay multiple nights until they had to go back to work. I have a vivid memory of strapping on all my little-kid biking pads and helmet and sword fighting a camp friend with my plastic baseball bats while she tried to eat her hotdog in peace.”

Arshaad_73: “I don’t have a unique tradition, but we just have a house full of Christmas lights. So every part of the house has Christmas lights (inside). And for a Mineplex related tradition: always making a Christmas hub and playing Christmas Chaos II of course.”

As we wrap up this traditionally inspired showcase, the Newsletter Team also wanted to touch on something that we have all experienced in one way or another: sending, or receiving holiday cards! During the holidays, we are often exposed to some type of card that expresses holiday greetings, whether we are writing them or receiving them. The Newsletter Team tasked those who were up to the challenge to create their very own homemade holiday/Mineplex themed card! Not only does this showcase the creativity and talent we have within our community, but it also helps us get into the holiday spirit! Without further ado, we would love to showcase two of our favorite submissions:

By: TheArrowsShadow

"Many long nights of insomnia and leftover Halloween KitKats have made this piece possible."



By: Hugglezz

"I was chilling in a call with a friend, we came up with the idea together I drew it out on an art software."



A huge thank you to all of the community members who were willing to participate in this holiday-inspired article, your submissions were very much appreciated and we wish a happy holiday season to all!

November Staff Statistics

By chhase

This month, we wanted to issue a huge welcome to all the new staff members who joined us and say thank you to all of the staff members who have sadly resigned for all of their hard work for the network.

Java Trainee

November 5: BroActually, Pangaea_

Senior Moderator

November 7: Coyly, oublisam (Clans Management)

Resignations

November 10: HarryCARD

November 20: Eqsa (Forum Management)

November 21: rosmeme (Quality Assurance Admin), whalker

November 27: osme (Builder), unrelease (Builder)

1 Year Milestones

November 26, 2021: osme

6 Year Milestones

November 4, 2016: EmmaLie

8 Year Milestones

November 22, 2014: Toki

Meet the Team



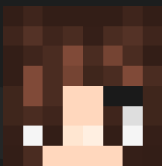
ddglfer: Hey y'all, I am ddgolfer and I am the *new* Newsletter Lead! I hope you all enjoyed this month's edition!



Tortelett: festive pdf making noises



Sophie_OGrady: I edt the nl.

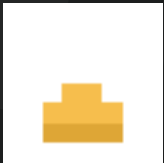


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Meet the Team



EmmaLie: Hiya! I'm Em and I'm the current admin for CoM & SM! My interests include stanning Taylor Swift, tryharding in Valorant, and eating pasta.



chhase: goose admin, editor, and staff statistics writer



Looof: we don't get paid



maevestarbaby: hii i'm maeve, a uni student as well as a mineplex sr moderator and writer for the newsletter!

Meet the Team



WinteryOsprey38: Hey, I'm WinteryOsprey38! I'm a writer for the Newsletter and a big lover of sushi



Amg_: Hia, most of y'all probably know me already, but I'm Amg! I also go by Jake and I am a Staff Member and writer for the Newsletter.



TheBlueComet: Howdy! I am Comet! I do Build Team things