

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

November 15 Council Meeting Minutes:

- The Council supports the landfill share shed donations to be set aside in a funded reserve for the future expansion of the share shed building, beginning with the funds received in 2017.
- Also supported and endorsed is the North Shore Rural Health Hub in their request for funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

- The Council approves By-Law # 2017-872, being a bylaw for the appointment of the Community Emergency Management Coordinator.

NOTE: Visit johnsontownship.ca for the latest news and information.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 5:30pm, Johnson Township Council Chambers (Portable)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Township is aware of our road conditions due to the weather (alternating rain and snow) and we are working to improve them. Snow plowing and sanding will also be starting soon with winter on its way.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Residents on Township Water - If you plan to leave your home for the winter, please ensure your water lines are properly winterized and to notify the township office.

Winter Parking - Please remember that through to April 2018, there will be no overnight parking allowed on Township Roads. This By-Law will be in effect, snow or no snow.

911 Signs - A reminder that 911 Civic Number Signs should be upright, clear and visible from/or at your driveway.

Landfill - A reminder that the landfill is closed when a statutory or non-statutory holiday falls on a regular operating day. These Holidays may include: Labour Day, New Year's Day, Victoria Day, Thanksgiving Day, Canada Day, Christmas Day, Easter Monday, Remembrance Day, Good Friday, and Civic Holidays.

Dial 2-1-1 to connect with over 60,000 **community and social services** across Ontario. Ask about health services and support, newcomer and immigrant services, food banks and meal programs, housing centres and utility help, senior services and homecare, government social assistance, parenting and family programs, disability support programs, volunteer organizations and much more.

Johnson Township Community Hall is available for bookings. Call **705-782-6723** for availability. Rental agreements are available at the arena or the township office or online. **The Gordon Lake Hall** is also available to rent for family gatherings, birthday parties, showers, etc. Call **705-782-5612** or **705-782-6800** to book. For more information please go to johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking

Ice Rentals – Non Prime Time (Monday to Friday 7am-4pm) - \$100.00/hr. Prime Time (Monday to Friday 4-10pm, Saturday & Sunday 7am-10pm) 120.00/hr (contract), \$125.00/hr (no contract). Prices include GST. Call **705-782-6723** or visit johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking for more info.



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Hours of Operation
Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm
Saturday and Sunday
Closed

Township of Johnson

RECREATION NEWS

JOHNSON TWP/WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND FREE SKATE

Sunday, December 10

1pm - Free Skate
2pm - Carols, Crafts, Snacks, and a visit from Santa

JTCC ARENA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

See BELOW for
Free Public Skating Times brought to you by the Healthy Kids Community Challenge!!

POWER OFF AND PLAY!

BIG BUCK CONTEST AWARDS SUPPER was held on Nov. 19 with approximately 100 people attending the supper and the awards presentation. Sixty-two hunters had registered for the contest, and 16 racks were brought in with top 3 rack awards going to **Brandon Trotter, Nolan Parker** (Our youth hunter winner as well), and **Alain Labelle**. We had wonderful support from the Business Community, and everyone went home with a prize. Besides a fun local event, we raised about \$300. Much thanks goes to our Big Buck Volunteers who help with registrations and securing draw prizes: **Cory Moore, Terry Barber, Cheryl Larrett, and Zahida Croskery**. Also to local businesses **McClelland's** and **17E Trading Post** for helping out with registrations and ticket sales; to **Cheryl Larrett** for a great meal; and to the **Bruce Mines Legion, Branch 211**, who provided bar service. Over 35 area businesses donated to the event –you can see a full report on the township website, johnsontownship.ca. We have mailed thank you letters to all our business supporters.

HKCC KIDS CANNING WORKSHOP - occurred on Saturday, December 2, with 9 enthusiastic canners and their parents - everyone went home with a couple of jars of fresh apple sauce. Thanks to instructor Jessica Laidley and volunteers Julie Schryer and Desiree Boulter for helping to make things go smoothly.

HEALTHY KIDS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE HOLIDAY FREE SKATES - POWER OFF AND PLAY

All skate times end 10 minutes before the hour

Friday Evening Public Skating, December 29 and January 5, **will be at regular admission** but skate times will be extended by a half hour 6:30pm to 8pm.

Wednesday, December 27, **6pm to 7pm** Tuesday, January 2, **6pm to 7pm**

Thursday, December 28, **3pm to 4pm** Wednesday, January 3, **6pm to 7pm**

Friday, December 29, **1pm to 2pm** Thursday, January 4, **3pm to 4pm**

Public Skating is held on Friday and Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:20pm. \$3/person or \$6/family. **Sunday public skating will be FREE during December**, sponsored by the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.

Happy Holidays!



MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Closed at noon on **Friday, December 22, 2017** and reopened on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

WINTER LANDFILL HOURS

Wednesdays - **NOON to 5PM**
Saturdays - **9AM to 5PM**

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DID YOU KNOW...**Various programs for are available in our area!**

Bereavement: Support groups and coping strategies; learning to live around your grief

1. Grief Support Groups Through VON: **(705) 942-8200**
2. Crisis Services Open 24/7: **(705) 759-3398**
3. Warm Line 24/7 Support Service:
(866) 856-9276
4. Walk in Counseling Service: **(705) 759-5989**
5. Arch Hospice: **(705) 942-1556**

**Alzheimer's Society Recreational Therapy Program**

- No cost; will come to your home
- Activities to stimulate the brain
- For more information, phone **(705) 942-2195** or go to alzheimer.ca/algoma

Alzheimer's Society Finding Your Way Initiative

- Dealing with the risk of getting lost or missing due to Dementia, and how to help someone who is lost or confused

For more information go TO findingyourwayontario.ca

**The Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre**

- Seniors and Disabled Persons Programs for 65+ including: Adult Day Out, Transportation, Meals on Wheels, Diner's Club & Potluck, Home Maintenance Subsidy, Friendly Visiting/Telephone Reassurance, Reading Program, and Exercise Classes
- Watch for the monthly newsletter "What's Up Doc" for more information on these programs or call **(705) 246-0036** or email dr.trefrycentre@one-mail.on.ca

LOCAL EVENTS

- **ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sunday, December 10**, 1pm start with free skate sponsored by the Desbarats Women's Institute. Snacks, crafts and a visit from Santa to follow.
- **CHRISTMAS GATHERING & MEMORIAL TREE LIGHTING - Dec.10**, 4pm. Desbarats United Church. With entertainment by members of the O'Schraves w/students. Carols & Potluck to follow.
- **CALVARY BAPTIST LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER - Monday, December 11**, 6-8pm at the Calvary Baptist Church, Desbarats. An evening of singing, dinner and fellowship. For tickets contact: Elsa **705-782-6923** or Judy **705-971-8929**.
- **HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA - Friday, December 15**, 6:30-8:30pm at the CASS Cafetorium. A Christmas variety show featuring musical and dance performances of all ages. Vendors, door prizes, Admission by donation—funds raised go to local food banks.
- **KENSINGTON CONSERVANCY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE—Wednesday, December 20**, 3pm-8pm, 69 Boyer, Desbarats. Take a tour of the NEW TKC Conservation Center! Refreshments provided.
- **DESBARATS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT – Saturday, December 30**. Kensington Conservation invites you to be a field observer in Desbarats, Richards Landing, Hilton Beach, or Bruce Mines. If you wish to participate or for more information, call Carter at **705-782-2200** (office), **705-257-5199** (cell) or email carterdorsct.tkc@gmail.com
- **GORDON LAKE HALL CARD PARTY – 7:30-10pm**. Card parties are held the first Friday of every month, ending in May 2018. Lunch is provided.
- **DESBARATS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month**. Info: Marlee 782 4236

AREA EVENTS

- **MRS. CLAUS WORKSHOP – Saturday, December 9**, 1-2:30pm at the Bruce Mines Community Hall. Kids are invited to a fun Christmas craft party.
- **25TH ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS 2017 – Saturday, December 9**, 7pm. The evening not only includes the parade, but a visit from Santa starting at 6:15pm, a tree lighting ceremony and Christmas carols. More information to come! Contact Cindy at cfindlay@ontera.net or **705-248-2381** or **705-248-1166** if you wish to volunteer.
- **ADULT CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR – Wednesday, December 13**, 6:30pm. Bus leaves Echo Bay Community Hall for a tour of the local Christmas lights.
- **MAPLE SYRUP WORKSHOP - Thursday, December 14**, 9:30am-3pm at the Bruce Mines Community Hall. Free lunch provided. For more information contact Ray Bonenberg at **613-735-2366** or maplesidesugarbush@gmail.com
- **LIBRARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Saturday, December 16**, 2-3pm at Bruce Mines Community Hall. The Bruce Mines & Plummer Additional Union Public Library along with members of the Youth Drama Club present their play, "Gnorman and the Gnomes Christmas Quest" written by Amber Wills (Library CEO). Tickets \$5 at the door. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate to follow.
- **ANNUAL MMHA CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING – Saturday, December 16**, 3pm at the BridgeLink Medical Centre in Richards Landing. Each \$5 donated lights a bulb on the Christmas tree. Donations can be made at McClelland's Hardware & Feed, Municipal Offices, Post Offices, 17 Trading Post, Moose Sweats, Kent's Corners, Northern Credit Union, Island Market, Dry Dock Restaurant, Kentvale Home Hardware, and Camille's. Remember loved ones or send Christmas greetings to friends and neighbors.
- **NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE - Sunday, December 31**, 7:30pm at Richards Landing Legion. Includes music by Nostalgia and a light lunch. Tickets \$25; available at the Island Market, Kent's Corners, and the Legion office. The first 25 people to purchase tickets at the Island Market before December 15 will receive a gift.
- **ALGOMATRAD FAMILY CEILI - Friday, January 5**, 7:00PM, Legion Hall Richards Landing. Music by members of The O'Schraves. algomatrad.ca

FIRE DEPARTMENT**'Tis the Season to be Careful**

Tips to protect you and your family during the holidays:

- Never leave the kitchen when cooking on the stove, and if you must leave, turn off the stove. If a pot catches fire, do not try to move it. Cover the pot with a lid to smother the flames and turn off the burner.
- Keep things that can burn such as cooking utensils and paper towels a safe distance from the stove.
- Keep an eye on any drinkers in your household and make sure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and the stove is off before going to bed.
- Extinguish cigarettes in large, deep ashtrays and empty in a metal container - not the garbage can - and put outside.
- Cigarettes can smoulder among upholstered items for hours before igniting. Check sofas and chairs for cigarettes that may have fallen between the cushions.
- Drink responsibly. Excessive alcohol consumption is a contributing factor in many residential fires.
- Install and maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas of the home. Smoke alarms also are required on every storey. Failure to comply with the smoke and carbon monoxide alarm requirements can result in a ticket for \$360 or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for corporations.
- Develop and practice a home escape plan with everyone in the home.

For more information contact the **Johnson Township Fire Department** at **705-782-6802**.