

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Johnson Fire Department would like to encourage residents to formulate a home fire escape plan. Sit down with everyone in your household and discuss how each person will get out of the home in a fire. It's important to practice your escape plan, to make sure everyone knows two ways out of each room if possible, and to determine who is responsible for helping those who need it (young children, older adults, and people with disabilities). Remember to get low and go under the smoke to the nearest exit, choose a meeting place outside, a safe distance from your home, and to never re-enter a burning building.



A note to everyone that a fire permit is required for outdoor burning. Fire permits are available at the Johnson Township office. These Permits are required to burn and are only \$10 for the calendar year. Also a reminder that day time burning is not allowed.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Public Works would like to inform residents that it continues to work on sanding and plowing township roads. The crew is working hard and doing everything they can to maintain roads effectively during this difficult time of freeze, thaw, and rain. We request that drivers please be patient, as varied weather conditions and temperatures continue to make road maintenance increasingly difficult.

**NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**February 21 Council Meeting Minutes:**

- Algoma Power Inc. presented an update on annual proposed work. Items discussed included Health & Safety Environment, Operations Updates and Regulatory scorecards. API is planning an open house info session for property owners regarding proposed work.
- Approval of the sale of the three portables at 5 Margaret Street by tender. Minimum bid is \$2000.00.
- Council approves the installation of three new hitching posts in the Hamlet for the Mennonite community.
- The Township supports the continuation of the arrangement with Plummer concerning Johnson Recreation's administration of the soccer, baseball and swim programs for both townships in return for administrative and program fees
- Council approves the submission of a joint application with neighbouring municipalities through the Community Transportation Grant Program, as transportation services to medical appointments/services has been identified as one of the common needs along the North Shore.

**NOTE: Visit [johnsontownship.ca](http://johnsontownship.ca) for the latest news and information as well as full council minutes and agendas.**

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 5:30pm, Johnson Town-**

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

**Township of Johnson**



Township of Johnson Recreation Committee Presents:

**JOHNSON TOWNSHIP/CU-JO MEMORIAL FAMILY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT MARCH 23-24, DESBARATS**

- 2 Divisions: Competitive and recreational
- Non-competitive teams must have 5 members Female AND/OR under 16 AND/OR over 65, (one of these on ice at all times, not including goalie)
- \$425/Team (players should be 13yrs or older)
- 3-games guaranteed; all games at Johnson Township Community Centre Arena
- JTCC Hall will be open during Tournament and for after-Tournament Festivities
- Bar Service will be provided Friday night 7PM to Midnight and Saturday 1PM to 1AM by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 211
- The Arena canteen will be open during the tournament
- Proceeds to support the Johnson Township Recreation Volunteer Scholarship for graduating CASS student.
- Registering Teams should contact Pat O'Gorman at 782 6601, ext 1-205.

**WINTER LANDFILL HOURS—until April 1**

Wednesdays -  
**NOON to 5PM**

Saturdays -  
**9AM to 5PM**

**Important Notice for Hamlet of Desbarats Residents**

There will be a planned **Water Shut Down on Tuesday, March 13 at 9:30 AM.**, for preventive maintenance on the pressure system. Repair time will be 1 to 6 hours. Watch for a flyer in your mailbox with more details or go to the township website—  
**[johnsontownship.ca](http://johnsontownship.ca)**

**EVERYTHING COUNTRY FUR & FEATHER SALE**

SATURDAY MAY 5th 9am-2pm at the Johnson Township Community Centre, Desbarats Arena

- Chickens, ducks, turkeys, chicks, eggs, rabbits, etc.
- Artisans & crafts (wool fibre products, soaps, etc.)
- Nature's candy—maple syrup, honey, preserves
- Canteen will be OPEN—delicious food by Cheryl
- Healthy Kids Challenge Campaign Fun Activities

Tailgate vendors—\$10 pre-registration or \$12 at gate  
Pavilion vendors—\$15 table included (spaces limited)  
Set-up 7:30-9am  
To Pre-register or if you have questions contact [winterpoultry@gmail.com](mailto:winterpoultry@gmail.com)  
Brought to you by:  
YOUTH ALGOMA POULTRY ASSOCIATION (YAPA) & TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON HEALTHY KIDS CAMPAIGN  
Pavilion sponsored by Kern Maple Products

You're invited to the **FAMILY WELLNESS NIGHT AT JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**FREE BRING THE FAMILY ALL AGES**

**ENJOY YOGA**  
ALL AGES & ALL ABILITIES  
LEARN SIMPLE MOVES TO IMPROVE THE FLEXIBILITY & STRENGTHEN THE MIND

**PLAY WITH DANCE**  
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES  
LEARN PHYSICAL LITERACY THROUGH MUSIC

HEALTHY KIDS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE IS GIVING AWAY ONE YOGA MAT PER FAMILY!  
COME JOIN OUR COMMUNITY AND LEARN WAYS YOU CAN ALL GET MENTALLY & PHYSICALLY FIT!  
WEAR YOUR COMFY CLOTHES & RUNNING SHOES  
LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

fit bodies, fit minds.  
**HEALTHY KIDS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE NORTH CHANNEL**  
**APRIL 5, 2018 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

Township of Johnson  
1 Johnson Drive / PO Box 160  
Desbarats, Ontario P0R 1E0

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (705) 782-6601 ext 1-205  
EMAIL [patrick.ogorman@johnsontownship.ca](mailto:patrick.ogorman@johnsontownship.ca)

**INFORMATION FOR THESE EVENTS AND MORE CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 2 OR AT [JOHNSONTOWNSHIP.CA](http://JOHNSONTOWNSHIP.CA)**

**WE NEED A THEME FOR COMMUNITY NIGHT 2018 - CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA!!**

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## RECREATION

- **Johnson Township Cu-Jo Memorial Family Hockey Tournament - March 23-24.** Open for registration! Teams should register by March 12. 2 Divisions: Competitive and Recreational. Non-competitive teams must have 5 Female members and/or under 16 and/or over 65 (one of these on ice at all times). Cost is **\$425/team** (players should be 13yrs or over). 3 games guaranteed, all at the JTCC. Hall will be open during tournament and for after-tournament festivities. Bar service will be provided Friday night 7pm to midnight and Saturday 1pm to 1am by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 211. The arena canteen will also be open during the tournament. Proceeds to support the Johnson Township Recreation Volunteer Scholarship for a graduating CASS student. To register, contact Pat O’Gorman at **782-6601 ext. 1-205**.

- **FREE PUBLIC SKATING - every Sunday, 6:30-7:20pm, through February and March, and during March Break, thanks to Healthy Kids Community Challenge North Channel support - "Power Off and Play"!**

### MARCH BREAK FREE SKATES - All free skate times are 50 minutes

Monday, March 12, Tuesday, March 13, Thursday, March 15, **3pm**

Wednesday, March 14, Friday, March 16, **6:30pm**

Plus Family Broomball, Friday, March 16, **7:30pm**

- ◆ Friday evening public skating is from **6:30-7:20pm**. \$3/person or \$6/family.
- ◆ **BASEBALL AND SOCCER REGISTRATION FORMS** - will be available in schools March 19, after the March Break. They will be due by **Friday, April 6**. **Late registrations will be charged an additional \$5.**
- ◆ **FAMILY WELLNESS NIGHT - Thursday, April 5, 6-8pm** at the JTCC. This free event for the whole family features yoga, dance, free yoga mat per family, and light snacks. For more information contact Pat O’Gorman at **705-782-6601 ext. 1-205** or [patrick.ogorman@johnsontownship.ca](mailto:patrick.ogorman@johnsontownship.ca)
- **EVERYTHING COUNTRY "FUR AND FEATHER" SALE** - Now taking table bookings for this Youth Algoma Poultry Association fundraiser event to occur at the JTCC on Saturday, May 5. To pre-register contact [winter-poultry@gmail.com](mailto:winter-poultry@gmail.com)
- **GORDON LAKE HALL CARD PARTY - Friday, April 6, 7:30-10pm.** Card parties held on the first Friday of every month with last Party ending in May.
- **DESBARATS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE MEETING** - Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Call Marlee at **705-782-4236** for more info.
- **50+ CLUB** meets every Wednesday from 1-3pm at the JTCC Hall.
- **Healthy Kids Community Challenge Update** - Many of you now know that the HKCC North Channel is embarking on the final theme for the entire HKCC initiative. The Theme is "Power Off and Play" and will raise awareness of and provide programs and initiatives that support healthy lifestyle choices by families, particularly in relation to screen time usage by families and youth. Recently, area school children were asked to track their screen time and increase their daily non-screen time activities with passports and calendars supplied by HKCC NC. These activities include arts and culture activities as well as physical. All children who completed the weeklong project have been entered into draw to win prizes. We will be running this draw contest 2 more times, in April and in June. Parents are asked to help their children with this contest and support their children’s education in this important issue.

In the spirit of this family initiative, Johnson Township is holding a Family Wellness Night on Thursday, April 5, from 6-8pm. Please see the poster on the front of this newsletter for more info. All events and programs are also available on the website at [www.johnsontownship.ca](http://www.johnsontownship.ca).

## LOCAL AREA EVENTS

**Central Algoma Seedy Saturday - Saturday, March 10, 10am-3pm** at CASS. For all generations of gardeners, farmers and anyone interested in preserving our environment and food security. Activities include Seed Swap, seed sales, adopt-a-seed, kids’ projects, CASS greenhouse tour and plant sale, presentations and demonstrations. Also included are door prizes, vendors, exhibitors, and Entomica exotic bugs. Admission by donation, nutritious lunches onsite. For more information find us on Facebook, email [seedy-sat@gmail.com](mailto:seedy-sat@gmail.com), or call Maggie at **705-782-0732**.

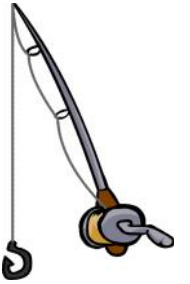
**Twelfth Annual Laframboise Children’s Perch Derby - Sunday, March 11** at West Neebish Road in Laird Township. Registration is from 9-11am and is open to children aged 14 and under. \$5 per child, which includes a prize, hot dog and a drink. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This event is hosted by the Algoma Fish and Game Club.

**St. Paddy’s Night Ceili and Irish Stew Supper - Saturday, March 17, 4-11pm** - presented by AlgomaTrad at the Legion Hall, Richards Landing. Irish Music session 4pm, Irish Stew (meat or vegetarian) supper 5:30pm followed by a mini-concert and a called dance, featuring Irish Ceili dances. Tickets for supper available at [ALGOMATRAD.CA](http://ALGOMATRAD.CA)

**Cyber Safety for Teens Workshop - Thursday, March 22, 7-9pm** at CASS. The Cyber Technology Unit from SSM City Police will be presented a workshop to interested parents and/or guardians.

**Signs and Wonder Worship Experience - Friday, March 23, 7-9pm and Saturday March 24, 3-5pm** at Calvary Baptist Church in Desbarats. The sounds of a transformed generation from a family of orphans. Everyone welcome. Contact Ruth for more info at **705-943-7378**.

**50th Annual Maple Syrup Festival - Saturday & Sunday, April 7 & 8, 13-14** from **8am-3pm** at the Richards Landing Legion. All you can eat pancakes, sausages, and St. Joseph Island maple syrup. Local crafts, maple candy and maple syrup for sale. Local sugar bushes open for tours. Adults \$9.50, Seniors \$8.50, 10 & Under \$5.00. For more information call **705-246-2494**.



## TOWNSHIP NEWS

- **Sale of 3 Portable Buildings** - Portables 2, 3, and 4 (sold separately) are for sale by sealed tender, as is, where is. They can be viewed at 5 Margaret Street (previously the Johnson-Tarbutt School property). The successful bidder will move portable(s) from property within 60 days of acceptance of tender. Approximate size: 24 x 32 ft. Minimum tender amount: \$2,000.00. Sealed tenders must be marked "portables" and reference which portable number. Tenders will be received until 4pm on March 16, 2018. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted by Council.
- **Did you know?** Within the Province of Ontario, many new energy efficiency programs are being rolled out and can all be researched via the [www.greenon.ca](http://www.greenon.ca) website.
- **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 **705-989-5612** or **705-782-9221** to book. More info at: [johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking](http://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 [www.johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking](http://www.johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking) for more information.

**NOTE:** The Arena is slated to close for the season on March 29.