

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Notes from Council Minutes of July 18 and August 15

Council accepts or approves:

- The purchase and installation of a new furnace at the JTCC Hall by Henderson Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$4,940 plus HST
- The Recreation Committee's recommendation to use Healthy Kids Community Challenge Funding to budget and procure a design for a Natural Playground on the site of the former Johnson –Tarbutt Schoolgrounds, incorporating the knoll that exists between the soccer fields. (See p.3 for more info)
- The recommendation of Tulloch Engineering to award the tender to cover Cell#1 at the Joint Landfill site to the lowest bidder, Chris Burton Trucking Ltd, in the amount of \$50, 896.95 + taxes.
- A financial contribution of \$200 for the 2018 Bruce Mines Agricultural Fair and Exhibition

- The retirement resignation of the Township Clerk and the resolution to initiate a process to hire a new Township Clerk, which process is to include timelines, preferred qualifications and experience, and a list of no less than 3 professional recruitment agencies to manage the process.

Council supports:

- Huron Central Railway's efforts to secure the funding necessary to enable the railway between Sault Ste. Marie and the CPR connection in Sudbury to continue to provide a short-line freight service.

NOTE: Complete minutes are available upon request at the Township office or on-line at www.johnsontownship.ca/business/minutes/

Next Scheduled Meeting: Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday September 19, 2018, 5:30pm, Council Chambers, Township Office Annex.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

- Surface treatment on Kensington Point and Government Roads are completed. Please help the treatment harden by driving as much to the outside as to the middle of the road.
- Gordon Lake Rd. is now open and road surface has been prepped for surface treatment, which will occur once the road bed has settled some-time in Summer 2019.
- Grading and patching are ongoing as needed.

LOCAL EVENTS

- **JOHNSON FARMERS' MARKET** - JTCC - FALL HOURS—Saturdays 10 a.m. until 2pm
- **SYLVAN CIRCLE TOUR @ JTCC**- Saturday, September 15, 9:00am. - 5:00pm. www.sylvancircle.ca
- **ALL-CANDIDATES PUBLIC MEETING** - Thursday, September 20, 7PM, JTCC Arena. A meeting organized by local residents for candidates from the Township of Johnson seeking office in the municipal election.
- **ALL-CANDIDATES MEET AND GREET** - Monday, October 1, 7PM, Gordon Lake Hall, hosted by the Gordon Lake Social Club.
- **DESBARATS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING** - every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Info: Marlee 782 4236
- **50+ CLUB** - Wednesdays, 1pm. **Starts in October.**
- **GORDON LAKE SOCIAL CLUB CARDS AND CROKINOLE PARTY** - First Friday of every month, starting October 12 (note this is the 2nd Friday due to Thanksgiving weekend holiday)



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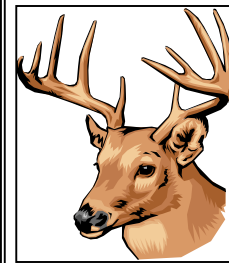
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Hours of Operation

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

Township of Johnson



BIG BUCK REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Big Buck Registration is available at **McClelland's Hardware and Feed, 17E Trading Post, Cheryl's Café at the Arena, Busting Water Tackle, Dave's Archery, Perry's Gun Shop, or the Johnson Township Office or thru Terry Barber or Cory Moore**

Registration Fee: \$30; includes Big Buck All-u-can-eat Roast Chicken Supper and Awards Night; **Sunday, November 18, 5PM**
Extra Supper tickets available—\$15; \$12/seniors and students; \$5/12 and under
johnsontownship.ca for more info!

ATV RUN - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- Registration 8:30am (longer route) or 10AM (shorter route)
- Johnson Township Community Centre -
 - Finishes at app. 3pm with a BBQ.
- ENTRY: \$20/hand, \$3 extra card/hand, Winner takes 50%
 - Mystery Prize Draw on Longer Route
- ROUTE GIVEN AT TIME OF REGISTRATION
 - \$5 Breakfast available at Cheryl's Café at the Arena



ZUMBA® REGISTRATION, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 10-week course every Thursday at 7pm, to the end of November, at the Johnson Community Centre, Desbarats
- Fees \$110 for 10 weeks. (Minimum 15 Registrations. If minimum is reached, walk-ups will be welcomed at \$13/ night)
 - Accredited Zumba Instructor Ildiko Horvath

Registration for Kid's Recreational Hockey and Adult Recreational Hockey League is COMING! Times and days TBA.

Kid's Rec registration will be available through Schools.
Teams looking to join the Adult Hockey League should contact Pat at the Recreation Office. 782 6601 ext 1-205

Keep updated by checking out www.johnsontownship.ca

Landfill Site Hours

Summer Hours are:
April 1 to October 31
Saturday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Noon – 7:00 p.m.

FINAL 2018 TAXES DUE

1ST INSTALLMENT:
September 12th
2ND INSTALLMENT:
November 14th

School Has Started! Please Stop for School Buses.

Passing a Stopped School Bus with its red lights flashing is dangerous and against the law!

Please make sure the office **has your current contact info** in case of Water Advisories

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JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION

RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Successful Summer Events

COMMUNITY NIGHT 2018

Hot weather and a fine turnout to the Johnson Township Community Night held July 14! We had lots of entries for the Cartoon Character-themed parade. The **Erling Lagerholm** Theme Prizes went to a group of **Diamond Lake Cottagers** with a Snow White theme, and in second was perennial favourites, **Youth Algoma Poultry Association**. Honorary Parade Marshall and **Senior of the Year** was **Dianne Adamson** who rode with VIP **MP Carol Hughres**. Following the parade, the **Sault Ste Marie Pipe Band** and the **Blue Saints Drum Corps**, played some concerts beside the Market pavilion. Inside the arena, KiddieLand and Cash Games got underway while old-time country group **Ezee Country** played. New games supplied by the **Celebrate Your Day Your Way** and a first-time Bouncy Castle were enjoyed by many. **MPP Mike Mantha** kicked off our first ever Dunking Booth, and got his Fred Flintstone costume wet a few times.

The Food booths were popular as usual. Huge THANK YOU to: all who donated delicious pies, especially to **Marla Barber and her crew of Pie Makers**, who spent the morning adding 30 pies to our offerings; the **Gordon Lake Social Club** who operate the ever-popular Pie Booth; **Mayor Ted Hicks** and his crew of volunteers who operated the Sausage Booth; the **Desbarats Women's Institute** who prepared the Beef on a Bun and **Cheryl Larrett** who cooked the Beef and operated the Fry and Beef Canteen; Recreation Committee members **Frieda Labelle, Melissa Corbett, Teri Winter and family, Hazel Fortier, Dianne Adamson, Jason Kern, Laura Maki, and Heather Kirby** whose help is invaluable in preparation as well as on the day; to the **Johnson Fire Department**, who put up no parking signs, provided crowd control and put on a good show; and the **Bruce Mines Agricultural Fair** - the Crown and Anchor provided a fun and competitive challenge. It was great to see the **outstanding number of volun-**

teers to help with KiddieLand and we hope to see you all again next year! Special thanks to local business **Jason Smith** and **Tanya Fletcher** of **Cherry on Top** for providing Candy Floss and donating all the proceeds to Community Night—they also saved us by picking up some last minute bottled water that we needed.

Johnson Township Recreation and Council thanks **EVERYONE** who volunteered this year, because of all your efforts Community Night was another successful community event! Special thanks to our Summer Students who put so much into the preparation, **Sarah McKellar and Adam Robinson**, whose wages are subsidized respectively by grants from the Summer Experience Program from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Recreation, and Health and from the federal Canada Summer Jobs program



SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM-

The Swim Program was another unqualified success this year, with 40 children from across the North Shore catching a bus for John Rhodes Pool in the Sault for 9 days, including 14 local children. This has become a wonderful example of inter-municipality cooperation, as no one township could afford to run this program on its own. Kudos to our Supervisors **Adam and Sarah** for doing a good job of taking care of our communities' children!

SOCCER PROGRAM WRAP-UP

About 70 area children represented Johnson Township in the North Shore Soccer League. Our Division 3 team won their division championships and our Division 2 team lost in the final. We had two Division 1 teams, both having a lot of fun and improving as the season developed. Big thanks and congratulations to our volunteer coaches: **Jason Kern, Ryan Finlayson** - Div. 3; **Caleb Parker** — Div. 2; **Mike and Carrie Guizetti, Melissa Dominey, and Sarah Nathan McKellar**—Div. 1; and our thanks to our refs **Kyle MacDonald, Kalevi Karhi, and Karsyn Koivisto**. If you were part of this program, **please let your coach know that you appreciate their commitment!** Our con- venger is the ever hard-working **Dianne Adamson**.

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION CONT'D

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP AWARDS LOCAL STUDENTS

At CASS Graduation, Johnson Township Achievement Awards went to **Roy Barber**, who is heading to Lakehead University to study engineering, and to Grade 8 student **Dana Labelle**, who will be attending Grade 9 at CASS this year. The Johnson Recreation Volunteer Award, awarded every year to a graduating student who has displayed a commitment to volunteering during his or her High School career was also awarded to **Roy Barber**, who has been one of the Townships most active volunteers for years as a soccer ref, coach, and for various community events including Community Night and the Winter Activity Festival. This award is funded by proceeds from the Johnson Twp/Cu-Jo Memorial Family Hockey Tournament.

HEALTHY KIDS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE UPDATE

The HKCC North Channel Steering Committee is continuing with its implementation of its initiatives for Theme 4 "**Power Off and Play**". These initiatives included a contest administered through all area schools that comprised of 3 different weeks where students tracked and recorded their use of screen time vs. play time in an effort to reduce the first and increase the second. Children that entered the contest were eligible for several prize draws.

In June, Johnson Township Recreation Coordinator Pat O'Gorman and Recreation Committee member Frieda Labelle attended a Natural Playground workshop funded by the HKCC and presented by Alan Bienenstock of the world-leading Bienenstock Natural Playground Company (naturalplaygrounds.ca). Subsequently, the Recreation Committee discussed the idea of a Natural Playground vs. the more common plastic and steel playground equipment, with comparisons in costs and logistics. It was decided that a Natural Playground on and around the knoll that exists between the soccer fields would be an excellent and natural place for such a playground, given that the knoll has been a popular play area for at least 3 generations of area school kids. The Committee made a recommendation to Council that the Recreation Coordinator make plans to obtain the services of Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds, through available HKCC funds earmarked for playgrounds, to design and to begin preliminary preparations for a Natural Playground at this site with the idea that a design can be implemented over time as money becomes available to develop and expand the site. Design discussions are ongoing so the Committee invites the public to check the Bienenstock website and other on-line information concerning natural playgrounds and give Pat a call at 782 6601, ext 1205 to share any ideas you might have.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS & TIPS

Reminder: As we feel the chill in the air in the mornings - time to check heating equipment before we start them up for the season. Portable units used for keeping the hunting cabin warm are vulnerable for producing Carbon Monoxide.

Portable Fuel-Fired Heater Safety Tips

- Any portable fuel-fired heater should be equipped with a safety tip-over shut-off feature and bear the mark of an accredited testing agency.
- Only adults familiar with the operating and refuelling procedures of the heater should be allowed to operate or refuel it.
- Before operating any portable fuel-fired heater read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Always maintain an adequate supply of fresh outside air when using fuel-fired portable heaters indoors. Follow manufacturer's directions to ensure proper ventilation.
- Heaters should never be left burning overnight or while sleeping.
- Refuel portable heaters outdoors, only after the unit has cooled. Only use approved fuel in the heater.
- Store fuel for the portable heater in the appropriate approved fuel container, outside the home.
- Keep portable heaters at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn, including curtains, wall coverings, upholstery, clothing and people.
- Keep all doorways and halls clear. In case of fire, a heater should not be blocking your escape.
- Place heaters in areas where they will not get bumped or knocked over.
- Prevent burns by keeping children away from portable heaters which can reach extremely high surface temperatures.
- Install working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas to alert you to a fire in your home. Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with your family.

FOR RECREATION INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA TO SHARE

CONTACT PAT @ (705) 782-6601 EXT. 1-205 OR patrick.ogorman@johnsontownship.ca OR

visit us on FACEBOOK at "Johnson Township Recreation"