

RECREATION

PUBLIC SKATING will be held on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30pm starting Friday, October 20. \$3/person or \$6/family. Friday, Oct 20 is **FREE**.



CHILDREN'S RECREATIONAL HOCKEY PROGRAM REGISTRATION AND FREE SKATE - Registration is on Wednesday October 24, 5:30PM; **Free Skate** at 6pm. Program runs every Wednesday 6-7pm. Registration forms available at the office or on-line on the township website.

ICE RENTALS – The arena starts up Monday, October 15. Non Prime Time bookings available (Weekdays 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.) - \$103.00/hour

NATURAL PLAYGROUND DESIGN - On Tuesday, October 2, the Recreation Committee met with the Lead Designer from Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds to discuss plans and design options for the Natural Playground proposed for on and around the knoll between the soccer fields on the property the township has acquired from the School Board. Discussions centered around the basic approach to the playground and further play elements that can be added to the site as funds and opportunities present themselves. Anyone who would like to offer feedback or suggestions is encouraged to contact Pat at the Recreation Office.

SENIORS COMPUTER PROGRAM - Thanks to a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Senior Affairs, Recreation and the 50+ Club will host a 6 to 8 week session for iPad and iPhone users, from 10am to noon every Wednesday starting October 17. Participants must bring their own device. An option for lunch will be offered at a reasonable price. Please call the Recreation Office to register, 705 782 6601 Ext. 1205

ATV RUN - SEPT. 29 2018– We had a great day for the run this year, and started early with an extra loop for the die-hard riders. Just under thirty bikes registered and **Bailey Beaulieu** (Josh Wilson's partner) took home the half-the-pot prize. The Fire Department, including Councilor Jason Kern and Fire Chief Ron Smith, helped run the event this year and split the proceeds with Recreation. We would like to thank **Terry Barber**, and his grandsons **Lyle and Mitch**, who helped plan the route and put up the direction posters. Thank you to all attended and we'll see you next year!

Tulloch Engineering has made a donation of \$1500 to the township to fix the safety and drainage issues around the west side of the baseball field behind the visitor dugout. Much thanks to Tulloch Engineering for their support of the Township and Recreation facilities and programs! FYI, Tulloch Engineering is an annual sponsor of the Big Buck Contest, providing a cash donation for our Youth Hunter Prize, as well as support for Community Night. This kind of commitment by local businesses is invaluable to families in our township!

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
Polling Booth will be located at the Johnson Township Community Centre

Advance Polling:

Saturday, October 13,
10am to 5pm

Voting Day:

Monday, October 22
10am—8pm

Please **ensure that you are on the voters list** by calling the township office.

Please bring **personal I.D. and proof of residency**

WINTER LANDFILL HOURS START OCTOBER 1

Wednesdays -
NOON to 5PM

Saturdays -
9AM to 5PM

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NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Highlights from the minutes of the September 19 Council Meeting and September 26 Special Meeting:

Council approves

- Ripping and re-graveling a section of Deplonty Rd, 1000 metres north of Hwy 17, to meet existing gravel road at an est. cost of \$4000.
- The Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board's increase to the townships municipal levy in the amount of \$1200.
- The extension of Cheryl's Café contract at the JTCC canteen until the end of 2018.
- The extension of the existing contract with Cheryl Larrett to continue to operate the JTCC Canteen for the 2018/19 arena ice season.

Council accepts and approves:

The KPMG Service Delivery and Operational Review for the Township of Johnson and further resolves that it is deemed a public document.

NOTE: Complete minutes are available on-line at www.johnsontownship.ca/business/minutes/

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR:

The Township of Johnson contracted the firm of KPMG to provide a report that focuses on "Service Delivery and Operational Review". This report was presented to Council on September 26th and is now available on the Township website. KPMG has made comparisons of similar municipalities to Johnson Township with regards to taxes, reserves, staffing, services and infrastructure. The report also makes recommendations to Council to improve services and how they can be provided to the residents of Johnson Township. I would encourage everyone to take the time to study the report as it will answer many questions that are often asked of Council members, in particular with regards to comparison to other Townships.

Thank You, Mayor Ted Hicks.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 2017, 5:30pm, Johnson Township Council Chambers (Portable)

TOWNSHIP EVENTS

BIG BUCK ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT ROAST CHICKEN SUPPER AND AWARDS NIGHT - Sunday, November 18th, 5pm (Bar opens 4pm) JTCC Hall, Desbarats. \$15; \$12/seniors & students; \$5 children 10 and under. Tickets will be on sale at local businesses starting Friday, Oct. 26

DEBARATS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING - Every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Call Marlee 705 782 4236 for more info.

GORDON LAKE SOCIAL CLUB CARDS AND CROKINOLE - first Friday of every month, 7:30pm, lunch included! Next date: Friday, November 2

50+ CLUB IS UP AND RUNNING- every Wednesday afternoon, 1pm to 3pm at the JTCC Hall

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS AND TIPS

Fire Prevention Week October 7-13, 2018 The latest statistics from the **National Fire Protection Association** (NFPA) show that if you have a reported fire in your home, you are more likely to die today than you were a few decades ago. This startling statistic is behind this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "**Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware - fire can happen anywhere.™**" Through three simple calls-to-action, this year's theme identifies basic but essential ways people can reduce their risk to fire and be prepared in the event of one:

- **Look** for places fire can start
- **Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm
- **Learn** two ways out of each room



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Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday

8:30am to 4:30pm

Saturday and Sunday

Closed