

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

New Council Inaugural Meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2017, 5:30pm, Johnson Township Community Centre Hall (note location for this meeting.) Meet and greet to follow.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Road conditions can be seriously affected by the kind of weather that occurs at this time of year, when it is alternating freezing rain, snow, and melting. Snow plowing and sanding is ongoing and the roads crew is doing its best to keep up. Call us at 782 6601 x1206, if you discover a particular problem area, this line is monitored or you will be directed to call an emergency number. And please Drive Carefully and give yourself lots of time when the weather is bad.

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 from now through to April 2019, there is no overnight parking allowed on Township Roads. This By-Law is 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 centers and utility help, senior services and homecare, government social assistance, parenting and family programs, disability support programs, volunteer or-

ganizations 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 or text 705-989-5612 or 705-971 3167 to book. For more information please go to johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking

Ice Rentals – Non Prime Time (Monday to Friday 7am-4pm) - \$103.00/hr. Prime Time (Monday to Friday 4-10pm, Saturday & Sunday 7am-10pm) 123.00/hr (contract), \$129.00/hr (no contract). Prices include GST. Call **705-782-6723** or visit johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking for more info.

Logo for Johnson Township of Desbarats, ON. Contact information: 1 Johnson Drive, Box 160, Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0. Telephone: 705-782-6601, Fax: 705-782-6780, E-mail: people@johnsontownship.ca, Website: www.johnsontownship.ca. Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm, Saturday and Sunday Closed.

Township of Johnson

RECREATION NEWS

JOHNSON TWP/DESBARATS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND FREE SKATE Sunday, December 09 1pm - Free Skate 2pm - Carols, Crafts, Snacks, and a visit from Santa

PUBLIC SKATING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE See BELOW for Free Public Skating Times brought to you by the Johnson Township Recreation Committee

BIG BUCK CONTEST AWARDS SUPPER was held on Nov. 18 with approximately 100 people attending the supper and the awards presentation. Fifty-nine hunters had registered for the contest, and 18 racks were brought in with the top 3 rack awards going to **Kevin Coombs, Kaitlyn Parker** (Our youth hunter winner as well), and **Richard Winter**. We had wonderful support from the Business Community, and everyone went home with a prize. Besides a fun local event, we raised about \$300 for Recreation. Huge thanks 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 and her crew** for a great meal; to **Marlee Hopkins** who manned the door; 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.

HOLIDAY FREE SKATES—Brought to you by the Fundraising efforts of the Johnson Township Recreation Committee All skate times are 50 minutes. Friday Evening Public Skating, December 28 and January 4, will be at regular admission Public Skating is held on Friday 6:30-7:20pm. \$3/person or \$6/family. Wednesday, December 26, 6pm Thursday, December 27, 4pm Sunday, December 30, 1pm Wednesday, January 2, 6pm Plus Kids Parents Shinny @ 7pm Thursday, January 3, 4pm Johnson Township Community Centre is CLOSED Dec. 25 and Jan 01

Happy Holidays!



MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS Closed at noon on Friday, December 21, 2018 and reopened on Wednesday, January 2, 2019

WINTER LANDFILL HOURS Wednesdays - NOON to 5PM Saturdays - 9AM to 5PM

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SENIOR COMPUTER PROGRAM UPDATE - Johnson Township Recreation and the 50+ Club recently finished up a 6- week course in the use of iPads and iPhones as part of a program funded by the Ontario Ministry of Senior Affairs. Much thanks goes to the Adult Learning Centre for providing the instructor Krista Kerr who ran a great and accessible course. This is the second installment of the Johnson Township Seniors Computer Program, the first occurring in the spring. **There will be a 3rd and final 6-week course occurring in the new year, Wednesdays 10am, from January 30 to the beginning of March.** This course will focus on Android devices. There are a few Township android Tablets for use during this course, purchased through the Senior Affairs funding. The Tablets are also available to be signed out by Johnson seniors at the Township Office. Call Pat at **705 782 6601 x1205** for more information about tablet availability and the 2019 program.

ZUMBA SESSION AVAILABLE IN THE NEW YEAR - A 6-week Zumba program will be available starting on Wednesday, January 9 at 7pm, with certified Zumba instructor Ana Rawn. Registration for the program is \$72. **We need minimum 10 people registered and paid by Thursday, January 3rd for this program to go ahead.** Call Pat at **705 782 6601 x1205** for more information or to register.

HEALTHY KIDS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE (HKCC) WRAP-UP - The 3-year **HKCC North Channel** project wrapped up in September of this year. Johnson Township was one of 11 area municipalities and First Nations communities acting on the Steering Committee on this project, overlooking \$825,000 from the Ontario Ministry of Health for programs and services to boost healthy living and eating choices for kids and their families. It was a great example of inter-municipal cooperation!

Aside from cross-North Channel and in-school media campaigns, events, contests, and programs (including Drink Water Poster and Reduce Screen Time contests, a Scavenger Hunt, and an Obstacle Course Race among others) the program provided specific value to Johnson Township including: new equipment for its programs, i.e., bats, balls, soccer balls, soccer nets, hockey nets; a water bottle fountain at the arena that has been used thousands of times; tons of paid ice time for free skating at the JTCC arena over 3 years; new dugouts at the ballfield; new playground equipment, garden boxes, and greenhouse support at CASS elementary; several food preparation and food awareness programs for local kids, including a successful smoothie and fruit and vegetable program at the Canteen and township events; canning equipment and new food processors for the JTCC kitchen; a Family Wellness Night, a kids apple sauce preparation workshop, and a Come Learn Ringette day; a Natural Playground design by one of the world's leading natural playground design companies for the knoll at the soccer fields and a slide for the future design site; financial support for a Family Good Food Box program; voucher program for families to visit area vegetable and fruit producers/retailers and purchase product samples; and that's what we can remember!! Much thanks goes to **Tina Johncox** and the **Algoma District Services Administrative Board** for TONS of hard work and time administering this excellent program. We hope that all area families enjoyed the programs and learnt more about healthy and active living.

LOCAL and AREA EVENTS

- **ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sunday, December 09**, 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** - Sunday, December 9, 4pm. Desbarats United Church. With entertainment by members of the O'Schraives w/students. Carols & Potluck to follow.
- **CALVARY BAPTIST LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER - Wednesday, December 12**, 5:30-8pm at the Calvary Baptist Church, Desbarats. An evening of singing, dinner and fellowship. FREE: For tickets contact: Elsa **705-782-6923** or Judy **705-971-8929**. All Welcome.
- **CHRISTMAS DOWN THE LINE - Saturday, December 08**, 10am-6pm, sponsored by Merchants of Desbarats, Bruce Mines, and Bruce Station. Huge Christmas

AREA EVENTS- cont'd

Basket draw prize by visiting at least 3 participating businesses. More info on the township website.

- **KENSINGTON CONSERVANCY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**— Thursday, December 20, 2pm-7pm, 69 Boyer, Desbarats. Take a tour of the TKC Conservation Center! Refreshments provided.
- **DESBARATS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT – Saturday, December 29**. 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 carterdorscht.tkc@gmail.com
- **GORDON LAKE HALL CARD PARTY – 7:30-10pm**. Card parties are held the first Friday of every month, ending in May 2019. Lunch is provided. **Next date: December 7**.
- **DESBARATS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** - meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Info: Marlee 782 4236
- **26TH ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS 2018 – Saturday, December 08**, Echo Bay, 7pm. includes a parade,

a visit from Santa starting at 6:15pm, a tree lighting ceremony and Christmas carols. More information: Contact Cindy at cfindlay@ontera.net or **705-248-2381** or **705-248-1166** if you wish to volunteer.

- **ALGOMATRAD COMMUNITY DANCES— Saturday, December 08**, 7:30pm, Old Town Hall, Richards Landing, and First Dance of 2019, **Friday, January 4, 7:30PM**, Legion Hall Richards Landing. Music by members of The O'Schraives. algomatrad.ca. Local callers, no experience necessary, family-friendly, all welcome, by donation
- **ANNUAL MMHA CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING – Saturday, December 15**, 4-5pm at the Bridge Link Medical Centre in Richards Landing. Each \$5 donated lights a bulb on the Christmas tree. Moose Sweats, Island Market, Camille's Café, Mom's Restaurant, Northern Credit Union, McClelland's Feed & Hardware, Kentvale Home Hardware, BridgeLink Medical Clinic, 17 E Trading Post, St Joseph Twp. Municipal Offices, or in person at the Carol Sing. Remember loved ones or send Christmas greetings to friends and neighbors.

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**.