

PUBLIC WORKS AND ROADS

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS! - The Public Works Supervisor and Crew would like to express their appreciation to the residents of Johnson Township for all your understanding and patience during what was a particularly harsh and snowy winter. The continual snow storms and bad weather created many challenges but we are through it now and spring, which **should** be here already, is around the corner. Once the frost finishes coming out of the roads, and they dry up enough, we will start grading and filling in the pot holes. We've had to respond to a few culvert washouts but generally, due partly to the extra ditching, we experienced very little serious flooding so far. Please don't hesitate to call us at 705 782 6601. ext. 1206 if you see anything that could be a cause for concern for drivers or residents, like downed trees or washouts.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

From Council Minutes of March 20

Council approves:

- The Recreation Coordinators report on the Natural Playground Design concept the moving forward on a staged plan and budget to implement the design
- The Public Works Superintendent recommendation for submission for funding under the Canada Infrastructure Program for the repair of the Sucker Creek Culvert on Government Rd., by the Railway line, as identified in the STEM Engineering Report.
- The extension of the Leasing Agreement for the operation for the Canteen Café to Cheryl Larrett until December 31, 2019

Council accepts:

- PUC report on Drinking Water Inspection for the water system. The system received an inspection rating of 100%. The Report is available on the Township website or at the Township Office

Council supports:

- The Township's participation in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" Campaign.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesdays, April 17 and May 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

NOTE: Visit johnsontownship.ca for the latest news and information as well as full council minutes and agendas. Copies of Council minutes are also available by request from the Township Office

Message from the Mayor – April 12/19

As you can see, we had a lot of snow this past winter! More than I had expected. In an attempt to keep our roads open and safe during the melt, we undertook a ditching program along some of the more traveled roads. Some callers expressed concerns over the amount of ditching while other callers requested more. Overall, I was impressed with the level of interest from our community on this matter but want to emphasize that we will always err on the side of human health, safety, and the environment.

On a more positive note, on March 20 the Township of Johnson was awarded a one-time grant of \$256,200 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. These monies are intended to help modernize service delivery and reduce future costs through investments in projects such as shared service agreements and capital projects. These funds will be welcomed by Council as we enter the budgeting process for 2019.—**Mayor Blaine Mersereau**



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Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday

8:30am to 4:30pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Township of Johnson



SUMMER STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

The Township of Johnson is now Accepting Resumes for Summer Student Job Opportunities (Pending Funding Approval)

Youth from 15 to 29 years of age, returning to school in September

Applicants must:

- Have some experience in sports, recreation, event management; working with children; basic computer skills
- Have excellent social, communication and organizational skills
- Be self-motivated and a team player

Applicant must be able to work flexible hours during community activities

- Be able to operate grass cutting machinery; training will be provided. Only those candidates accepted for interviews will be contacted.

Resumes will be accepted by mail or in person until **Friday, May 03, 2019**

Township of Johnson
Summer Student Job Opportunities
1 Johnson Dr., PO Box 160

Half-loading is now in effect on all Township roads - Limit 5 tons/axle

The Public Works Department can be contacted at 705-782-6601 ext. 1-206

SUMMER LANDFILL HOURS—until NOV. 1

Wednesdays -
12PM to 7PM

Saturdays -
9AM to 5PM

Dog Tags

Don't forget to purchase them from the Township Office. \$10/dog.

Fire Permits

Are available at the Township Office. ALL fires need a permit at ALL times of the year. A permit is good for one calendar year.

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LOCAL EVENTS

HNCEA TOURISM SECTOR CROSS PROMOTION WORKSHOP - Tuesday, April 23, 10am-3:30pm, Bruce Mines Community Hall. Huron North Community Economic Alliance is hosting this cross-promotional workshop. Promotional material welcome. \$25/person or \$35/business/organization, lunch included. Info and RSVP—huronnorthncea@gmail.com.

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER - Thursday May 2, 5-7pm. Desbarats United Church, Sponsored by the Desbarats United Church UCW.

EVERYTHING COUNTRY "FUR AND FEATHER" SALE - JTCC on Saturday, May 4. Featuring vendors from all over the province, lots of animals to see and buy. **This event could still use volunteers**, please contact Teri at 705-257-7792 or teri.winter1804@gmail.com.

OUTDOOR SHOW - JTCC on Sunday, May 5. 9am to 4pm. Something for everyone outdoors—hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, boating and more. Free hourly seminars, including **James Smedley**, hunter, angler and award-winning outdoor writer and photographer; **Gord Ellis**, journalist, radio broadcaster, professional angler and member of Fishing hall of Fame; and MNRF Conservation Officers, on enforcement challenges, legislation changes and more. For more info, see website at www.sjiha.ca.

EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 211. Bruce Mines, Saturday, April 20, 9am to noon. Easter Egg Hunt 10am, registration after breakfast. Everyone welcome. \$7 for adults, \$4 children.

ALGOMATRAD TRIVIA FUNDRAISER - Legion Hall, Richards Landing, Friday, April 26, 7pm. A friendly night of trivia competition, music, food, and conviviality. Book a table or come alone. More info and booking: www.algomatrad.ca

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION

UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

BASEBALL AND SOCCER REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE! - if you haven't registered your children for baseball and soccer please call the Recreation office. We need to order shirts, confirm team numbers and rosters, and make schedules for the ball season which generally begins the second week of May.



10.00 STEPS COMING TO DESBARATS! - May 1

Algoma Public Health, with Johnson Recreation, will be offering the **10,000 Steps toward Healthy Living Program** at the JTCC every Wednesday evening from May 1 to May 22, from 7:00-8:30PM. Learn about walking with a pedometer, healthy eating, safe stretching, and goal setting. Registrations or questions, call Judy @ 705 356 2551, ext. 5009.

SENIORS COMPUTER COURSE—May 27

Johnson Township Recreation and the 50+ Club will be offering a cellphone and/or tablet class for seniors every Wednesday, 10am to noon, for 3 weeks from May 27 to June 12. This Course is a follow up and refresher to the Computer Courses offered over the last year and is for all devices—If you would like to talk to Krista about any problems or issues, please attend. Call the Recreation Office for more information or to book a seat, maximum 15 people. Android tablets are available to sign out at the Township Office for Johnson Residents.

COMMUNITY NIGHT— Theme this year will be "Superheroes"!

SUCCESSFUL MARCH EVENTS

JOHNSON TWP/CUJO MEMORIAL FAMILY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT - occurred on Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, with 7 teams competing in this annual fun and local community event - The Buck, Hunter and Koivisto teams played in a recreational division, while 2 Evoy teams, the Whitley-Tullochs,

and the Campbell's put on some fine hockey in the competitive division. The Bruce Mines Legion provided bar service throughout the weekend, raising funds that they return to the community with their programs. Proceeds from the tournament support a Johnson Twp. Recreation/CU-JO scholarship awarded to a local student that displays a high level of commitment to volunteerism in recreation at the school and in the community.

JOHNSON TWP. ADULT RECREATIONAL HOCKEY - wrapped up on March 25. The final game in Division 1 was played by the Barley Kings from Thessalon and the local Bar River Wolves, a perennial rivalry. Bar River finished the season in first place and came out on top, 4-3, again this year in a fierce final match. Division 2 final was between Team Brockelbank and the NOS Icemen (captained by local hockey enthusiast, Kurtis McClelland). Though the Icemen beat Brockelbank in their last season game of the year on the previous Thursday, Brockelbank came back full steam to take the final 6-1. The league had another successful year with 8 teams. Please note that this Recreation Program pays full rates for ice time and brings in approximately \$10,000 to the arena annually. Fees also pay for the administration of the league by the Recreation Coordinator.

ICE AT THE ARENA IS OUT FOR THE YEAR as of March 31. Thanks go to arena manager Denise Methot and her crew for their dedication to the facility - it was a very busy year. **The arena floor and hall are still available for bookings for spring and summer events., contact Denise at 782 6723.**

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. to book. More info at: johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking

FOR RECREATION INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA TO SHARE
CALL PAT @ 705 782 6601 X 1-205 OR EMAIL patrick.ogorman@johnsontownship.ca

Employment Opportunity

The Trefry Centre and Township of St. Joseph are currently accepting applications for a Day Out Leader who will prepare and deliver creative programs for the mental and physical stimulation of seniors and person with a disability three days a week in Richards Landing, Echo Bay, and Bruce Station. Complete job description is available from the Trefry Centre, the St. Jos Township office or on line at www.stjosephtownship.com. Applicants must have transportation, CPR and First Aid certification at a minimum. More info call Clerk Administrator at the Township office at 705 246 2625, ext 202.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS AND TIPS

CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE!

The **Close Your Door** safety initiative comes as the result of over 10 years of research by the Underwriter's Laboratory Firefighter Safety Research Institute (FSRI). After proving that a closed door could potentially **save lives in a fire**, UL FSRI has committed to share this finding with the world.

Fire is getting faster due to the types of plastics and foams that are now found in building materials and furniture— 40 years ago you had an average of 17 minutes to escape a fire—
NOW YOU HAVE 3 MINUTES!

You know how important it is to have working smoke alarms, escape plans, and a designated meeting place in case of a fire. But did you know that closing your doors in your home is also important for your safety? Closed doors can reduce fire growth, limit damage to your home, keep temperatures down, and can even save your life if you become trapped.

Here are the stats:

MAKE A 900 DEGREE DIFFERENCE - A closed door can mean reducing 1,000 degrees down to 100 degrees.

TAKE IT DOWN A NOTCH - During a fire, a closed door can keep carbon monoxide levels at 1,000 PPM versus 10,000 PPM if the door is left open.

TAKE A BREATH - A fire needs oxygen to burn. A

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DESBARATS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING - Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Call Marlee 705 782 4236 for more info.

GORDON LAKE HALL CARD PARTY - Friday, May 3, 7:30-10pm. Card parties held on the first Friday of every month with last Party ending in May.

50+ CLUB- every Wednesday afternoon, 1pm to 3pm at the JTCC Hall, Desbarats.

closed door keeps more oxygen in the room and away from the fire. When you exit a fire, make sure to close your door behind you to slow down its growth.

DOZE SAFELY - 50% of house fires happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Closing your doors before you hit the hay helps keep you safe.

And if you don't believe this Scientific Fact, go watch a cool video about it at www.closeyourdoor.org/ You'll be convinced - **Close before you Doze.**



NOTE: IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL HOMEOWNERS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR **FIRE SIGN** IS IN GOOD REPAIR AND VISIBLE AT THE ROAD. **DO NOT** AFFIX YOUR FIRE SIGN TO YOUR HOUSE. **CLEAR ANY BRUSH** FROM AROUND YOUR SIGN. THIS MAY SAVE VALUABLE SECONDS IN CASE OF A FIRE...THE FD NEEDS TO BE ABLE TO FIND YOU!