

## NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBER

### From Council Minutes of April and May 2019.

Council supports:

- The Rural Agri-Innovation Network (RAIN) with a financial contribution of \$950 for each of the 2019 to 2021 budget years, after a presentation by David Thompson, RAIN project manager.
- The Township’s involvement in the cross-North Channel initiative North Channel Healthy Families (NCHF), as per Recreation Coordinators report and recommendation.

Council approves:

- A financial contribution of \$1,222 to the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre.
- Public Works Superintendant Report, re: the hiring of contractors to open ditches and push back snow due to the severe snowfall and in preparation for spring thaw. Cost of the service was \$22,516.00
- The support of CASS 2019 Graduation Ceremonies with donations of \$50 for Grade 8 Award and \$300 for Grade 12 Award

- Facility Committee recommendation to hire 3s Inc., E. Orr and H. Werner, to assist with an Ontario Trillium Fund Grant at the cost of \$750.
- The 2019 estimated policing costs for the Township of Johnson for \$161,740.

Correspondence:

- Federal Gas Tax Fund is providing the Township with a one-time, top-up payment in the amount of \$47, 776,43, This funding is a permanent source of annual funding with the 2019 annual allocation amount being \$45,565, funds to be used as per terms of agreement and appropriate project categories.

### Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday, June 19 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

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

## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

- Half-loading is OFF as of Monday, May 27.
- Maintenance gravel and grading and calcium is ongoing on all roads.
- Docks are in place for summer boating and fishing, please remove all garbage as you leave
- Grass cutting is ongoing.

### UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURE

- Weather-permitting, dates TBA, Old Soo Rd. will be closed just east of Gordon Lake Rd. to replace the washed out culvert Please check the website for updates. Closure signs will be installed a week in advance of the road work.

## CEMETERY WORK BEES

- Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Gordon Lake, Saturday, June 08, 9am-noon
  - Desbarats Cemetery, Saturday, June 15, 9am-noon

**All Welcome.** Please bring your own tools.



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### Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday  
8:30am to 4:30pm

Closed  
Saturday and Sunday

# Township of Johnson

## LOCAL EVENTS

**BREAKFAST BUFFET, OPENING OF FARMERS' MARKET, SUSTAIN ALGOMA** - Saturday June 1, Johnson Township Community Centre. Everything kicks off at 9am. Breakfast Buffet is a joint fundraiser by Recreation and the Johnson FD. The Kensington Conservancy, Clean North, Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition, Johnson Farmers' Market, Invasive Species Centre, and the St. Mary's River Remedial Action Plan are proud hosts of the 4th Annual Sustain Algoma Expo ([sustainalgomaexpo.com](http://sustainalgomaexpo.com))

**JOHNSON FARMERS' MARKET** - Opens June 1 until Thanksgiving, every Saturday, 9am to 2pm and on **Wednesday's, July and August, from 3-6 p.m** at the JTCC Pavilion. (on Facebook at [johnson farmers' market Desbarats](https://www.facebook.com/johnsonfarmersmarketdesbarats))

**CRUISIN' CAR SHOW** - June 8th in Bruce Mines. Car show registration starts at 9:00am at the waterfront gazebo. Prizes awarded throughout the day.

Trophies randomly drawn at 3:30pm. Vendors welcome with pre-registration. Table cost of \$20. Sponsorship of \$100 = free table rental. Info: Ed Golec 971 4929

**REG MCHALE MEMORIAL FAMILY FISHING DERBY** - Sat., June 22. See pg 2 for details.

**BRUCE MINES COMMUNITY NIGHT** - Monday July 1, 5-11pm, the theme is "Bruce Mines through the Years".

**JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY NIGHT** - Saturday July 13, the theme is "Superheroes". Keep an eye out for posters and posts to our website and the "[Johnson Township Recreation](https://www.facebook.com/johnsontownshiprecreation)" Facebook Page.

**KENSINGTON CONSERVANCY** - has a whole slate of hikes, picnics, and events lined up for the summer. Visit [kensingtonconservancy.org/2019-summer-schedule.html](http://kensingtonconservancy.org/2019-summer-schedule.html) for more information and a calendar.

### Message from the Mayor – May 24/19

I am pleased to share with the residents of Johnson that on May 21, Council voted to extend an employment offer to **Chris Wray** to be the new **Clerk for the Township of Johnson**. This is an exciting time for our township and we hope to conclude the remaining steps in the hiring process shortly. Chris brings over 20 years of municipal government experience and has been employed as a CAO, Clerk and Treasurer with other municipal governments. "I am very pleased to be in Johnson to assist Council and the staff in progressing the community forward. There are some exciting opportunities that will keep all of us busy"; said Wray. "I am also looking forward to meeting members of the community and assisting them to the best of my abilities."

**Mayor Blaine Mersereau**



## 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.

Reminder—no brush will be accepted during a Fire Ban in the Township of Johnson

## Dog Tags

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

Tags provide dogs with identification if lost or stolen, help provide statistics on number of dogs in our community, and encourage responsible pet ownership

Report dogs at large to:

**Dog Control Officer—  
Leanne Dow  
Cell # 705-206-3323**

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## JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION

### UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

#### REG MCHALE MEMORIAL FAMILY FISHING DERBY 2019 - SAT., JUNE 22

Johnson Township Recreation and the Johnson Township Fire Department, with the help of Cory Moore and several other area residents, welcome you to join us for the fifth annual Reg McHale Memorial Family Fishing Derby, Saturday, June 22. Entry will be on the day, \$20 for adults, \$5 for kids, and a special family rate of \$30 (please see website for details). Grand Prize winner takes home \$500 and a trophy, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd runners-up in the Adult and Youth categories will receive cash prizes and a trophy. The only measurement will be length; if there is a tie, the first fish registered will win. All participants will be eligible for draw prizes as well. Early registration available at the Johnson Fire Hall at 6am. Registration will officially open at 7am at the Johnson Township Public Docks at Hwy 17 and Lake Huron Dr. Boats can be launched from the same location. Measurement will close at 3PM sharp at the same location. The Fire Department will be running a fundraiser BBQ from noon until 4pm Proceeds from the Derby will go towards the Fire Department and Recreation Programs. Check out the poster online at [www.johnsontownship.ca](http://www.johnsontownship.ca) or on Facebook at "Johnson Township Recreation". Many thanks to our major sponsors: **United Steelworkers Local 9548, Tunnel Lake Trading Post, Pinchin Engineering, McDougall Energy, Ontario Trap Rock, Blue Fox Camp, Ableson's Veterinary Service, Total Precision Surveying, Stobie Mechanical & Welding, Pioneer Construction, Busting Water Tackle, Remedy's RX Pharmacy Bruce Mines, Loony Toons Pontoons and Power Sports, Kern's Maple Products, Clarida Construction and North Shore Firewood and Logging**

#### TENNIS NETS ARE UP AND THE COURTS ARE OPEN!

The arena and hall are available for summer bookings, contact Denise at 782 6723 for info. Leave a message - messages are checked on a regular basis

#### COMMUNITY NIGHT PREPARATIONS

The Sault Pipe Band and the Blue Saints Drum and Bugle Corps are booked. The theme for this year is "Superheroes". The date is **Saturday, July 13**. Thanks to the Erling Lagerholm Fund, increased cash prizes for floats will be the same as last year.. Stay tuned for posters or check out [johnsontownship.ca](http://johnsontownship.ca) for more info

**SOCCER REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE IN!** Baseball is up and running and we are starting to get organized for Soccer, so if you have not registered your child, please call Pat ASAP.

**SUMMER SWIM REGISTRATIONS DUE FRIDAY, JUNE 28!** - Check out the poster/registration form on-line at the township website for information about this program, which takes kids along the North Shore by bus to John Rhodes for swim lessons. The program will run from August 6 to August 16. Registration forms will be handed out at schools, or you can pick one up at the township office or by calling Pat .

#### SENIOR'S COMPUTER PROGRAM CORRECTION:

There is an ongoing course for senior users of cell-phones and tablets (either Android or Apple) with still room for those wanting to follow up on the extremely successful program that we have been running for the last year. Krista will be back to give you some pointers, reminders, refreshers, and one-on-one help. The Course is being offered for 3-weeks **Mondays AND Wednesdays, 10am to noon, starting Monday, May 27 and ending Wednesday, June 12**. Please call Pat at 705 782 6601 ext. 1205 to book a spot. All welcome, even if you just want to drop in one time!

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](mailto:patrick.ogorman@johnsontownship.ca)

## JOHNSON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### \*\* A reminder that there is a daytime burning restriction at all times for the township\*\*

There are questions that we often hear from residents, and so we thought we'd try our best to answer them

#### Why can't I burn during the day?

- Several factors here. As we have a Volunteer Fire Dept., many of our firefighters are at work and if there is a fire, we have less manpower. Also, winds tend to be higher during the day. Every year we have people start fires that get out of hand and require the FD—**EVERY YEAR**. This is costly to our volunteer resources and to you the taxpayer.

#### Why do I have to phone in that I am burning?

- For the simple reason that then we know where there is burning going on, so when someone calls in that they see smoke we don't have to call volunteers in and send them out on a wild goose chase—again a cost to our volunteer resources and to your tax money. If someone calls in a report we are legally obliged to attend that call. The less false alarms, the more we save on using up our human and tax resources.
- Burn permits for the township can be purchased at the township office for **\$10.00**, and they are good until **December 31, 2019**.
- Prior to burning the permit holder, or designate, shall call 705-782-6802 and leave a message containing the following information:  
1. Name 2. Civic Address 3. Permit Number 4. Date & Time of intended fire

#### JOHNSON TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- DESBARATS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING** - Last meeting before summer on Tuesday, June 11. Lunch meeting 1:30pm, location TBA
- GORDON LAKE SOCIAL CLUB CARDS AND CROKINOLE and 50+ CLUB** are now concluded for the summer. See you in the Fall!!

- Choose a safe time** - Any fire is more likely to get out of control on a hot, dry or windy day. Burn two hours before sunset or later, and ensure that they are out two hours after sunrise.
- Keep your fire small** - Keep your pile of wood, brush, or debris less than 2m in diameter and less than 2m high.
- Choose a safe site** - Piles must be at least 2m from any other flammable materials.
- Stay with your fire** - If you start a fire outdoors, you must take all necessary steps to tend the fire, keep it under control, and extinguish it before leaving the site.

#### JUNE'S FIRE SAFETY CONCERNS

§ Barbecues § Cottage fires § Forest fires

#### WHAT'S THE RISK IN JULY?

§ 9% of annual loss fires occur in July  
§ Average of 32 injuries  
§ Average of 4 fatalities  
§ Top ignition sources: Cooking equipment  
Cigarettes Electrical distribution equipment



#### TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT AVAILABLE -

To low-income seniors and/or persons with disability.  
**PossAbility Community Homes, Desbarats.**  
For applications, visit [www.possibility.org](http://www.possibility.org), Johnson Township municipal office, Community Living Algoma, or call 782-6379.  
Complete applications should be mailed to  
539A Grey Duck Dr. Desbarats, P0R1E0