



## HOLIDAY NEWS AND COVID UPDATES

**Algoma Public Health Statement** - the following is from the APH website. You can learn more at [www.algomapublichealth.com/holidays](http://www.algomapublichealth.com/holidays).

“To minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19, you should:

- stay home if you have symptoms, even if they are mild, and call for testing (705 759 3434 x7152 to book an appointment. Walk-in testing for those WITHOUT symptoms is available beside the West End Walk-in Clinic at 568 Second Line West OR at the Thessalon Assessment Centre, 158 Dawson St. - call 705-356-2265 ext. 2662 )

- keep 2 metres of physical distance from everyone you don't live with, including family and friends
- avoid all non-essential travel
- not host or attend gatherings
- wear a face covering inside public spaces and outdoors if physical distancing cannot be maintained
- wash your hands thoroughly and regularly

It is important to acknowledge and accept that our favorite traditions might be different this year. Old traditions can make way for new ones. Continue to follow public health advice and find new and exciting alternatives that can keep your family and friends safe this holiday season at the APH website.”

**Township Office will be closed from December 22, 2020 to Monday, January 04, 2021**

**PAYMENTS BY MAIL**  
Miscellaneous payments to the Township can be sent through the mail as long as they state the purpose of the cheque (i.e. Property Taxes, Water and Sewer etc.), as well as to which account or roll number it pertains too. Payments can also be made through online banking or by EMT to [people@johnsontownship.ca](mailto:people@johnsontownship.ca)

**Stay safe from COVID-19**



Stay home if you are sick.



Stay 2 metres away from people you don't live with. 2 metres means a car should be able to drive between you.



Don't hang out inside with groups of people.



**WINTER LANDFILL HOURS**  
Wednesdays - NOON to 5PM  
Saturdays - 9AM to 5PM  
**NOTE: Landfill is closed Boxing Day, Saturday, December 26**

**Share Shed Closed for January** - due to expected increases in travel and Covid numbers over the holiday season. Please remember to thank landfill employees and volunteers who spend countless hours providing this VOLUNTARY service.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT—Tips and News



### 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE FIRE SAFE!

Prevent These Leading Causes Of Fire During the Holidays.

**COOKING** - is the leading cause of fires during the holidays. Always stay in the Kitchen while cooking

**HEATING EQUIPMENT** is the second leading cause of fires during the holidays. Heating systems and chimneys should be inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified service technician.

**SMOKING** is the leading cause of fatal fires during the holidays. Butt-out cigarettes in large, deep ashtrays.

**ALCOHOL** is a factor in approximately one in five fatal fires during the holidays. Drink responsibly during the holiday season.

### FIRE MOVES FASTER THAN YOU

You Need To Be Responsible For Your Family's Fire Safety!

Install smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. - IT IS THE LAW! Test them every month.

Develop and practice a home fire escape plan so that everyone knows what to do if a fire occurs.

Keep space heaters at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn, including curtains, upholstery, and clothing

Ensure that vehicles are not left running inside any garage or building.

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**THIS DOCUMENT AND ALL PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN ACCESSIBLE FORMAT.**

## JOHNSON TOWNSHIP NEWS

**Residents on Township Water**-If you plan to leave your home for the winter, please ensure your waterlines are properly winterized and to notify the town-ship office.

**Winter Parking**-Please remember that from now through to April 2021 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.

The Township would like to thank residents for using the recycle bins. As stated before in these pages, diverting material from the landfill site will delay having to close and open a new landfill, a hugely expensive undertaking.

**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 organizations and much more.

## NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**Highlights from the minutes of the October 21 and November 18 Council Meetings.** Please note that this report does not include all proceedings of the council meetings. For more detailed information, please request copies of the minutes at the Township Office.

Council approves:

- the purchase of a new Accounting Software, Sage 50 for approximately \$1,000.00 and a new tax and utility program from The Managed Municipality for approximately \$9,000.00
- the issuing of the Request for Proposals Facility Condition Assessment for Four Municipally-owned buildings
- entering into discussions about a joint shared service with Tarbutt Township for the construction, maintenance and operation of a Sand Shed.
- supporting the resolution from Tarbutt Township with regard to more support for the agriculture industry in Northern Ontario
- the lowering of the speed limit to 60km per hr for a

portion of Gordon Lake Road

- the purchase of a 2021 John Deere 190GW Wheeled Excavator FT4 to support the 10-year Roads development, maintenance, and ditching plan being developed by Public Works.

Council has also adopted a Strategic plan and will be posting it on the website soon. Residents are asked to participate in the strategic plan by letting councilors know what they would like to see - think of it as a wish list so we can plan into the future!

Staff has applied for \$100K in Covid Resilience grant money for improvements to the municipal office and \$60K in grant money bring the Township into compliance with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

Council would like to extend a sincere thank you to all Township staff and volunteers for their hard work and effort during this difficult year.

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 5:30pm, Virtual Meeting, Zoom links provided on township website**

## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Public Works has begun preparing 10-year road development & maintenance and ditching plans for the township.

PW wants you to know that all snow removal equipment has been serviced and sand is delivered—we are ready for winter. Please have patience when there is a snow storm, we have limited resources and over 90kms of roads to attend to, 2 machines, and 3 operators. If a major storm is happening, major routes through the township are opened first. Please see Roads FAQ at the township website if you need to know more about the hows and whys of snow removal.

If you notice any emergency situations on municipal roads, please call the Public Works number 705 782 6601 x-1206 and leave a message.

## RECREATION

The BIG BUCK CONTEST AWARDS were held outdoors at the JTCC Pavilion on Sunday, November 15. Most of the 55 registered hunters attended – full story can be found on the Township Website at [johnsontownship.ca](http://johnsontownship.ca).

The Recreation Committee is currently working on plans for the Winter Activity Festival in February. Plans are for expanded outdoor activities due to Covid restrictions and our responsibility to keep people safe.



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### Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday

8:30am to 4:30pm

Saturday and Sunday

Closed