

LOCAL AREA EVENTS

Joint Annual Meeting of the Algoma Community Pasture & Algoma Cooperative Livestock Sales, Tuesday, February 11, 7PM, Bruce Mines Hall - Guest speaker Megan Van Schank, OMAFRA Beef Cattle Specialist. Light Lunch provided

Valentine's Dance - Saturday, February 15, 8pm to midnight at Echo Bay Elks Hall. Dance to *John McCle-naghan and Perfect Blend*. For tickets or more information call 705-248-2989.

Easter Seals Snowarama/Poker Run 2020 - Saturday, February 22 - Registration at the former Bruce Mines Arena at 8:30am. Retro riders display, snowmobile swap, children's activities, snow golf, crafts indoors, and raffles. To register call Chris at 941 8700 or email

angelchris1@hotmail.com.

Sleigh Ride Fundraiser - Saturday, February 22, for Light Haven Home, at Emiry Farm, 2637 Huron Line, Richards Landing, 2-4pm, snacks provided.

Ernie Eddy Memorial Children's Ice Fishing Derby - Saturday, Feb. 29, 10am-3pm at Twin Lakes St. Joseph Island. Presented by SJI Hunter's & Anglers. Free entry for children. Great prizes.

Algoma Fish and Game Club Children's Perch Derby - Sunday, March 15 at West Neebish Road in Laird Township. Registration is from 9-11am and is open to children aged 14 and under. \$5 per child, which includes a prize, hot dog and a drink. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Items from January 14 & 15 Council Meeting Minutes. Council approves:

- the participation in the surface treatment tender for 2020 for Gordon Lake Road at the cost of \$69,500
- the dispersal of \$12,769.96 to each of the 3 applicants who submitted a proposal and met the requirements for the **Main Street Ontario Funding Program**, once requirements have been met by

each applicant according to the Intake Two (2) applications developed by the Township of Johnson.

- the schedule for the Ministry of Natural Resources fire suppression fees for 2020

Council has asked the Clerk to prepare the start of a draft Business Plan and bring it back to the February Meeting.

NOTE: Visit johnsontownship.ca for the latest news and information as well as full council minutes and agendas.

Next Scheduled Meetings: Committee of the Whole: Tuesday, February 18, 5:30pm. **Regular Council Meeting,** Wednesday, February 19, 5:30pm, **Johnson Township Council Chambers**

ICE RENTALS – Non Prime Time (Monday to Friday 7am-4pm, Sunday 7am-10pm) - \$106.00/hr. Prime Time (Monday to Friday 4-10pm,) 126.00/hr (contract), \$133.00/hr (no contract). Prices include GST. Call **705-782-6723** or visit johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking for more information.

FOOD BOX PROGRAM - This monthly program is still available for Township residents, \$20/box. Orders must be made at the Township office by **Friday, February 14,** pick up on **Thursday, February 20th.** Please pay before picking up.



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Hours of Operation
Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm
Saturday and Sunday
Closed

Township of Johnson



Township of Johnson Recreation Presents a



WINTER ACTIVITY FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 09
1 PM TO 5:00 PM

PLUS: SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY THE SHAMROCK FIGURE SKATING CLUB 1:00PM

BY DONATION

SCHEDULE IN ARENA LOBBY

OUTDOOR EVENTS 1:30 PM - 3:00PM: Bum Slides, 2x4 ski races, Log sawing, Nail Driving, Snow Golf, Snow Ultimate and More!

3:00PM: Draws for all participants!

INDOOR EVENTS 3:30pm - 5:00pm: Skating, Family shinny, Family broomball

Canteen open all day with special menu!

REMEMBERING OUR ROOTS
IN THE JTCC HALL
Local Family Genealogy Display

Thousands of Prizes

Johnson Township Community Centre, Desbarats

www.johnsontownship.ca "Johnson Township Recreation"



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TOWN HALL MEETING
Monday, February 24,
7pm, JTCC Hall
More info on [Page 3](#)

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

INTERIM TAX DUE DATES
1ST INSTALLMENT:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
2ND INSTALLMENT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

DOG TAGS
2020 Dog Tags are available for purchase at the township office for \$10.

- WINTER ACTIVITY FESTIVAL - Sunday, February 09, 1-5pm** at the JTCC. Shamrock Figure Skaters at 1pm, Bum slide, SnoGolf, 2x4 ski races, outdoor and in-arena on-ice activities, broomball, shinny, free skating - Draws for participation! This event will also feature a local genealogy display by Remembering Our Roots, an offshoot of Remember When Algoma, in the Hall.
 - JOHNSON TWP/CU-JO MEMORIAL FAMILY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT - Save the Dates! - Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14** - Competitive and Recreational Divisions. Watch for posters or call the Rec office and talk to Pat—**705 782 6601 x1205**
 - GORDON LAKE HALL CARD PARTY - Friday Feb. 7 and March 6, 7:30pm.** Card parties held on the first Friday of every month with last Party ending in May.
 - DESBARATS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING** Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Call Marlee at **705-782-4236** for more info.
 - 50+ CLUB** meets every Wednesday from 1-3pm at the JTCC Hall.
- SUCCESSFUL JANUARY EVENTS**
- ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT, FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**
- Johnson Recreation teamed up with local arts organization AlgomaTrad to hold this popular event - it was a sold out night, with 135 people attending, and featuring the Parade and Address to the Haggis; fiddling and piping from local AlgomaTrad players; songs and tunes from Sudbury multi-instrumentalist Duncan Cameron, Highland dancing display by McLeod Highland dancers from the Sault; and a great meal by Cheryl Larrett of

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RECREATION, cont'd

prime rib, champit tatties, neeps, carrots and haggis with clanachan for dessert. The Hall looked magical thanks to Julie Schryer of AlgomaTrad and her decoration team. Shamrock Figure Skating Club supplied volunteers to help with the serving and clean-up, for which the Club receives an honorarium. Bruce Mines Legion lent wine and beer glasses and provided an extra hand for the bar.

A true community event, the evening was successful due in no small part to the involvement of 26 volunteers putting in about 200 hours. AlgomaTrad and the Township wishes to acknowledge the help of Marcia McClelland with some important aspects of the evening as well. Thanks to local piper and former Councilor Ross Cameron who offered to Pipe in the Haggis.

FREE YMCA 55+ EXERCISE SESSION—is up and running at the JTCC on Tuesdays at 11:30am. Not too late to sign up - Just show up!! Cheryl's Café provides a healthy Senior's Luncheon Deal directly after each session! Program is supported by the Government of Ontario.

FREE DROP-IN COMPUTER PROGRAM— Is up and running at the JTCC Hall, Wednesdays, from February 05 to March 11, 10am—Noon. Johnson Township Recreation and the Adult Learning Centre are providing a cell phone and/or tablet information drop-in session at the JTCC Hall. Instructor Krista Kerr will be there to help with issues or problems or just to give you an update. First hour will be a group lesson (changing settings, taking good photos, organizing photos, Google search strategies, email and internet safety, etc). Second hour will be Q&A (reduce your frustration and increase your confidence by learning some trouble-shooting skills for your device!)

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

For more information call the **Johnson Township Fire Department** at **705-782-6802**.

Beat the Silent Killer



In Ontario, over 65% of all carbon monoxide deaths and injuries occur in homes.



WOULD YOUR FAMILY ESCAPE A FIRE IN YOUR HOME TONIGHT? PRACTICE YOUR HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN TODAY!

FIRE PERMITS

Reminder to pick up your annual Fire Permit at the office, \$10/year. No fires are allowed without one - and please remember:

No daytime burning

ARE THERE HEROES IN YOUR HOME?



SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

- Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms every month.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Roadways – Minimum Maintenance Standards

Throughout the year, the Township of Johnson receives phone calls and inquiries with respect to the condition of local roads. Most inquiries relate to winter maintenance but as spring rolls around, potholes become a source of inquiry. The Township of Johnson is required to follow **Ontario Regulation 239/02 Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways** as the minimum maintenance standard for the roads within the Township[1].

These minimum maintenance standards are set pursuant to regulation under the Municipal Act, 2001, and establish the minimum standards expected of municipalities in Ontario for certain aspects of the maintenance of the roads, bridges and sidewalks under their jurisdiction. All minimum maintenance standards including the level of service to be provided are based on the classification of a particular highway. Speed limits and traffic volumes determine their classification.

Within the Municipal Act and in particular the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways, every highway under the jurisdiction of a municipality in Ontario is to be classified according to a specified criteria based on the applicable speed limit and the average annual daily traffic. Within the Township of Johnson, traffic volumes do not meet the set criteria for Highway Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4. Therefore, there exists Highway Class 5 roads (50 to

499 vehicles per day), and Highway Class 6 roads (0 to 49 vehicles per day).

The minimum standards for winter maintenance include but are not limited to:

Class of Highway	Patrolling Frequency
5	Once every 30 days
6	None
Class of Highway	Snow Accumulation (Removal)
5	10 cm over 24 hours
6	None
Class of Highway	Ice Formation Prevention
5	24 hours preceding event
6	None
Class of Highway	Treating Icy Roadways
5	With 16 hours of event
6	None

The Township regularly exceeds these minimum standards and while not required, does treat the Class 6 Highways in a similar fashion. These minimum maintenance standards including the amendments will be of assistance to ensure public safety as well as ensuring the Township has done its due diligence.

[1] This information is general in nature and is not meant to be an all-inclusive policy on road maintenance in the Township of Johnson.

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Johnson will hold a **Committee of the Whole, TOWN HALL MEETING** as follows:

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

Location: Johnson Township Community Centre Hall
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss items such as but not limited to:

- Property Assessments
- Taxation Categories

- Reserves
- Financial Results
- Council Observations & Priorities moving forward

This is an open public meeting and all ratepayers are invited and encouraged to attend. Council hopes that if you attend you will provide constructive input and observations that the Township can use in the initial draft of our new Township Business Plan