

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Notes from Council Minutes

(Minutes from recent Council meeting were not available at the publication time of this newsletter.)

JOHNSON COUNCIL WELCOMES GLENN MARTIN

The Township of Johnson Council would like to welcome Glenn Martin to our team as Interim Clerk. Glenn is familiar to Johnson as he is coming to us from our neighbor Tarbutt Township.

He is happy to meet with anyone that has any questions or concerns. He can be reached at

gmartin@johnsontownship.ca or 705-782-6601 Ext. 201.

We look forward to working with Glenn for the foreseeable future.

NOTE: Complete minutes are available upon request at the Township office

Next Scheduled Meeting: TBA—Meeting times and coordinates will be posted on the Township Website. All meetings are by Zoom and links are provided on the township website prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Surface treatment completed for the year including Gordon Lake Road from Government to Old Mill, and patches at McKinnon and by the Gordon Lake Hall. Government Road west of the town will be surface treated in the summer of 2021. Gravel maintenance on Desbarats Lakeside Road completed for the year.

Road maintenance, culvert repairs, and ditching are ongoing.

LOCAL EVENTS

JOHNSON FARMERS' MARKET - JTCC - FALL HOURS

Saturdays 10 a.m. until 2pm
Last Day—Saturday, October

SHARE SHED IS OPEN as of September 5th



- Please remember to wear a mask.
- Items taken from the share shed are at your own risk. Items are not sanitized by staff when left at the share shed.

GOOD FOOD BOX PROGRAM -

The Township has been informed that the Good Food Box program is on track to be up and running in October. Former participants in the program will be notified. Once the program is confirmed, a notice will be posted on the township website and in the next newsletter as well.

THIS DOCUMENT AND ANY PUBLIC DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ACCESSIBLE FORMAT



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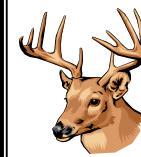
Website:

www.johnsontownship.ca

Hours of Operation

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

Township of Johnson



BIG BUCK REGISTRATION NOW OPEN UNTIL SEPT. 30

Big Buck Registration is available at **McClelland's Hardware and Feed, 17E Trading Post, Cheryl's Café at the Arena, Busting Water Tackle, or through Terry Barber or Cory Moore**

Registration Fee: \$20; registration only, food, if available, not included. Awards Event TBA – **Sunday, November 15, Time TBA** – Due to restrictions around Covid, we are not sure if a Supper in the Community Hall will be possible. An afternoon outdoor event under the JTCC Pavilion is one option being considered.

Event tickets will be made available closer to the date.

johnsontownship.ca for more info!

ATV RUN - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- Registration 8:30am (longer route) or 10AM (shorter route)
- Johnson Township Community Centre
- ENTRY: \$25/hand, \$5 extra card/hand, Winner takes 50%
- Mystery Prize Draws
- ROUTE GIVEN AT TIME OF REGISTRATION
- \$6 ATV Breakfast available at Cheryl's Café at the Arena



Due to Covid restrictions, no BBQ will be offered at the end. Please wear your mask when registering and presenting your cards at the end of the ride.

COMPUTER PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP

Thessalon Adult Learning Centre and instructor Krista Kerr are open and ready for business! They have safety and distancing protocols in place and are happy to see learners return. To review what you've learned or solve problems, on site sessions (only) can be booked with Krista at

kerrk@adsb.on.ca

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

The Township is updating its files and **requests that every household provide updated contact information including phone number and/or email to the office.** This information is important in the event of an emergency and also for general contact purposes if township staff need to reach you. Please call 705-782-6601 Ext. 1-203 or email people@johnsontownship.ca with your information.

Notice: Residents on the Township of Johnson Water and Sewer System— After Hours emergency numbers to call if you have problems with:

- Water System—call P.U.C. (Sault) 705 759 6555
- Sewer System - Karhi Contracting—705 782 6863 or 705 541 8968

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.

FINAL 2020 TAXES DUE

Final Tax bills are presently being mailed out. Final Taxes are now due:

October 15 and November 19

Johnson Township Water and Sewer Users

Please make sure the office **has your current contact info** in case of

Water Advisories and please see the Notice in the marquis box at the bottom left for emergency numbers to call in case of you have a problem with your water or sewer systems.

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JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION

RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Successful Summer Events During a Pandemic

Summer Day Camp Programs

During this summer some limits came into play in terms of what we have been allowed to do for Recreation. However, the Township still wanted to provide outdoor programs for local kids and families following these new restrictions. Recreation planned a series of weekly Summer Day Camp programs for children ages 6-12; starting with a Come & Try Soccer skills session to gauge interest in these programs. Public Health safety protocols were followed, such as: Hand sanitizing station—children were asked to sanitize hands before program begins and after rest breaks • Children were asked to bring their own water and snacks and sharing was not allowed. • Physical distancing was followed as much as possible and no physical contact was allowed • Use of hands on soccer balls and equipment was discouraged.—skills and drills focussed on footwork, passing, and learning positional play. With social distancing in place we maintained both the Soccer and Ball Hockey summer program and a big thank you goes to Youth Summer Employee **Paige Koivisto, hired under the Canada Summer Jobs program**, who helped with both the planning and running of these events. She was assisted by volunteers Karter Koivisto and Kiarra Finlayson.

Bike Rodeo & Pirate Scavenger Hunt 2020

We also held a Bike Rodeo to help kids learn about bike safety by way of a fun obstacle course. This was put on by our summer students, next year we hope there is a larger turnout, and hope to extend this event to more than just the local kids in the community- if the Covid 19 restrictions permit. This year we were unable to have our community night which draws in many families being a really fun summer

event. We still wanted to provide something fun to wrap up the summer for the kids following health guidelines. This was by means of a Pirate Scavenger Hunt, which was received well from the kids in the local community. The hunt included clues within the JTCC area extending to the soccer fields with small prizes for the kids along their scurvy pirate adventure. A big thanks to **McClelland's Hardware and Feed** who donated frozen grog (freezies) for our pirates final clue. Huge thanks to summer youth employee **Savanna Chaisson, hired under the Ontario Summer Employment Program**.



Hike to the Black Hole

We also organized a hike to the Kensington Conservancy Black Hole Property, guided by KC employee Carter Dorscht. Families collected bugs for KC bug survey and learned a lot about this important local wetland.



FOR RECREATION INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA TO SHARE

CONTACT PAT @ (705) 782-6601 EXT. 1-205 OR pogorman@johnsontownship.ca OR

visit us on FACEBOOK at "Johnson Township Recreation"

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS & TIPS

As the season ends – a reminder that smoke and CO alarms are a required for camps and ALL houses that have fuel-burning appliances. Johnson Fire Department will be continuing alarm inspections around the township.

Old out of date units must be replaced – check your alarms for out of date units. Right now, we also want to remind everyone to stay safe when cooking and enjoying meals at home.

- Kitchen fires can start and spread in seconds. Stay in the kitchen when cooking, especially when using grease or when cooking food at high temperatures.
- When using the stove, wear tight-fitting clothes or rolled up sleeves. Loose or dangling clothing can easily catch fire.
- Keep combustible items such as dishcloths, paper towels and potholders a safe distance from the stove. As a rule, if it's not a pot or pan, it doesn't belong on the stovetop.
- Don't be a distracted chef! Be conscious of distractions that take you out of the kitchen. If you need to answer the door or have an extended phone conversation, for example, shut the stove off first.
- Turn pot-handles inward toward the back of the stove. If you are impaired – whether by alcohol, medication, a lack of sleep or something else – do not use the stove, oven or other cooking appliances.
- Keep proper-fitting lids close by for each pot or pan you have on the stove. If a pot or pan catches fire, put a lid on it to smother the flames. Do not attempt to move a flaming pot or pan away from the stove, as that may fan the flames and spread the fire.
- Never try to put a grease fire out with water. If possible, cover the pan with a lid to smother the flames; use baking soda on shallow grease fires. If you can't control the fire immediately, get yourself and your family out fast, and call 911.
 - Built-up grease can easily catch fire, so clean your burner pans and stovetop regularly.
 - A thermostatically-controlled electric skillet or a deep fryer is the safest way to deep fry foods.
- Have working smoke alarms on every level of the house and near all sleeping areas. Check these alarms often to ensure they are in good working order. If you have battery-operated smoke alarms, replace the batteries when you spring forward for Daylight Savings Time, and again when you fall back.
- Have a working fire extinguisher located away from the stove but in the kitchen, or within close reach of the kitchen. Know how to use the extinguisher.
- Use heat-proof oven mitts when moving a hot pan or pot to prevent burns. Keep these oven mitts in a convenient location.
- When using the oven, open the oven door all the way before putting something in or taking something out. This will prevent the door from closing and pinning your arm between the door and the oven.
 - If a fire starts in the microwave, keep the door closed and unplug the unit.
 - Never use a cooking appliance with a frayed or cracked electrical cord.
- Do not overload electrical outlets or circuits by plugging in and using multiple appliances at the same time.
- Teach children about kitchen fire safety. Children who are learning about cooking should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- After you unplug a cooking appliance, make sure electrical cords are not dangling from countertops, where they could be pulled on by small children.