

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Please note that this newsletter does not include all proceedings of the council meetings. For more detailed information, please request copies of the minutes at the Township Office or go to the Meetings page of the website.

Council Minutes of April and May –

Council accepts:

- PUC Report on Water Plant Systems and Lagoon maintenance. Desbarats Water Operations reported zero non-conformance issues. Lagoons need some maintenance and rehabilitation; plans are underway on how these will be undertaken.
- Report from Kresin Engineering on the state of Township Facilities. This report is available on the website or by requesting a copy from the office. The Council and staff are currently working on how to address all issues surrounding upgrades to the Facilities.

Council supports:

- Tarbutt Township, joint owners of the Landfill Site, in continuing the pilot project to ship waste to Michigan until such time as all options to the operations and future funding of the Landfill site and upgrades to it are fully examined.
- A resolution from the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal and all municipalities in seeking to have the Province reverse its decision regarding the closure of the Ontario Fire College as it is the best and most cost-efficient method for municipalities to educate and train firefighters.
- A resolution from Adjal-Torosontio township to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs to amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act to require tile drainage contractors to file farm tile drainage installation plans to local municipalities.

Next Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday July 21, 2021, 5:30pm Virtual Meeting, Zoom link provided on township website

STRATEGIC PLAN ON THE WEBSITE

The Strategic Plan is now available on the website at johnsontownship.ca/strategic-plan/. Once there, you can read an explanation of what a strategic plan is, see what the current plan is, make a suggestion, and/or see what other suggestions have been made. You can also receive a hard cop of the plan by request from the Township Office.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Surface Treatment - Government Rd. from Lake Huron Dr. to the Landfill Site will be surface treated starting around mid-July. At the same time a surface coat will also be applied on Government Rd. from Gordon Lake Rd., East to 4715 Government

Road Closures - Carter Side Rd will be closed July 26 to July 30 for culvert replacements. Public Works hopes to have work

Ditching - Public Works is currently ditching on various roads around the

township—please drive slowly and safely around the ditching equipment and township vehicles. Grass cutting along roadsides has been completed.

PUBLIC WORKS PLAN ON THE WEBSITE

Public Works has designed a comprehensive plan that is now available for review on the Township website at johnsontownship.ca/road-plan/. Once a project on the chart is completed, Daisy the Dancing Cow will appear to celebrate!



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Hours of Operation
Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

Closed
Saturday and Sunday

What's Happening In The...

Township of Johnson

**DESBARATS COMMUNITY NIGHT
DRIVE-BY PARADE
SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2021**
Lake Huron Dr.
from the Fire Hall to Government Rd.
Sponsored By Johnson Township Recreation
Starts at 6:00 P.M.

THEME: "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

FLOAT, HOME, AND COSTUME PRIZES

ERLING LAGERHOLM AWARD FOR BEST THEME FLOAT
FIRST PRIZE \$150 - SECOND PRIZE \$75

Commercial/ Antique Vehicle/ Adult Organization/ Antique Tractor/ Community Groups/ Youth Organization/ Decorated Car-Truck/ Comical/ Farm Float/ Decorated Home/Decorated Tricycle/Most Holiday Spirit/Santa's Sleigh/ Winter Scene plus Costume awards for Santa's Helper, Best Dressed Santa, and Festive Family

One Prize For Each Class

Here's how it works!

Due to the Pandemic and restrictions on large gatherings, we are holding a Drive-By Parade.
Registered entries will assemble along Lake Huron Dr. so the public can view floats and participants from the safety of their own cars!

More info and registration form at:
johnsontownship.ca/ChristmasInJuly

Registration is required!!

Algoma Public Health guidelines will be followed.
Masking and physical distancing will be required and public is encouraged to follow these rules and limit personal interaction.

Guidelines will be posted prior to and at the Parade.

ONLINE FISHING DERBY

**2021 REG McHALE
MEMORIAL BIG PIKE
FAMILY FISHING DERBY**

JULY 30 TO AUGUST 01

SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 2

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

JOHNSON FARMERS' MARKET

- JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTRE - SUMMER HOURS—Saturdays 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Covid Community Night Parade 1

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JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION

RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

MARTIN (REG) MCHALE MEMORIAL FAMILY FISHING DERBY— MOVING ONLINE THIS YEAR!

The Recreation Committee is planning an Online version of the Derby this year. It will occur over 3 days from 5pm, **Friday, June 30 to Monday, August 01 at 5pm**. Online Registration will be required and jpg photo submissions of your Pike measurement must be date stamped. Registration will be \$20/person or \$35/family and your registration is confirmed by your registration fee payment. More information and registration form is available at johnsontownship.ca/2021Derby/.

Proceeds from the Derby support the Fire Department equipment purchase and the Recreation Committee, which provides all-ages programming and events for Johnson Township residents and families across the North Shore.

SOCCKER PROGRAM

We are presently working on how we can get at least a Skills & Fundamentals program going with our summer youth employees and volunteers. Parents who signed up will be getting an email to see if we can get enough volunteer coaches and set up a volunteer Parent's Soccer Committee to help organize the program for this year.

WELCOME OUR SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYEES

We welcome **Paige Koivisto, Patrick Cameron, Karter Koivisto, and Dana Labelle** as our summer students this year. Positions are funded by the federal Canada Summer Jobs and the Ontario Summer Experience programs.

RESIGNATION OF RECREATION COORDINATOR

The following is a letter from Pat O'Gorman, Recreation Coordinator for the Township of Johnson.

"Dear residents of Johnson Township,

I have notified Council that I am resigning my position here at Johnson Township as of July 2nd,

though I will continue to offer my assistance to the Township as it transitions to a new person for this role. My responsibilities with the AlgomaTrad organization have grown to such an extent that I feel I no longer have the time to properly address the needs of this position. I also think that, as our society comes out of the pandemic, the Township is going to need someone who has the time and the dedication to ramp things back up and bring fresh ideas and passion to the work that I and an amazing group of volunteers do to provide meaningful recreation events and programs for the residents of this Township.

I have a lot to be thankful for in the last 14 years. I have learned a lot in this position, skills that have benefitted me elsewhere in my life. It has been a gift to have gotten to know so many of the township residents due to this position. I have had excellent guidance from the group of dedicated individuals who have been part of the Recreation Committee over the years—I can honestly say that their knowledge of the community, their sage advice, and their willingness to pitch-in has been invaluable to me in this job. A sincere thank you to you all, you know who you are.

I have been amazed at the generosity and hard work of hundreds of other volunteers as we designed and implemented annual events like Community Night, the Fishing Derby, Winter Activity Festival, ATV Run, Big Buck Contest, Robbie Burns Supper, and more. Or helped to coach, ref, ump and otherwise support the youth and adult recreation programs like the children's hockey, soccer and slo-pitch programs, summer swim lessons, adult hockey league, senior fitness and learning, etc. I have learned of the pride that many people have in this community and how that pride and willingness-to-work creates a great feeling of "Community" within the community.

I have always felt that **all** the employees at the Township over the years, my co-workers, are people

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who have had my back. They've been super-supportive and friendly and willing to offer advice or pick up the slack where needed. Thank you to you all.

I'd also like to thank all the Council's under which I have served for their continued support for Recreation in this community. I feel lucky to have served in a position where I get to see the best in people, where the results of the work that I and the Recreation volunteers do creates many moments of joy, community, learning, and just plain ol' fun.

Finally, I would just like to pass on the main thing I have learned from this job. It may seem like a banal

statement but: **Community is created by people**—people who are willing to dive in and help out, who are willing to get outside themselves and share their knowledge, skills, and time with their fellow citizens. Community doesn't happen any other way. One person in a township recreation position cannot create community, they can only support those who do. I hope that Johnson's residents and taxpayers will continue to offer their support, advice, and hard work to whoever follows me in this role.

It's been an honour. All the best, Pat"

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE STATS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

What's the Risk in July in Ontario?

9% of annual loss fires occur in July—Average of 36 injuries and 4 fatalities

Top ignition sources: Cooking equipment — Cigarettes — Electrical distribution equipment

BE FIRE SMART—if you love it, don't burn it!!

- Don't start a wildfire while burning grass or brush near your cottage or home.
- Don't burn when it's windy
- Don't light your fire til 2 hours before sunset or later
- Burn a safe distance from anything that can catch fire
- Keep your fire small and have water and a shovel close at hand

Stay with the fire until its OUT!

THREE-STEP SAFETY CHECK of your BBQ

CLEAN - Use a pipe cleaner or wire to ensure burner ports are free of rust, dirt, spider webs or other debris.

CHECK - Examine the hose leading from the tank to the burners. Replace it if cracked or damaged.

TEST - Find leaks by applying a 50/50 solution of water and dish soap to propane cylinder connections and hoses. If bubbles appear, tighten the connection and/or replace the damaged parts and retest

USE BBQS OUTDOORS ONLY!

They produce carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas that can lead to unconsciousness and even death. Never use or store propane cylinders inside any structure, including garages.

FOUR STEPS TO CO SAFETY

To keep your home safe from CO hazards, follow these four steps:

1. **Be aware of the hazard.** Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odourless and poisonous gas produced by common household appliances such as your furnace, fireplace, gas stove, propane heater, kerosene lantern or any other fuel-burning equipment.

2. **Eliminate CO at the source.** Get your home's fuel-burning appliances and equipment inspected by a certified technician who works for a TSSA-registered heating contractor - visit COSafety.ca.

3. **Install certified CO alarms.** They will give you time to take potentially life-saving action..

4. **Know the symptoms of CO poisoning.** They are similar to the flu – nausea, headache, burning eyes, confusion and drowsiness – except there is no fever. If they appear, immediately get everyone, including pets, outside to fresh air and call 911 and/or your local fire department.

When purchasing smoke and CO alarms, look for the Canadian Safety Standard marks on the back. Beware: there are cheap unapproved alarms for sale online.