



The Johnson Chronicle

OCTOBER 2021

13th Annual ATV Poker Run a Mud-Cluster of Fun!



In the early morning hours on Saturday, September 25th bikes galore could be seen preparing for a day of mud-busting fun. At 8:30am 68 bikes and 85 riders took to the trails in search of the winning poker hand.

The riders embarked on a beautiful drive of 140km throughout the North Channel to gather their poker hand of 5 random playing cards. All sealed and secure until they submitted their final hand.

Upon returning to the Johnson Township Community Centre each rider submitted their hand in hopes of securing the winning poker hand of the day. Wayne Mortimore was the successful rider, taking home a grand prize of \$1,300! In addition, Ray Gowlett, Kevin Schwantz, Brian Orchard, and Tom Palmer all won \$25 gift cards to area businesses.

This event has a huge success because of the amazing volunteers who spent countless hours preparing the trail, making up signage, and taking registrations. We send a huge thank you out to trail captain Terry Barber, registration guru's Leah Senecal and Laura Kern, and office admin superstars Frieda Labelle and Savanna Chaisson. This event would not be such a success without their continued dedication.

**Save the date for the 14th Annual ATV Poker Run on
Saturday, September 24, 2022.**

IMPORTANT DATES

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4
ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUE
REGISTRATION OPENS**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25
ARENA OPENS FOR THE
2021-2022 SEASON**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
10AM-2PM
FLU SHOT CLINIC
*BY APPOINTMENT ONLY***

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
PUBLIC SKATE STARTS
6:30-8PM
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
WATER BILLS ARE DUE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
BIG BUCK AWARDS
CEREMONY**

LANDFILL HOURS

**WINTER HOURS ARE NOW IN
EFFECT FROM OCT 1 - MAR 31**

- SATURDAY 9AM-5PM
- WEDNESDAY NOON-5PM
- HOLIDAYS - CLOSED





The Strategic Plan is now available on the website johnsontownship.ca/strategic-plan/. We are actively looking for new suggestions about what **YOU** want to see in **YOUR** community. Let us know by leaving a suggestion.

The Public Works Garage

The Public works team has been out busy as beavers preparing one of the Lagoon's to be cleaned. This long-awaited job started October 1st and is going swimmingly. The team was able to use materials and equipment the Township already had on hand, saving over \$100,000 on the project. Culvert replacement is still ongoing throughout the Township and will continue until winter starts to set in. Things are about to get a little brighter! Through a funding-assisted program, all the exterior lighting and street lights in the Township are going to be upgraded to LED lighting. Providing significant savings on hydro expenses, the upgrade cost is expected to be recouped within 5 years of installation.



FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

September 23rd 2021

Council adopted the site plan for the severance of the property on Margaret Street (school property). Once severed this portion of the property will be used to create a housing development and the remaining portion will see the development of the Natural Playground and recreation space for the community.

Council passed a new By-Law, By-Law 2021-1006, in regards to Covid-19 vaccinations for employees, volunteers, workers, council, contractors, and sub-contractors. All the above-mentioned must be double vaccinated by November 1, 2021, and provide a Proof of Vaccination Passport.

Council supported the NOHFC funding application for repairs to the Johnson Township Community Centre. The application has since moved into stage two with the potential for a \$250,000 grant for Arena improvements. Council also authorized staff to complete an application to The Trillium Foundation for a grant of \$500,000 for arena repairs and improvements. This application has since been submitted and we are optimistic about the result of both grant applications.

Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, October 20th 5:30pm
Virtual Meeting, Zoom link provided on the Township website

Your fire service challenges you to...

Get Loud!



Test your smoke alarms every month. #GetLoud



Notes from the Fire Chief

October 3 - 9 2021 was Fire Prevention Week

Chief Smith has issued a challenge to everyone in Johnson Township to test their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and "#GetLoud!" as part of Fire Prevention Week. Fire Prevention Week ran from October 3-9 and the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department is urging everyone to #GetLoud! and "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™".

By law, every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas however, too often fatal fires in Ontario occur in homes where there were no working smoke alarms. Do you know what your smoke alarm is telling you with those beeps? Chief Smith is challenging you to "Get Loud!" and push the test button on smoke and carbon monoxide alarms every month to learn the sound alarms make.

Testing alarms produce a BEEP, the sound of alarms in an emergency. Replace the batteries if the alarms do not sound when the test button is pushed. If the alarms still don't sound, replace the alarms.

Testing your alarms is the only way to ensure they are working and that you and your family can be alerted in the event of a fire.

"Knowing the different sounds your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make can save you, your loved ones, and your home. A "BEEP" indicates an emergency and you need to get everyone out of the house. A "CHIRP" means the batteries need to be replaced. We Challenge you to take the easiest test you will ever do and #GetLoud! by testing your alarms every month to learn the sound they make and to ensure the batteries are in working order."

— Fire Chief Smith

Arena Bulletin



Ice time is great time! The Arena will re-open this year starting Monday October, 25 2022.

Ice Rentals are now available through the Arena Manager. At a flat rate of \$105/hour. Give her a call to book your family function or Hockey time!

705-782-6723



As of October 14, 2021 in accordance with Algoma Public Health and the Provincial Health order, all patrons (Coaches, Officials, Volunteers, Spectators etc.) aged 12 years and older entering the Arena Facility must provide a Proof of Vaccination Passport. Unless an exception applies. Mask's are still to be worn throughout the Arena Facility. Security will be present at the doors. We appreciate your support and understanding navigating this challenging time.



The Johnson Farmers' Market Desbarats would like to thank everyone for a very successful 2021, we can't wait to see you next year!
The final market for the year was on Saturday, October 9th, 2021.

Events & Recreation

We are thrilled to announce the hire of Patti Trotter as the new Events & Recreation Coordinator for Johnson Township. Patti brings with her an enthusiasm for inclusion and a desire to see this community thrive and grow through numerous events and recreation programs. Her experience includes working for local Not-For-Profit groups in event planning and program building. She has a passion for marketing and supporting small businesses.

In her spare time Patti can be found outside with her horses, mountain biking, or enjoying the snow. Please stop by, send a message or say hi as she starts to get to know her way around Johnson Township.

**Have a burning idea? Want to volunteer?
Just want to say hi? Get in touch with Patti
at ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca**

Johnson Township Adult Recreational Hockey League 2021-2022
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
Visit <https://bit.ly/JTAdultHockey> for more information
or call Johnson Township Recreation at 705-782-2304

As Patti starts to get comfortable in her role, we want to send a huge Thank You to Pat O'Gorman for the outstanding work he has done for the past 14 years in Recreation and Events for Johnson Township. Pat has been instrumental in the development of numerous programs and his community passion will be missed. We wish him well as he starts to focus his time on building AlgomaTrad and whatever other adventures await him.

WHAT'S ON THE CALENDAR?

Johnson Township
PUBLIC SKATE
HALLOWEEN EDITION
FRIDAY OCTOBER 29, 2021
6:30PM - 8PM
\$2/PERSON \$5/GROUP OF 4
PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME BY AGE GROUP
PROOF OF VACCINATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO ENTER THE ARENA FOR ANYONE AGED 12YRS AND OLDER

Johnson Township
Pickup Broomball
EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
\$2/PLAYER
FIRST GAME: FRIDAY NOV 19TH
8PM-9PM

Big Buck Contest

Awards Ceremony
Sunday, November, 14th 2021

at Johnson Township Community Centre, time TBD.
Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Awards Ceremony may take place outside under the Pavilion. Check our Facebook Page for updates.

3 Cash Prizes for Top Antlers
All Participating Hunters Eligible for Draw Prizes
Youth Hunter Cash Prize \$50: for Top Antlers from Hunters Under age 21.

Registration is now Closed

Thank you to all our participating hunters,
and goodluck out there!

Want to get in touch with us?

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