



The Johnson Chronicle

DECEMBER 2021

The Racks Rolled In at the 14th Annual Big Buck Contest



Hunter's from throughout Algoma gathered under the Pavilion at the Johnson Township Community Centre on Sunday, November 14th, 2021 to see if their buck measured up.

15 hunters were successful in securing their bucks this year, but Greg Ford was the luckiest. Greg won this year's contest with a 10 point buck scoring 151.70 points. Greg took home the grand prize of \$300 cash for his successful hunt.

Keith MacKay came in second, with a 10 point buck scoring 145.40 points and taking home \$150 cash. Lucky Defend won third with an 8 point buck scoring 144.10 points and taking home \$75 in cash.

Nelson MacKay was this year's youth (21 and under), winner, with a 10 point buck scoring 91.20 and taking home \$50 in cash.

Each of the 58 registered hunters went home with a locally donated prize thanks to the many generous sponsors from within our community. Prizes this year included a Rifle Scope generously donated by Hunters Headquarters, a Compound Bow donated by Tunnel Lake Trading Post, and many other great prizes from area businesses.

This event would not be possible without the amazing volunteers.

Thanks to Zahida Croskery, Frieda Labelle, Savanna Chaisson, Cory Moore, Terry Barber, and Mark Barber for gathering donations. Thanks to Andrea Waugh, Seanna Cyncora, Una Isherwood, Vincent Latassa, and Rob Routledge from the Sault College Environment Technician and Fish and Wildlife Technician Programs for measuring and scoring the racks. Thanks to McClelland's Hardware, 17E Trading Post, Terry Barber, Cory Moore, and Cheryl Larrett for gathering registrations. The success of this event raised over \$500 towards recreation programs in Johnson Township.

Mark your calendars! Registration for the 15th Annual Big Buck Contest will open on September 1, 2022.

IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAYS ADULT PICK-UP HOCKEY 8PM-9PM

WEDNESDAYS 50+ CLUB MEETINGS 1PM-3PM

THURSDAYS ADULT PICK-UP HOCKEY 7PM-8PM

FRIDAYS PUBLIC SKATE NIGHTS 6:30PM -8PM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, DRIVE-BY HOLIDAY PARTY 1PM-3PM
LIVE CRAFT DEMO 4PM**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, SNOWFLAKE CONTEST CLOSURES

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSED
DEC 20 - JAN 2 2022**

**JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTRE CLOSED
DEC 25 AND JAN 1 2022**

**LANDFILL CLOSED DEC 25
AND JAN 1 2022**

POST OFFICE CLOSED DEC 25, 26 AND JAN 1 2022



THE WINTER PARKING BY-LAW IS NOW IN EFFECT. PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET.

THE SHARE SHED IS CURRENTLY CLOSED.

**LANDFILL WINTER HOURS
WEDNESDAYS 12PM-5PM
SATURDAYS 9AM-5PM
CLOSED DEC 25 AND JAN 1**



\$5,000 Recovery Funding for Local Not-For-Profits



EAST ALGOMA EST
Community Futures Development Corporation
Société d'aide au développement des collectivités

The East Algoma Community Futures Development Corporation has created a Rural Relief and Recovery CED Fund for community-based non-profits to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. Eligible Not-For-Profits could receive a grant of up to \$5,000 to assist in recovery and long-term sustainability. For the application and more information contact sheard@eastalgomacfdc.ca or by calling 705-356-1152.

The Public Works Garage

The snow is here! The public works team has been busy out on the roads clearing snow and sanding throughout the township. Remember to adjust for winter driving on snow-covered roads. If you find a particularly bad area please call the Public Works Garage at 705-782-6601 x206.

This month, you can find our team out on Gordan Lake road working on brush clearing. Please keep your eyes open for men working signs and slow down for our team. We want to see everyone go home safe.



Pushing snow across roads and streets is not only a safety hazard; it is also against the law. The Ontario Traffic Act states:
No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 181

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NOVEMBER 17th 2021

Council saw the first draft of the boundary road agreement for Puddingstone Road between Johnson and Tarbutt. The draft by-law comes into effect to discuss the maintenance and repair of Puddingstone Road, which was developed almost right on the municipality lines. The agreement states that Johnson Township shall perform and coordinate all general maintenance for Puddingstone Road. However, each municipality will be responsible for maintaining its side of the road. Cost for maintenance will be shared 50/50 by the two municipalities.

Township office renovations are now underway. The first stage of renovations will open up the current office space to provide an open concept space for the council chambers. The renovations will also address the health and safety concerns with the aging HVAC system and add additional office space in the springtime. Along with the removal of the portable directly in front of the Township office to make the office more easily accessible..

Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, December 15th 5:30pm

Virtual Meeting, Zoom link provided on the Township website



Events & Recreation

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

The Events & Recreation team is gearing up for a month of Holiday fun! We have a Snowflake-making contest open now - see the insert in your newsletter. Along with a selection of Holiday Public Skate Nights, see the details below.

We are currently developing 2km of Snowshoe trails at the Johnson Township Community Centre and looking for Trail Ambassadors to help with maintaining the trails. Interested? Send Patti an email.



Santa is coming to the Johnson Township Community Centre on Sunday, December 12, 2021, from 1pm-3pm. Santa will be stopping by outside the Community Centre to check on all the good children. Drive-By to get a treat bag and a take-home craft bag from Santa. Then join us at 4pm on the Johnson Township Recreation Facebook Page for a live video demonstration of your take-home craft. A big thank you goes out to the Desbarats Women's Institute for their support and donations to Santa's visit.



Holiday FREE Skates

A gift from your Council, Happy Holidays.

- Monday, December 20, 7pm-8pm
- Wednesday, December 22, 7pm-8pm
- Monday, December 27, 2pm-3pm
- Wednesday, December 29, 6pm-7pm

Family Shiny Game

A fun family friendly night of hockey for children and their parents. Helmets must be worn and children 13 and under need full hockey equipment. Free to Play

- Wednesday, December 29, 7pm-8pm following the Free Skate



We are so very saddened to pass along the news of Teri Winter's passing. Teri was an enormously supportive member of the Johnson Township Community. She was well known for helping out with the annual Fishing Derby and volunteering her time whenever she could for many other township initiatives. She held a seat on our Recreation Committee providing valuable feedback, ideas, and support for recreation activities and events. Her loss will be deeply felt within the Township of Johnson and especially through the Recreation Committee. Our hearts go out to her family.

There will be no Pick-Up Hockey December 23, 27, Or 30th. Resuming Play January 3 2022 at 8pm

Ice bookings are still available. Ice Rentals are available through the Arena Manager. At a flat rate of \$105/hour. Call 705-782-6723 to book your ice time.

Be Merry, Be Bright, Be Candle Safe

- Keep candles in a **sturdy holder** away from children or pets that might knock them over
- Keep candles away from **anything** that can burn
- **Extinguish all candles** before leaving the room, heading out or going to bed

Consider using LED flameless candles!

For more information contact your local fire department.



Notes from the Fire Chief

Enjoy a fire-safe holiday season by following these tips:

- Always stay in the kitchen when something is cooking on the stove;
- Place lit candles away from anything that can burn and out of the reach of children and pets where they can't be knocked over. Remember to snuff out candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Consider using battery-operated or electric flameless candles;
- Drink responsibly. Attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol is too often a contributing factor in fatal fires;
- Make sure the base of real Christmas trees are immersed in water at all times, to prevent them from getting too dry;
- Check all sets of decorative lights before putting them up and discard any sets that are damaged;
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan so that everyone in your home knows what to do if the smoke or CO alarms sound.

Public Notices

COVID-19 case rates are accelerating in Algoma.

*We're going too fast,
We need to slow down.*

STOP THE SURGE

From all of us at The Johnson Township Office
We Wish You All
HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR

CASS Celebrates 50yrs in 2022. The Sentinel is looking for your CASS stories throughout the years. Send your stories and then & now photos to ns-sentinel@bellnet.ca

Around the Community

Drivers Needed

The Dr. HS Trefry Memorial Centre is in urgent need of drivers for both our Medical Transportation & Meals on Wheels programs servicing communities between Echo Bay & Thessalon, including St. Joseph Island.

Please contact us for more info, if you're able to volunteer some time to help us out. Drivers reimbursed for mileage. 705-246-0036 transportation@trefrycentre.ca



Dr. HS Trefry Centre
1601 C Line Richards Landing
705-246-0036

Desbarats Christmas Bird Count

Monday, December 27, 2021. Register with Carter at the Kensington Conservancy at 705-782-2200 or email carter.dorscht@kensingtonconservancy.org

Matthews Memorial Hospital Association Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 11, 4pm in front of the BridgeLink Medical Clinic. Bulbs are \$5 each and go towards fundraising supports.

Desbarats United Church Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24, at 3pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Desbarats

Accepting donations for the annual food drive for Light Haven Christian Home in Bruce Mines until December 24.



Want to get in touch with us?

1 Johnson Drive, Box 160, Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0 | 705-782-6601

www.johnsontownship.ca | @JohnsonTownshipRecreation on Facebook

people@johnsontownship.ca | Mon-Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm

