

Were the Children of Johnson Township Naughty or Nice?



Jolly "Ho, Ho, Ho's" could be heard ringing out at the Johnson Township Community Centre on December 12 2021. The big man in red himself stopped by to check in and see if the children of Johnson Township had been naughty or nice this year.

Santa arrived at the Community Centre around noon on Sunday for a drive-by holiday event. To keep everyone safe Santa checked in on all the children through the safety of their family vehicles. Listening carefully to the wishes and wants of each little boy and girl.

Each car load received a treat bag generously donated by the Desbarats Women's Institute and a take home craft kit for each child.

By the end of the afternoon Santa was happy to report that the children of Johnson Township were very nice and would definitely be put on his nice list.

A huge thank you goes out to Frieda Labelle, Jason Kern and Laura Kern for their help with this event.

Save the Date for the 2022 Children's Holiday Party Sunday

December 11 2022

IMPORTANT DATES

**MONDAY JANUARY 17 2022
SCHOOLS REOPEN FOR IN
PERSON LEARNING**

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26
2022 CURRENT COVID-19
RESTRICTIONS END**

**MONDAY JANUARY 31
WATER & SEWER INVOICE IS
DUE**

LANDFILL HOURS

**WEDNESDAYS 12PM-5PM
SATURDAYS 9AM-5PM**

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE IS NOW CLOSED
FOR THE SEASON. OPENING
EARLY APRIL 2022**

**THE SHARE SHED IS
CURRENTLY CLOSED**

CURRENTLY ON HOLD

- **PUBLIC SKATE**
- **ADULT PICK-UP HOCKEY**
- **PICK-UP BROOMBALL**
- **COMMUNITY CENTRE
HALL AND ICE RENTALS**



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

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.

Time to Update for 2022

2022 Fire Permits are now available on the Johnson Township website and are free. Fire Permits are required for all outdoor burning. You can complete your application online or fill one out at the Township Office. When burning remember to:

- ignite the fire no sooner than two hours before sunset and extinguish it no later than two hours after sunrise
- burn only a single pile at any one time
- ensure the pile is less than 2m in diameter and less than 2m high
- keep the fire at least 2m from any flammable materials
- have tools or water on hand adequate to contain the fire at the fire site
- ensure a responsible person tends the fire until it is extinguished

2022 Dump Stickers and Free Dump Day Passes will be mailed out early February with the interim tax bill.

2022 Dog Tags are now available free at the Township Office. This is the best way to have your pup returned to you if they happen to get loose.

The Public Works Garage

The new sander for the red 3-ton truck has arrived and is being put to the test with this cold winter weather! Remember to adjust for winter driving on snow-covered roads. Whenever possible stay home during a bad winter storm to make it easier for crews to clear the roads quickly. The Winter Parking by-law is in effect.

Please do not park on the roadways until April 2022.

If you find a particularly bad area please call the Public Works Garage at 705-782-6601 x206.

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 DECEMBER 15th 2021

Council was pleased to receive notice from the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund that Johnson Township will be allocated \$69,042.96 annually over the next five years.

This new funding will invest \$15 million into Northern Ontario municipalities to help offset the impact on resource development and community infrastructure projects.

Due to the recent decrease in trained volunteer fire fighters in both Tarbutt Township and Johnson Township a new By-Law was drafted to allow for both municipalities to work together to provide fire protection services. This new By-Law will allow the Township of Johnson and Township of Tarbutt fire departments to respond to calls in both municipalities.

Next Council Meeting:

CANCELLED: Wednesday, January 19th 2022

For the full council meetings proceedings please visit our website for the meeting agendas, minutes, and related materials.

Arena Bulletin

Unfortunately, due to the latest Provincial Guidelines release January 3, 2022 the Johnson Township Community Centre is closed until Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

At this time all ice rentals and hall rentals are on hold. We ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate the ongoing changes to the Covid-19 situation. There has been an increase in snow machine traffic around the Arena. Especially behind the Arena. Please refrain from travelling behind and around the Arena. Packing the snow around the Arena will drive the frost into the ground and cause damage to the foundation of the Arena. Please also refrain from traveling into the Pavilion on a snow machine.



Let's Make Tracks

The recreation team has been working hard to build a 2km snowshoe trail at the Johnson Township Community Centre. With all the new snow we hope to open the trail very soon. Maps will be available at the head of the trail, the

Township Office and inside the Community Centre.

This is a family friendly trail for beginner snowshoers. With lots of options to make your trek short for little legs or those less experienced.

We are searching for donations of Bird Feeders to enhance the trail. Home made, store bought, or a favourite from home all feeders are welcome. If you would like to make a donation please drop them off at the Township Office during office hours.

Please refrain from driving snow machines on the marked snowshoe trail. There is lots of space for us to share the snow.

**SNOWSHOE TRAIL
AMBASSADORS WANTED**

Interested in becoming a Snowshoe Trail Ambassador? Send us an email at ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca

Events & Recreation

Regrettably with the recent change to the regulations many of the January recreation events and activities have been put on hold until January 26, 2022. We are working to create a few fun activities online and outdoors at the Community Centre. Stay tuned to the Johnson Township Recreation Facebook Page for details.

We also regret to announce the cancellation of the Winter's Activities Festival in February 2022.

this decision was not made lightly but with the current lockdown ending January 26th the committee felt we did not have enough time to plan a successful event. We hope to bring you an amazing event in 2023!

The Township Office is still under construction with limited public access. Along with the new Covid-19 regulations many staff are working from home and the front door will be locked. Just knock and a staff member will be happy to help you.

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

Notes from the Fire Chief



Enbridge Gas, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and Johnson Township Fire Department announced they are working to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

Johnson Fire Department received 84 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero—a public education campaign that will

provide over 16,600 alarms to residents in 70 municipalities across Ontario.

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$500,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 13 years, the program has provided more than 68,000 alarms to Ontario fire departments.

When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms help provide the early warning to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure. Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless gas that is a by-product of incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels.

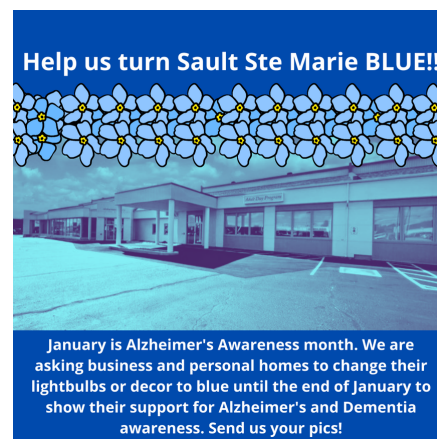
“Carbon monoxide is known as the ‘silent killer’ for a reason, and we have proof that prevention saves lives. We know that the best way to avoid carbon monoxide exposure is to eliminate it at the source by properly maintaining fuel-burning equipment, and that the alarms are a critical second line of defense to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning,” says Luke Skaarup, Director, Northern Region Operations, Enbridge Gas.

“The objective of Safe Community Project Zero is to deliver combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to Ontario communities who need them the most,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. “It's a program that fire departments can adopt to help educate their communities about the requirement for all Ontario homes to have a CO alarm if they have a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage.”

Fire Chief Ron Smith is pleased to participate in Project Zero. “The opportunity to increase awareness concerning the risks associated with CO is indeed appreciated,” says Chief Smith. “The fact that we have alarms to distribute to folks within the community is a tremendous boost to our fire prevention program in Johnson Township.”

Around the Community

Alzheimer Society of SSM & Algoma District



Results of the Desbarats Christmas Bird Count

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 7pm.

Register online with the Kensington Conservancy.

Desbarats Women's Institute



Want to get in touch with us?

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