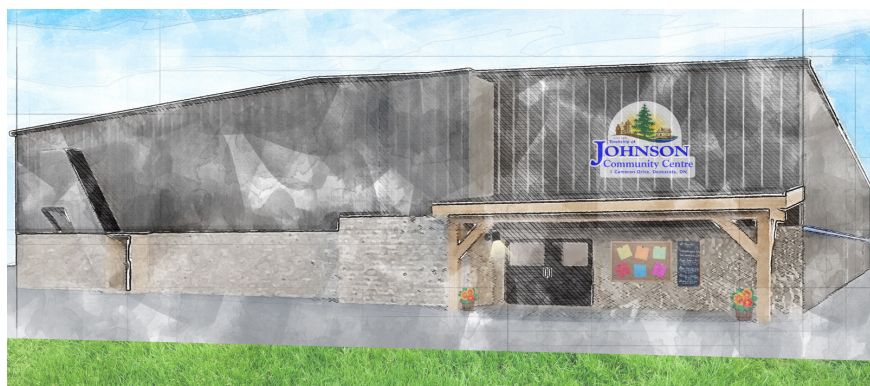




The Johnson Chronicle

MAY 2022

Johnson Township Scores BIG with an assist from the Ontario Trillium Foundation



The Johnson Township Community Centre scored big with a \$500,000 Community Building Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. On Friday, April 8, 2022, Johnson Township unveiled the plans for how this grant, which is focused on capital projects, is being used to help with repairs and renovations that will extend the life of the facility. Construction will begin in May and is expected to wrap up in March 2023.

Originally built in 1978, the Johnson Township Community Centre has been a vital part of the area's recreational activities. The Community Building Fund grant will be put to work to help with a number of upgrades including, replacing the exterior siding and insulation throughout the site to improve energy efficiency. Work inside the building will include improving the heating in all the dressing rooms, installing new rubber flooring, increasing accessibility by adding new handrails and reducing tripping hazards, doing some repairs to the concrete, including the ice pad and the Zamboni room, and finally, repairing the north-west corner of the Community Centre.

Repairs and renovations to the Centre will have a large impact on creating a facility that is safe, accessible, and positioned to handle the demands of not only Johnson Township but 11 additional municipalities that use the space as well. The renovations will position Johnson Township Community Centre to be prepared to bid on larger sporting events or activities, that will add valuable tourism dollars to the local economy.



This project was made possible by the support of The Ontario Trillium Foundation an agency of the Government of Ontario.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 12 SAFE FOOD HANDLERS COURSE

MAY 14 FIRST EVER DESBARATS FOR SALE

MAY 15 JOHNSON SUMMER JOB APPLICATIONS CLOSE

MAY 16 NORTH SHORE SLO-PITCH STARTS

MAY 18 LAST 50+ CLUB MEETING UNTIL THE FALL

MAY 23 VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY

MAY 27 MICHEAL CATLING - A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH ELVIS FUNDRAISER CONCERT

JUNE 1 ARTS NIGHT AT CASS

JUNE 4 JOHNSON FARMERS' MARKET OPENS

JUNE 4 BREAKFAST BUFFET

JUNE JOHNSON JAUNT PARTICIPATION COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Walk the Dog

With the beautiful spring weather finally allowing more people to get outside we would like to remind you, in order to keep everyone safe and comfortable, if you have pets that go outdoors please ensure they stay on your property. If you are out taking your pet for a walk please ensure they are leashed. If you haven't yet we also encourage you to get your dog tags at the township office. Thank you for taking care of all of those who share our community streets and sidewalks.

WINTER DUMP HOURS ARE STILL IN EFFECT UNTIL AFTER THE MAY LONG WEEKEND: SATURDAYS 9AM-5PM & WEDNESDAYS 12PM-5PM

The Public Works Garage

Many of the Public Works Spring & Summer projects have started throughout the Township. You may have noticed the drainage work around the Ball Diamond and Tennis Courts at the

Community Centre. This is part of the funding received to help with upgrades of the Community Centre.

Half load will be off in the coming weeks and work is underway ditching along Government Road between Lake Huron Drive and Gordon Lake Road. Expect delays along this section of road and avoid if at all possible.

The resurfacing of Lake Huron Drive is approved and will begin after the May long weekend with expected completion by the end of June. You can expect delays and detours while work is completed. If you can avoid this area during construction it would be appreciated.

Dust control will begin in the coming weeks with calcium being deposited along our gravel roadways.

Our workers appreciated your patience and understanding as we make some major improvements this summer throughout the Township.

THE SECOND INSTALLMENT OF YOUR TAX BILL IS DUE MAY 31, 2022

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

April 20 2022

Stefanizzi Professional Corporation Chartered Professional Accountants presented the 2021 audited financial statements. No major concerns were noted and the financial statements presented fairly and in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. As the opinion of the auditor the financial statements were easy to analyze, complete, and resulted in no misstatements or disagreements with management.

Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, May 18th 2022 5:30pm

Via Zoom: reach out if you need the link to attend

At the April meeting, the Clerk presented a request to council to rejuvenate and resurface Lake Huron Drive. Since the road was paved in 1973 it has never been resurfaced and repairs just aren't cutting it anymore. The proposal includes work to repair or replace the sidewalk and curb, repair catch basins, provide wheelchair ramps to access sidewalks, and repave the roadway. \$70,000 per year for the next 5 years will be granted to the Township through a program from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and a large portion of these funds could be allocated towards the Lake Huron Drive project.

Events & Recreation

Spring is here! Looking for work this spring? Johnson Township is now hiring for 6 summer positions. If you are between the ages of 15-30 and looking for fun summer employment check out our website www.johnsontownship.ca for the full listing of current jobs. Hired somewhere else and missing a few key certifications?

Johnson Township Recreation has partnered with the Johnsons Farmers' Market to offer a few training courses this spring. On May 12th Algoma Public Health will be offering the Safe Food Handler's Certification Course from 9am-4pm for \$40/person at the Johnson Township Community Centre and on June 8-9 St. John Ambulance will offer Standard First-Aid Training from 9:30am-4:30pm for \$140/person. To register email jtfarmersmarket@gmail.com or call 705-541-1886.

What about Summer 2022? Boy, do we have a fun summer planned for you! Kicking things off we are challenging you all to GET ACTIVE throughout the month of June! We have been lucky enough to receive a grant to help support the FIRST EVER Johnson Jaunt in support of the 2022 ParticipACTION Community Challenge. The ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community. Each individual will track their "active minutes" through the ParticipACTION app, for each minute recorded Johnson Township will get 1 point - the Community with the most points by June 30 has a chance to win \$100,000. We will be issuing Get Active Challenges throughout the month with some awesome active prizes for the top contributors in the Community! Ready to go for a Jaunt Johnson?

You can start your physical activity on June 4 at the opening of the Johnson Farmers' Market by walking the market and stopping upstairs at the Community Centre for the annual Breakfast Buffet from 9am-1pm. Or maybe fishing is more your type of activity, then join us for the annual Reg McHale Memorial Pike Fishing Derby on June 25th, 2022, more details coming soon!

Keep your eyes open for even more summer fun:

- North Shore Soccer Association June 2022
- Community Days "CASS Through the Years" July 8-10 2022
- Swim Program August 2022
- Laser Tag Adventure July 2022
- Get on the Berry Bus June/July 2022
- Meet Your Neighbour

Stay tuned to the @JohnsonTownshipRecreation Facebook page and the Johnson Township website for all the details.

Community Centre Updates

With the weather warming up we are preparing the outdoor tennis court, soccer field, and baseball diamond for lots of summer fun!

We are now accepting bookings for the Rink Floor starting May 2022 until Mid October 2022. Along with any teams that want to book the Baseball Diamond, Tennis Court, or Soccer field for practices or games.

Hall bookings are available all year round for meetings, wedding receptions, art groups, and more. To make a booking please call Patti at 705-782-6601 x205

We are expecting some major construction at the Community Centre throughout the summer, including replacing the North wall. We will do our best to avoid interference with any booking request, but there may be some cross-over. We apologize for the inconvenience.



NOW ACCEPTING RESUMES

For 2022 Summer Job Opportunities in

Seasonal Worker - Public Works

Parks Redevelopment Coordinator

Events & Recreation Youth Assistant

Recreation Attendant

Recreation Student Assistant

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

Safety is Key When Burning Grass and Debris

With the summer weather approaching, we would like to remind you that now is the time to apply for your burning permit. There is no cost to acquire your permit and it can be done easily online at www.johnsontownship.ca/services/fire-department or in person at the Township office. When you do choose to burn please remember:

- **No Daytime Burning:** Please start your fire 2 hours before sunset and extinguish your fire 2 hours after sunrise.
- **Call in Your Fire:** Before you start to burn please phone it in at 705-782-6802.
- **Keep it Small:** Your burn pile must be no larger than 6feet high by 6feet wide.
- **Watch the Wind:** Make sure to burn on a calm day and always stay with your fire.

You are responsible and liable for damages caused by a fire you started so please burn responsibly. Our area is currently rated at High Risk for Forest Fires, we do not have a fire burn in place at this time, but please continue to check for updates at the Fire Hall or on the Johnson Township website.

Join
Micheal Catting
A Walk Down Memory Lane
The Music of Elvis

A FUNDRAISER
for a Ukrainian Family (arriving in May/June, 2022)
JOHNSON COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1 Cameron Drive, Desbarats

Advance Tickets: \$20 / At the Door: \$25
(General Seating / Refreshments available by donation)

ORDER ONLINE: <https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/40721/> (+ Online Fee)

Or IN PERSON: M&J Hair Boutique, 45 Taylor St., Bruce Mines
McClelland's Hardware, Desbarats

Hosted by Lighthouse Community Church
Facilitated by 3-in-1

Friday May 27th 7:30 p.m.

Around the Community

Sustain Algoma 2022



July 16th at the Johnson Township Community Centre. Registration now open for vendors visit www.sustainalgomaexpo.com. 2022 Table Discounts are available!

AlgomaTrad

Family Camp 2022 is Monday August 8 - Sunday August 14. More details are available at www.algomatrad.ca/camp

50+ Club

Last Meeting will be Wednesday May 18th until the Fall.

Kensington Conservancy



May 26, 9am: Spring Plant ID: Join staff from The Kensington Conservancy and learn how to identify some of the first plants to emerge and flower in the spring.

Want to get in touch with us?

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www.johnsontownship.ca | @JohnsonTownshipRecreation on Facebook
people@johnsontownship.ca | Mon-Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm