



# The Johnson Chronicle

JULY 2022



## Annual Reg McHale Memorial Big Pike Family Fishing Derby Returns to In-Person



An exciting day out on the water was had by all who attended the annual Reg McHale Memorial Big Pike Family Fishing Derby on June 25, 2022. The event brought just over 100 anglers to the area, each hoping to pull the longest pike out of our beautiful local waters!

Anglers of all ages could be seen out on the water - some as young as 2 years old. In fact, our \$500 Overall Grand Prize winner was just 13 years old! Ella Lytham wrestled in Saturday's winning pike which was 36 1/4 inches long. Her sibling Russ Lytham (15) came in as the Youth 1st place runner-up while another set of siblings, Heath (12) and Deegan (11) Desjardin swept the Youth winner's board claiming the spots of Youth 2nd and 3rd place runners-up. In our Adult category, Devin Bowes claimed 1st place runner-up with a Pike measuring 34 inches. Eric Vezina and Pentti Koskela claimed 2nd and 3rd place respectively as Adult runners-up. Many family members of the late Reg McHale were involved in this year's Derby. Children Carol Trotter & Stan McHale, grandchildren Hollie Lefebvre (Zachary Lefebvre), Caleb McHale, Brandon Trotter (Patti Trotter), Dani MacKenzie (Alec Mackenzie), and great-grandchildren Eddy Trotter & Kai Forest Lefebvre all spent time on the water helping to honour the former Fire Chief, Reg McHale. Anne McHale - wife of the late Reg - supported the event tremendously by volunteering and presenting the original trophy to our young Grand Prize winner, Ella! In total, over \$600 was raised for the community!

**Save the date** for the next  
Reg McHale Memorial Big Pike Family Fishing  
Derby Saturday, June 24, 2023 !

### IMPORTANT DATES

**TUESDAY'S 10AM STROLLER WALKING GROUP**

**SATURDAY'S 9AM DESBARATS FARMER'S MARKET**

**JULY 1 NORTH CHANNEL HOCKEY REGISTRATION OPENS**

**JULY 8 & 9 "CASS THROUGH THE YEARS" JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAY CELEBRATIONS**

**JULY 16 SUSTAIN ALGOMA EXPO**

**JULY 24 CHRISTMAS IN JULY VENDOR SHOW**

**JULY 29 CANNING WORKSHOP**

**JULY 31 UTILITIES BILLS ARE DUE**

**AUGUST 1 CIVIC HOLIDAY**



Please ensure your property is maintained this season. **This includes the continued cutting of grass and general upkeep of your yard.** When near long grass, keep in mind that ticks may be present so please check yourself and your pets.

## A Friendly Reminder to All

## The Public Works Garage

The resurfacing of Lake Huron Drive is well on its way with expected completion in the middle of July. You can expect delays and detours while work is completed. If you can avoid this area during construction, it would be appreciated.

New gravel and calcium for dust control have now been laid throughout a variety of roadways in the Township. Please watch for loose gravel, and drive accordingly.

**SUMMER DUMP HOURS ARE IN EFFECT UNTIL OCTOBER:  
SATURDAYS 9AM-5PM | SHARE SHED 9AM-5PM  
WEDNESDAYS 12PM-7PM | SHARE SHED 12PM-5PM**

## NOTICE

**During the 3rd week of July, please expect delays and road closure on Old Soo Road.**



**The Fisher Road bridge replacement is scheduled for the 2nd week of August.**

Government Road is ready for surface treatment and should be completed around the middle of July. Roadside grass cutting will begin the 1st week of July.

## FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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The 2022 budget has been passed with a zero tax increase for 2022. This was possible due to careful planning and aggressive application for Grants. With unspent funds from 2021, the Johnson Township Fire Department is planning some exciting improvements including upgrading the fire bunker, upgrades to various radio equipment, and the purchase of a drone.

The Joint Landfill Meeting occurred on June 1, 2022 to discuss ongoing efforts to run the Johnson & Tarbutt Joint Landfill Site. Many options are being discussed to help improve operations and cut costs at our local landfill. Any changes made regarding where to dispose of different types of waste will be communicated through the Landfill Site Staff.

### Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, July 20th 2022 5:30 PM

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





## Events & Recreation

We are in the full swing of summer and are very excited to invite everyone out to enjoy **Johnson Township Community Days this year happening on July 8th and July 9th** at the Johnson Township Community Centre. The theme is "CASS through the years" in recognition of their upcoming 50th anniversary.

The North-Shore Slo Pitch season has ended and our teams finished off the season with a tournament on June 18th.

Congrats to all the players, the Novice team won their divisional tournament here on the home diamond.



Thank you to all the volunteer Coaches, Umpires, and parents who gave their time to make this league happen.

Our soccer fields are prepped and we are welcoming anyone to come out to practice at any time! **Please be respectful of the field and all equipment.** The North Shore Soccer Association has already kicked off with some practices & games. Good luck to all of the teams this season!

During the month of June, Johnson Township participated in the "#JohnsonJaunt" as part of the 2022 ParticipACTION Community Challenge. This initiative was launched by the Government of Canada to encourage people of all ages and abilities to get out and be active with the winning community winning \$100,000 for community recreation. Canada tracked over 400,000,000 active minutes from June 1 - 30! Check out the Participaction.com website after July 5th to see the top 50 finalists from across the country. Thank you to everyone who got out and got active!

You may have noticed the Community Beautification Project has begun. The boxes at the Johnson Township Firehall and all along Lake Huron Drive will be stained, painted, and fresh flowers will be added into the month of July.

**Stay tuned to the [@JohnsonTownshipRecreation](#) Facebook page and the [Johnson Township Website](#) for all the details regarding Events this month.**

## Community Centre Updates

Work is continuing on the replacement of the North wall at the Community Centre. You may have noticed the progress of beautiful new dark grey exterior siding along the sides of our Community Centre! The rubber mat flooring inside the entire first floor of the Arena is currently being replaced with expected completion later this month. As construction inside and outside the Community Centre continues, we will do our best to avoid any interruptions in services and bookings. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time and can't wait to unveil the final results!



We have hired 3 new summer students in Recreation. Please welcome Brandt Kahri, Tiana Rancourt, and Dana Labelle. If you see any of your Rec Team out and about, please don't be afraid to say hello and ask about upcoming events! Thank you to everyone who came in for an interview.

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

# Notes from the Fire Chief



If you haven't already, 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](http://www.johnsontownship.ca/services/fire-department) or in person at the Township office.

## Want to burn? Follow these steps!

- Check with the Johnson Township Fire Department to determine whether open-air burning is permitted by calling 705-782-6802.
- **Fires should be built on bare soil or exposed rock.**
- Remove leaves and twigs from around the fire to keep it from spreading.
- **Always keep a bucket of water, sand or even a shovel close by.**
- Supervise the fire at all times.

## Around the Community

### Sustain Algoma 2022



July 16th at the Johnson Township Community Centre. 9am-2pm

### Village of Hilton Beach

Arts at the Dock on Sunday, July 17 @ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Classic Car Show & Live Music on Saturday, July 23 @ 12:00-4:00 PM

### AlgomaTrad

Family Camp 2022 is Monday August 8 - Sunday August 14. [www.algomatrad.ca/camp](http://www.algomatrad.ca/camp)

### Central Algoma Early ON Child & Family Centre

In-Person **Playgroup** now open  
Tuesday's at the Central Algoma Child Care (The Daycare entrance at CASS).  
From 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

### Calvary Baptist Church

Summer Service (beginning June 26) is on Sundays at 10:30 AM.  
Starting in September, Main Service is on Sundays at 11:00 AM.

### Kensington Conservancy

Salamander Board Check  
Location: The Kensington Conservation Centre  
Dates: Friday, July 8 @ 9:00 AM  
Friday, July 22 @ 9:00 AM  
Friday, August 5 @ 9:00 AM  
Visit: [www.kensingtonconservancy.org](http://www.kensingtonconservancy.org)

### Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre

Tuesday, July 19 @ 9:30-10:30  
Coffee Connections and Tech Tuesday (senior friendly i-Pad lessons)

### All Tribes Christian Camp

Family Camp: July 8-10  
VBS Day Camp 1: July 18-22  
VBS Day Camp 2: July 25-29  
[www.alltribes.org/register](http://www.alltribes.org/register)

REGISTRATION  
OPENS  
**JULY 1**

TO REGISTER  
Visit Our Website

[www.northchannellighting.ca/registration/](http://www.northchannellighting.ca/registration/)



Keep checking our Facebook page for updates and events!

## Want to get in touch with us?

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