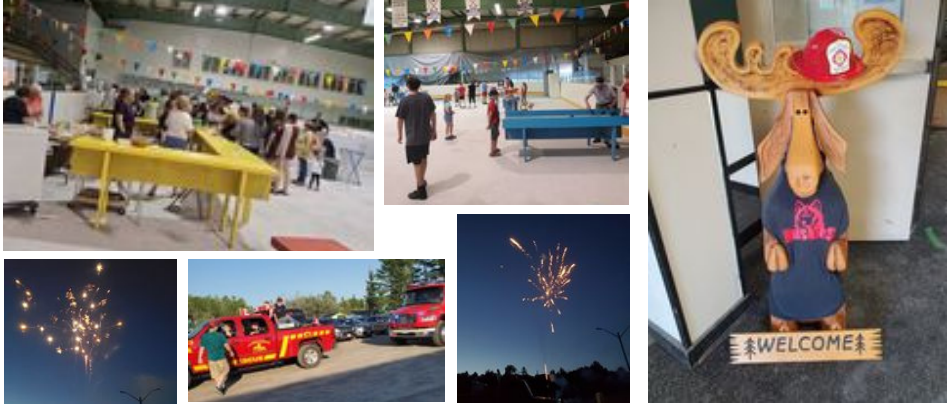




# The Johnson Chronicle

AUGUST 2022

## Desbarats Community Days Returned with a Bang!



Johnson Township was overjoyed to host the return of in-person

### **Desbarats Community Days celebrations on July 8 and 9th.**

The theme for 2022 was "CASS Through the Years" to help inspire locals to get involved in CASS's 50th-anniversary celebrations coming up in 2023. This year's Community Days celebrations saw a few exciting changes including a new kick-off event on Friday evening (July 8th). Many community members gathered under the Pavilion at the Johnson Township Community Centre on Friday evening to enjoy bonfires, s'mores, and a fireworks show. Saturday, July 9th's beautiful weather prompted community members to come out to enjoy the classic Community Days parade. Prizes of over \$800 from the Erling Lagerholm Fund were awarded to winning floats in a variety of categories. After the parade, celebrations on the Arena floor included games such as Fish Pod, Axe Throw, Plinko, Hockey Shuffle, and more! Outside, laughs could be heard for miles as many children enjoyed 4 inflatable bounce castles! There was no shortage of food options, with Beef on a Bun, BBQ Sausages, and 33 donated homemade Pie's for the Pie Booth everyone had something to choose from. Live musical entertainment for the evening was provided by Algoma Brass Band under the Pavilion and Matthew Fearnley-Brown inside the Arena.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**AUGUST 1 CIVIC HOLIDAY -  
OFFICE CLOSED**

**SATURDAY'S 9AM-2PM  
DESBARATS FARMER'S MARKET**

**MONDAY'S AND THURSDAY'S  
SENIORS IN-PERSON EXERCISE  
CLASS 10 AM AT BRUCE STATION**

**AUGUST 24 ROLLER SKATE  
NIGHT 7PM-9PM**

**SEPTEMBER 1 REGISTRATION  
OPENS FOR THE ANNUAL BIG  
BUCK CONTEST**

**SEPTEMBER 5 LABOUR DAY -  
OFFICE CLOSED**

A sincere thank you to all volunteers, the Desbarats Women's Institute, the Gordon Lake Social Club, Cheryl's Cafe, and the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department for their invaluable efforts to make Community Days happen. Without you these events would never happen.

**Save the date for the next year's  
Desbarats Community Days  
Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th, 2023 !**

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

## The Public Works Garage

The resurfacing and rehabilitation of Lake Huron Drive and the hard-surfacing of Government Road are now complete. **Motorists are reminded to please obey the posted speed limit signs on our newly surfaced roads in order to keep our community as safe as possible.**

### NOTICE

**The Fisher Road bridge replacement is scheduled for August 2nd-12th. Fisher Road will be closed & impassable from Government Road to Deplonty Road during this time.**

## A Friendly Reminder to Stay COVID-19 Vigilant

### How?

- Staying up to date on vaccinations
- Wearing a well-fitted mask
- Keeping indoor spaces well ventilated
- Physical distancing
- Handwashing
- Screening for symptoms and staying home when ill



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## FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**JULY 20, 2022**

Discussions continue with Tarbutt Township on how to best proceed regarding the operational plans of the Joint Landfill Site. Tarbutt Township is currently overseeing the management of the Joint Landfill Site, under a one year trial period agreement.

Preliminary information and costs to replace the Cora Road bridge which washed out many years ago has begun and will be reported on in upcoming council meets.

### Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, August 17th 2022 at 5:30 PM

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

The Gordon Lake Hall rehabilitation process is almost completed. **Stay tuned for a grand reopening of the Gordon Lake Hall** for supporters to drop-in and see the renovations!

A new Cemetery by-law has been drafted which would allow offering mixed burial options, including traditional and cremation (new). The draft will be sent to the Provincial Agency responsible for approval.

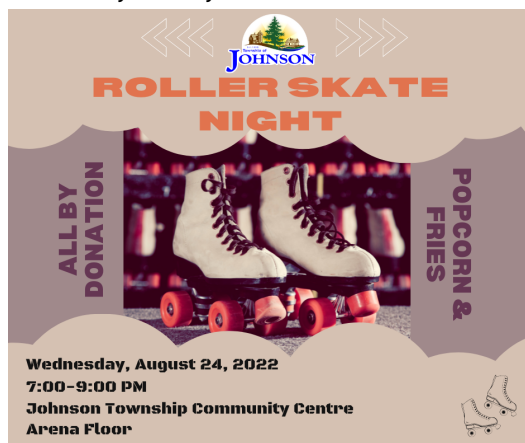


## Events & Recreation



Are you ready to get your Roll On?! Johnson Township Recreation is very excited to invite everyone to our first **Roller Skate Night on August 24, 2022, from 7:00-9:00 PM**. The event will be located at the Johnson Township Community Centre on the Arena Floor. Don't have skates? That's okay, we have a small selection of roller skates for you to borrow! Helmets are recommended for this event. Admission is by donation and includes a bag of popcorn and a large fry provided by Cheryl's Café.

During the month of July, Johnson Township Recreation partnered with the Central Algoma Early ON Child & Family Centre for community Stroller Walks on Tuesday's at 10:00 AM. These walks usually included an interactive trip to the



Desbarats Country Produce Market and a stroll around the hamlet of Desbarats. Thank you to the Early ON Staff and all those who participated!

The North-Shore Soccer Association season has ended and our teams finished off the season with a soccer bash on July 28th. Congrats to all the players, we hope you had fun! Thank you to all the volunteer coaches, referees, and parents who gave their time to make this league happen. Our soccer net will remain up until the late Fall. **Community Members may feel free to use the soccer fields at any time but, are reminded to please be respectful of the field and all equipment (no motor vehicles on the field).**



flower boxes & signs located along Lake Huron Drive.

Our Recreation summer students are excited to announce the completion of the Community Beautification Project! We spent some time refreshing the appearance of the Johnson Township

## Community Centre Updates

The construction at the Johnson Township Community Centre is going well and is currently within budget (funded through Grants). The replacement of the rubber mat flooring on the first floor of the Arena is now completed. Concerns regarding the building's water pressure have been addressed and users should see an increase in pressure this season. Drainage work has been completed along the North and West wall of the Community Centre with the North wall finally being enclosed. Issues with the North wall are thought to have been a result of a failure of the original drainage system which has now been rectified. The new exterior siding for the upper section of the Community Centre is expected to arrive and be installed 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!



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

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 Municipal Office.



**A friendly reminder that burning plastics and rubber tires can release toxic chemicals and greenhouse gases into the air which affects the surrounding community and all people/creatures who live there. Please be respectful of our clean air.**

## Fire Permit Conditions

- the permit holder must have the permit at the burn site
- burning may only take place two hours before sunset, during the night, and 2 hours after sunrise
- the permit holder must not leave the burn site until the fire is completely extinguished
- the permit holder assumes full responsibility (including criminal/financial) if the fire causes damage
- **failure to comply can result in your permit being revoked**

## Around the Community

### Bruce Mines Run Around the Bay 2022

6 km or 10 km options

Location: Bruce Mines Marina

Date: Saturday, August 13 @ 8:30 AM

### 2022-23 SCHEDULE

U7: Mon & Wed at 6pm  
U9: Mon 6pm & Wed 7pm  
U11: Mon & Thurs at 7pm  
U13: Tues 7pm & Thurs 8pm  
U15: Mon & Wed at 8pm  
U18: Tues 8pm & Thurs 9pm

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Dec 19 - Dec 30  
MARCH BREAK March 13 - 17  
CAHL Playoffs: March 3-5



Additional notes:  
Holiday Monday practices will be moved to the Friday  
Thursday practices MAY be bumped up one hour

**OPEN Saturdays**  
9 am to 2 pm  
Follow us on Facebook for upcoming news & events!

June 4th - October 8th  
1 Cameron Ave, Desbarats

### The Kensington Conservancy

#### Gravel Point BioBlitz

Location: Gravel Point Preserve

Date: Saturday, August 13, all-day

#### Salamander Board Check

Location: The Kensington Conservation Centre

Dates: Friday, August 5 @ 9:00 AM

Friday, August 19 @ 9:00 AM

Friday, September 2 @ 9:00 AM

Visit:

[www.kensingtonconservancy.org](http://www.kensingtonconservancy.org)

### Central Algoma Early ON

#### Child & Family Centre

##### In-Person Playgroup

Tuesday's at the Central Algoma Child Care (The Daycare entrance at CASS) from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

##### Teddy Bear Picnic

Tuesday, August 16 @ 10:00 AM

See location above.

### Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre

Tuesday's 9:30-10:30 AM

Toonie Tuesday Social Hour (\$2 coffee & muffin) & Internet Café (senior-friendly i-Pad lessons available).

### Calvary Baptist Church

Summer Service is on Sundays at 10:30 AM. Starting in September, Main Service is on Sundays at 11:00 AM.

### Bruce Mines and District Museum

Love local history?

We are open for visitors Tuesday-Saturday from 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM, or by appointment. Please call 705-206-0759.

**Want to get in touch with us?**

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