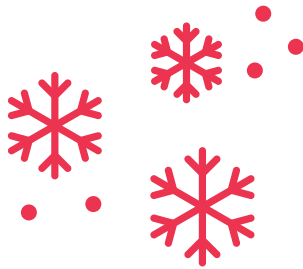
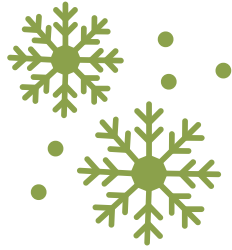




# The Johnson Chronicle

JANUARY 2023

## KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 11, 2022



On Sunday December the 11th, we had a skate party; then we went upstairs for some cookies and hot chocolate to warm up. We also painted a Christmas ornament and made paper towel Santa's, having a lot of fun singing Christmas carols until Santa arrived. The kids got to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas and got their picture taken. Santa listened carefully to the wishes and wants of each little boy and girl.

Each child received a treat bag generously donated by the Desbarats Women's Institute and a take home gift bag.

A huge thank you goes out to Dana Labelle, Jason and Laura Kern, Patrick O'Gorman and Julie Schryer for singing Christmas carols with us. Thanks to Anne McHale for helping with cookies and hot chocolate. We loved seeing everyone there!

**Save the Date for the 2023 Children's Holiday Party:**

**Sunday December 10th, 2023**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**INTERIM TAX BILLS WILL BE COMING YOUR WAY SOON**

**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 2023**

**THE SHARE SHED IS OPEN**

### CURRENTLY ON

- **PUBLIC SKATES - WATCH FOR SOME OF OUR FUN UPCOMING THEMES!**
- **COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL AND ICE RENTALS**

## Time to Update for 2023

**2023 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 have someone fill it out for you online 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

**2023 Dump Stickers** and Free Dump Day Passes will be mailed out with the interim tax bill. Make sure you keep them in a safe place for when you decide to have a big dump day. Please show your ticket to the attendant and all fees will be waved for you.

**2023 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

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 2023.

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

Safe Driving out there folks!



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



### Next Council Meeting:

Wednesday, January 18th 2023 at 6 pm.

In person at the Johnson Township Community Hall Upstairs

## Events & Recreation


### EVENTS HAPPENING IN OUR AREA:

#### Desbarats Women's Institute

Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each month at the Johnson Township Community Hall.

#### Gordon Lake Social Club

Ready for games, fun, and snacks? Go on down to Gordon Lake Hall the first Friday of every month for Card Parties, and Crokinole!

Save the date on your calendar for the next Card Party: Feb. 3rd, 7:30 with a \$5.00 entry. 

#### 50+ Club

50+ club is up and running, every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Johnson Township Community Hall.

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#### Benefit for Brandon Trotter

Saturday January the 21st features the music stylings of Mark Tarantini, on behalf of Brandon and his family to help as he battles his current health conditions. This is being held at the Echo Bay Elks Hall, 96 Church St. starting at 7pm. To get your tickets call: (705)-849-7721 (admission restricted to 19+)

#### Robbie Burns Supper

Friday, January 25th boasts the annual Robbie Burns supper. Enjoy a hearty meal, live Scottish tunes, and good company. Dinner is being held at St. George's Anglican Church, 159 Church St. Echo Bay at 6:00pm. Tickets are limited so to book yours call:

(705)-253-6456



Thanks for your support!

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

This month's notes from the fire chief are in regards to Battery Safety. The batteries that power many of our household items such as: laptops, cell phones, power tools, vaping products, children's toys, and other products contain harmful substances like acids that can cause serious injury or even death if swallowed by a child. They can also pose a risk of fire or explosion. Take the time to learn how to safely install, use, store, and dispose of Lithium-ion (li-ion) batteries:

- **Charging:** These batteries can overheat, catch fire or explode if they are not charged in a safe manner. **DO NOT** charge your device on soft surfaces- such as a couch or bed. This can trap heat around the battery. Use your charger in a place where you can keep an eye on it for overheating.
- **Installation:** Do not use different types of batteries together (mixing rechargeable with non-rechargeable batteries)
- **Use:** Always read and follow instructions, not using any batteries that are damaged in any way. Don't leave any battery-operated devices on your bed as you sleep- burns and other injuries can occur if they overheat or leak during the night. As always, batteries are not toys-don't give them to children. Keep them within line of sight.
- **Storage:** Batteries can catch fire or even explode when in contact with metal- keep this in mind when storing.
- **Disposal:** Avoid throwing out in household garbage. Never toss into a fire, this could lead to batteries bursting or exploding. Always keep away from children to prevent the biggest risks.



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