



The Johnson Chronicle

MARCH 2023



Folks Flocked to Family Day, Fun Day



It's 1pm on Monday, February 20th the sun is shining, just warm enough to feel it on your bare skin, and families galore are flowing into the Johnson Township Community Centre parking lot dressed head to toe in outdoor gear with toboggans in hand. This is the scene that greeted Recreation Staff and Volunteers at the Family Day, Fun Day Winter Carnival. Volunteers were ready and waiting at the top of the bum slides to welcome children young and old to race down the large snowy mountain. While others took part in classic favourites like the 2x4 Family Ski Races or Log Sawing and Nail Driving provided by Hugh Hunter and his grandson. Or you could find families running through the woods testing their skills on the obstacle course. By 1:30pm the bulk of families could be found gathered around the large hay pit encouraging their children to find the "Money in the Hay". As Loonies, Toonies, and Quarters were tossed into the hay and each designated age group had only minutes to find what they could. By the end, even the parents had a go to see what they could find. Taking their winnings indoors families were found enjoying a hot chocolate and watching the Skate Show hosted by The Shamrock Figure Skating Club. As the show ended families went upstairs to wait their turn at Face Painting provided by Melissa from the Bruce Mines Public Library and volunteer Riley Scourse. Back outdoors to sit around the campfire and roast marshmallows. With the rest heading out onto the ice for a Free Skate. As the day came to an end children picked out a prize for completing the various activities, thanks to many generous donations from McClelland's Hardware, roasted one more marshmallow and packed up to head home.

We want to thank everyone who came out and supported this fun-filled day, we had over 300 people attend this annual event. We hope you had as much fun as we did. Through donations, \$80 was donated to the Bruce Mines Public Library and over \$300 was raised for local Recreational Programming.

IMPORTANT DATES:

**FRIDAY MARCH 3:
GORDON LAKE SOCIAL CLUB
CARD PARTY 7:30PM**

**MONDAY MARCH 6, 13, 20,
27: SENIOR 50+ YMCA SWIM
AND GYM**

THURSDAY MARCH 9:

- **VEGETABLE WORKSHOP
9AM-3PM**
- **DIGITAL MEDIA
WORKSHOP 6:30PM-
8:30PM**



**SUNDAY MARCH 12:
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**

ADSB MARCH BREAK 13-17

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 15:
10AM-11:30AM TODDLERS &
TOTS SKATE**

**MARCH 17-18 CU-JO
MEMORIAL FAILY HOCKEY
TOURNAMENT**

**SATURDAY MARCH 25:
8:30PM EARTH HOUR**

MONTHLY:

**WEDNESDAY'S: 1PM-3PM
50+ CLUB MEETINGS - JTCC
HALL**

**FRIDAY'S 6:30PM - 8PM -
SKATE NIGHT PARTY'S**

**WATER & SEWER METER
READINGS & BILLING**

Events & Recreation

Registration is Now Open

Registration is now open for the **2023 CU-JO Memorial Family Hockey Tournament**. Put your team together for **Friday, March 17th and Saturday, March 18th 2023**. Register for the **Competitive Division aged 14+** or the **Family Division for those aged 6+**. Bar Service will be provided by the Bruce Mines Royal Canadian Legion Branch 211 Friday night and Saturday. Saturday night up in the hall there will be pizza for sale by the slice, games, and music. Register online at



www.johnsontownship.ca or contact Patti at 705-257-6827, ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca. Team registration is \$450 with funds raised going towards a scholarship for a local graduating Gr. 12 and Gr. 8 student.

March Break: March 13 - 18, 2023

Join us at the Johnson Township Community Centre for drop-in programming all March Break long. Donations are welcome to help offset cost of supplies but not necessary to attend.

- Monday**
 - 10am-12pm:** Cricut 101, stop by to learn how to use the Cricut Maker.
 - 12pm - 1pm:** Free Skate
 - 7pm-8:30pm:** Family Pick-up Broomball
- Tuesday**
 - 10am-12pm:** Board Game Bonanza
 - 12pm-1pm:** Free Skate
 - 7pm-8:30pm:** Family Pick-up Broomball
- Wednesday**
 - 10am-11:30am:** Toddler & Tots Skate
 - 12pm-1pm:** Free Skate
 - 3pm-5pm:** Bring your Own Craft (or craft with ours!)
 - 7pm-8:30pm:** Family Pick-up Broomball
- Thursday**
 - 12pm-1pm:** Free Skate
 - 1pm-3pm:** Movie Showing of DC League of Super Pets
 - 4pm-6pm:** Family Pick-up Powderpuff Flag Football: on the Soccer Field
- Friday**
 - 3:30pm-5pm:** St. Paddy's Day Skate Party
 - 5pm:** CU-JO Memorial Family Hockey Tournament Starts
- Saturday**
 - 8am-6pm:** CU-JO Memorial Family Hockey Tournament
 - 6pm:** After-party, Karaoke, Pizza, & Bar Service



We are searching for new volunteers to help with upcoming Township Events. Get in touch with Patti at ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca or on Facebook @JohnsonTownshipRecreation and indicate which event you want to help with.



Public Skate Party's

Rock the rink on Friday nights by joining us at the Public Skate Party's **6:30pm-8pm every Friday** at the Johnson Township Community Centre. This **month's themes** are:

March 3rd: 90's Throwback | **March 10th:** Free Skate **Sponsored by the Bruce Mines & District Lions Club** | **March 17th:** **TIME CHANGE 3:30pm-5pm:** St. Paddy's Day Party | **March 24th:** Glow-in-the-Dark Night | **March 31st:** Farewell Skate

Entry is by Donation or a non-perishable food donation for the local food bank. Helmets and Skates are available at the rink to borrow.



Community Centre Bulletin

We are thrilled to be adding 4 large windows to The Johnson Township Community Centre Hall. To do so the Hall will be closed for renovations from March 6th - 8th and again on March 10th. Stop by to see the completed changes or stay tuned to our Facebook Page for updates.

The 2022-2023 Ice Season is coming to an end. The last skating day of the 2022-2023 season will be on Friday, March 31st 2023. Join us at the Public Skate 6:30pm-8pm to say Farewell to this year's ice.

WINTER DUMP HOURS ARE IN EFFECT

SATURDAY 9AM-5PM | WEDNESDAY 12PM-5PM

HAZARDOUS WASTE IN SAULT STE. MARIE IS NOW CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 2023

Getting Social at Gordon Lake Hall

Looking for a location to host a baby shower, family gathering, or group meeting? The Gordon Lake hall can be rented for a flat rate of \$75+hst. With a capacity of 50 people and a full kitchen hosting your next function is easy at the newly renovated hall. Contact Patti at 705-257-6827 | ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca to book your function today.

Card Parties: First Friday of the Month at 7:30pm

March 3rd | April 7th | May 5th

\$5.00 entry to play Crokinole or 500 Bid. You must be 16yrs or older to play, but everyone is invited to attend.

Light refreshments are provided.

The Public Works Garage

Crews are out doing Brush clearing throughout the Township. Please watch for signs of workers present and drive with caution around machinery. As the weather starts to warm up you may notice new bumps appearing in our roadways as the roads start to heave and thaw. The Public Works crews are out putting up "Bump" signs on particularly bad bumps, but be aware of changing road conditions. Half-Load restrictions will come into effect soon with the warmer weather. Check out our website for up-to-date details.

We Are Hiring

6 youth aged 15-30 for summer work

experiences (pending funding). If you are

interested in summer employment please provide a resume to the Municipal Office or email Patti at ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca. Full job descriptions will be available on our website later this month.





FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

February 15 2023

Staff Reports:

The Clerks report covered details about the sediment in the lagoons, interim tax billing, and Emergency planning.

Recreation delivered a report covering details about ongoing programming, booking highlights of the month, upcoming events, marketing updates, Proposals in the works, Grants applied for, current initiatives, and additional updates.

The Treasury department delivered a report covering status of audit, status of year end reconciliations, 2023 budget, and receivables. Full copies of each report are available in the Council Meeting Agenda of February 15, 2023 and can be found on the Johnson Township website.

Council discussed the Water Meter By-Law adding that no person, except authorized by the Township is allowed to tamper with any water meter pipes or valves. Increasing the tampering fee to a minimum \$400.00 penalty. If you need a disconnection/reconnection of your water service please call the Township 48hrs in-advance. A \$50 fee will be charged for each disconnection/reconnection.

Council discussed the use of funding provided by OCIF in the amount of \$115,000.00. Based on the Eligible project categories, Council decided to allocate the funds to Capital projects and maintenance with a focus on Roads projects.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 15th, 2023 6pm
In-person at the Johnson Township Community Centre Hall

For the full council meetings proceedings please visit the website at www.johnsontownship.ca



Notes from the Fire Chief

Donation of Surplus Gear to Fight Fire in Ukraine War



Inspired by the Timmins Fire Department, who collected surplus fire equipment for the Edmonton-based organization Firefighter Aid Ukraine, Volunteer Fire Departments in Echo Bay, the Township of Tarbutt, Prince Township, Wawa, Garden River First Nations and Johnson Township banded together to collect well over \$200,000 in surplus gear to send to Ukraine. Provincial guidelines state that firefighting equipment must be replaced every 10 years. This leaves many houses with extra equipment, still in good condition, that they can not use. The Firefighter Aid Ukraine initiative was deemed to be the perfect fit for the outdated gear. At the base of these volunteer firefighters is a strong sense of community and volunteerism. The team at the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department saw this as an extension of what they do here for this community and jumped at the chance to help. 69 sets of bunker gear, 48 helmets, 18 pairs of boots, 50 sets of gloves, 9 harnesses, 1 medical chair, and a variety of medical supplies were sent in 4 large reinforced totes supplied by Pioneer Construction to front-line workers in Ukraine who need it most.

Desbarats 50+ Club

Wednesday's 1pm-3pm at the Johnson Township Community Centre Hall. Cards & Shuffle Board, Coffee, Tea, and Light Snacks. \$5.00 annual membership fee. All 50+ members of the community and surrounding communities are welcome to join in.



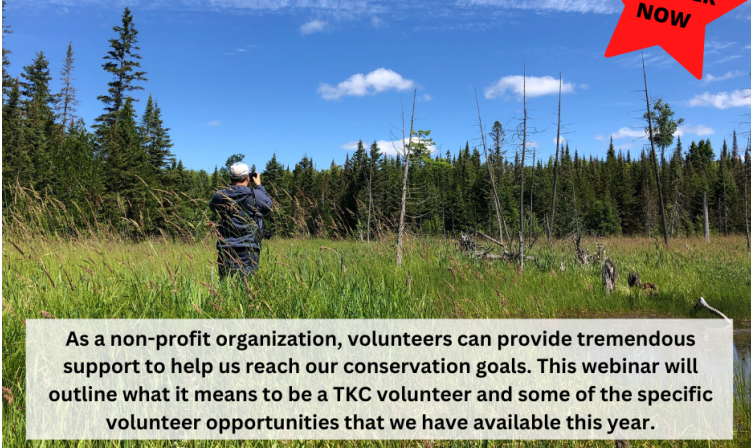
Desbarats Women's Institute

Join the Desbarats Women's Institute on the second Tuesday of every month 1:30pm at the Desbarats United Church.



TKC Webinar

March 27, 2023 - 7:00pm EDT
Become a Volunteer



As a non-profit organization, volunteers can provide tremendous support to help us reach our conservation goals. This webinar will outline what it means to be a TKC volunteer and some of the specific volunteer opportunities that we have available this year.

Township of Johnson

is accepting bids for the Sale & Removal of two buildings
• School Portable - 24' x 32'
• Tin Building - 30' x 42'

Buildings are to be removed and site cleaned by April 30, 2023.

Bids close March 10, 2023 3:00 p.m.

Forward bids to:
Janet Maguire Clerk/CAO
1 Johnson Drive
Desbarats, Ont.
P0R 1E0

Email: jmaguire@johnsontownship.ca
Phone: 705-782-6601 ext. 201



Lowest bid may not necessarily be accepted.

PLUMMER ADDITIONAL TOWNSHIP'S

Pancake Breakfast

MARCH 11TH
9AM - 12PM

Pancakes served with locally sourced syrup and sausages / bacon. (Coffee, tea, juice, and water).

\$5 per person, \$15 for families.

Everyone Welcome!

BRUCE STATION COMMUNITY HALL
109 STATION ROAD

Inquires:

Call (705) 785-3479

or e-mail info@plummertownship.ca

ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH SAFE FOOD HANDLER'S CERTIFICATION COURSE

Tuesday, March 28th
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Johnson Township Community Centre Hall (upstairs)

\$35 per person

To register: email jtfarmersmarket@gmail.com or call 705-541-1886

Payable by e-transfer: to jtfarmersmarket@gmail.com

"At least one food handler or supervisor at a public food premises must be certified as a safe food handler and on-site during every hour the premise is operating."

(Ontario Regulation 493/17 Sec 32)

APH also requires at least one person certified as a safe food handler must be present for each food outlet during events.

The Café will be open to order lunch or you may bring your own.



Hosted by the Johnson Farmers' Market

Join the Biggest Hour for Earth

8.30pm 25th March

earthhour.org



JOIN US FOR THE AGM
Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition
Annual General Meeting



March 15, 2023
7:30 – 8:00 pm
Online Zoom

To receive contact information to join the Zoom video conference – send an email indicating you wish to attend along with your name and address to: cafreshwatercoalition@gmail.com



Women's Volleyball
 Wednesday's at 7pm at the Elementary School Gym at CASS.



Seedy Saturday

March 11th, 2023

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Central Algoma Secondary School

Outing for the whole family

Presentations:

10:30 'The New Sault/Algoma Grow me Guide' - Abby Oberchain, Clean North

11:30 Climate Change- World wide and local- especially effects on gardening -

Ted McPherson, Sault Climate Hub

12:30 The Algoma Lost Apple Project

Sheila Campbell, Apple enthusiast

1:30 The Little Homestead: Eco- Conscious Living -Hollie & Zach Lefebvre

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Seed Exchange and sales, kids' activities, displays, exhibitors/vendors, presentations, CASS Greenhouse, door prizes & more

Admission by Donation

NORTH CHANNEL LIGHTENING

Congratulations to North Channel Lightning U11 & U13 Teams for being the 2022-2023 Champions!



Curlers Headed to NOSSA: The girl's and boy's curling teams are headed to NOSSA after sweeping as NASSA Champions.

Boys Basketball travels to NOSSA: Both the Senior and Junior boys basketball teams traveled to North Bay to compete for the championship.

CASS Sends Unified Teams to Special Olympics: Eight students from CASS attended the Special Olympics for Bocce in Sault Ste. Marie. Ms. Bussineau was thrilled for this opportunity for her students!

CASS to put on The Bachelor King: Students are putting on the play The Bachelor King May 3rd & 4th. Rehearsals are underway! Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children. Don't miss out on this hilarious play!

TreyFry Centre: Don't forget to check out the What's Up Doc March Edition found on our Website.

There are 12 Little Leprechauns Hidden in the Newsletter - Can You Find Them All?



Spring
forward
 Daylight Savings Time Begins
 March 12, 2023

Want to get in touch with us?

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people@johnsontownship.ca | Mon-Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm

