



# The Johnson Chronicle

JULY/AUGUST 2023

## Summer is in Full Swing in Johnson Township



### Fishing - Check, Celebrations - Check, Playing outside - Check.

Johnson Township has done it all this Summer and still has more to go until the end of Summer Vacation. What better way to spend the summer than with a boat in the water and a fish on your line? Attendees of the Annual Reg McHale Memorial Big Pike Family Fishing Derby did just that on June 24, 2023. As anglers took to the water Saturday morning, they were in search of the largest Pike nose to tail. Just before 10am Eric Vezina pulled up to the docks with a monster 38.9" Pike. Holding onto the winning position all day and taking home the \$500 Grand Prize. A total of 45 fish were caught and measured throughout the day and all 67 of the registered anglers walked away with a wonderful prize thanks to all the generous sponsors who make this day possible. No summer is complete without a good celebration or two and boy did Johnson Township Celebrate. The annual Community Days event on July 7th and 8th "Welcome to Candy Land" was a blast! Hundreds of people visited the Community Centre to watch the annual parade, led by Senior of the Year Zahida Croskery. Then entered the Rink floor to play a variety of games such as axe throwing, life size kerplunk, ball throw and more. The addition of various food booths and beer tent out under the Pavilion saw local support for the Bruce Mines Royal Canadian Legion BR. 211 and the Bruce Mines & District Chamber of Commerce Fry booth, plus many more. Local bands, A Band Named Soo and The Waybacks filled the arena with a great selection of fan favourites well into the evening. Community Day's wouldn't be complete without the annual community donated Pie Booth featuring locally made pies off all varieties and the Women's Institute famous beef on a bun.

**A HUGE thank you goes out to all the volunteers that make these annual events happen. From bakers to cashiers and everyone in between, a huge thank you from Johnson Township goes out to all of you who dedicated their time to make these events an enjoyable experience for all. We hope to see you next year!**

### IMPORTANT DATES: WEDNESDAY'S

- 9:30AM - 12:30PM  
CENTRAL ALGOMA  
EARLYON CENTRE
- 4PM-6PM PICK UP FLOOR  
HOCKEY
- 6PM-7PM PICK UP SLO-  
PITCH
- 7PM-8PM PICK UP SOCCER

### THURSDAY'S

- 7PM FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
- 7:30PM - 9PM ROLLER  
RINK

### FRIDAY'S 4PM-6:30PM PICK UP INDOOR PICKLEBALL

### SATURDAY'S 9AM-2PM JOHNSON FARMERS' MARKET

### JULY 1ST NORTH CHANNEL HOCKEY REGISTRATION OPENED

### AUGUST 27 3PM-4:30PM FAMILY ROLLER RINK

### SEPTEMBER 1 BIG BUCK CONTEST REGISTRATION OPENS

### SEPTEMBER 4 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED

### SEPTEMBER 6 ADSB FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

### SEPTEMBER 23 ATV POKER RUN

# Events & Recreation

## Stop in and Play Pick-Up

For the remainder of the months of August & September, Johnson Township Recreation is hosting a variety of Pick-Up Sports weekly. Join us at the Johnson Township Community Centre for:

- **Floor Hockey** | Wednesday's 4pm-6pm
- **Soccer** | Wednesday's 6pm-7pm
- **Slo-Pitch** | Wednesday's 7pm-8pm
- **Roller Rink** | Thursday's 7:30pm-9pm
- **Indoor Pickleball** | Friday's 4pm - 6:30pm

All programs are drop in by donation and we have a variety of equipment to borrow each night. Open to all ages and abilities.



## Take me Out to the Movies

Come beat the heat inside the Johnson Township Community Centre for a Movie Night! We have a great schedule lined up for the rest of the summer. Every Tuesday Afternoon in August we have a family movie Matinee at 1pm and every Thursday night in August we have a movie night at 7pm. Admission is Free and we will have a

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP AUGUST MOVIE SCHEDULE	
	HORTON HEARS A WHO 1:00PM TUESDAY AUGUST 22
	ROBOTS 7:00PM THURSDAY AUGUST 24TH
	THE MEG 7:30PM SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH
	THE NUT JOB 1:00PM TUESDAY AUGUST 29TH
	THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE 7:00PM THURSDAY AUGUST 31ST

cash canteen available. Take a look at the schedule and bring out your camping chair and blankets for your favourite movies.



## 2023 ATV Poker Run

Get Ready for Mud and Fun at this years annual ATV Poker Run. Registration will open online

August 23, 2023. Join us on Saturday, September 23rd for the ride which will run approximetly 100-150km. \$25 a hand, \$5 an extra card, and \$2 for a mystery card. Funds raised will go towards recreational programming for the upcoming winter season.

## BIG BUCK CONTEST REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 1ST

Make sure to check out the johnsontownship.ca website for the 2023 Big Buck Contest registration coming out September 1-30, 2023. Licensed hunters can register for their chance at the title of the Biggest Buck! Your registration fee includes the annual awards dinner on Sunday, November 19, 2023.

Who will win this years grand prize of \$300 cash and bragging rights for the year?

Have an Idea? | Want to Volunteer?  
Contact Patti Trotter at 705-257-6827 ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca

## Are you part of a Charitable Group looking to do some Fundraising?

We want to work with you! We have some exciting new ideas for groups working on fundraisers and are just missing a group like yours! If you have a Charitable Gaming Number and are interested in learning more on how we can help with your fundraising efforts contact Patti Trotter at ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca or 705-257-6827.



**SUMMER DUMP HOURS ARE IN EFFECT**  
**SATURDAY 9AM-5PM | WEDNESDAY 12PM-7PM**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE IN SAULT STE. MARIE IS NOW OPEN TUESDAY-SATURDAY 8:30AM-4:30PM**

## Notes from the Fire Chief

### Conditions are Dry

As we all return to camp take a minute to check that your camp fire alarm batteries are still



working and that you have a Smoke & Carbone Monoxide (CO) alarm in ALL sleeping areas. Fire Permits are required for all outside burning in Johnson Township and can be obtained online. Remember you MUST call in when you plan to burn. Even with some of the recent rain showers, conditions in many of the forested areas remain dry. Please use caution when open-air burning for campfires or brush.

## Services & Trades

The Municipal Staff is working to compile a list of Service based Businesses and Licensed Trades Persons in Johnson Township. If you are interested in being included please email your details to people@johnsontownship.ca with the subject Licensed Trades Person.

## The Public Works Garage

Road Crews are working on culvert replacements throughout the township. Please be aware of workings and yield signs. **Government Road west of Fisher Road will be closed on Wednesday August 23, 2023** and again on **Wednesday August 30, 2023 east of Fisher Road.**

There will be a **road closure on Highway 638, east of Cottage Road with no thru traffic permitted on August 21 at 8am - August 25 at 7pm.** Detour signs are in place to navigate around the closure. Should you see anything out on the roads of concern call 705-782-6601 x-206.

## Join a Committee and Make a Difference

**Did you Know:** There are a variety of Committee's in Johnson Township that work together to make change happen. Have you considered joining? All Committees are always welcoming new members.

Think about joining the:

- Recreation | Cemetery | Beautification**
- Landfill | Waste & Water**

Call the office at 705-782-6601 for more information

## 911 Address Sign Visibility

You are required to keep your green 911 address road sign visible and in good repair at all times. This means the sign is straight, pointing forward and cleared of brush and long grass. Does your sign need replacing or has gone missing? Call the township office at 705-782-6601 to get a new sign installed.



# FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## Special Meeting June 7 2023

Council was presented and passed the 2023 budget. Some major road improvement projects, upgrades to Fire equipment, and new recreational programming were all included as projects for the 2023 calendar year. Resulting in a slight increase in the tax level for 2023.

**Tax Bills are Due in 2 installments with 50% Due August 30th and the remaining 50% due on October 30 2023.**

### June 21 2023

Council received a presentation from Brian Maki the Fire Protection Officer in regards to the new provincial licensing that all Fire Stations and Firefighters must complete the continue to provide Fire Rescue Services. Chief Ron Smith has been working diligently with the Volunteer Fire Department in preparation for this new training and certifications.

Staff from Public Works, Treasurer, and Recreation all presented monthly reports to council on projects completed and in the works.

Council received the final review of the Procurement of Goods and Services ByLaw. Completing the third reading and passing the Policy for Township staff to abide by.

Council received the revised By-LAW for changes to the Building Permit & Fee By-Law. The By-LAW was brought up for revision to increase the Fee's associated with building permit application within the township.

Council Received and passed the By-Law appointing the Clerk/CAO to Solemnize Civil Marriage Ceremonies.

### Special Meeting June 28 2023

On June 21st 2023 Council accepted with regret the resignation of recently elected Councillor Dalton MacFarlane. Council discussed the options for filling a vacancy available to them. Which included holding a by-election, requesting letters of interest from the public, or go to the next candidate from the recent municipal election. Council determined the best course of action was to offer the recently vacant position to Gavin Grant, previous council member and candidate in the recent municipal election. Gavin Grant accepted the request of council to fill the vacant position and will start his term at the July 19 meeting. We welcome Gavin Grant to council to continue the work he was part of in the previous term.

### July 19 2023

Algoma Power Inc. presented the Community Delegation report to Council. Outlining current planning and upcoming work to be completed in the area in coming years.

Council reviewed and discussed Zoning Amendments and various applications with community members at the meeting. Highlighting discussions about the importance of wildlife habitats surrounding some of the area waterways.



# Congratulations to Matt Hunter on 30 Years of Service

Staff and Council want to wish Matt Hunter a very happy retirement. After 30 years of dedicated service to Johnson Township, Matt is hanging up his hard hat and taking a very well-deserved break. Starting work as a summer student 30 years ago, Matt has seen it all, from working at the Arena to caring for the cemeteries and finally spending time with the Public Works team. His presence out on the roads and around the Municipal Office will be greatly missed and we all wish him a very happy retirement.



## Around the Community



**Students Head Back to Classes:** Keep an eye out for school buses and students as they head back to school on **Wednesday September 6th** for the 2023-2024 school year.

**September 29 PD Day:** The first PD day of the year will occur on Friday September 29. Keep your eyes out for children playing outside.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE 2023-2024 CENTRAL DANCE SEASON!

### Central Algoma EarlyON

**Monday – Echo Bay at the Community Hall 9:45am-12:30pm**

**Tuesday – St. Joseph Island Central School 9:30am-12:30pm**

**Wednesday – Desbarats at Central Algoma Childcare Center 9:30am-12:30pm**

**Thursday – Thessalon at the Church of Christ 10:00am-12:30pm**

**Friday – Bruce Mines at BMPAPU Library 10:30am-12:30pm**

For more information or to register, please visit [www.keyon.ca](http://www.keyon.ca) or email [capc@childcarealgoma.ca](mailto:capc@childcarealgoma.ca)

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN !!**

**DON'T WAIT !**

- 2 practices/week
- 2 games on Saturdays
- PowerSkating/Player Development 2x/month

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### LIFE SKILL/JOB COACH

Dedicated, reliable, caring person needed to provide life skills and job coaching for a young adult with a disability living at PossAbility Community Homes. (Will include overnights) Must have a reliable vehicle, safe driving record, criminal reference check, First Aid/CPR and knowledge of developmental disabilities. Workers are considered self employed and will be required to sign a contract for services form. Please send resume and letter of interest to [naturalabilities@gmail.com](mailto:naturalabilities@gmail.com)



## 21st Sylvan Circle Tour 2023

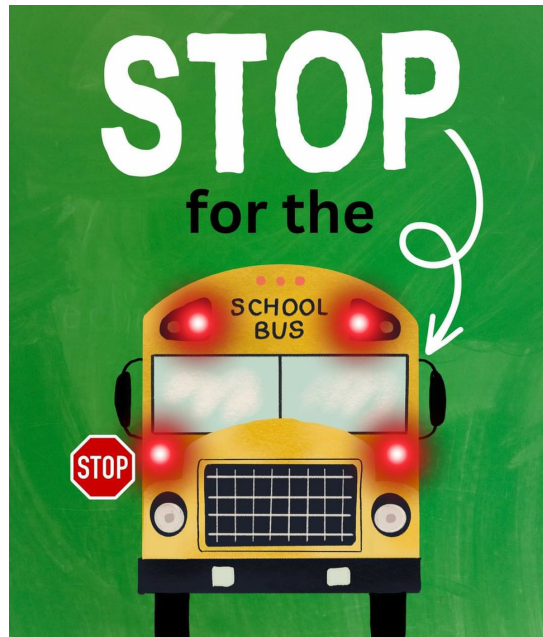
Saturday, September 16, 2023

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Welcome to the 21st annual Sylvan Circle Artist & Artisan Tour. Travel the picturesque countryside between Echo Bay and Bruce Mines and meet over fifty of the area's finest artists and artisans. At each location you'll find unique, one-of-a-kind creations, perfect for your home or for gift giving. Come, see, shop, discover!

Look for the Sylvan Circle signs directing you along the tour. Enjoy the day!

For more information contact [info@sylvancircle.ca](mailto:info@sylvancircle.ca)



Dr H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre



## Diner's Club

**Tuesday August 29th**  
**RC Legion Richards Landing**  
**\$16 per person**  
**Doors open 11am**

Guest Speaker from  
Alzheimer Society

Tickets for sale:  
August 1st - 21 at the Trefry Centre  
or online at [trefrycentre.ca](http://trefrycentre.ca)

Pulled pork on a bun, bean salad, pasta salad,  
Lock City Dairy ice cream and beverage.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE: THE DESBARATS TO ECHO BAY PLANNING BOARD FEE INCREASE**

*The Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board advises that the cost of a consent application will be increased to \$1200 effective August 1st, 2023. The Planning Board passed Resolution 32-2023 raising the fee from \$800 to \$1200 beginning August 1st, 2023 to ensure that costs of administering consent are covered by the application fee. If you wish to obtain additional information, please contact the Secretary Treasurer at [admin@tarbutt.ca](mailto:admin@tarbutt.ca) or 705 782 6776.*

Want to get in touch with us?

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