



The Johnson Chronicle

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Beautiful Fall Fun in Johnson Township

As the summer weather winds down and the cool fall breeze can be felt in the air, we start getting ready for all the fall fun in Johnson Township. September is a packed month with lots of fun outdoors before the winter weather sets in. The highlight of the month is the upcoming ATV Poker Run on Saturday, September 23. Registration is open online and only \$25/hand. The winner with the best Poker Hand walks away with half the pot. Last year's winner went home with over \$800. With major changes to the route this years run promises to be off roading fun with lots of laughs along the way. As we all plan for the fall weather we can't forget that hunting season is almost upon us and with that comes the annual Big Buck Contest! Registration is now open online until September 30th. Your registration and all-you-can-eat dinner ticket are only \$35. The hunt is on for you can bring in the biggest rack in Algoma. With the kids returning to school comes the monthly PD Days and with that we are rolling out a whole new PD Camp program. September's PD on Friday, September 29th will feature Fall Fun with a nature walk, a few fall crafts, and a family fun movie. Registration is required and can be done through recreation@johnsontownship.ca. Lastly, rink floor rentals are coming to an end as we prepare the rink surface for ice! But before we start up the plant we want to squeeze in a few more Roller Rink nights. Join us Sunday, September 17th from 3pm-4:30pm and Thursday, September 21st from 7:30pm-9pm for your last chance of the year to lace up a pair of roller skates and dance around the rink floor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

WEDNESDAY'S

- 9:30AM - 12:30PM
CENTRAL ALGOMA
EARLYON CENTRE

SEPTEMBER 16 SYLVAN CIRCLE TOUR

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD FARMERS MARKET FALL HOURS START 10AM-2PM

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21 LAST ROLLER RINK 7:30PM-9PM

SEPTEMBER 23 ATV POKER RUN

SEPTEMBER 29 ADSB PD DAY

SEPTEMBER 30 BIG BUCK CONTEST REGISTRATION CLOSES

OCTOBER 9 THANKSGIVING MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS CLOSED

OCTOBER 10 ICE RENTALS START



Events & Recreation

2023 ATV Poker Run: New Starting Location

Registration for the 2023 ATV Poker Run is open online at www.johnsontownship.ca. Get ready for a day of fun off-roading adventures. We have changed it up this year, meeting for check-in and registration at 8:30am out on East Line Road in the Prairie. We will have a large white tent and signs set up to help guide you to the starting point coming off Highway 638 by Rydal Bank. Once you check in you will receive the route map. We are trying out the Polaris app to create a GPS of the map this year and share the ride on your phone. Have fun out on the ride and when you return we will deal out your Poker Hand to see if you are the lucky winner!



Keep an eye out on the trail for the Mystery Bucket for your chance to win a few extra prizes! The lucky winner of the best Poker Hand will walk away with 50% of the total registration pot! Last year's winner walked home with over \$800! Funds raised will go towards recreational programming for the upcoming winter season.

Fall Fun PD Day Camp September 29th | 10am-4:30pm



We are teaming up with The Kensington Conservancy for a Fall Fun PD Day on Friday September 29th. The morning will start with a Nature walk through the woods behind the

Community Centre, followed by fall crafts, snacks, and finish the day with a movie. Registration can be made by contacting Patti at recreation@johnsontownship.ca. Activities are geared for youth 4yrs and up and will be \$20 for the day. Parents are welcome to stay throughout the day or pick-up anytime throughout the day. Registration is limit and lunch will be provided. This is not a licensed child care service.

Big Buck Registration Open September 1-30 2023.

Big Buck Registration has gone online at www.johnsontownship.ca. 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? Not sure if you can make the dinner or maybe your hunt isn't panning out? Register anyways, every register hunter walks away with a prize valued at \$35 or higher.





Hunter Registration

**Return to the Municipal Office or Community Centre by
September 30 2023**

First Name, Last Name :

Phone Number : Date Of Birth :
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E-Mail : Township :

Tag Number : Ticket : Registration & Dinner \$35 Dinner \$20 Under 10 \$10

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Rider Registration

Check-in September 23rd 8:30am

2023 ATV POKER RUN East Line Road off Highway 638 near Rydal Bank

First Name, Last Name :

Phone Number : Date Of Birth :
D D M M Y Y

E-Mail : Township :

Vehicle License Plate : Hand : 1 Hand \$25 2 Hands \$50 3 Hands \$75

Liability Clause

Signature:

I accept and assume full liability for any injury or loss to me or my property at any time and from any cause while taking part in the Johnson Township ATV Poker Run 2023. I expressly release the sponsor, Johnson Township, its employees, and volunteers from any liability for such loss or injury. I promise to follow all regulations of the Highway Traffic Act as it pertains to Off-Road Vehicles. I understand that I assume full responsibility for ensuring that my driver's license is current and my ORV insurance is up-to-date.

Yoga at the Johnson Township Community Centre

Jenn Flood presents:

- **Yogalates (45 minutes):** This class blends elements of Yoga (flow, stretching) and Pilates (controlled strengthening). This class is great if you are wanting a more athletic class, but still seeking elements of mindfulness and relaxation.
- **Yoga (1 hour):** In this Yoga class time will be spent flowing through poses, stretching the body, and practicing mindfulness and breathing techniques.

Tuesday nights September 26 - December 19 at the Johnson Township Community Centre from 6pm - 8pm. Classes are for all levels and cost \$18.00 per class (cash or e-transfer). For questions please contact Jenn at jennflood99@yahoo.ca or 705 971 3036 (text or call).

Please bring your own yoga mat and yoga blocks if you have them. If you do not have access to these there will be some available for use.

Jenn has been a registered Yoga instructor since 2011, registered through the Canadian Yoga Alliance. She completed her 200-hour training in power Vinyassa and practices a mixed Yoga style, including aspects of Power, Vinyassa (flow), and Hatha (slow). Jenn has also taught Pilates and spin. Jenn is a Registered Nurse (RN) with a Master of Nursing (MN). She is currently working on her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). During her free time Jenn enjoys being active outdoors including walking, hiking, biking, and swimming.



Women's Broomball

Have you been interested in learning the game of Broomball? We want to get a group of ladies aged 16+ together Monday nights to play a fun pick-up style game of Broomball. No experience is required!

This will be a friendly game Monday's from 9pm-10pm starting October 16th - January 29, 2024. We will provide the sticks and use a soft larger ball to start. You just need to bring a pair of indoor/clean running shoes and a helmet. Gloves are recommended but not required. Season Cost \$40 drop in players fee \$5. **Email recreation@johnsontownship.ca to get your name on the contact list!**

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.



**Need Volunteer Hours? All our events support
High School Volunteer Hours
Contact Patti Trotter at 705-257-6827
ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca**

SUMMER DUMP HOURS ARE IN EFFECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30

SATURDAY 9AM-5PM | WEDNESDAY 12PM-7PM

HAZARDOUS WASTE IN SAULT STE. MARIE IS OPEN TUESDAY-SATURDAY 8:30AM-4:30PM CLOSING FOR THE SEASON ON OCTOBER 21, 2023.

The Public Works Garage

The Public Works team has been busy replacing culverts on Carter Side Road, Old Soo Road, Government Road, Deplonty Road and Fisher Road over the last few weeks. All culvert replacements were completed in-house and included ditching work to increase water movement. We thank all residents for your patience during road closures and taking the time to watch out for our workers. The 2023 Roads plan is on track to be completed before the ground begins to freeze and snow removal begins.



Notes from the Fire Chief Woodstove Safety

As the nights get cooler and we start to think about turning on the heat or starting up the wood stove please remember to:

- Have heating appliances serviced and chimney flues examined for defects.
- Wood burning stoves should be examined and the flue and chimney checked for creosote buildup. Creosote is a deposit from smoke that can build up in a chimney and can start a fire.
- Use only seasoned woods, and avoid soft woods like Pine, etc.
- Never use a flammable liquid to start a fireplace.
- Never overload the hearth with wood or artificial logs, the resulting fire may be too large for the unit.
- Put all ashes outdoors and away from the house in a metal container.
- Ashes can be disposed of at the Landfill.

Community Emergency Management

6 TIPS FOR A **Healthy Autumn**



1 PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Follow COVID-19 safety guidelines.



4 WASH YOUR HANDS

Avoid getting sick and spreading COVID-19 by washing your hands often.



2 GET YOUR FLU SHOT

An annual flu vaccine is the best way to help protect against the flu.



5 BE PREPARED FOR COLD WEATHER

Exposure to cold can be dangerous, so bundle up!



3 DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Alcohol slows reaction time and hinders judgment and coordination.



6 KEEP SEASONAL FOOD SAFE

Avoid cross-contamination and cook to FDA recommended temperatures.

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

August 16, 2023

The council received reports from staff including the Clerk's report outlining updates to the construction at the main office. Current plans indicate the new addition will be completed by Christmas. This new build is completed in part due to the Municipal Modernization Grant and will see the addition of council chambers and a selection of new offices.

The Public Works crew have been busy replacing culverts and completing ditching. Grading is being maintained on Margaret and Main St. until paving is completed next summer.

Recreation provided a proposal for updates to the Facility Booking process and a 2023-2024 pricing scheme.

Council approved the Ice rental prices for the 2023-2024 season to be maintained at the current price so contracts could be issued and deferred the rest to the September meeting.

Council review the By-Law 2023-1076 to reduce and set all speed limits in the township to 60km/hr for the health and safety of all residents. Various roads in the township already set at 40km/hr will maintain that speed.

Council approved the hire and welcomes Janet Boucher as the Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer. Janet comes from Jocelyn Township with a wealth of knowledge and we are thrilled to have her join the team.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 6pm In-person at the Johnson Township Community Centre Hall
For the full council meetings proceedings please visit the website at www.johnsontownship.ca

Getting Social at Gordon Lake Hall

The Gordon Lake Social Club would like to thank everyone who took part in the Pie Social held August 19th. Funds raised will go towards improvements at the hall. Thank you to all who took the time to bake and donate pies and those who showed up to eat some delicious treats.

With fall comes the monthly Card Party's. Join the Gordon Lake Social Club the first Friday of the month starting October 6th at 7:30pm.



Community Centre Updates

We had a fantastic summer with Roller Rink and pick-up sports at the Community Centre but it is time to switch things over to ice! The last day to book the rink floor will be September 24th with ice rentals starting Tuesday, October 10th.

Stay tuned for a fun

Schedule of Friday Night

Skate Party's from 6:30pm-

8pm starting October 13th.

We are looking for the 2023-

2024 Canteen Operator,

could it be you? Check out

the details of the proposal at

www.johnsontownship.ca



Around the Community



TREATS & TREASURES Holiday Fair

TWO LOCATIONS!
ARTISTS, ARTISANS, CRAFTERS, BAKERS
& FARMERS MARKET VENDORS

LOCAL CREATIONS * UNIQUE GIFTS * HOLIDAY DÉCOR * PRESERVES
BAKING * LUNCH * SNACKS * GIFT CERTIFICATES AND MORE!

November 18th * 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

JOHNSON COMMUNITY CENTRE * BRUCE STATION HALL
1 CAMERON DR., DESBARATS 109 STATION ROAD, BRUCE MINES

VENDORS WANTED
Send request to 3sinc.solutions@gmail.com




TRIPLE P ALGOMA
**small changes
BIG DIFFERENCE**

Triple P Seminar

For parents & caregivers of children aged 2-11 yrs.

These **FREE** seminars can help you:

- raise happy, confident children
- manage their behaviour so everyone is happier
- increase their resilience and confidence
- balance your work life and family with less stress

Seminar 1
The Power of Positive Parenting
Date: Tuesday, Sept. 19/23
Time: 5:30-7:30PM

Seminar 2
Raising Confident Competent Children
Date: Tuesday, Sept. 26/23
Time: 5:30-7:30PM

Seminar 3
Raising Resilient Children
Date: Tuesday, Oct. 3/23
Time: 5:30-7:30PM

Address: Central Algoma Childcare Centre, 32 Kensington Rd, Desbarats, ON

Dinner and child care will be available

To register, visit our website at www.triplepalgoma.ca or call the SmartStart Hub 705-759-1131 ext. 4 / 1-855-759-1131



Shamrock FSC

REGISTRATION COMING SOON

Desbarats Tuesdays & Thursdays
beginning in October.
shamrockfsc@gmail.com



Central DANCE

Jazz,
Hip Hop, Ballet,
Technique, Pre-
Preschool &
Preschool Dance

Rumble Tumble,
Intro to
Gymnastics,
Adult & Alumni
Dance

6 Week
Yoga &
Womens Self
Defence
Program

Looking for a winter activity for your little one or yourself?!

We offer a variety of classes for anyone age 3 to Adult!!

Classes begin September 19th, 2023 and run for 18 weeks with a season-end recital at the Sault Community Theatre!

No experience required! New & returning families welcome. Visit our website for more information or to register

Contact for More Info

- 📞 705-987-1228
- 📍 Central Algoma Secondary School, Desbarats, ON
- ✉️ centraldance.cass@gmail.com

<https://centraldancecass.wixsite.com/centraldance>



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.



Adopt-A-Highway Garbage Cleanup

The Kensington Conservancy adopted a 3km stretch of Highway 17 between Smith Road and Kensington Road, just west of Desbarats. We are looking for volunteers to help us clean up the roadside litter.

Registration Required, contact Corinne at corinne.wilkerson@kensingtonconservancy.org or 705-782-2200.

Date: Wednesday September 27, 2023

Time: 9:00am EDT



We would like to thank the parents that have already registered their kids and encourage ones to sign up and have a fantastic hockey season with North Channel.



Fall Market Hours start September 23rd.
10:00a.m. -2:00p.m.
Market closes Saturday October 7th

STARTING SEPTEMBER 22ND

Instructor
Margo Gibson

EXERCISE CLASS
LAIRD HALL
FRIDAYS 10-11AM

FREE OF CHARGE

Call
705-246-0036
to register for a class

Early ON
Child and Family Centre

Weekly EarlyON Centre at 32 Kensington Rd. Central Childcare Centre in Desbarats. Wednesday's 9:30am-12:30 pm.
Join in on this free program which includes an engaging and inclusive space for parents and caregivers with children ages 0-6. Families have the opportunity to play and enjoy snacks, craft materials, story time, and plenty of time for free play and socialization.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th

