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Now That the Ice has Bid us Adieu, What's the Game Plan?

The ice has officially bid us adieu here at the JTCC!

A massive shoutout to everyone who enjoyed time out on the ice skating, playing shinny, and joining us in the winter fun! We can't wait to see your smiling faces again next season! Mark your calendars the ice will be back October 14, 2025.

Hold onto your hats, because summer is shaping up to be a blast! Kicking things off, we have a DIY Garden Goddess Workshop for Earth Day on April 23rd! Then, get your camo ready for the Gun Show on May 4th, followed by the Desbarats For Sale on May 10th!

What else are we up to? Check out the list of dates for this years annual events:

Tuesday, April 22: Slo-Pitch Registration Closes

Wednesday, April 23: Green Goddess Earth Day Workshop

Saturday, May 10: Desbarats for Sale

June 1st – 30th: Johnson Jaunt

Monday, June 2: Youth Soccer Registration Closes

Saturday, June 7: Breakfast Buffet

Saturday, June 21: Slo-Pitch Tournament Day

Saturday, June 28: Reg McHale Memorial Fish Derby

Saturday, July 12: Community Days

Friday, August 15: Summer Fun Day

September 1 – 30: Big Buck Registration

Saturday, September 20: ATV Poker Run

Friday, October 17: Friday Night Skate Parties Start

Friday, October 31: Haunted House

Saturday, November 22: Big Buck Dinner

Sunday, December 7: Children's Holiday Party



IMPORTANT INFO:

The Share Shed closed on Wednesdays.

Wednesdays: 50+ Club 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

April 1: April Fools Day

April 3: BINGO

April 18: Good Friday- Municipal Office Closed

April 20: Easter Sunday

April 21: Easter Monday - Municipal Office Closed

April 22: Youth Slo-Pitch - Registration Closes

April 23: 7 PM-9 PM Earth Day DIY Garden Goddess Workshop

April 30: Final Tax installment Due. If you have not received your bill in the mail, please reach out to the Municipal Office at 705-782-6601.

May 4: Hunters and Anglers Outdoor & Gun Show

May 10: Desbarats For Sale

**GETTING SOCIAL AT
GORDON LAKE HALL**

Monthly Card Parties:

Join the Gordon Lake Social Club



April 4th, 2025

May 2nd, 2025

Doors Open 7:00pm



Events & Recreation

Spring is on the way and with it comes a host of new events and activities you can enjoy. Check out the Earth Day Garden Goddess Workshop, sign the kids up for Slo-Pitch & Soccer, and prepare for the opening of the Multi-Sport Court.



EARTH DAY

DIY Garden Goddess Scarecrow Workshop

APRIL 23

7pm-9pm

Johnson Township Community Center

We are changing things up for Earth Day this year. We are looking for your best recycling and upcycling skills to build a collection of beautiful Garden Goddesses. Start saving your scrap fabrics, ribbons, and strings. Keep your old laundry jugs and cans. Then bring everything to the JTCC and join us in making your very own Garden Goddess. Take her home and show her off with pride. Hopefully, she brings you good luck for a beautiful gardening season.

The North Shore **Youth Slo-Pitch and Soccer registration** is now open. Geared toward players in JK-GR.12 to play co-ed sports starting after the May Long Weekend and into the end of July. Please register promptly so we can have the teams sorted and ready to go. **Slo-Pitch Registration closes on April 22, 2025. Soccer registration closes on June 2, 2025.** We can not promise that accommodations can be made for late entries.



Per-Child \$25

2025 NORTH SHORE YOUTH SLO-PITCH & SOCCER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

JK - Grade 12

JOHNSON

www.johnsontownship.ca



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JOHNSON

APRIL 3RD 2025

6 PM - 8 PM

UPSTAIRS AT THE JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Fun Bingo! April 3rd, 2025, 6pm-8pm upstairs in the hall at the Johnson Township Community Centre. Bring 2 wrapped prizes for the table and hope you hold the lucky cards. Light refreshments are available and all are welcome to attend.

There's lots to be done, and we would truly value any assistance you can provide. Get in contact with us at ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca or 705-257-6827





North Shore Recreation Programs

Youth Slo-Pitch & Soccer Registration 2025

Registration is also available online at: www.johnsontownship.ca

Please see the next page for North Shore Soccer Association Registration, Payment Information, and Parent Signatures.

North Shore Slo-Pitch

North Shore Slo-Pitch is a house league youth softball program for JK-Grade 12 (Ages 4 -18) organized and hosted by four Municipalities: the Township of MacDonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, The Township of St. Joseph, Johnson Township, and the Town of Thessalon. Away games can take place in Thessalon, St. Joseph Island, and Echo Bay. While the year-end tournaments are held at one of the four host communities each year. The Desbarats (Johnson Township) team is made up of youth from Desbarats, Bruce Mines, Plummer Additional, and Tarbutt thanks to the financial contributions from these municipalities.

REGISTRATION DUE BY TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

ALL TEAMS ARE CO-ED

\$25/CHILD \$15 FOR INTRO

TOURNAMENT MEAL TICKET INCLUDED

2 GAMES/PRACTICES PER WEEK FOR APPROX. 6 WEEKS.

- NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
- SENIOR & JUNIOR MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

SEASON IS 2ND WEEK OF MAY - END OF JUNE

TOURNAMENT IN JUNE

Slo-Pitch Divisions:

- \$15 T-Ball : JK/SK
- \$15 Intro To 3Pitch : Gr. 1&2
- \$25 Novice : Gr. 3&4
- \$25 Junior : Gr. 5&6
- \$25 Intermediate : Gr. 7&8
- \$25 Senior : Gr. 9 to 12

The North Shore Recreation Programs are only successful with the help of community volunteers. I Would Like to Volunteer as a:

- Slo-Pitch Coach Slo-Pitch Assistant Coach
 Slo-Pitch Umpire

This is a great chance to get volunteer student hours. Do you have a student interested in earning hours? Yes No

Child #1 First Name, Last Name:

Gender: M F Prefer Not to Say **Date of Birth M/D/Y:** _____ **Present Grade:** _____

T-shirt Size:

- Youth XSmall Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large Adult XSmall Adult Small
 Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XLarge This Child Does Not Need A New Shirt

Any Health Concerns:

- Allergies Physical Barriers Communication Barriers

Fee: \$ _____

Child #2 First Name, Last Name:

Gender: M F Prefer Not to Say **Date of Birth M/D/Y:** _____ **Present Grade:** _____

T-shirt Size:

- Youth XSmall Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large Adult XSmall Adult Small
 Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XLarge This Child Does Not Need A New Shirt

Any Health Concerns:

- Allergies Physical Barriers Communication Barriers

Fee: \$ _____

Child #3 First Name, Last Name:

Gender: M F Prefer Not to Say **Date of Birth M/D/Y:** _____ **Present Grade:** _____

T-shirt Size:

- Youth XSmall Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large Adult XSmall Adult Small
 Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XLarge This Child Does Not Need A New Shirt

Any Health Concerns:

- Allergies Physical Barriers Communication Barriers

Fee: \$ _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Name:

Parent/Guardian #2 Name:

Address:

Address:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:

Email:

Email:

If the resource becomes available are you in need of financial assistance? Yes No

CONTACT INFORMATION:
RECREATION COORDINATOR
PATTI TROTTER
705-257-6827(CELL)
ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP
1 JOHNSON DRIVE
P.O. BOX 160
DESBARATS, ON
POR 1E0

PAYMENTS:
BY MAIL OR IN PERSON AT THE JOHNSON TOWNSHIP OFFICE
OR E-TRANSFER TO PAYMENTS@JOHNSONTOWNSHIP.CA

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**REGISTRATION DUE BY MONDAY
JUNE 2, 2025**

ALL TEAMS ARE CO-ED

\$25/CHILD \$15 FOR INTRO

YEAR END PARTY INCLUDED

**2 GAMES/PRACTICES PER WEEK
FOR APPROXIMETLY 6 WEEKS.**

- **DIVISION I, II, III TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**
- **INTRO & DIVISION IV MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS**

**SEASON IS END OF JUNE -
END OF JULY**

**END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS
EARLY AUGUST**

Soccer Divisions:

Based on Year of Birth

- **\$15 Intro To Soccer : 2021, 2020**
- **\$25 Division I : 2019, 2018**
- **\$25 Division II : 2017, 2016, 2015**
- **\$25 Division III : 2014, 2013, 2012**
- **\$25 Division IV (Senior) : 2011 - 2007**

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- Soccer Coach
- Soccer Assistant Coach
- Soccer Referee

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- Youth Medium
- Youth Large
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Parent/Guardian #1 Name: _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

If the resource becomes available are you in need of financial assistance? Yes No

If the resource becomes available would you be interested in a travel stipend? Yes No

I, the undersigned (legal parent/guardian) in registering for this Program, agree to abide and be governed by all its prescribed by-laws, rules, regulations, policies, principles, and philosophies. I certify the child(ren) registered here to be physically fit for participation in the program and acknowledge the full risk related to the program. I understand that any information collected on this form will be used for the Recreation Program only and will not be passed on to any third parties. I hereby, for myself, my child(ren), my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my child(ren) may have against the above-listed North Shore Townships and their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by myself or my child(ren) as part of the 2025 Summer Recreation Program. I hereby authorize my child's(rens) involvement in Johnson Township's Summer Recreation Program for 2025:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Total Player's Fees:

Slo-Pitch Total: _____ **+ Soccer Total:** _____ = _____




WINTER DUMP HOURS SATURDAY 9AM-5PM | WEDNESDAY 12PM-5PM

The Public Works Garage

As we plunge into spring, we ask you watch for water over roadways as the melt starts. Remember we aren't out of winter yet, be aware of slippery conditions when freezing occurs overnight.

Half-load restrictions are now in effect. This affects vehicles heavier than 5,000 kilograms or five tonnes per axle.



Community Day is Booked for Saturday, July 12, 2025. Before we get too far in the planning we need **YOUR HELP** to pick a Theme.

Suggest your Theme online at:

www.johnsontownship.ca/community-day-theme-2025. Then check back on our website or Facebook page to vote for your favourite. Themes will close April 19, 2025 and voting will close May 2, 2025.

Getting Social at Gordon Lake Hall

Card Parties: April 4th | May 2nd

Planning a Baby Shower, Bridal Shower or small meeting? Rent the Gordon Lake Hall for your next event at flat rate of \$100+hst. With a capacity of 50 people and a full kitchen hosting your next function is easy at this newly renovated hall. Contact Patti at 705-257-6827 | ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca

Summer Employment

Johnson Township is now accepting resumes for youth seasonal positions aged 15-30.

**Job Applications Close
May 12, 2025 at 5:00PM**

Various Positions are looking to be filled.

Resumes and questions can be sent to Patti Trotter at ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca or dropped off at the Municipal Office.

Positions are funding dependent.



Notes from the Fire Chief

With Spring finally showing up, please take the smoke outside. Lit cigarettes are one of the leading causes of fatal fires.

Did you remember to test your Smoke Alarms and CO2 Alarms when you changed your clocks? Now is your chance to give them all a good test and replace any batteries that are no longer working.

No Smoking in the Garage!

- Encourage smokers to **smoke outside**, not in the garage.
- Extinguish cigarettes in **large, deep ashtrays**.
- Empty ashes into a **metal container**.



ontario.ca/firemarshal



Tax bills have been mailed out; the first installment was due on February 28th, 2025, and the final installment is due on April 30th, 2025. If you have not received your bill in the mail, please contact the Municipal office at 705-782-6601.

Community Centre Bulletin



**A REMINDER THAT ATVS OF ANY KIND
ARE NOT ALLOWED ON OUR SOCCER
FIELDS, BASEBALL FIELD AND SPORT
COURT.**



With ice rentals ending Friday, March 28, 2025 the rink floor will be available for spring rentals starting April 26, 2025. Rink Floor bookings are a ton of fun for Birthday Parties, camp groups and more. Contact Patti at 705-257-6827 or email ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca to make a booking. Stay tuned for Summer Sports and Roller Rink Programming.

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

March 19 2025

Staff are making plans for the 2025 budget. This means getting paperwork ready for the 2024 audit and working on departmental budgets. The first budget meeting of 2025 will take place on April 23, 2025. Council and staff will be going over the overall budget and allocating time to answer any questions about the budget needs of the community.

Council supported various motions this month including:

- Sarnia City Council's resolution to stop the 20% increase to the Carbon Tax, scheduled to start April 1, 2025.
- Durham Region Council's ban of the Nazi Swastika in Canada.
- Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Council's & Toronto Council's resolution that Toronto is a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone.
- Township of Uxbridge General Purpose and Administration Committee's Buy Canadian policy in regard to municipal procurement.

Council received the PUC Desbarats Drinking Water System Annual & Summary Reports for 2024. PUC will be providing a full presentation at next month's meeting.



Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, April 16th, 2025

6pm In-person at the Council Chambers: 1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats, ON (Municipal Office)

Central Algoma Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

Become a member of Central Algoma's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) today. Membership is \$250/household and includes a weekly fresh produce box. Members can also take part in monthly events. A CSA is a great way to support your local farmers and receive locally grown produce.

www.csafarms.ca | Rhea: 705-206-6959 | rhea.mcadam@gmail.com



Around the Community



CASS Curling wrapped up in March. The teams had a good run ending their season at NOSSA this year. Congratulations to Senior players as they move on to other teams next year.

SCIENCE NORTH SCIENCE NORD
SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS
ARE HERE!

Early ON
Child and Family Centre
Drop-in Playgroup
Central Algoma Childcare Centre
Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm
Come and go as needed! We have free play, crafts and fine motor activities, as well as coffee for the grown ups.
A snack will be provided, and we'll finish up with circle time!

TRIVIA FUNDRAISER Night
IN SUPPORT OF THE
SAT. APRIL 12TH
DOORS: 6:30 / TRIVIA: 7:30
TEAMS OF 8 \$25.00/MEMBER
ALSO INDIVIDUALS: \$25.00 (WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A TABLE)
Book a team in support of a Favourite Community Group. The Winners receive 1/2 of the Profits up to a max of \$500!
Friendly Rivalry! Team Building! Lots of Great Fun!
8 CATEGORIES 8 ROUNDS
CONTESTS, 8 MULIGANS & BONUS POINTS
Bruce Mines Community Hall
TEAM REGISTRATION AVAILABE AT BMPAU LIBRARY * THE COPPER BEAN CAFE * McCLELLEND'S HARDWARE
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT THE LIBRARY AT 705 785 3370
SNACKS Half-time Pizza Party LICENSED EVENT

OUTDOORS AND GUN SHOW SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025, 9am-4pm

Desbarats Arena - Johnson Twp Community Centre
The St. Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers Association is hosting the annual Outdoors and Gun Show at the Desbarats Arena on May 4, 2025. There will be lots of vendors both inside and outside featuring gear for hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, boating and more! Many vendors are offering sales prices that you won't find elsewhere.
Bring the kids as there will be a Kids Zone with lots of free activities and prizes to entertain them!
Cash is required for some purchases. There is no ATM on site.

- 100 VENDOR TABLES
- NUMEROUS GUN VENDORS
- OUTSIDE VENDORS - MARINE, CAMPING, OFF-ROAD
- FREE DRAWS AND PRIZES!
- FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES ARCHERY, CASTING, HAWK THROWING AND NERF GUN RANGE
- FREE HUNTING AND FISHING PRESENTATIONS AT 11:00 AND 1:30
- ADMISSION IS BY DONATION



Conservation is in our nature.

City Nature Challenge
April 25-28, 2025
To learn more visit: www.citynaturechallenge.org



For more information about our events, and to register, please visit www.kensingtonconservancy.org or call 705-782-2200.

ALGOMATRAD PRESENTS



Lotus Wight

April 5th
Ije's Place

"To witness a performance by Lotus Wight is equal in marvel to the reading of a good book which you absolutely cannot put down."
Meredith Moon, Compass Records



Seniors 65+ or persons with a disability, living between Echo Bay and Desbarats, including St Joseph Island, all income levels are eligible for

Meals on Wheels

Hot meals, cooked fresh & delivered to your door.

\$13.80/DAY FOR SOUP, MEAL AND DESSERT
(AS LOW AS \$9.60 WITH SLIDING SCALE BASED ON HOUSEHOLD INCOME)

4 week rotating menu with diabetic dessert option

CALL 705-246-0036 OR VISIT TREFRYCENTRE.CA FOR MORE DETAILS



The Easter Bunny has dropped a collection of Eggs throughout the Newsletter. Can you Find all 12?



Spring Fling 2025

Saturday, April 26



Artisan Sales
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Local Businessseses
Offering a variety of specials!

Stay posted to view our upcoming list of artists and businesses, featuring a brief description of their craft.

Proceeds To
Bruce Mines Historical Society

Presented By
Bruce Mines & District Chamber of Commerce



2025 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

To register, send us a message with your email address or email bonniesbarnandfarm@gmail.com

ALL SPRING PA DAY & SUMMER CAMPER'S REGISTERED BEFORE APRIL 1ST FOR OUR UPCOMING CAMPS WILL BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO THE FARM WHICH CAN BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE DAY/WEEK CAMP REGISTRATIONS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SMALL BUISNESS!

BONNIE'S BARN & FARM IS CELEBRATING EASTER ON THE FARM

15 TOWNLINE ROAD EAST, DESBARATS

APRIL 12 2025
12:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us for a fun afternoon on the farm

Entrance is by donation

Meet & feed the farm animals using the 25c treat dispenser

Search for eggs around the barn to exchange for a candy bag!

Pony rides will be offered - weather permitting for \$5/ride

PA Day & Summer Camp registration forms will be available for those interested in signing up

This event is open for all to enjoy!

It is highly recommended to wear rubber boots to the farm

Parking will be available on the farm side of Townline Road

Trefry Centre Diner's Club

Tuesday April 29th
RC Legion Richards Landing
Doors open 11am
\$16/person
ticket online @ www.trefrycentre.ca or at Trefry Centre office

Maple mustard glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, dessert, coffee & tea


GUEST SPEAKER PHIL YOUNG
EAST ALGOMA OPP FRAUD PREVENTION

CASS DANCE SQUAD Spring Mini Session

MONDAY EVENINGS @ CASS
APRIL 7, 14, 28 MAY 5, 12, 19
COST: \$75

Monday	
Studio	Stage
Pre-Preschool (2-3 years of age) 5:30-6:00	Grade 6-8 5:30-6:30
Preschool (JK/SK) 6:00-6:45	Grade 1/2 6:30-7:30
Grade 3-5 6:45-7:45	

TO REGISTER PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM OR SCAN THE QR CODE:
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/UCFFY7D4YB](https://forms.office.com/R/UCFFY7D4YB)



ALGOMA PUBLIC HEALTH SAFE FOOD HANDLER'S CERTIFICATION COURSE

Tuesday May 6th, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Johnson Township Community Centre Hall (upstairs)
\$45 per person (\$35 for Course & \$10 toward rent)
To register call 705-541-1886 or register online using https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4jzccDjyt-1MMwLVBO6ERy9KrVbAIVUJErAAv_F9-xcgKhQ/viewform?usp=header

Fee is 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.

Please bring your own lunch.
Tea & Coffee will be supplied.



Hosted by the Johnson Farmers' Market

Want to get in touch with us? 1 Johnson Drive, Box 160, Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0 | 705-782-6601 www.johnsontownship.ca | @JohnsonTownshipRecreation on Facebook people@johnsontownship.ca | Mon-Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm

