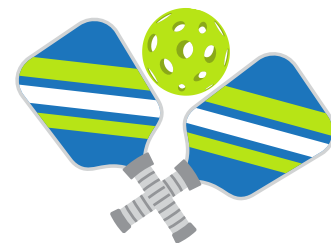




The Johnson Chronicle

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Join us for a Jaunt

June 1 – 30

HELP OUR COMMUNITY WIN \$100,000

JOIN THE

JOHNSON JAUNT

PICKLEBALL | BASKETBALL | VOLLEYBALL
COMMUNITY WALKS | GROUP BIKE RIDES

Weekly Tournaments for Fun Prizes

Johnson Township Community Centre

Did you know June is Parks and Recreation Month? Johnson Township is celebrating by bringing back the Johnson Jaunt to take

part in the ParticipACTION Community Challenge. We're on a mission to be crowned Canada's Most Active Community and win \$100,000 to boost local recreational programs!

This month will be packed with fun, free activities like Pickleball, Basketball, Volleyball, Roller Skating, Bike Rides, and Community Walks. At the end of every week, we will host mini-tournaments with cool prizes, and one lucky winner or family will walk away at the end of the month with the top prize!

All are welcome to attend, and the more you attend, the higher our ranking as Canada's Most Active Community can get.

How can you join in?

- Pledge to Get Active this month at <https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/>
- Follow us on Facebook @JohnsonTownshipRecreation to see our schedule of events for the month
- Join as many activities as you like

Let's show the rest of Canada that even a town as small as Desbarats has a chance to win big for our hometown!

IMPORTANT INFO:

The Share Shed is NOW OPEN on Wednesdays.

June 1 - 30: Johnson Jaunt

June 2: Youth Soccer Registration Closes

June 7:

- Farmers Market Opens
- Breakfast Buffet.
- Mount Pleasant Cemetery Work Bee

June 12: Roller Rink Night & Fun Bingo

June 14:

- Sustain Algoma Expo
- Desbarats Cemetery Work Bee

June 15: Father's Day

June 21: Youth Slo-Pitch Tournament

June 25: CAIS Grade 8 Graduation

June 26: CASS Grade 12 Graduation

June 27: Last day of Classes for ADSB Students

June 28: Reg McHale Big Pike Family Fish Derby

July 1: Canada Day in Bruce Mines

July 11 - 12: Community Days

Events & Recreation

As summer arrives, so do a host of exciting township events! Whether you're a fan of Pickleball, Baseball, or Fishing, there's something for everyone. Join us on June 7th for the kickoff of the Johnson Farmers Market and Breakfast Buffet, running from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Or sign up for the Reg McHale Memorial Big Pike Fishing Derby on June 28th from 7am - 2pm. Want to help us organize something? Get in touch: recreation@johnsontownship.ca

Breakfast Buffet

Summer has officially started once the Johnson Farmers' Market has opened. Kick off the opening day on Saturday, June 7th, 2025, by stopping in at the Johnson Township Breakfast Buffet, upstairs at the Community Centre Hall.



Breakfast Buffet

Saturday June 7th 2025
8am-1pm

\$15 FOR ADULTS
\$5 8YRS AND UNDER

Pickleball in Desbarats

Ready to start playing the very popular Pickleball? Tune into PlayTime Scheduler online for dedicated Court Time.



Reg McHale Memorial Big Pike Family Fishing Derby

Registration is open online for the 2025 Reg McHale Big Pike Family Fishing Derby. Kids 12yrs and under are \$5 to register, and adults are only \$20. The grand prize is \$500 cash, but every registered angler gets a prize, even if you didn't catch a fish! Register online at <https://johnsontownship.ca/reg-mchale-big-pike-family-fishing-derby/>



Huron North GeoTour

Have you started Geocaching yet? We have 30 caches on the Huron North GeoTour. Can you find them all?



Events & Recreation

ParticipACTION Schedule



Join us on the Multi-Sport Court throughout the month of June to try various sports.

- Pickleball Tuesday's 10am - 12pm
- Basketball Wednesday's 6pm-7pm
- Roller Rink Night Thursday, June 12th 6pm-8:30pm

June 6th: Pick up 3-on-3 Basketball Game 10am | June 13th Pick-Up Volleyball Game 5pm | June 20th Pick-Up Pickleball Game 11am | June 27th Pick-up Floor Hockey Game 5pm

June 30th: You tell us, what round robin tournament do you want to play?

We have various equipment available for you to borrow to play each sport.



Youth Sport Equipment Drive



We are looking for your support to help replace the equipment used for the North Shore Youth Slo-Pitch & Soccer Programming. Much of the existing equipment is falling apart, and we hope to raise funds to provide new Soccer Balls and Slo-Pitch Bases for the youth in our community.

How You Can Help:

Donate New Items

Such as Soccer Balls or Bats

Donate \$25

to Sponsor a Soccer Ball

Larger Donation

To replace bases or nets

If you would like to contribute, e-transfers can be sent to payments@johnsontownship with Sports Equipment Drive in the Comments or email Patti at ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca. If you would like a charitable receipt please include your full name and address in the comments.

Community Day July 11-12 2025: Down on the Farm

Line Dancing, Goat Yoga, Hay Rides! We have lots of ideas for Community Days 2025, but we want to hear from you! Email Patti at ptrotter@johnsontownship.ca if you want to be part of the planning group for Community Days or if you have a super great idea you just need to share! Not into planning but want to help? We are looking for people to help make decorations and set up for this exciting weekend



June 1 – 30



Presented by



**GET YOUR
ORGANIZATION
MOVING TOWARDS
GREAT PRIZES**

Community Centre Bulletin

\$1.3M In Funding Coming to Johnson Township Community Centre

As a recipient of the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program, Johnson Township is excited to announce \$1.3 million in funding for improvements to the ice-making plant, bathroom and shower facilities, and an increase in accessibility throughout the facility. Along with a successful grant from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund to provide Air Conditioning in the upstairs hall and a backup generator for the facility.

SUMMER DUMP HOURS

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

HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT LOCATED AT 402 FIFTH LINE EAST SAULT STE. MARIE

HOURS OF OPERATION: TUESDAY TO SATURDAY - 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

The Public Works Garage

This month, our Public Works team said goodbye to Roads Superintendent, Terry Phillips. Terry has spent the last 5 years making major improvements to roads, ditches, bridges, and public spaces throughout the Township. We will miss seeing him driving around, in Big Red and wish him the best of luck at his new position. Work continues out on Gordon Lake Road with preparations for resurfacing 2 km of road. If you can make alternative travel arrangements to avoid the road, please do so.

Getting Social at Gordon Lake Hall

The Gordon Lake Social Club is busy planning for the annual summertime events. Mark your calendar for:

Garage Sale: July 26 2025

Pie Social: August 16 2025

Notes from the Fire Chief

Planning a Bon Fire this summer? Remember to register for your Fire Permit and CALL-IN before you burn. Fire Permits are required in Johnson Township and can be obtained for free online at www.johnsontownship.ca. We are currently in a high risk period for burning. Make sure to check for a Fire Ban before burning by visiting the Township website. If you are burning, make sure you have:

- Water on hand, a hose or bucket works great.
- Burn in a designated Fire Pit, dip or cleared location.
- No Wind, wind and fire just don't mix wait till the weather calms down before burning.



Update Permits for 2025

2025 Fire Permits: Available FREE on the Johnson Township website.

2025 Dog Tags: Available FREE at the Johnson Township Municipal Office.

Proof of rabies vaccination must be provided.

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

May 21, 2025

Regular Council Meeting May 21, 2025: Council received the annual delegation from the PUC about the status of the water treatment plant. In the presentation, PUC provided suggested recommendations that could improve the water treatment facility and extend its useful life. Council also accepted the following:

- 2.86% Blended Tax Increase to the Municipal Budget
- Staff Reports accepting:
 - Changes to the chart of accounts
 - Donations towards the Central Algoma Secondary School Relay for Life - Sustain Algoma - and Fibre to Fabric events.
 - Electrical Inspection at the Community Centre: Passed
 - Completion of the CAFC Great Canadian Fire Census of 2025
- Tulloch Engineering's report on the Johnson Tarbutt Joint Landfill Site Closure and Post-Closure Costs. Along with the Landfill Remaining Life Expectancy report for the 2024 Audited Financial Statements. 20 useful years remain on the landfill site, with the expectation to exceed that.
- Submission of a Liquor Licensing request to the AGCO for a local Business.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025					
WHEREAS Section 391 (1) (a) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on any class of persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it; AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Johnson deems it expedient to increase water and sewer charges and to provide that the charges do not exceed the cost of providing a municipal water and sewer system.					
THEREFORE, the proposed increases will be enacted by By-Law at the June 18th, 2025 meeting of Council at 6 PM, 1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats, ON POR 1E0. The proposed increase will take effect on the July, 2025 water and sewer billing.					
Proposed 2025 Utility Increase per month/Annually					
WATER AND SEWER			WATER ONLY		
Residential	2024	2025	Residential	2024	2025
Water	\$ 60.00	\$ 63.00	Water	\$ 60.00	\$ 63.00
Sewer	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.20	Cap-Improv. Reserve Water	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.90
Cap-Improv. Reserve Water	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.90	Monthly Increase	\$ 68.50	\$ 71.90
Cap-Improv. Reserve Sewer	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.25	Annual Increase		\$ 40.80
Monthly	\$ 98.50	\$ 103.35			
Annual Increase		\$ 58.20			
Commercial			Commercial		
Water	\$ 70.00	\$ 73.50	Water	\$ 70.00	\$ 73.50
Sewer	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.20	Cap-Improv. Reserve Water	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.90
Cap-Improv. Reserve Water	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.90	Monthly Increase	\$ 78.50	\$ 82.40
Cap-Improv. Reserve Sewer	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.25	Annual Increase		\$ 46.80
Monthly	\$ 108.50	\$ 113.85			
Annual Increase		\$ 64.20			
Multi Residential					
Water	\$ 240.00	\$ 252.00			
Sewer	\$ 100.00	\$ 104.80			
Cap-Improv. Reserve Water	\$ 34.00	\$ 35.60			
Cap-Improv. Reserve Sewer	\$ 20.00	\$ 21.00			
Monthly Increase	\$ 394.00	\$ 413.40			
Annual Increase		\$ 232.80			

****Water usage is based on 15 cu. Metres. Usage above 15 Cu. Metres will be billed an additional \$5.25 per Cu. Metre**

Dated: May 22, 2025 at the Township of Johnson
Municipal Office
1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats, ON
POR 1E0
people@johnsontownship.ca
Telephone: 705 782 6601
Per J. Boucher, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

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JOHNSON

BINGO

JUNE 12 2025

6 PM - 8 PM

UPSTAIRS AT THE JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

BRING A WRAPPED GIFT TO SWAP FOR A PRIZE.

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Around the Community



CASS is hosting Relay for Life on June 4th, 2025, from 11 AM to 9 PM. For details on how to participate, visit the Relay for Life website and search for Central Algoma www.support.cancer.ca

- Congratulations to all athletes who took part in Track and Field events at the school and those who travelled for larger meets.
- CASS Archer recently took Gold at the Great Lakes Archery Invitational Tournament in Richmond On.
- Graduation is coming! Grade 8 Graduation is June 25, with Gr. 12 on June 26. Congratulations to all of this year's grads!

SUMMERTIME
Christmas Market
Celebrating creativity, uniqueness, artists and the magic of giving, all year!

SATURDAY JULY 19TH
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

OVER 30 ARTISTS & VENDORS

Johnson Community Centre
1 Cameron Dr., Desbarats, ON
INTERESTED IN BEING A VENDOR,
E-MAIL: 3SINC.SOLUTIONS@GMAIL.COM

Trefry Centre Diner's Club

BBQ and
SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS
Tuesday June 24th
RC Legion Richards Landing
Doors open 11am
\$16/person
ticket online @ www.trefrycentre.ca
or at Trefry Centre office

Hamburger or Sausage
summer salads,
rhubarb cake,
coffee & tea

2nd Annual HEALTHY AGING FAIR
FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL

JUNE 19 2025
1030AM - 230PM
Blind River Arena Ice Surface

CHECK OUT

Please join us at our Healthy Aging Fair! Learn about health, social services and local clubs.

Caregivers, please bring a friend, shut-in, or older relative out for a fun afternoon.

If you are new to the community, this is a perfect way to learn more how to access available services and talk face-to-face with providers.

All ages are welcome. This event is FREE to enter.

Join us to learn valuable information and meet new people.

Local Services
Caregiver Resources
Safety Tips
Local Activities
Snacks
Resources & Support

PROUDLY HOSTED BY:
North Shore Family Health Team
Région Santé Rive Nord
Blind River

child care algoma

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!



FARM TOURS! AN UNFORGETTABLE FARM EXPERIENCE FOR ALL AGES!

COME MEET OUR CURIOUS AND FRIENDLY ALPACAS—THEY LOVE VISITORS!

- FEED & PET THE ALPACAS
- VISIT THE SHEARING SHED AND LEARN HOW THEY'RE SHORN
- MEET LULU THE LLAMA AND SEE HOW SHE'S DIFFERENT FROM ALPACAS
- EXPLORE OUR FIBRE STUDIO & GIFT SHOP
- SEE OUR LARGE FELTLOOM AND DISCOVER THE AMAZING THINGS WE MAKE FROM ALPACA FIBRE!

ALL VISITS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

BOOK YOUR TOUR ONLINE AT:
MEADOWVIEWALPACAFARM.COM

Around the Community

Bruce Mines Cruisin' Car Show

Sat. June 14, 2025

Rev Your Engines for the Bruce Mines Cruisin' Car Show! Get ready to flaunt your ride at the ultimate car event! This year, we're bringing the best vehicles and bigger prizes. With over 88 participants last year, we're set to break records! Any style, year, or model is welcome. Expect more vendors, car enthusiasts, and bigger crowds. Join us for a thrilling swap meet. Don't miss out on the action!

\$20 vehicle registration

Bruce Mines Cruisin' Car Show

Bruce Mines Waterfront & Gazebo

Oldies 93

Rock 101 Broadcasting Live

Bruce Mines Agricultural Society

Kitchen Fundraiser Dance

June 14th, 2025

Bruce Mines Fair Grounds (Arena)

7:00 – 8:00 pm DJ music
8:00– 11:00 pm Live music
11:00 pm – 12:00 am DJ music

Advance \$15.00 Door \$20.00

Snacks will be available

Cash Bar by Legion Branch 211

For Tickets call Lori 705-785-3288 or Peggy 705-785-3377



National Indigenous History Month

#NIHM2025



SAVE THE DATE!

HEALTHY AGING WELLNESS EVENT

JUNE 11TH, 2025

12:00PM-3:00PM

THESSALON MEMORIAL ARENA

The 3rd Annual Wellness Event will provide information and education on local agencies, opportunities for social, recreational and medical needs. Lunch provided, details to follow

Call Us 705-842-2217

Email susan@thessalon.ca

Visit Our Website www.thessalon.ca

SUSTAIN ALGOMA EXPO

2025

PRESENTED BY:

Saturday June 14th 9am - 2pm

Johnson Township Community Centre

1 Cameron Drive in Desbarats, Ontario

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS WELCOME DOOR PRIZES

SEE EXOTIC INSECTS UP CLOSE!

ENTOMICA INSECTARIUM

TRY ARCHERY WITH

NOTTINGHAM NORTH

COMPOSTING WORMS

ARTS AND CRAFTS

LEARN ABOUT BATS

SPONSORS:

Join us for a fun family event that promotes sustainable living in the Algoma District!

INTERESTED IN BEING A VENDOR OR EXHIBITOR? THERE'S STILL TIME TO APPLY!

705-782-2200

WWW.KENSINGTONCONSERVANCY.ORG/SUSTAIN-ALGOMA-EXPO

DON'T FORGET THAT THE JOHNSON FARMERS' MARKET WILL BE OPEN FOR THEIR REGULAR SATURDAY HOURS TOO!

2025 Vendors and Exhibitors: Algoma Public Health • B & T Pet Treats • Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition • Clean North • Coudre de Bois • Entomica Insectarium • E's Crochet Corner • Garden Gardens • Harvest Algoma • J Crochet Designs • Johnson Township Recreation • Junk Jam Studio • Lavish Line • Lake Huron North • Maple Leaf Facility Solutions Inc • NORDIC Institute • North Channel Heating and Air Conditioning • Nottingham North • Northern Workshops • Pearl & Moss Botanicals • Pura & Simple • dTERRA • Red Roof Honey • The Beehive • Jewellery and Surprise Bags • Regent Natural Resources Ltd. • Renewable Energy Solutions • Rural Agri • Innovation Network • St. Marys River Remedial Action Plan • Scentsy • Smith Soaps • Stokely Creek Naturals • Sweetened Chocolate & Confectionery • The Kensington Conservancy • The Valley of Angels • The Wooden Wick Candle Co. • Thinking Rock Community Arts • Voyager Trail Association • Wanda Jelly Bean Creations • Yur's 3D Prints • AND MORE!



Returning Families Portal:
<https://app3.jackrabbitclass.com/jr3.0/ParentPortal/Login?orgId=534511>

New families:
<https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/regv2.asp?id=534511>

- 01 Review schedule and decide on classes for season
- 02 Login to Parent Portal or create an account (links for new families & existing above)
- 03 Process payment for first installment
 review installment & tuition fee structures in class descriptions
- 04 Once payment is processed, dancer(s) will be registered.
 Your Parent Portal will provide you with updates on account details etc.

HOW TO REGISTER

<https://centralsdancecass.wixsite.com/dance>
 For further inquiries email
centralsdance.cass@gmail.com


Plant Sale
 Johnson Farmers' Market
 1 Cameron Ave. Desbarats
Saturday, June 7th
9:00am to 2:00pm

ANNUAL Car Wash FUNDRAISER
JUNE 10TH @9AM
 AT BRUCE MINES FIRE HALL
 9234 HIGHWAY 17
 A fundraising event by the Bruce Mines Fire Association

BY DONATION

JOHNSON FARMERS' MARKET DESBARATS
EVERY SATURDAY
 June to Thanksgiving
 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Sept. 28th, Oct. 5th & 12th Open at 10a.m.

Promoting Local

- ✓ Fresh Produce
- ✓ Maple Syrup & Products
- ✓ Honey & Products
- ✓ Baked Goods
- ✓ Gluten-free Baked Goods
- ✓ Cheeses
- ✓ Fresh/Smoked Fish
- ✓ Farm Fresh Eggs
- ✓ Alpaca Fibre Products
- ✓ Special Events
- ✓ Local Artists & Artisans


 1 Cameron Avenue,
 Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0
www.johnsonfarmersmarket.ca
jffarmersmarket@gmail.com

LAIRD RACEWAY 2025 SCHEDULE

TEST 'N' TUNE	TEST 'N' TUNE, JUNE 19
ENDURO	2025 ENDURO, JUNE 21
THUNDER	THURSDAY NIGHT THUNDER, JUNE 26
THUNDER	THURSDAY NIGHT THUNDER, JULY 3
TEST 'N' TUNE	TEST 'N' TUNE, JULY 8
THUNDER	THURSDAY NIGHT THUNDER, JULY 10
TEST 'N' TUNE	TEST 'N' TUNE, JULY 15
THUNDER	THURSDAY NIGHT THUNDER, JULY 24
THUNDER	THURSDAY NIGHT THUNDER, JULY 31
TEST 'N' TUNE	TEST 'N' TUNE, AUG 5
THUNDER	THURSDAY NIGHT THUNDER, AUG 7
TEST 'N' TUNE	TEST 'N' TUNE, AUG 12
THUNDER	THURSDAY NIGHT THUNDER, AUG 14
MIKE PARSONS MEMORIAL	MIKE PARSONS MEMORIAL, AUG 22
MIKE PARSONS MEMORIAL	MIKE PARSONS MEMORIAL, AUG 23

ALGOMATRAD PRESENTS:
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2025
 ALGOMATRAD CENTRE - 1249 F&G LINE RD, ST. JOSEPH ISLAND


 HANNAH & NATHAN

THURS JUNE 26
 7:30PM

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