



# The Johnson Chronicle

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## Spring is just around the corner!



### Save the date for your favourite Community Event:

- Family Day Fun Day - Monday, February 16th from 1pm-4pm
- March Break Free Skate Schedule - March 13th - 17th
- Curtis Ford and Jocelyne Stevens Memorial Family Hockey Tournament - March 13th - 15th, 2026
- North Shore Youth Slo-Pitch & Soccer Registration - March 2026
- Summer Youth Swim Program Registration - March 2026
- St. Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers Show - Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026
- Desbarats for Sale - May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Sustain Algoma presented by Central Algoma Land Trust - June 2026
- Johnson Jaunt June 1st - 30th, 2026
- Breakfast Buffet/Johnson Farmers' Market Opening - June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Reg McHale Memorial Big Pike Family Fishing Derby - June 27th, 2026
- Community Day - Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Christmas in July - Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Gordon Lake Social Club Bake & Garage Sale - date to be announced
- Gordon Lake Social Club's Pie Social - date to be announced
- Fibre to Fabric - August 2026, date to be announced
- Sylvan Circle Tour - Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- ATV Poker Run - September 2026
- Big Buck Contest Registration - September 1st - 30th, 2026
- Halloween Skate Party - Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Big Buck Contest Awards Dinner - November, 2026
- Children's Holiday Party - Sunday, December 6th, 2026
- Holiday Free Skate & Shiny Schedule - December 2026

**Interested in helping with one or a few of our annual community events? Email [recreation@johnsontownship.ca](mailto:recreation@johnsontownship.ca) and indicate which event you want to help with.**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Wednesdays 50+ Club 1pm-3pm**

**Wednesdays Central Algoma EarlyON Centre at CAES Daycare 9:30am-12:30pm**

**Friday's Public Skate 6:30pm-8pm**

**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 Family Fun Day**

**Wednesday, February 21: Toddlers and Tots Skate 9am-12pm**

**Thursday, February 19 Fun Bingo 6pm-8pm**

**Wednesday February 25: Pink Shirt Day**

**Friday, February 6 Gordon Lake Card Party 7pm**

**February 13 - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Curtis Ford & Jocelyne Stevens Memorial Family Hockey Tournament**

**Winter Dump Hours:**

**Saturday 9am-5pm &**

**Wednesday 12pm-5pm**

**Keep Meters Clear of Snow**

**For Ease of access for Staff to Read**

# Events & Recreation



ACTIVITIES ARE BY DONATIONS IN THE LOBBY OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, PRIZES TO BE WON THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

Join us for an exciting afternoon of activities, including:

- Bigger-than-ever Bum Slides
- Log Sawing
- Nail Driving
- Bonfire
- 2X4 Races

Shamrock Skate Show from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
 Free Skate 3:00pm to 4:00pm (Valentines theme)  
 Face Painting  
 Hot Chocolate Bar  
 We look forward to seeing you there!

## Curtis Ford & Jocelyne Stevens Memorial Family Hockey Tournament



Welcome the return of the Annual Family Hockey Tournament in memory of Curtis Ford and Jocelyne Stevens two local students who lost their lives too early. This annual tournament raises funds for the Johnson Township Recreation Volunteer Award for a graduating CASS and CAIS student who display a commitment to community recreation and sport. Get your team together today and register for the:

- **Competitive Division Aged 15+ \$600**

Contact a tournament organizer at [cujofamilyhockey@gmail.com](mailto:cujofamilyhockey@gmail.com)

## Toddlers & Tots Skate

Are you at home with kiddos aged 6 and under? Join us and the Central Algoma Early ON Centre twice a month for a Free Skate, snacks, and playtime. Ice will be open from 9am-10am and wagons and strollers are welcome onto the ice after a quick wipe down. Then head upstairs for playtime, snacks, and crafts until 12pm.

**February 4<sup>th</sup> | February 18<sup>th</sup> | March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 18<sup>th</sup> | April 1<sup>st</sup>**

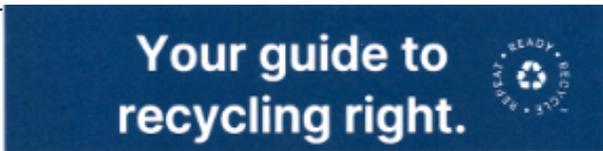




## Fun Bingo: February 19, 2026

B-I-N-G-O BINGO!

Thursday, February 19, 2026 is the first Fun Bingo of the new year! All are welcome to join in upstairs at the Johnson Township Community Centre 6pm-8pm. Please bring a wrapped gift valued at around \$5.00 for the prize table and enjoy popcorn on us!



Accepted in recycling:

- Plastic containers
- Cardboard & boxboard
- Paper
- Metal
- Cartons
- Glass containers
- Paper laminate packaging
- Flexible plastics
- Foam packaging

Not accepted in recycling:

- Hazardous materials
- Diapers
- Books
- Toys
- Ceramics
- Organics

Safely recycle batteries, sharps and propane canisters at a designated drop off location. For a full list of accepted recyclables and recycling tips: [circularmaterials.ca/ON](http://circularmaterials.ca/ON)

**Recycling tip**  
Place your materials clean, dry and loose in your building's recycling bins.

Learn more: [circularmaterials.ca/ON](http://circularmaterials.ca/ON)

### JOHNSON TARBUTT JOINT LANDFILL TIPPING FEES AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026 \*FOR NON-HOUSEHOLD AND CONSTRUCTION WASTE

PLEASE HAVE YOUR LANDFILL STICKER AVAILABLE

- WHEN VISITING THE LANDFILL
- SINGLE AXLE TRAILER \$15.00
- HALF TON TRUCK \$30.00
- DUAL AXLE TRAILER \$75.00
- SINGLE AXLE TRUCK (ONE TON) \$75.00
- DOUBLE AXLE TRUCK \$150.00
- TRI AXLE TRUCK \$250.00
- BOATS - WOODEN \$ 8.00/FOOT
- BOATS - ALUMINUM \$8.00/FOOT
- BOATS - FIBREGLASS \$15.00/FOOT

## Community Centre (JTCC) Bulletin



**No Pushing snow across roads and streets, it is not only a safety hazard; it is also against the law. The Ontario Traffic Act states: No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1990,c. H.8,s. 181**

### Getting Social at Gordon Lake Hall

The Gordon Lake Social Club still has a few monthly Card Party's coming up between Febuary and May 2026. Doors open at the Gordon Lake Hall, at 7pm with play starting at 7:30pm. Light refreshments are provided, and all ages are welcome; players must be aged 18+. Admission is \$10. Mark your calendars for the remaining dates:

**February 6, 2026 | March 6, 2026 | April 10, 2026  
May 1, 2026**

# Community Centre (JTCC) Bulletin

Ice is available to rent at the JTCC up until April 10, 2026. Looking for a winter birthday party idea? A family gathering? Just want extra practice time? 1hr of ice is \$120.00+HST. Bookings are available 7 days a week from 7am-10pm. Reach out to recreation@johnsontownship.ca to get your group booked in today.

Remember we also have **Skate Sharpening** at the rink by donation anytime the rink is open.

**When visiting the JTCC, please remember to keep your kiddos nearby. We love tiny explorers, but keep them within arm's reach and remind them not to run inside the building, for their safety and everyone else's.**

## February 2026 Skate Nights

ENTRANCE BY DONATION 6:30pm-8pm | Friday Night  
Johnson Township Community Centre  
1 Cameron Drive, Desbarats, ON

**FEBRUARY 6 - FREE SKATE**  
SPONSORED BY BRUCE MINES LIONS CLUB

**FEBRUARY 16 - FAMILY DAY & VALENTINES SKATE**  
COME SKATE HEARTS AROUND YOUR SPECIAL SOMEONE

**FEBRUARY 20 - OLYMPICS NIGHT**

**FEBRUARY 27 - BEACH BASH**  
WISHING FOR THAT SUN, SAND AND WATER



## Around the Community

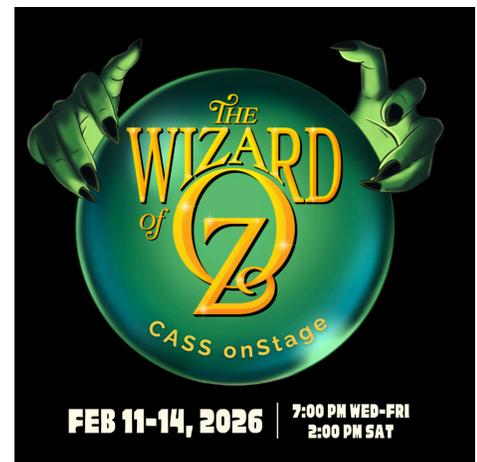


### CASS is Off to See the Wizard...

CASS on Stage has been working hard over the last few months putting together an amazing performance of The Wizard of Oz. Be sure to

get your tickets online at <https://saultctc.ca/event/the-wizard-of-oz/> and enjoy this fan favourite. Want to help support the show? CASS on Stage is looking for monetary donations email [curriec@adsb.on.ca](mailto:curriec@adsb.on.ca) for details.

**Huskies Hockey:** The CASS Boys Hockey Team recently played a great game here in Desbarats against the White Pines Wolverines. The roar of the fans in the stands might have helped bring the boys to a 5-2 win! Additionally the CASS Girls hockey team hosted Superior Heights and battled hard to the end, with Dani Stewart scoring the game winner for CASS to defeat Superior 2-1 in OT!! Way to Go Huskies!!!



# FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

January 21, 2025

## Regular Council Meeting

Staff Reports highlighted discussions regarding:

- Deputy Clerk: Council has adopted the following by-laws:
  - Interim Tax Levy By-law, establishing payment due dates of February 27, 2026 and April 30, 2026
  - Tax Ratio By-Law
  - Annual Borrowing By-Law
  - 2026 Surface treatment program will include: 8250m<sup>2</sup>( double surface treatment(Gordon Lake Rd), 8450m<sup>2</sup> Single Surface Treatment(Diamond Lake Rd), 950m<sup>2</sup> Double Surface Treatment(Old Soo Road apron).
- Arena: The Community Centre has experienced high usage with regular and new bookings, ongoing maintenance and construction project.
- Recreation: The Recreation Coordinator is away on a Maternity leave from January 2026 - July 2027. A Part time posting was posted and interviews conducted the week of January 26, 2026.
- Fire Department: 2026 training requirements were discussed and reviewed by council. The Fire Chief provided an update on new Carbon Monoxide Alarm requirements, effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Under these regulations homes with fuel-fired appliance, fireplace, attached garage or receiving heated air from fuel filled appliance located outside dwelling are required to have installation of carbon monoxide detector on every storey an adjacent to sleeping areas.

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026

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

## The Public Works Garage

Someone keeps ordering up all this snow, keeping the Public Works crew extra busy out on the roads! Keep your eyes out for plows, graders, and sanders as the team works hard to keep up with the ongoing snowfall. Remember to give large machinery space and slow down when approaching. To help with snow removal the winter parking By-Law is now in effect and no overnight road parking is permitted until April 2026.

See an issue out on the roadways? Contact the Public Works Garage by calling 705-782-6601 ex. 206 and leave a message, the Road Super will be in touch promptly to assist.

### **FIRE PERMIT RENEWAL: 2025 FIRE PERMITS ARE NOW EXPIRED**

New Permit Applications can be Completed Online Free of Charge at:  
<https://johnsontownship.ca/services/fire-department/>

### **2026 DOG TAGS: NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Dog Tags are FREE and Required for all Dogs Owned in the Township.

### **2026 Interim Tax Bills will be in the Mail at the end of January**

1<sup>st</sup> Installment Due February 27, 2026 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment Due April 30, 2026

**The PEROGIE Project**  
 A fundraiser for St. Boniface Church  
 3133 Maple St. Hilton Beach

**\$10/dozen**

Order by Feb 28  
 Pick Up March 28  
 10-noon at the church

Order at:  
 option to prepay at:  
[stboniface@ssmd.ca](mailto:stboniface@ssmd.ca)

Quantities limited

**Native Plant Winter Sowing**

**Date:** February 19, 2026

**Time:** 2:00 - 4:00

**Location:** Bruce Station Community Hall - 109 Station Road, Bruce Station

Are you interested in starting a pollinator garden? Come on out to this BSHS Winter Sowing event and learn about this easy, low cost method to germinate seeds outdoors in the winter. Check out Facebook or contact [secretarybrucestationhs@gmail.com](mailto:secretarybrucestationhs@gmail.com) for the few supplies that you will need.

New members welcome. BSHS Memberships will be available and cost \$15.00.



**YOGA CLASSES**  
 with Terri

**Yoga in Desbarats**

Johnson Township Community Centre  
 Tuesdays, Jan. 13- Feb. 24 (7 weeks)  
 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM  
 \$105 + tax = \$118.65

**Yoga in Bruce Station**

Bruce Station Community Hall  
 Thursdays, Jan. 15 - Feb. 26 (7 weeks)  
 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM  
 \$105 + tax = \$118.65

Double the zen! Register for both Desbarats + Bruce Station and save 10%

\$189 + tax = \$213.57

To save your spot or ask a question:  
 Email / E-transfer: [terri@meadowviewalpacafarm.com](mailto:terri@meadowviewalpacafarm.com)



~ UPCOMING MEET & GREET - February 10th, 2026 ~

Enjoy some coffee, tea, desserts, talk about upcoming Chamber events,

& take a tour of our Town's newest event space!

Tuesday, February 10th, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Bruce Mines United Church

18 Williams Street, Bruce Mines

~ This month's guest speaker is the Historical Society ~

**Central Algoma Seedy Saturday**  
 SAVE THE DATE  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

**Kindergarten REGISTRATION**  
 Time to Learn, Grow and Play!

register online

A learning journey starts here for someone special!  
 Algoma District School Board