



# The Johnson Chronicle

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## March Madness may be over, but April is just getting started!

The ice has officially melted at the JTCC, and what an incredible season it was. From public skates to shinny games, it was amazing to see so many people out enjoying the rink and making the most of winter. A huge thank you to everyone who came out, laced up, and joined in the fun. We're already counting down to next season—mark your calendars, the ice returns October 14, 2026! We couldn't do this without the support of our sponsors—Bruce Mines Lions Club, NIVO, and RBC—along with all the participants and volunteers who help make skate nights such a success year after year.

Enjoy the warmer days ahead, and we'll see you back on the ice next season!

## KIDS' COLOURING SECTION: HAPPY EASTER!



## IMPORTANT DATES:

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

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

**April 1: April Fools Day**

**April 16: BINGO**

**April 3: Good Friday- Municipal Office Closed**

**April 5: Easter Sunday**

**April 6: Easter Monday - Municipal Office Closed**

**April 25: 12PM- 2 PM Earth Day Community Clean up**

**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 1: Youth Slo-Pitch - Registration Closes**

**May 4: Hunters and Anglers Outdoor & Gun Show**

**May 10: Desbarats For Sale**

**Winter Dump Hours:  
Saturday 9am-5pm &  
Wednesday 12pm-5pm**

**Keep Meters Clear of Snow  
For Ease of access for Staff to  
Read**

**HALF LOAD RESTRICTIONS IN  
PLACE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

# Events & Recreation



## Earth Day Cleanup Challenge

Spring is tiptoeing in, which means the snow will soon reveal all the trash hiding beneath its frosty layers. This year, let's band together to keep our community looking fabulous! Swing by the Johnson Township Community Center from 12 PM to 2 PM April 25th, and we'll hook you up with bags, gloves, and pickers. Let's make our neighborhood sparkle!

### Desbarats for Sale:

As spring approaches, many of us feel the urge to tidy up the garage or finally sort through those boxes we've been meaning to clear out—or even consider hatching some chicks or baby bunnies.

Well, we have the perfect event for you! Save the date: May 9th 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$10 to reserve your house or a table at the Johnson Township Community Center.

A map will be available the day of to pick up at the Johnson Township Community Center. Register a sale at [www.johnsontownship.ca](http://www.johnsontownship.ca) by May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

# Events & Recreation



## Fun Bingo: April 16th, 2026:

B-I-N-G-O BINGO!

Join us Thursday, April 16, 2026 for Fun Bingo. 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!

## The North Shore Youth Slo-Pitch and Soccer registration is 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 May 1, 2026.**  
**Soccer registration closes on June 1, 2026.** We can not promise that accommodations can be made for late entries.



## Challenger Sports Foundational Skills Camps in Desbarats:

This summer, bringing world-class coaching and an exciting World Cup-year atmosphere to young athletes of all skill levels. With passionate international coaches, a proven curriculum, and an engaging full-week program, this camp is the perfect way for kids to build confidence, sharpen their soccer skills, and fall in love with the game. Sign up today at <https://challengersports.com/camps/johnson-township-desbarats-on/>

The following two pages contain registration forms for North Shore Youth Slo-Pitch and soccer. After completing the forms, please submit them to the Johnson Township Municipal Office. 1 Johnson Drive Debsarats ON. 705-782-6601



# North Shore Recreation Programs

## Youth Slo-Pitch & Soccer Registration 2026

Registration is also available online at: [www.johnsontownship.ca](http://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 FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026**

**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
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**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:**

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**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  
GABI LECLAIR  
705-943-7151(CELL)  
[Recreation@johnsontownship.ca](mailto:Recreation@johnsontownship.ca)

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP  
1 JOHNSON DRIVE  
P.O. BOX 160  
DESBARATS, ON  
P0R 1E0

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

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**REGISTRATION DUE BY MONDAY  
JUNE 1, 2026**

**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 : 2022, 2021
- \$25 Division I : 2020, 2019
- \$25 Division II : 2018, 2017, 2016
- \$25 Division III : 2015, 2014, 2013
- \$25 Division IV (Senior) : 2012 - 2008

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

- Soccer Coach     Soccer Assistant Coach
- Soccer Referee

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

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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

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 2026 Summer Recreation Program. I hereby authorize my child's(rens) involvement in Johnson Township's Summer Recreation Program for 2026:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Total Player's Fees:

Slo-Pitch Total: \_\_\_\_\_ + Soccer Total: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

# FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

March 18th, 2026

Special Council Meeting - March 9, 2026 - Johnson Township

- This special meeting of the Council was convened to address items discussed in closed session, including building inspection services within the municipality, the landfill exit agreement, and the disposition of surplus property.

Regular Council Meeting - March 18, 2026 - Johnson Township

- Mark Hoffman from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) attended to present the Annual Report for the Drinking Water System for 2025.
- A ratepayer expressed concerns regarding the need for improvements to Grey Duck Drive; however, no decisions were made at this time.
- The Council received a tender for the 2026 Bridge and Culvert Inspection, amounting to \$4,915.50, with R and R Engineering selected as the successful firm.
- Additionally, the Council reviewed the Transmission Watermain Replacement Feasibility Study, which outlines potential costs and options for the watermain replacement, detailing the existing issues and proposed alternatives.

**Next Council Meeting:** Thursday, April 9, 2026

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

## The Public Works Garage

### Spring Weather Advisory – Use Caution

As spring approaches, the water levels in the ditches will start to rise with the warmer weather.

Frost will cause heaving, soft spots develop along with potholes which could create road hazards. Please drive according to road conditions.

Public Works crews continue to push back snowbanks to help improve drainage and reduce water accumulation.

If you encounter flooding, please report it to the Roads Department at 705-782-6601 ext. 206.

Drive safely and remain alert to changing road conditions.

### **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 were mailed out January**

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

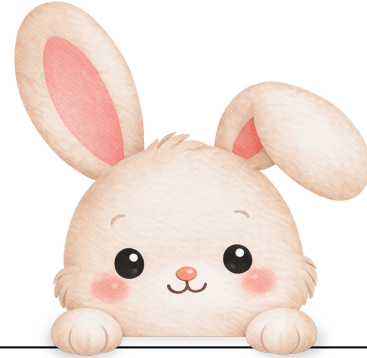
# Community Centre (JTCC) Bulletin

With ice rentals ending Thursday, April 2, 2026 the rink floor will be available for spring rentals starting April 27, 2026. Rink Floor bookings are a ton of fun for Birthday Parties, camp groups and more. Contact Gabi LeClair at 705-782-6601 x 803 or email [recreation@johnsontownship.ca](mailto:recreation@johnsontownship.ca) to make a booking. Stay tuned for Summer Sports and Roller Rink Programming.

## Getting Social at Gordon Lake Hall

The Gordon Lake Social Club only has 2 monthly Card Parties coming up between in April 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:

**April 10, 2026 | May 1, 2026**



## Around the Community



### Huskies Hockey:

CASS hosted the Husky Classic hockey high school tournament this March at the JTCC and was a huge success, bringing students together for a day full of fun competition and school spirit. With players split into Team White, Team Red, and Team Black, the games were fast-paced and exciting, but what stood out most of all was the incredible level of sportsmanship and respect for other players. From the opening faceoff to the championship game, players and spectators made the event enjoyable for everyone. Congratulations to Team White who took home the trophy. The Husky Classic continues to grow into a proud Husky tradition, lets see it grow for next year!

## OUTDOORS & GUN SHOW

**SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026, 9am-3pm**  
Desbarats Arena - Johnson Twp Community Centre

**HUNTING,  
FISHING,  
CAMPING,  
BOATING  
AND MORE!**

**FREE**  
**KIDS ZONE**  
ARCHERY,  
CASTING, HAWK  
THROWING AND  
NERF GUN RANGE



**100+**  
**Vendor Tables**  
  
Numerous  
Gun Vendors  
  
Outside Vendors  
Marine, Camping,  
Off-Road  
  
Delicious Foods  
  
Silent Auction



Come see the largest buck ever harvested in Ontario called the Dryden Buck and record setting moose antlers.  
*(Courtesy of the Ministry of Natural Resources)*



Admission by donation.  
Cash is required for some purchases.  
There is no ATM.

**Join us for the Outdoors & Gun Show on May 3, 2026,** from 9am–3pm at Desbarats Arena. Enjoy over 100 vendor tables, hands-on activities, and displays focused on hunting, fishing, camping, and boating. Families can explore the FREE Kids Zone with archery, casting, hawk throwing, and a Nerf gun range. Don't miss the Dryden Buck and record-setting moose antlers on display. Admission is by donation, offering great food, unique vendors, and a vibrant community event.

# DINER'S CLUB

Tuesday April 28th  
11am  
RC Legion Richards Landing

Lemon Herb Chicken,  
Scalloped potatoes,  
Roasted carrots,  
Carrot cake,  
Coffee & tea



tickets available at: Trefry Centre or  
www.trefrycentre.ca

## CALLING LOCAL VENDORS

### VENDORS WANTED

#### 2026 SEASON

Grow it • Bake it • Make it • Sell it

We are looking for:

- ✓ Fresh produce
- ✓ Baking & preserves
- ✓ Plants & flowers
- ✓ Handmade goods
- ✓ Local food products

Join a trusted market serving the community for over 20 years.

New vendors welcome

✉ jtfarmersmarket@gmail.com  
☎ 705-541-1886

Established community market • Loyal customers • New vendors welcome

#JohnsonFarmersMarket #Desbarats #SupportLocal  
#FarmersMarketOntario

## CENTRAL DANCE

# SPRING MINI SESSION

### ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Central Dance Spring mini-series will explore a variety of dance styles including: Hip-hop, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Lyrical, Contemporary

Each week dancers will engage in a fun warm-up, stretching, and a dance combination

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK: CENTRAL DANCE FOR UPDATES & INFORMATION

TO REGISTER SCAN THE QR CODE

SCAN HERE

## CENSUS JOBS

**Statistics Canada is hiring in your community for the 2026 Census!**

Join the 2026 Census team for meaningful work and community impact.

**Important to know:**

- There are approximately 32,000 census jobs available across Canada.
- Pay is **\$25.87 per hour** for non-supervisory positions and **\$31.32 per hour** for supervisory positions, plus authorized expenses.
- The time frame for census jobs is between **March and July 2026**, depending on the position and location.
- You must be available to work flexible hours including days, evenings, and weekends.

**Apply now and tell a friend**  
[census.gc.ca/jobs](https://census.gc.ca/jobs)

For assistance, please call 1-833-830-3106  
Teletypewriter (TTY): 1-833-830-3109

## NORTH CHANNEL COMMUNITY SINGERS

SPRING CONCERT

# Rhythm of the Years

From the classics to rock anthems

Friday, May 8th  
&  
Saturday, May 9th

7:00 PM

Tickets:

\$10 (Ages 13+)

Family: \$25 (2 Adults + 2 Teens 13-16)

12 & Under FREE

**Bruce Mines United Church**  
18 William Street

Tickets Available At:

- Forestland (Thessalon)
- The Copper Bean (Bruce Mines)
- McClelland's Hardware (Desbarats)

## Spring Fling 2026

### Saturday, April 25

**Artisan and Vendor Sales**  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bruce Mines Community Centre  
9180 Highway 17  
Bruce Mines Ontario

AND

Mariner's Cove  
9027 Highway 17  
Bruce Mines Ontario

Proceeds To  
Bruce Mines Historical Society

Presented By  
Bruce Mines & District Chamber of Commerce

## SUMMER POWERED by science

**camps in DESBARATS**  
Starting Aug 24, 2026

**AGES 4-5 Science Starter**  
A perfect first step into STEM through play, discovery, and hands-on fun.

**AGES 6-8 Discovery Camp**  
Explore a new science theme each day with experiments, building, and interactive activities.

**AGES 9-11 STEM Adventure**  
Take on exciting challenges in science, technology, engineering, and math through hands-on projects.

MORE INFO  
[SCIENCENORTH.CA/CAMPS](https://sciencenorth.ca/camps)

SCIENCE NORTH SCIENCE NORD

Science North is an agency of the Government of Ontario and a registered charitable organization #1796-2979-10000

## April GLASS ART DEMONSTRATION

### April 16, 2025

2:00 - 4:00

Bruce Station Community Hall

109 Station Road, Bruce Station

New Members Welcome!

BSHS Memberships will be available

Cost: \$15.00