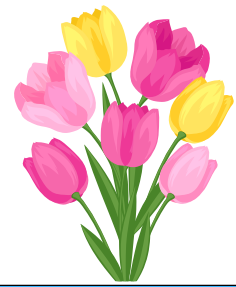




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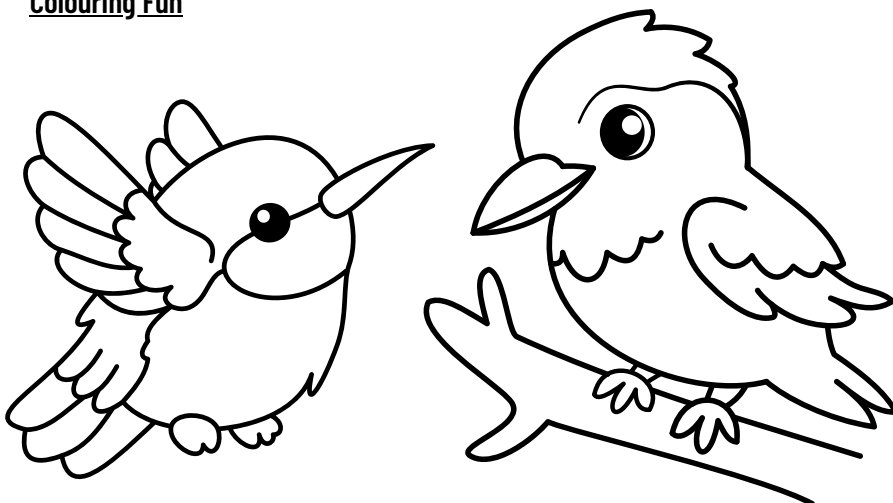
As spring approaches, many of us feel the urge to tidy up the garage or finally sort through those boxes we've been meaning to clear out—or even consider hatching some chicks or baby bunnies. Well, we have the perfect event for you! Save the date: May 9th 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Registration Fee: \$10 to 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 by May 7th, 2026.

DESBARATS FOR SALE
 MAY 9TH, 2026
 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

HOW CAN I HOST A SALE?
 \$10 REGISTER A SALE AT YOUR HOUSE OR RENT A TABLE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Register online at www.johnsontownship.ca by May 7th, 2026

Colouring Fun



IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesdays: 50+ Club 1pm-3pm

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

May 9th: Desbarats For Sale

May 15th: Community Centre Sports Court opens for all to use

May 18th: Municipal office will be closed.

May 21st: Bingo from 6-8pm

June: Johnson Jaunt the whole month of June, Stay tuned for events!

June 1st: Youth Soccer Registration Closes

June 6th: Farmers Market Opens

June 27th: 2026 Reg McHale Big Pike Derby

July 11th: Desbarats Community Day

Dump Hours:

Saturday 9am-5pm & Wednesday 12pm-7pm(Starting May 20th, 2026)

Keep Meters Clear of debris for easy access when reading.

HALF LOAD RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Events & Recreation

2026 REG MCHALE BIG PIKE FAMILY FISHING DERBY

EVERY ANGLER GETS A PRIZE!

YOUTH : \$5 (12 YEARS AND UNDER)

ADULTS: \$20

GRAND PRIZE: \$500

SATURDAY JUNE 27TH, 2026

START AT 7 AM - 2 PM

DESBARATS DOCKS
CHECK-IN & MEASURING AT THE MUNICIPAL DOCKS & BOAT LAUNCH AT THE CORNER OF HWY 17, LAKE HURON DRIVE, & BOYER DRIVE DESBARATS

REGISTER EARLY ONLINE OR IN PERSON DAY OF AT THE DOCKS
www.johnsontownship.ca

2026 Reg McHale Memorial Big Pike Family Fishing Derby

The ice is melting and we are itching to get out on the water with our fishing rods! Registration is now open online for the 2026 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! **Join us June 27th, 2026, 7am-2pm.** www.johnsontownship.ca/category/activities/

FUN BINGO

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST, 2026

6pm-8pm

Johnson Township Community Centre: Banquet Hall

Bring a wrapped gift to swap at the prize table.
All Ages Welcome

Fun Bingo: MAY 21, 2026: B-I-N-G-O BINGO!

Join us Thursday, May 21, 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!



There's lots to be done, and we would truly value any assistance you can provide. Get in contact with us at recreation@johnsontownship.ca or 705-782-6601 x 803

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 to make a booking. Stay tuned for Summer Sports and Roller Rink Programming.

Events & Recreation

The North Shore Youth 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 note that registration for soccer closes June 1st, 2026.** We can not promise that accommodations can be made for late entries. Slo-Pitch Registration has CLOSED.



Per-Child \$25

2026 NORTH SHORE YOUTH SOCCER

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
JK - Grade 12

www.johnsontownship.ca
or pick up a form from the Municipal Office

Soccer Registration closes June 1, 2026

Slo-Pitch Registration has CLOSED

recreation@johnsontownship.ca
705-782-6601 ex. 803



Sports Court Opening Soon

With the snow gone, we understand that everyone is anxiously awaiting for the sports court to open for the season. As of May 15th 2026 the sports court will be open for all to use. **Please note that roller skates, roller blades, skateboards are not permitted on the court.**



JOHNSON

BANNERS FOR VETERAN'S TRIBUTE

We invite you to complete an application for a loved one, family member, or friend.

Johnson Township | 705-782-6601
people@johnsontownship.ca | www.johnsontownship.ca

Do you have a Family Member you would like to honour with a Commemorative Banner?

Double-sided and printed in full colour, these banners will be displayed along Lake Huron Drive in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day.

We invite you to complete an application for a loved one, family member, or friend by Friday, July 3rd, 2026. <https://johnsontownship.ca/2026/05/banners-for-veterans-tribute-2026/>



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



FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

April 9th, 2026

Staff are preparing the 2026 budget for Council review. An additional meeting will be held to further discuss 2026 needs. Council passed a by-law to extend the Primary Public Safety Answering Point agreement with the Solicitor General (OPP), ensuring continued 911 services.

A by-law was also adopted governing the use of municipal resources during election periods.

Council discussed the landfill and approved construction of a concrete pad under the non-household waste bin, cost-shared with Tarbutt Township.

The 2025 Landfill Operations Report was received.

Council also passed resolutions supporting:

- NEMI's request to the Ministry of Environment reconsider lighter-grade oil use in tar and chip, as the surface treatment does not have the same longevity as it did with a heavier grade oil
- Oro-Medonte and AORS in seeking stronger protections for municipal workers
- Central Algoma Land Trust installing fishing line containers at Desbarats Lake and Suddaby Park boat launches

Budget Meeting: May 13th, 2026

Next Regular Meeting: May 20th, 2026

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

The Public Works Garage

Spring Weather Advisory – Use Caution

Spring is here. The Public Works crews are busy getting the roads in shape including patching, grading, monitoring ditches and beaver dams. Some roads did not fare well this winter so please use caution and drive according to road conditions.

If you have a road emergency, please call 705-782-6601 ext 206

Drive safely and remain alert!



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.



Final tax bills will be mailed out in July & due in August and October
If you have questions about your bill, please contact the Municipal office at
705-782-6601.

Community Centre (JTCC) Bulletin







Candidate Information Session





Monday, June 1st @ 7:00pm at
Bruce Station Hall - 109 Station Rd





Thinking of running for council?
This information is for you!

Learn about your roles & responsibilities as
an elected official with Sarah Cormier from
the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and
Housing.

Municipal Clerks will be available to answer
any questions and assist with applications.

Thinking about running for municipal council?

Join us for a Candidate Information Session to learn what's involved in becoming an elected official. This session will cover roles, responsibilities, and the nomination process, with an opportunity to ask questions and get guidance from municipal staff.

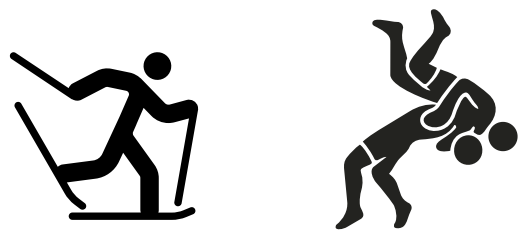
Monday, June 1st, 7:00 PM at the Bruce Station Hall (109 Station Rd)

Whether you're ready to run or just exploring the idea, this session is a great place to start. Come out, get informed, and see how you can be part of shaping your community!

Around the Community



Huskies Catch up: Big shoutout to Sam Byman who attended Nordic Ski Championship in Orillia and walked away with a strong 4th place.
Abby Vine attended OFSAA Wrestling Championship and battled hard and was awarded with a Bronze medal.
Congratulations to both athletes!



NORTH CHANNEL COMMUNITY SINGERS

Spring Concert

RHYTHM OF THE YEARS

From the Classics to Rock Anthems!

Fri. May 8 & Sat. May 9th
at 7:00 p.m.

Bruce Mines United Church, 18 William St.

TICKETS: \$10
FAMILY: \$25
(2 ADULT & 2 TEENS 13-16)
12 & Under FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

- Forestland, Thessalon
- The Copper Bean, Bruce Mines
- McClelland's Hardware, Desbarats
- or by E-transfer to nccsingers@yahoo.com

In Message: Friday or Saturday and # of tickets

Around the Community

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

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.

SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS
SINCE 1987

SCIENCE NORTH SCIENCE NORTH

MORE INFO: SCIENCENORTH.CA/CAMPS

Science North is an agency of the Government of Ontario and a registered charitable organization #R2966 (2019-06-02)

REAL VOICES • OUR COMMUNITY

This isn't somewhere else. It's right here.

"Almost going off the road because of phone use."
SURVEY RESPONDENT - AGE 17-18 - DESBARATS AREA

"The driver looked away to watch a video a passenger was showing them."
SURVEY RESPONDENT - ADULT - DESBARATS AREA

"Pressured by passengers to change the music while driving."
SURVEY RESPONDENT - AGE 17-18 - DESBARATS AREA

These are real incidents reported by people in our own community. Distracted driving is happening on our roads — right here in Desbarats.

IT STOPS WITH US.

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

Bruce Mines United Church
18 William Street

Tickets:
\$10 (Ages 13+)
Family: \$25 (2 Adults + 2 Teens 13-16)
12 & Under FREE

Tickets Available At:
• Forestland (Thessalon)
• The Copper Bean (Bruce Mines)
• McClelland's Hardware (Desbarats)

THESSALON "FOR SALE" COMMUNITY YARD SALE



\$2 MAP AVAILABLE MAY 23 AT 7:30 A.M. 187 MAIN ST.

MAY 23, 2026 | 8 AM - 2 PM
187 MAIN ST. THESSALON, ONTARIO

\$10 REGISTRATION (Provides support reception program)

Register by coming into the municipal office to receive your yard sale sign and price stickers. Your address will be added to the map. Deadline to Register is MAY 12. Proceeds from map sales support the Thessalon Library.

Contact susan@thessalon.ca or call 705-842-2217 for more information



BARTER IN BRUCE MINES
TOWN WIDE YARD SALE & BUSINESS SPECIALS

★ HOST YOUR OWN SALE OR COME TO SHOP! ★

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, 2026
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
THROUGHOUT BRUCE MINES
(MAPS AVAILABLE AT BRUCE MINES COMMUNITY HALL)



WANT YOUR HOUSE OR BUSINESS ON THE MAP?

Register by emailing info@brucemineschamber.com
\$5.00 fee - includes spot on map, sale sign & balloons

Bruce Station Horticultural Seed Library

Launch

Saturday, May 9th
10:30 am - 2:00 pm (Library opens at 10:30 am)

Bruce Mines and Plummer Additional Union Public Library
33 Desbarats Street, Bruce Mines

Landscape Design by Paulette Vieria

Learn about the basics of landscape design and the how to's.

Thursday, May 21st
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bruce Mines and Plummer Additional Union Public Library
33 Desbarats Street, Bruce Mines

WE ARE IN NEED OF

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS



Urgent need in Thessalon/Bruce Mines & Desbarats

Can you spare time to drive someone in your area to appointments or scheduled outings?

Contact Cheryl MacKay
Trefry Centre 705-246-0036
transportation@trefrycentre.ca

*Monthly reimbursement @ .73 /km

*Meet and help people within your community

*Join our team of amazing volunteers

