



The Johnson Chronicle

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Its June already - That means Fish Derby!

2026 REG MCHALE BIG PIKE FAMILY FISHING DERBY

EVERY ANGLER GETS A PRIZE!

**YOUTH : \$5
(12 YEARS AND UNDER)**

ADULTS: \$20

 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



Registration is 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. Don't Forget to Sign up ahead of time or day of at the Docks!**

Thank you to all of our sponsors for this year's derby, We couldn't do it with out you!

IMPORTANT DATES:

June: Johnson Jaunt the whole month of June!

June 1st: Youth Soccer Registration Closes

June 6th: Farmers Market Opens

June 6th : Gordon Lake Cemetery Work Bee 9am-12pm

June 11th: BINGO

June 13th: North Shore Slo-pitch Tournament

June 18th : Roller Skating

June 20th : Desbarats Cemetery work bee 9am-12pm

June 27th: 2026 Reg McHale Big Pike Derby

July 11th: Desbarats Community Day

July 18th : Christmas in July

Dump Hours:

**Saturday 9am-5pm &
Wednesday 12pm-7pm**

As spring has arrived, We would like to remind everyone to tidy up their yards.

Keep Meters Clear of debris for easy access when reading.

HALF LOAD RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED

Events & Recreation

Desbarats Community Day Schedule!

Get ready to unleash your wild side because Community Day is just around the corner, and this year's theme is a roaring Safari!

Here's the wild schedule we've planned for you:

- **5:00 PM – Parade Staging:** Gather at the Municipal Office to prepare for a safari-themed parade adventure!
- **5:30 PM – Parade Kickoff:** Hit the parade route and let your safari spirit shine!
- **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM – Kids Games:** Little or big explorers can enjoy a fun-filled evening of games and activities to win prizes.
- **7:00 PM - 11:00 PM – Safari Concert & Beer Gardens:** For the first time, we're bringing the concert outdoors! Rock out to the sounds of Evinrude and The Range Lights, serving up a mix of country hits and rock 'n' roll. Northern Superior Brewing will be on-site with their tasty beers and coolers, so be sure to support local!
- **Food Vendors:** Satisfy your cravings under the pavilion with a variety of delicious eats! Join us for a day of adventure, music, and community spirit. Let's go wild!

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP

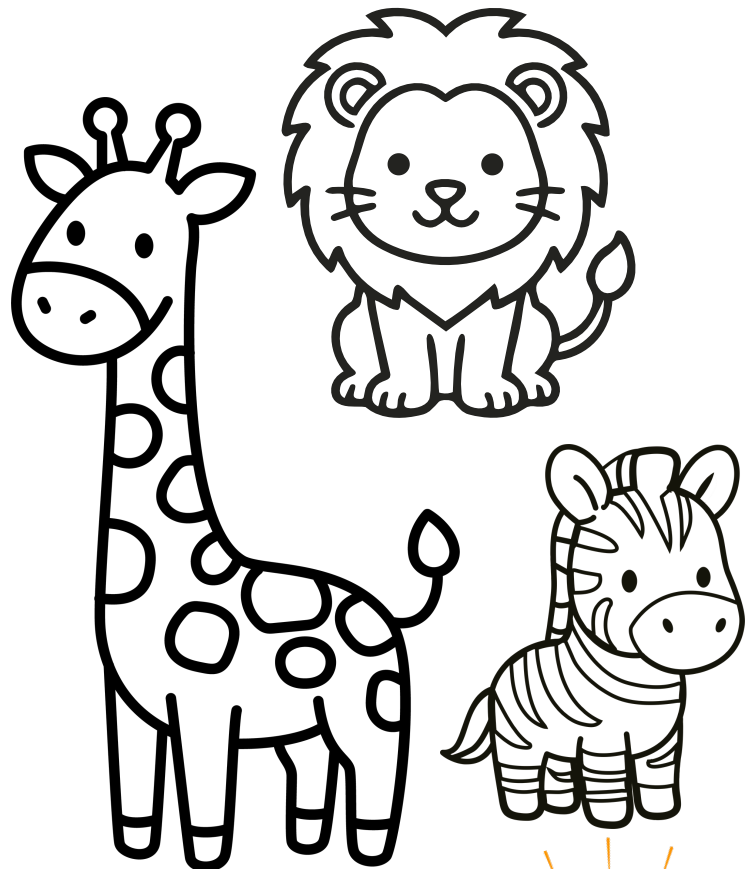
DESBARATS COMMUNITY DAY SCHEDULE

DATE: JULY 11TH | **LOCATION:** 1 CAMERON DR, JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

5:00 PM	PARADE STAGING AT MUNICIPAL OFFICE FOOD VENDORS OPEN AT THE JTCC PAVILION
5:30 PM	PARADE BEGINS
6:00 PM	KIDS GAMES ON ARENA FLOOR: PIE BOOTH, PLINKO, JUMBO CONNECT 4 MINI PUTT, HOCKEY SHUFFLE, PUCK TOSS AXE THROW, BALL THROW AND MORE
7:00 PM	OUTDOOR CONCERT ON THE BASEBALL FIELD BEHIND THE JTCC FEATURING: • EVINRUDE (NELSON MACKAY) • THE RANGE LIGHTS
11:00 PM	BAR SERVICE: • NORTHERN SUPERIOR BREWING

Celebrating Community, Fun, and Memories Together!

Safari Colouring:



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



Events & Recreation

Summer Skate Nights

ENTRY BY DONATION | HELMETS ARE REQUIRED
USE AT YOUR OWN RISK

JUNE 18TH 6-8PM
JULY 16TH 6-8PM
AUGUST 20TH 6- 8PM

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTRE,
1 CAMERON DRIVE, DESBARATS ON.
RENTALS AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS

June 1 - 30

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Presented by **novo nordisk**

HELP OUR COMMUNITY WIN \$100,000
JOIN THE **JOHNSON JAUNT**

PICKLEBALL | BASKETBALL | VOLLEYBALL
COMMUNITY WALKS | SPORT COURT

Johnson Township Community Centre

STAY ACTIVE

JUST SHOW UP & PLAY!

PICKLEBALL
Nights

EVERY THURSDAY IN JUNE

6 PM
8 PM

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST ENTHUSIASM!

1 Cameron Dr Desbarats, On | Johnson Township Sport Court

The Johnson jaunt is part of the ParticipACTION Community Challenge, aiming to be Canada's Most Active Community and win \$100,000 for local programs. The month features free activities like Pickleball, Basketball, and Community Walks. Participation boosts our ranking, and everyone is invited to join. To get involved:

- Pledge to Get Active at <https://www.participaction.com/individual-pledge/>
- Follow us on Facebook @JohnsonTownshipRecreation for event updates
- Join various activities

Let's prove even small towns like Desbarats can win big!

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, SPORT COURT AND PARKING LOT.



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.

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

April 29th, May 13th and May 20th, 2026

- Special council meeting was held to address appointment of Chief Building Official as Tulloch Engineering is stepping back from providing building services for local municipalities. Council has decided to take part in the Central Algoma Building Services Intermunicipal Group and adopted the required by-law to participate effective May 1st, 2026. Kevin Lavergne will be the new CBO for the area.
- Beamish Construction was awarded the tender for multi-municipal road surfacing.
- The draft budget was presented for Council review at a meeting on May 13, 2026.
- Council agreed on a 1.5% increase in the tax rate and a 3% rise in water and sewer rates after reviewing the 2026 budget.
- During the regular meeting on May 20, 2026, Council adopted the 2026 tax rates and water and sewer by-laws.
- Council confirmed support for:
 - The Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre for its 2026 programs.
 - Updating the Community Safety and Well-being plan with community engagement.
 - Donations for Central Algoma Secondary School graduations.
 - Renovation plans for the Johnson Township Community Centre's washrooms and change rooms.
 - Receipt of funding from the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program.
 - Acceptance of a tender for Ice Making Plant upgrades from Nor-Therm.

Next Regular Meeting: June 17th, 2026

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

The Public Works Garage

Half loads has been lifted on all municipal roads

The Public Works crews are busy patching roadways, grading in preparation for resurfacing. Please keep an eye out for them!

As spring has arrived, We would like to remind everyone to tidy up their yards. You may utilize the dump ticket included with your interim tax bill to dispose of any winter debris. Additionally, please ensure that your grass is regularly mowed to maintain a neat appearance. Let's work together to keep our township looking its best



FIRE BAN IS IN EFFECT AS OF JUNE 4, 2026

NO NEW Permit Applications will be accepted until ban is lifted.

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



MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2026

★ ★ NOTICE OF NOMINATION ★ ★



NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

Any person intending to run for office must file a nomination with the Clerk before accepting or spending any campaign funds.



Questions? Contact the Township Office.



WHO CAN RUN?

You are eligible if you:

- ✓ Are a Canadian citizen
- ✓ Are at least 18 years old
- ✓ Live in the Township
- ✓ Own a property in the Township
- ✓ Are the spouse of an owner or tenant of land in the Township
- ✓ Are not disqualified by law



AVAILABLE POSITIONS

1 Mayor

4 Councillors



FILING FEES

Mayor: \$200
Councillor: \$100
 Payable by cash, debit or certified cheque.



IMPORTANT DATES

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION
 August 24, 2026

NOMINATION PERIOD
 May 1 - August 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

ADVANCE VOTING DAY
 Saturday, October 17, 2026

VOTING DAY
 Monday, October 26, 2026

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS DECLARED
 Tuesday, October 27, 2026

705-782-6601



GET INVOLVED. LEAD YOUR COMMUNITY. | MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



people@johnsontownship.ca

Around the Community



Huskies Catch up: Congratulations to all of the CASS athletes that went to OFSAA Track & Field from June 4th - June 6th.



A huge shout out to all the upcoming CASS Graduates on their future endeavours; whether it's pursuing further education or jumping right into the work force. Thank you for all that you have contributed to CASS and our community over the years. We wish you the very best!!






Join Our Youth Sport Equipment Drive

Help us equip our young athletes with quality equipment to pave their way to success.

Donate New Items
Such as Soccer Balls or Bats

Donate \$25
to Sponsor a Soccer Ball

Larger Donation
To replace bases or nets

Support Our North Shore Youth Slo-Pitch & Soccer Programming

Join our Youth Sport Equipment Drive to support Slo-Pitch and Soccer in Johnson Township. Donations provide kids with high-quality equipment for safe, enjoyable play.

How You Can Help:

- Donate new items (soccer balls, bats, gloves).
- Sponsor a soccer ball with a \$25 donation.
- Help replace bases or nets.

All donations support local youth sports programs.

Drop-Off Location:

Johnson Township Community Centre
 1 Cameron Dr, Desbarats ON

Around the Community



Bruce Mines Museum
OPEN ALL SUMMER
 Tuesdays through Saturdays
 10 am—4 pm
 Outside regular hours by appointment, please call
 705-206-0759 or 705-783-1983



Come experience a slice of history

http://www.hmdb.org/photos/389/photo389342c.jpg

BRUCE MINES
CRUISIN' CAR SHOW
 Season Opener! Saturday, June 13, 2026
 8 a.m. — 4 p.m.
 Bruce Mines Waterfront



\$20 Registration & Grand Prize Draw!
 Registration: Online & On Site
 Swag Bags for First 100 Registrants! Pre-register at brucemines.ca Trophies & Prizes
 Broadcasting Live! Oldies 93

VENDORS WANTED!
 Become a Vendor: Call 705-255-8807
 Cars, Trucks, Bikes, Mods, and More —
 ★ If You Love It, Show It! ★

BRIGS TALL SHIP FESTIVAL
 THESSALON MARINA



JULY 18, 2026 FESTIVAL & EVENTS
JULY 19TH, WATCH THEM SAIL AWAY
SAVE THE DATE!

STEP INTO HISTORY AT THE BRIGS TALL SHIP FESTIVAL!

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO MEET THE CREW, HEAR THEIR STORIES, AND EXPERIENCE LIFE ON THE WATER. TAKE A GUIDED TOUR OF THESE INCREDIBLE TALL SHIPS AND SEE FIRSTHAND THE CRAFTSMANSHIP, HISTORY, AND ADVENTURE THAT COMES WITH SAILING THE GREAT LAKES.

- CLIMB ABOARD
- EXPLORE THE DECKS
- LEARN FROM REAL SAILORS
- PERFECT FOR ALL AGES
- FOOD VENDORS
- FUN INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

WHETHER YOU'RE A HISTORY BUFF, A BOATING ENTHUSIAST, OR JUST LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE, THIS IS AN EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!
 STAY TUNED FOR EVENT DETAILS AND TOUR TIMES!

summertime
ARTS & CREATIONS MARKET

SAT JULY 18TH | **9AM TO 2PM**

JOHNSON TWP. COMMUNITY CENTRE, DESBARATS

Shop Local. Support Local. Love Local.
 LOCAL ARTISANS • HANDMADE GOODS • SUMMER TREATS



Brought to you by



Thank you for supporting local!



ONE DAY ONLY RAIN OR SHINE

DISC GOLF
FRIDAYS AT 1:00PM
 DROP IN TO PLAY



STARTING FRIDAY JUNE 12, 2026
PEACE PARK, THESSALON, ON

CONTACT LUE: 705-842-2217 OR LUE@THESSALON.CA

JOHNSON FARMERS MARKET

UNDER THE TENT
 Artisan & Artist Showcase

EVERY SATURDAY
JUNE 6 – OCTOBER 10

Featuring local talent, artists and artisans
 PROMOTING SALES, WORKSHOPS & DEMONSTRATIONS

BOOK YOUR SPOT

10' x 10' Display + Sales	\$30
Sales + Workshop/Demonstration	\$15
Workshop/Demonstration Only	FREE

Reserve Your Saturday Today

jtfarmersmarket@gmail.com | 705-541-1886

CENTRAL ALGOMA LAND TRUST CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

25th Anniversary Celebration
 Tuesday July 28th
 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374 in Richards Landing

Tickets \$40

Food Trucks
 Cash Bar
 Music
 Silent Auction

Only a limited number of tickets are available, so get yours before they are gone! We look forward to celebrating 25 years of conservation success with you.



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

