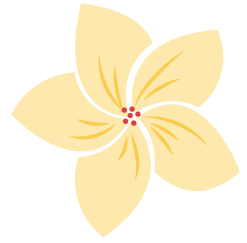




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Reg McHale Big Pike Family Fishing Derby Sets Attendance Record

The 2026 Reg McHale Big Pike Family Fishing Derby was the largest and most successful derby yet, attracting more than 230 registered anglers, nearly doubling last year's attendance.

Congratulations to our winners: Grand Prize – Nicholas Guay (42½-inch pike); Adult Division – Jakeb Parr (2nd), Matt Quenneville (3rd), Lisa Todd (4th); Youth Division – Hayden Deluney (1st), Mayson Moore (2nd), and Cayden Jarrell (3rd).

The Township extends its sincere thanks to the many volunteers, staff, and sponsors who made this record-breaking event possible. Special thanks to our Title Sponsors, USW Local 9548 and Service Rentals & Sales, and to our many generous sponsors, including Pioneer, BACU Local 29, Superior Welding, Kent's Corners Rentals, Construction Equipment Co., 17E Trading Post, Total Precision Surveying, Copper Town Treasures, Stobie Mechanical, USW Local 2724, Looney Tunes Pontoons, Steel Speed, Evergood Buds, Algoma Vet Clinic, Karhi Construction, Great Lakes Outfitters, Wajax, Soo Mill, Bruce Mines Pharmacy, Bruce Mines Esso, Pet Valu SSM, Great Lakes Honda, Superior Dodge, Northside Toyota, and many other local businesses and organizations.

Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, donated, and supported the derby. Your continued support helps make this event one of Johnson Township's premier family traditions.



IMPORTANT DATES:

July 7th : Plannign Board Meeting

July 11th: Desbarats Community Day

July 16th : Roller Skating

July 18th : Christmas in July

August 8th: Fiber to Fabric

Every Saturday Johnson Farmers Market 9am-2pm

**Kids Soccer Camp
Challenger Sports
July 20th -24th**

**Every Thursday Pickle Ball Nighs
6pm-8pm
Johnson Township Sport Court**

Dump Hours:

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



**Keep Meters Clear of debris for
easy access when reading.**

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

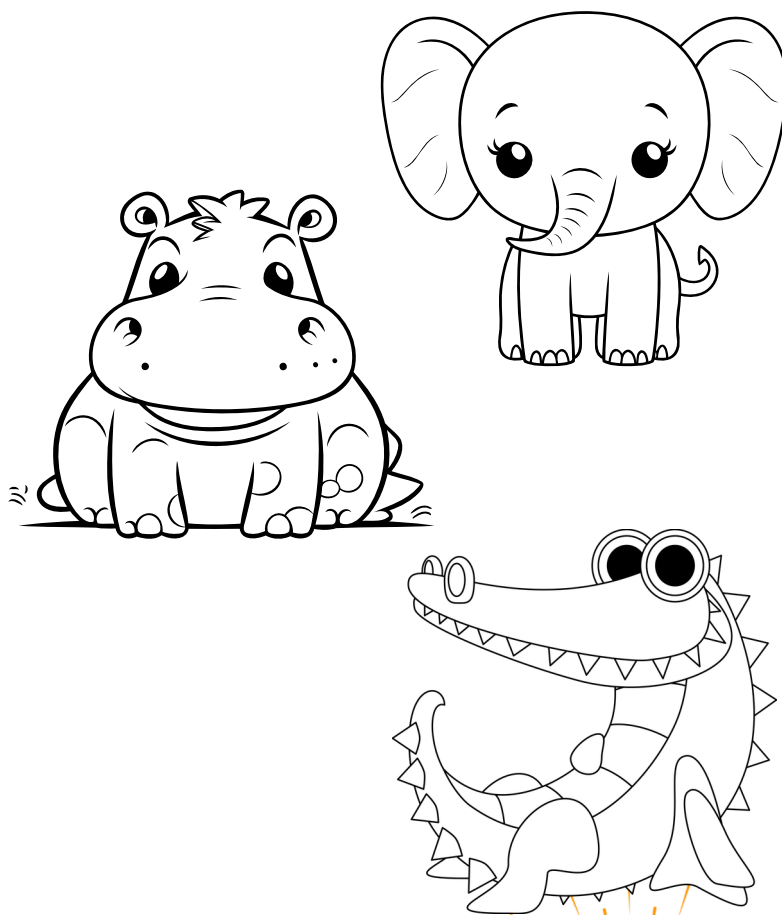
DESBARATS COMMUNITY DAY SCHEDULE

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!

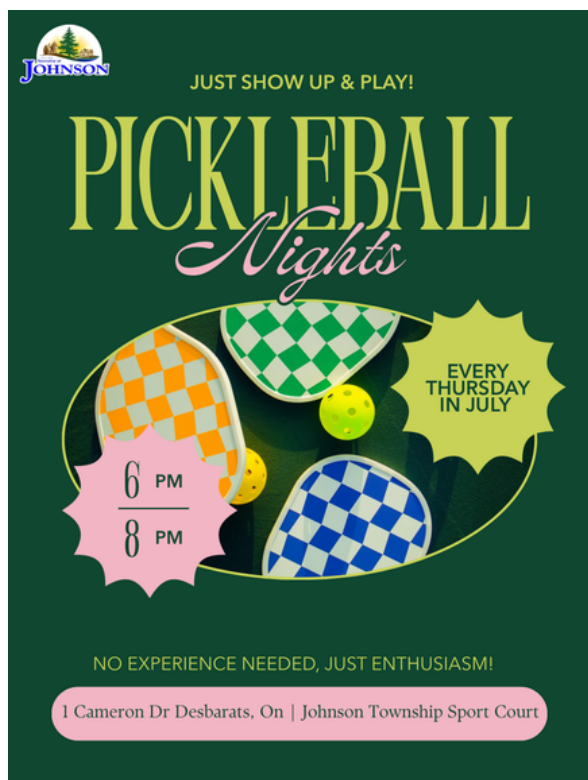
Safari Colouring:



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

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Events & Recreation



Pickleball Nights

Pickleball Nights are back every Thursday in July! Grab your paddle and head to the Sport Court for some friendly games, fresh air, and community fun. All skill levels are welcome. Please note this is an informal, self-organized drop-in and is not a structured or supervised program.

Summer Skate Nights

Roller Skate Nights are rolling in this July! Bring your roller skates or rollerblades and enjoy an evening cruising around the rink pad with family and friends. This is a casual, self-guided activity with no organized programming—just a fun way to get outside and stay active this summer!



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.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

New Official Plan for the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Area

TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Area will hold an open house on **July 7th, 2026** to consider a draft Official Plan under Section 26 of the Planning Act.

What is an Official Plan?

An official plan describes your planning board's policies on how land in your community should be used. It is prepared with input from your community and helps to ensure that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of your community.

An Official Plan deals mainly with issues such as:



where new housing, industry, offices and shops will be located



what services will be needed, like roads, sewers, watermain, parks, and schools



when, and in what order, parts of your community will grow

Share Your Ideas!

Any person may attend the Open House and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan.

Jul 07

When: From 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Where: Echo Bay Community Hall
253 Church St, Echo Bay, ON P0S 0A5

Jul 07

When: From 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Where: Johnson Township Council Chambers
1 Johnson Dr, Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0

How to Participate

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan, you must make a written request to the Planning Board.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Planning Board to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Planning Board before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Planning Board before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Purpose and Effect

The purpose of the new Official Plan is to reflect changes in provincial policy and legislation, address emerging trends at the local level, and plan for growth and development over a 25-year planning horizon.

The new Official Plan will affect all lands within the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Area.

Additional Information

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Planning Board Office during Planning Board business hours:

Tuesdays 9 am to 12 pm
Thursdays 12pm to 4 pm

**27 Barr Road South, R.R. 1
Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0**

Please address all questions and written comments to:

Jared Brice
Secretary Treasurer
Desbarats to Echo Bay
Planning Board
tel: 705-782-6776
email: admin@tarbutt.ca

David Welwood, RPP, MCIP, MES
Project Manager
J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd.
tel: 705-806-1440
email: d.welwood@jlrichards.ca

A draft of the Official Plan is available on the Planning Board's website.

Dated June 9, 2026

Learn More

705-782-6776

<https://tarbutt.ca/planning-board.html>

Public Open House – New Official Plan

The Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board invites residents to attend a Public Open House to learn about and provide input on the proposed New Official Plan for the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Area.

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Johnson Township Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 1 Johnson Drive

This is an opportunity to ask questions, share your feedback, and help shape the future of our communities. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As summer 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.

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

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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

You may have seen us around the community...

Desbarats. Your community. Fast Fibre Internet has arrived.

Communities like Desbarats have waited a long time for this. Reliable, high-speed internet has been out of reach for too many households and businesses across Northern Ontario, and that is exactly what this project is here to change.

PomeGran Inc. is building the Northern Ontario Gigabit Fibre Project, a \$172 million Fibre-to-the-Home network covering 50,000 square kilometres of Northern Ontario and connecting over 18,000 homes and businesses. This is infrastructure built and owned in the North, not leased from a national carrier.

Construction is in its final stages. Desbarats is on the network, and service is coming this summer and fall of 2026.

We need your permission to bring a fibre connection to your home or business. There is no obligation to subscribe. Saying yes simply means you are fibre-ready the moment you want service.

Give us the green light and we will do the rest.

Call now!

1877 878 6486
nivo.ca

Sincerely,

Robert Peace
Community Engagement,
PomeGran Inc. / NIVO



Ijo's Place Cafe & Bakery



Johnson Farmers' Market



Building the fibre network in your community





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

<https://www.bruce.org/Photo3/202/Photo329422.jpg>

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!

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



STARTING FRIDAY JUNE 12, 2026
9 PEACE PARK, THESSALON, ON
 CONTACT LUE: 705-842-2217 OR LUE@THESSALON.CA

summertime ARTS & CREATIONS MARKET

SAT JULY 18TH 9AM TO 2PM

JOHNSON TWP. COMMUNITY CENTRE, DESBARATS

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- MINOR ILLNESSES
- MINOR SKIN PROCEDURES
- JOINT INJECTIONS
- PRESCRIPTION REFILLS
- REFERRALS (Connecting you to Specialists and Community Resources)
- MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS & THIRD-PARTY FORMS
- LAB AND DIAGNOSTIC ORDERS

Contact Us By Phone:
 (705) 842-2525

Located At:
 145 Dawson Street,
 Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0

In the Algoma Manor Lobby

Please Note: Third Party Forms and Non Insured Services may be Subject to Service Fees.

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

(Sales or share with another artist)

Reserve Your Saturday Today

jfarmersmarket@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.



TOWN OF THESSALON

SUMMER SWIM & NINJA CAMP

2026

AGES 8-12

BUS LEAVES THESSALON MUNICIPAL OFFICE AT 8:45 A.M.

PROGRAM

- Swimming Lessons, John Rhodes Pool 10:30 a.m.
- Lunch break & games 12:00 p.m.
- Rebel Ninja Obstacles 1:00 p.m.

BUS RETURNS TO THESSALON BY 3:00 P.M.

AUGUST 10TH -14TH

\$180

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Contact Us 705-842-2217

susan@thessalon.ca

REGISTER BY USING THE QR CODE. PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED TO BE CONSIDERED REGISTERED. PAYMENT DETAILS ON THE FORM.

CELEBRATING 120 YEARS

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Rooted in Faith. Growing in Community

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
 3133 MAPLE STREET, HILTON BEACH

Join Bishop Thomas Dowd as we honour 120 years of faith and fellowship

MASS 10:00 AM, followed by reception at Hilton Beach Community Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME