



The Johnson Chronicle

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What the JTCC Has in Store for October

First off, we are kicking off the ice season on October 26th – our first day of ice! We are so excited to get the season started and we hope you are too. Get those skates sharpened and get ready for another great season at the Johnson Township Community center!

To start things off, our first Public Skate will be held on October 30th from 6:30–8:00 PM for a spooktacular evening of Halloween fun. Before hitting the ice, join us upstairs in the Arena Hall for Trick-or-Treating starting at 6:00 PM.

If you would like to register a table to hand out candy during Trick-or-Treating, please email recreation@johnsontownship.ca. Bring your own candy!

Then it's time to hit the ice for our Halloween Costume Contest! Come dressed in your best costume and join us for an evening of skating and fun.

Please remember that no candy is permitted on the ice surface.

We can't wait to see everyone and kick off another great ice season at the Johnson Township Community Center!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Gordon Lake Card Parties First Friday of Every Month

50+ Club Wednesdays 1pm-3pm Starting October 14th

October : LUG Hockey Registration still open

October 17th: Advanced Election Polls 10:00am to 5:00pm at Johnson Township Community Center Hall

October 26th: Municipal Election Day, 10am to 8pm at Johnson Township Community Center Hall

October 26th : Ice Season Starts

October 30th : FIRST PUBLIC SKATE Halloween Skate and Trick or Treat

OCTOBER 31ST : HALLOWEEN!

November 28th : Big Buck Awards

Keep Water Meters clear of debris and snow!



Events & Recreation



19TH ANNUAL BIG BUCK CONTEST

Awards Dinner, Saturday November 28, 2026 6pm
Measuring check-in at 4pm at the
Johnson Township Community Centre

AWARDS DINNER
Saturday, November 28, 2026

DINNER TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

\$20 Adult
\$10 Kids 12 and under
All you can eat Pasta Dinner

19th Annual Big Buck Contest

Registration is now closed, and preparations are underway for the Awards Dinner on Saturday, November 28, 2026.

Dinner Tickets are still available for \$20/adult and \$10/kids under 12. Bar service, provided by the Bruce Mines Royal Canadian Legion Branch 211, will start at 4pm with dinner from the Copper Bean Cafe at 6pm. Dinner Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night of or ahead of time by emailing recreation@johnsontownship.ca or visiting the Municipal Office Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.

LUG Hockey League Registration is still open for Johnson Township!

We're excited to welcome the LUG Sports Hockey League to Desbarats this fall! The league offers a fun, organized, and competitive hockey experience for players. The season runs from October through March and includes 15+ games, playoffs, and jerseys!

Whether you have a full team, want to join an existing team, or are signing up as a free agent, there's a place for you. Registration is still open! Visit the Johnson Township Recreation Facebook page for registration links and more information.



LUG ICE HOCKEY

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP HOCKEY LEAGUE

15+ GAMES | JERSEYS + SOCKS INCLUDED | LOCAL RINKS IN JOHNSON TOWNSHIP | LUG EXCLUSIVE MERCH

ALL LOCAL TEAMS MAKE A TEAM WITH YOUR FRIENDS | FIGHT FOR THE FIRST EVER LORD LUG CUP IN ON

Ice and Hall bookings are a ton of fun for Birthday Parties, family fun and more. Contact Gabi LeClair at 705-782-6601 x 803 or email recreation@johnsontownship.ca to make a booking.

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

September 16th, 2026

New Official Plan: At the most recent Council meeting, Council adopted By-law 2026-1183, officially adopting the Township's new Official Plan.

Cemetery Maintenance: Staff have been directed to issue a tender for tree, stump, and debris removal at the Gordon Lake Cemetery. Keep an eye out for the tender opportunity as it becomes available.

Crime Stoppers Month: Council has officially proclaimed January as Crime Stoppers Month in Johnson Township, recognizing the important role Crime Stoppers plays in helping keep our communities safe.

Arena Improvements: Grant-funded projects are moving forward, with work continuing at the Johnson Township arena.

Next Regular Meeting: October 21, 2026

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

The Public Works Garage

The Roads Department will be undertaking work on Government Road as we prepare for the winter season. As we approach snowfall, we kindly ask that you refrain from pushing snow across the road. Additionally, please keep water meters clear of debris and snow to ensure easy access for readings.

Are you on the Voters' List?

Please take a moment to confirm that you're on the voters' list by contacting the Municipal office by calling (705) 782-6601 or in person at 1 Johnson Drive. Monday to Friday 8:30 to 4:30.

Election Voting Dates:

Election Advanced Poll Oct 17 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Johnson Township Community Centre upstairs hall

Election Day October 26, 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM Johnson Township Community Centre upstairs hall.

Fall Landfill hours Wednesdays 12:00 till 5:00pm starting October 1, 2026

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Around the Community



LOCAL CONNECTIONS. REGIONAL OPPORTUNITY.

HURON NORTH COMMUNITY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

23 COMMUNITIES | 5,200+ km² REGION | 27,500+ PEOPLE



CONNECT

Bring businesses, municipalities, First Nations and organizations together to share knowledge and create opportunities.



SUPPORT

Help members navigate grants, funding programs and economic development resources.



BUILD CAPACITY

Provide workshops, tools and tailored economic development support to strengthen our communities.



CREATE OPPORTUNITY

Advance regional initiatives that support business growth, workforce development, tourism and long-term community prosperity.

A stronger Huron North — together.

WHO WE WORK WITH
BUSINESSES | MUNICIPALITIES | FIRST NATIONS | ORGANIZATIONS

WHY JOIN HNCEA?

- Regional support
- Funding connections
- Learning opportunities
- Collaborative projects

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23-25 October 2026

Thousands of items \$2 or less!



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**LOCATION: BRUCE MINES COMMUNITY HALL,
9180 HWY 17, BRUCE MINES, ON**

SEE FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION

All proceeds go to the Historical Bruce Mines United Church and Museum

HISTORICAL BRUCE MINES UNITED CHURCH FUND RAISER CONCERT

Featuring



\$25 / Ticket

Saturday, October 17th, 2026 7:30-9:30pm (Doors at 7pm)

Tickets Available:
Copper Bean, Roasted Bean, M&J Hair Boutique, Ije's Place

Call Carol Rickard: 705-943-9936
or email: Carphimac@hotmail.com

Bruce Mines United Church, 18 Williams Street, Bruce Mines, ON

CARD PARTY NIGHTS

2026 - 2027 SEASON

GORDON LAKE HALL
1800 Gordon Lake Road, Desbarats

Card parties will be held first Friday of each month at Gordon Lake Hall.

HALL OPENS AT 7PM ~ PLAY STARTS AT 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 2, 2026	NOVEMBER 6, 2026
DECEMBER 4, 2026	JANUARY 8, 2027
FEBRUARY 5, 2027	MARCH 5, 2027
APRIL 2, 2027	MAY 7, 2027

\$10 PER PERSON

Includes light lunch and door prize.

Bring a Friend! For an evening of fun and socializing.

SAVE THE DATES, SEE YOU IN OCTOBER.
DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.