



# South Algonquin Township Newsletter

## Dog Tags

On January 1, 2013 the Township of South Algonquin implemented a one-time dog tag fee for the life of the animal as an incentive to residents to ensure that the dog and owner are identifiable. The purpose of this was to make it easier for township employees to return dogs to their owners if they were found running loose. Any dogs running at large without a Township of South Algonquin dog tag will be taken to the municipal contracted dog pound in Bonnechere Valley Township. A dog with a tag will be returned to its owner **only once** and if the animal is found running at large a second time it will be taken to Bonnechere Valley dog pound.

**There are still a significant number of unidentifiable dogs running at large and some have been captured and taken to the kennel facility. Just a reminder that fees to have a dog released from this facility can range between \$200.00 to \$300.00, plus any incurred costs. These fees must be paid at the Township Office prior to the release of the animal.**

Be a responsible pet owner and keep dogs on a leash and in control by a competent person when off your property. They are to be deterred from running on the private property of other residents.

**\*\*\*\*Remember owners are responsible for what the animal does and charges could be pending under the "Dog Owner Liability Act."**

**REMINDER: IF A CAPTURED DOG IS WEARING A DOG TAG AN ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO RETURN THE DOG TO IT'S OWNER, IF IT IS NOT WEARING A TAG IT WILL BE TAKEN TO THE KENNEL FACILITY IN BONNECHERE VALLEY. IF IT IS NOT CLAIMED OR ADOPTED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS IT WILL BE DESTROYED.**

## Civic Addressing

During the process of integrating civic address numbers to the 911 system there may be some numbers that have changed. If your civic number on your next tax bill does not correspond with the civic number installed at your property please notify the Township Office to get this adjusted.

Aylen Lake, McKenzie Lake, Hay Lake, McCoy Lake, Poverty Lake, Galeairy Lake, and Lyell Lake **water access** civic signs and hardware are in stock and available for pick up. Please contact Tracy Cannon, Public Works/Building Dept. Administrative Assistant at 613-637-2650 ext. 203 to arrange for pick up.

## JULY 2013

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## Waste /Disposal News

Starting April 3, 2013 until October 31, 2013 both Airy Landfill Site-Whitney and Murchison and Lyell Landfill Site-Madawaska hours of operation are as follows:

Wednesdays 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 noon.

Only waste, including electronics, generated within the Township will be accepted at the landfill sites.

**\*\*\*Residents are requested to place household waste at the roadside on the scheduled day of collection to deter birds and animals from spreading the waste. Please be advised that the time of your pick-up may have changed. Please contact the office only in the event that your garbage has not been collected by 3:15 p.m.**

**Reminder:** The weekly collection and the waste collection bins are for household waste only not construction material, leaves, bed parts, lawn chairs, propane tanks, barbeques, sofas/chairs etc. These items are to be taken to the landfill site by the property owner.

**\*\*\*\*\*Remember when transporting waste on public roads and highways to secure and cover the waste to prevent unnecessary littering. \*\*\*\*\***

## Administration News

Congratulations to Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sue Klatt, on successful completion of the intensive process to attain the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario's Certified Municipal Officer (CMO) designation.

## Town Logo/Motto Contest

The Council for the Township of South Algonquin would like to create a Town Logo/Motto to place at the entrances to our township. If you have any ideas please send your submissions to the municipal office by August 12, 2013.

Mail: 7 Third Ave. P.O. Box 217 Whitney, ON K0J 2M0

Fax: 613-637-5368 or Email: [carla.tsa@xplornet.ca](mailto:carla.tsa@xplornet.ca)

## Budget

On May 16<sup>th</sup> Council approved the 2013 Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,399,898.00 representing an increase of 9.65% in expenditures over 2012. Due to property assessment values increasing this year, there was no increase in your municipal tax rate. Education rates were decreased by approximately 5% from the 2012 taxation year.

## Fire News

### CAMPFIRE SAFETY TIPS

Dig a small pit away from overhanging branches. Circle the pit with rocks or be sure it already has a metal fire ring.  
Clear a five-foot area around the pit down to the soil. Keep a bucket of water and a shovel nearby.  
Stack extra wood upwind and away from the fire.  
After lighting, do not discard the match until it is cold.  
Never leave a campfire unattended, not even for a minute.  
Always be aware of where the smoke goes from your back yard pit.

## Whitney Seniors New Outlook

### Schedule of Activities:

Mild Aerobics - Mon, Wed and Fri 10:30 a.m.  
Shuffleboard - Mon and Wed 1:15 p.m.  
Euchre - Tue 7:00 p.m.

## OPP News

### Dog Owner's Liability Act

The Act states that the owner of a dog is liable for damages resulting from a bite or attack dog on another person or domestic animal. And that liability does not depend on the owner's fault, negligence or knowledge of the propensity of the dog to bite or attack.  
If a dog bites you, you may bring a civil action against the dog's owner for damages.

Proceedings against owner of dog may be commenced in the Ontario Court of Justice against an owner of a dog if it is alleged that,

- (a) the dog has bitten or attacked a person or domestic animal;
- (b) the dog has behaved in a manner that poses a menace to the safety of persons or domestic animals; or
- (c) the owner did not exercise reasonable precautions to prevent the dog from,
- (d) biting or attacking a person or domestic animal, or
- (e) behaving in a manner that poses a menace to the safety of persons or domestic animals.

### Distracted Driving

Distracted driving is cited as a causal factor in 30 to 50 per cent of traffic collisions on Ontario, but is probably much higher due to under-reporting. Distracted Driving Kills! Using a cell phone or device capable of texting while driving can result in a fine of \$155 under Section 78.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA). Watching an entertainment device can result in a fine of \$110 under Section 78 of the HTA.

## Approved Capital & Works Projects 2013

**ADMINISTRATION:** Upgrade Software and Desk Top Computer. Conference Phone. Web Site Upgrade. Add 1 Phone Line. Kitchen Exhaust Fan.

**FIRE: 4** Pagers- WFD. Bunker Gear- WFD. Fire Tanker Purchase- WFD. Computer and Software- MFD. Bunker Gear- MFD.

**LIBRARY:** Shelving- Madawaska. Photocopier, Picture Display- Whitney

**BUILDING/SEPTIC:** Computer

**MUNICIPAL FACILITIES:** Signage, Ayleen Lake Docks, Lyell Lake Landing Dock Facilities, Picnic Tables Purchases/Repairs, Airy Trestle Pedestrian Bridge.

**RECREATION:** 4 Fire Pits- Bark Lake. Swimming Area (Washroom & Change room)- Madawaska. 2 Benches for Ball Field-Madawaska. Replace 8'x10' Sign Board- Whitney. Carpet for Winter Activities-Whitney. Lester Smith Front Entrance. Baseball Field/Building-Whitney.

**ROADS:** Hay Lake, Maple Dr./Birch/Hemlock Cres., Algonquin St/Cres. Reconstruction, Asset Management Plan Development, Civic Addressing/911.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION:** International/Fanotech 25 cu.yd. Compactor.

**GARBAGE DISPOSAL:** Garbage Bins(4units/Attendant Facility).

## Taxation-New Homes

Property owners who have built a new home, or acquired a building permit for new construction, will only receive a tax bill for the land portion of their property, until the assessment office determines the assessed value of their house (which may not occur until several months after you move in). Owners are responsible for property taxes **from the occupancy date**. Be advised it is the property owner's responsibility to submit a "Completion Notice Readiness for Occupancy" form to the building department. A bill will be sent once the Township of South Algonquin receives the assessment information. If you wish to pay based on an estimated amount, it can be credited to your tax account and applied against the taxes once they are billed. Contact the Tax Department at 613-637-2650 ext 201 to discuss this option further. Alternatively you can wait for a supplementary bill but this will be due in one installment only.

**DROP BOX:** Located at the entrance of the Municipal Office-7 Third Ave. Whitney.

**TAX BILLS:** Residential Tax bills will be mailed out by the end of the month with due dates of August 31<sup>st</sup>, and September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Payment Options:** \*By mail,

\*Financial institutions- by telephone or

on line banking (please use your roll number

**4801- XXX-XXX-XXXX and omit the last 4 zeros).**

\*Cash or Cheques at the Twp. office 8:30 a.m.-4:00p.m.

at 7 Third Avenue in Whitney (**no credit cards or debit accepted**).

\*Postdated Cheques.

**Address Changes:** Please notify the office if your current mailing address or civic address is incorrect.

## General Contact Information

**Municipal Office Open Monday – Friday  
8:30am - 4:00 pm.** The office is closed on **All Statutory Holidays** – and will be closed on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Township of South Algonquin

Municipal Office..... (613) 637-2650

Works Garage (Madawaska)..... (613) 637-5343

### Township of South Algonquin Recreation Facilities

Madawaska Complex. .... (613) 637-1109

Lester B. Smith Bldg.. .... (613) 637-9963

**To rent a facility for any event, including funerals, contact Carla at (613)637-2650 ext. 200**

## Library Hours

### Whitney Public Library -613-637-5471

**Tuesday** 5:00pm to 7:30pm

**Wednesday** 11:00am to 6:00pm

**Thursday** 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Looking for volunteer board members from the Whitney area. CNIB Daisy Reader now available with many titles for children and adults with visual difficulties. The Library is not a WIFI hotspot, only Library equipment is to access our network. Patrons can visit either location and materials are interchangeable. Donations are welcome but must be approved by the Librarian before being dropped off.

### Madawaska Public Library -613-637-1099

**Monday** 5:30pm to 8:00pm

**Tuesday** 10:00pm to 12:00pm 5:30pm to 8:00pm

**Thursday** 12:30pm to 3:00pm 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Reminder: anyone under the age of 10 must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

## Council

### MAYOR

Jane Dumas

613-637-5261 (H) 613-332-8357(C) [mayor.tsa@xplornet.ca](mailto:mayor.tsa@xplornet.ca)

### COUNCILLORS

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## Water Sample Bottles

Water Sample Bottles used for testing private drinking water systems can now be dropped off at Lorraine's Pharmasave located at 19566 Opeongo Line in Barry's Bay. Monday-Wednesday 9:00 am - 6:30 pm and Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Bottles can be picked up at Lorraine's Pharmasave or at the Municipal Office in Whitney.

## Emergency Contacts

### Hospitals:

- St. Francis Memorial Hospital (Barry's Bay).....(613) 756-3044
- North Hastings District Hospital (Bancroft).....(613) 332-2825
- Whitney Medical Centre.....613) 637-2170

### Ambulance:

- Ambulance Service (Barry's Bay).....(613) 756-3090

### Police:

- OPP Emergency Call.....1-888-310-1122
- OPP Whitney Station..... (613) 637-2622
- OPP Killaloe Station.....(613) 757-2600

### Fire Departments:

**Township of South Algonquin Fire Dept. - Whitney Station** for residents in Airy and Sabine Wards and the West side of Lyell Ward, Hwy.#127

**Non-Emergency Calls** Contact

- Chief, Brian August.....(613) 637-5555
- Emergency Calls Only**.....(613) 637-2002

**Township of South Algonquin Fire Dept. –**

**Madawaska Station** for residents in Dickens and Murchison Wards and the east side of Lyell Ward, Hwy. #523

**Non-Emergency Calls** Contact

- Chief Aurel Thom.....(613) 637-5533
- Emergency Calls Only**.....(613) 637-5556

### Community Emergency Management Coordinator:

- Brian Ackney. .... (613) 334-2072

### Canine Control:

- Township of South Algonquin Animal Control.....(613) 637-2650 ext 203

### Road Conditions:-Township of South Algonquin

- Roads Dept.....(613) 637-2650 ext 203

## Medical Centre

27 Medical Centre Road

613-637-2170 Whitney, ON KOJ 2M0

### Regular Office Hours for the Medical Centre are:

**Monday** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Tuesday** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Wednesday** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Thursday** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Friday** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm



## New Truck

As residents have probably noticed the 2000 Waste Compactor has been replaced with a 2014 International Tandem with Fanotech Waste Compaction Unit.



## Recreation News

### Murchison & Lyell Recreation

**Bunko** – Our Bunkos will continue once each month, dates to remember: August 22 and September 19 at 7:00 pm – Madawaska Community Hall.

**Softball** - Neil and Chrissy are doing a good job. Children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Softball is Sunday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00. If you have any questions, Neil can be reached at 613-637-5245.

**Canada Day Celebrations** - About 100 people attended our Canada Day celebrations, and many more arrived in time to watch the Fireworks. Thanks to Aurel Thom and Ian Collins for looking after that part of the program for us. We are already planning for next year's event.

**Swimming Lessons** – Will be held from July 15 – July 26.

**Bingo** – The Murchison & Lyell Recreation Committee would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who contributed to the Article Bingo in support of the Valley Manor and the Hospice. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. A cheque for \$600.00 will be issued to each Organization.

**Pot Luck Dinners** - Adults only at 6:00 pm are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Community Hall in Madawaska. Bring your favourite dish and enjoy a social evening with others from the Community.

The Recreation Committee would like to express their sincere appreciation for the support given at all Community events.

Have a wonderful & safe summer!

## Household Hazardous Waste Day

**SAT. AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

### HOW

- + For your own protection, deliver the hazardous waste material labelled in the trunk of your car.
- + DO NOT mix materials.
- + All materials must be clearly marked.
- + If the container is damaged, package the container in a plastic bag in order not to spill it during the journey to the collection site.

### WHAT

- + PAINTS, (flammable and toxic). Do NOT mix latex with oil base paints.
- + AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES, (corrosive and toxic). Wear rubber gloves when handling.
- + HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES, disposable and rechargeable (corrosive and toxic).
- + HOUSEHOLD MEDICINES/OLD PRESCRIPTIONS, (toxic) in a separate bag.
- + WASTE OIL, (flammable and toxic). Clearly mark the container.
- + PESTICIDES, INSECTICIDES, HERBICIDES, (toxic).
- + POOL CHEMICALS and BLEACH, (reactive and toxic). DO NOT MIX and keep separate from each other and from other chemicals.
- + TURPENTINE, FURNITURE AND PAINT STRIPPER, VARSOL, SOLVENTS, GASOLINE, LINSEED OIL, NAIL POLISH AND NAIL POLISH REMOVER, BBQ LIGHTER FLUIDS (flammable and toxic).
- + WOOD PRESERVATIVE, WOOD STAINS, ANTI-FREEZE, GLUES, WINDOW CLEANERS, DISINFECTANTS, RAT AND MOUSE POISONS (toxic).
- + OVEN CLEANERS, DRAIN CLEANERS (corrosive).
- + OLD PROPANE TANKS (explosive).
- + AEROSOL CONTAINERS (explosive, toxic and flammable). Empty containers as well.
- + NEEDLES & SYRINGES. Clearly mark the container.
- + PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
- + FLORESCENT LIGHT BULBS/TUBES
- + MERCURY – CONTAINING DEVICES (switches/thermometers)

**WHERE** + Madawaska Works Centre, 24808 Highway 60, Madawaska, ON + CALL GERRY DUNN AT 613-637-2650 EXT. 205 FOR MORE INFORMATION  
DO NOT BRING (NOT ACCEPTED)

+ EXPLOSIVES, FIRE WORKS, AMMUNITION, BIOLOGICAL WASTE, PCB WASTE, WASTE FROM BUSINESSES, HELIUM OR FREON TANKS

