



South Algonquin Township Newsletter

MAY 2013

Ontario Electronic Stewardship Program

Although the Township of South Algonquin is not fully involved in a recycling program we are however, involved in the recycling of the following materials:

- 1) Scrap Metal (2012 approximately 60 tonnes)
- 2) Electronics (50 cubic metres- equivalent to five (5) township tandem truck loads)
- 3) Used tires (958)

This material is shipped off site and re-used to manufacture other products.

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. Effective May 15, 2013 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.

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 EGANVILLE. IF IT IS NOT CLAIMED OR ADOPTED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS IT WILL BE DESTROYED.

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

7 Third Ave. P.O. Box 217

Whitney, ON KOJ 2M0

613-637-2650 Tel/613-637-5368 Fax

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Waste /Disposal News

Airy and Lyell Waste Disposal Sites will be open on Wednesdays from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. *Please be advised that the landfill sites hours of operations have been extended from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays from April 6th to May 25th for the purpose of spring cleanup.*

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

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.

Whitney Seniors New Outlook

Mother's Day Pot Luck Luncheon 12:00 noon on May 9th. Everyone Welcome.

Schedule of Activities:

Mild Aerobics - Mon, Wed and Fri 10:30 a.m.

Shuffleboard - Mon 1:15 p.m. and Wed 7:00 p.m.

Euchre - Tue 7:00 p.m.

Recreation News

Whitney Recreation

Ball Hockey Starting April .Monday nights 6:30 pm. All ages welcome.

Canada Day June 29, 30. - 2 day, 3 pitch Ball tournament, BBQ breakfast and lunch, beer gardens. Sat June 29- Moonwalk bouncy houses, face painting, and balloon art. Starting at 10 am, Outside dance starting at 8 p.m. Sunday June 30- Petting zoo starting at 10 am. Monday July 1st-Canada day. Fireworks display. More information to follow. If anyone has any questions call Joe Avery at 613-334-6200.

Murchison & Lyell Recreation

Bunko – Will continue once each month, dates to remember; May 16, June 20, July 18 and August 22 at 6:30 pm – Madawaska Community Hall.

Softball will begin in May as soon as weather permits. Neil Haskin will be in charge assisted by Chrissy Aleck. Children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Neil can be reached at 613-637-5245.

Canada Day Celebrations: Celebrate Canada Day with Fireworks, games, face painting and a BBQ. The fun will start at 3 pm on July 1st at the Ball Field. Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Drinks for the kids will be \$1. Larger Hamburgers/Chicken burgers for adults will be \$2.

Swimming Lessons Watch for more information in June.

Bingo Article Bingo July 14th starting at 1 pm at the Community Hall. All proceeds will be split equally between the Madawaska Valley Manor and the Madawaska Valley Hospice. We are looking for Bingo prizes for this event. We will be canvassing area businesses looking for prizes but individuals may also donate to this cause by calling Jo Lentz at 613-637-2008 or Terry Levean at 613-637-5341. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Pot Luck Dinners Adults only at 5:30 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.

Administration News

Congratulations to Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sue Klatt, on successful completion of the Municipal Law Program offered by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario.

New Sun Shelter at Bark Lake



Town Logo

The Council for the Township of South Algonquin would like to create a Town Logo to place at the entrances to our township. If you have any ideas for a logo please send your ideas to the municipal office by June 19, 2013. Mail: 7 Third Ave. Whitney, ON K0J 2M0 Fax: 613-637-5368 or Email: carla.tsa@xplornet.ca

Housing and Homelessness Plan

The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board is having an Open House at the Madawaska Complex on May 9th from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm to discuss a 10 year Housing and Homeless Plan.

Algonquin Land Claim

The Council for the Township of South Algonquin passed the following resolution on April 18, 2013:
“Whereas the Township of South Algonquin is a member of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
And whereas the Township of South Algonquin is located within the proposed Algonquin Land Claim settlement area,
And whereas Council is concerned that there has been no input from municipalities as it pertains to land selection and taxation
And whereas Council is concerned that there has been no opportunity for input from residents before the draft Agreement in Principle was reached,
And whereas municipalities affected within the Land Claim area are not represented at the negotiating table;
Therefore be it resolved that the Township of South Algonquin petitions the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to involve themselves in the land claim process to ensure that all municipalities are fairly represented;
And furthermore that AMO petition all levels of Government, both Federal and Provincial of the need to involve municipalities in the negotiating process of the Agreement in Principle including land selection and taxation, to ensure that a fair & workable treaty, for the respective benefits of both native and non-natives within municipalities in the Algonquin Land Claim area are met.
And that this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, as well as the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, all municipalities within Ontario, M.P. Cheryl Gallant and M.P.P. John Yakabuski.”

Fire News

Maintain your smoke alarms Only working smoke alarms can save your life! Every home is required by law to have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. These can be hard-wired or battery-operated depending on when your home was built. Both types are required to meet the same standard for smoke alarms, and both are equally effective and acceptable under the Ontario Fire Code. If you do not have a smoke alarm on every storey of your home, it is vital that you install them as soon as possible. Smoke alarms require some simple maintenance to keep them in good working order. These tips will help to make sure your alarms perform as intended-when you need them the most:

Test Smoke Alarms Monthly Test your smoke alarms every month by using the test button on the alarm. When the test button is pressed, the alarm should sound. If battery-operated smoke alarms fail to sound when tested, make sure that the battery is installed correctly, or install a new battery. If electrically-connected smoke alarms fail to sound when tested, make sure the power is turned on to the unit. If the alarm still fails to sound, replace the smoke alarm with a new one.

Change The Batteries Every Year Install a new battery at least once a year, or as recommended by the manufacturer. Install a new battery if the low-battery warning sounds, or if the alarm fails to sound when tested.

Beware Of Chirping Smoke Alarms All battery-operated smoke alarms emit a warning sound, usually an intermittent “chirp”, when the battery power is low. When you hear this sound, it’s time to replace the battery. The smoke alarm will continue to work even though it is chirping, so do not remove the battery until you replace it with a new one. The warning signal itself will eventually stop after a few days, so smoke alarms should be tested when you return from an extended absence in case the battery has died.

Vacuum alarms annually Dust can affect your smoke alarms. Battery-powered smoke alarms should be cleaned by opening the cover of the alarm and gently vacuuming the inside with a soft bristle brush. For electrically-connected smoke alarms, first shut off the power to the unit, and then gently vacuum the outside vents of the alarm only. Turn the power back on and test the alarm.

Replace Older Smoke Alarms All smoke alarms wear out. If your alarms are more than 10 years old, replace them with new ones.

Just as important as having working smoke alarms is making sure everyone in your home knows exactly what to do to escape BEFORE a fire occurs. Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with the entire household. Simple steps for home fire escape planning include:

- Determining who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults or anyone else that due to cognitive or physical limitations may require additional assistance to escape.

- Making sure everyone knows two ways out of your residence.

- Checking that all exits are unobstructed and easy to access.

- Designating a meeting place outside the home, such as a tree or a lamp post, where everyone can be accounted for.

- Calling the fire department from outside the home, from a cell phone or neighbour’s home.

- Once out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.

- Practicing your home fire escape plan with everyone in your household.

For people who live in apartment buildings and need assistance to escape:

- Make sure you tell the superintendent or landlord if you need assistance.

- Make sure your name is added to the persons who require assistance list in the fire safety plan, so the fire department knows which apartment you are in.-Know the emergency procedures outlined in the building’s fire safety plan.

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 **May 20th**, and **July 1st**.

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 ext200

State of Emergency

Mayor Dumas and Council extend our sincere thanks to all Township staff who under the direction of Clerk-Treasurer Harold Luckasavitch worked efficiently and effectively during the State of Emergency. Brian Ackney our Community Emergency Management Coordinator assisted us through the Emergency Management process. We wish to express a sincere thank you to both Fire Depts. for their support and assistance, especially those providing traffic control and information at the Major Lake Bridge.

Our works department staff have worked tirelessly out in the field to maintain the roads system. Well done and thank you.

Emergency Management

The Council for the Township of South Algonquin proclaims May 5 – 11 as “Emergency Preparedness Week” within the Township of South Algonquin. With ice storms, floods, or house fires that leave families homeless, every 4 hours someone in Canada needs disaster relief. The Canadian Red Cross helps by meeting basic needs, and providing help and hope. Our Disaster Management Team is seeking volunteers to respond to emergencies in Renfrew County and the Township of South Algonquin. If you are interested in giving back to your community, meet people, have new experiences, and help your neighbours in times of crisis, volunteer for the Red Cross! Contact RenfrewDM@redcross.ca or call 1-800-850-9777.

Spotlight On Seniors If you are a senior or are helping an older Ontarian prepare for an emergency, consider the extras that may be needed. These new resources will get you started.

[Seniors' guide & emergency form](#)

[Seniors' guide PDF version](#)

[Emergency form PDF version](#)

[Seniors' EP guide & emergency form in over 20 languages](#)

Be Prepared...In Three Easy Steps

Step 1: Make a Plan

Learn what situations you need to plan for, such as where to go in an evacuation or how to reach family members.

[What your plan should include](#)

[Use our Online tool that builds a plan for you](#)

Step 2: Build A Kit

Everyone should have a survival kit, with the supplies needed to be safe and take care of yourself and your family for at least three days.

[What to put in your kit](#)

[Other Tips](#)

Step 3: Be Informed

Knowing about emergencies as soon as possible, as well as learning more about the types of emergencies you might face is critical.

[Sign up for emergency alerts](#)

[Learn about Ontario's hazards](#)

For more information about what to include in your kit or to print off seniors' guide forms go to:

www.emergencymanagementontario.ca and look under the Be Prepared Tab

WEMF 2013

We have been informed by the organizers of the World Electronic Music Festival that WEMF 2013 has been cancelled.

Pic of the Past

Answer from last newsletter: Picture was of Alex Dupuis' 1955 Chevy.

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

Council

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TIP FOR A GOOD LIFE

When you wake up in the morning complete the following statement, 'My purpose is to _____ today.'

