



# South Algonquin Township Newsletter

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## Retirement News

After 33 years of dedication and service to the Township of South Algonquin Gerry Dunn has announced his retirement as Chief Building Official and Works Superintendent. Stay tuned for more information.

## Civic Addressing

Please be advised that 9-1-1 has not yet been implemented to South Algonquin. Residents are still required to contact the existing emergency numbers in the event of an emergency. Residents will be advised when the 9-1-1 system is activated. One of the criteria in implementing the 9-1-1 system is that all civic signs must be erected. **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.** If your civic number on your next tax bill does not correspond with the civic number installed at your property please contact Tracy Cannon, Public Works/Building Dept. Administrative Assistant at 613-637-2650 ext. 203 for adjustments or to arrange for pick up.

## Low Cost Rabies Clinic

There will be a low cost rabies vaccination clinic for cats and dogs on Saturday October 26, 2013 in Whitney at the Lester Smith Building, 32 Hay Creek Rd. from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and in Madawaska at the Madawaska Fire Hall, 26D Major Lake Rd. from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per animal HST included (cash only). No exams. Dogs must be on a leash and cats should be in carriers. Clinic is being offered by Faraday Animal Hospital.

## Waste /Disposal News

Starting November 2, 2013 until April 1, 2014 both Airy Landfill Site-Whitney and Murchison and Lyell Landfill Site-Madawaska hours of operation are as follows:

Wednesday 1:00 pm – 4:00 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 in appropriate containers 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 could be anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the scheduled day of your pickup. The township tries to maintain the same daily schedule; however there may be circumstances when it is required to change the daily schedule.**

**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. \*\*\*\*\*

## Winter Parking Notice

**Winter parking:** Do not park on roads or block snow plow turn-around areas.

**Snow on roadways:** Under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, it is illegal to shovel, blow or plow snow out onto a roadway. It's also very dangerous and can cause oncoming vehicles to lose control. Please use caution when clearing your driveway and always be aware of the traffic around you.

**Fire Prevention Week 2013**

**South Algonquin Residents Urged to Prevent Kitchen Fires.**

The best way to prevent kitchen fires is to never leave cooking unattended, says the Township Of South Algonquin Fire Department. The Chief's advice comes as part of Fire Prevention Week (October 6-12) and its theme to 'Prevent Kitchen Fires.' Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires and injuries in the province." Often when we are called to a fire that started in the kitchen, the residents tell us that they only left the kitchen for a few minutes," said the Chief. "Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. Help keep our community safe by taking responsibility to prevent fires from starting in the first place." Important steps to prevent kitchen fires include:

- Pay attention when cooking - especially if you are using oil or high temperatures. If you must leave for any reason, turn off the stove.
- Wear tight-fitting or rolled up sleeves when using the stove. Loose, dangling clothing can easily catch fire.
- Keep a proper fitting lid near the stove. If a pot catches fire, slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove.
- Never attempt to move a burning pot.
- Keep a close eye on anyone in your household who is drinking and attempts to cook.

**Whitney Seniors New Outlook**

**Pot Luck Dinners**

- Halloween October 30th - Dress up in your favourite costume (voluntary). Door prize draw for costume wearers.

- Christmas December 11th.

\*Watch for posters for times.

**Additional Fitness Program** - A slower and lower impact exercise program will be offered depending on interest. Call Elaine 613-637-2193 if interested.

**Current Schedule Of Activities:**

- Exercise - 'Light To Moderate Aerobics' - Mon, Wed, Fri 10:30 a.m. - Great for overall well-being plus Diabetes & Cardiovascular Disease.
  - Euchre - Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
  - Shuffleboard - Mon and Wed 1:15 p.m.
- Fitness Room, Pool and Snooker always available. Everyone in the community and surrounding area is always welcome to join in the above activities.

**Dog Tags**

The number of dogs running at large and being captured has decreased; however there is still some running loose. If you are aware of a nuisance dog, please notify the township office. We would like to thank all of those residents who have purchased dog tags and are being responsible pet owners.

**Warning from MPAC**

Note to property owners –MPAC has become aware that a person or persons is placing phone calls to property owners claiming to represent MPAC and asking for personal information. MPAC has reported these incidents to the OPP. MPAC does not make calls to collect personal information, please do not provide it. If you have any questions or receive such calls, please call MPAC's Customer Contact Centre at 1-877-635-6722.

**OPP News**

The OPP fall Seat Belt Campaign runs from September 26-October 13, 2013. During that time OPP officers across the province will be highly visible enforcing and raising awareness of seat belt laws in an effort to change driving behavior and to save lives.

**Councillor Vacancy**

Councillor Jessup is moving out of the township and will no longer be able to be the Lyell Ward Councillor as of October 12, 2013. We wish him and his family all of the best and thank him for his years of support. More information on the filling of this vacancy will be available at a later date.

**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.

## Hospice Palliative Care



Providing Volunteer Service for your Community  
Madawaska Valley Hospice Palliative Care provides volunteer services to individuals and families who are struggling with an incurable disease or a life-limiting condition. This includes the frail elderly of our communities.

Volunteers go to an individual's home or wherever they are living and provide a varied service. Often it is a friendly visit, reading, or playing cards with someone who cannot get out of home. Sometimes it is assisting with light household tasks such as taking the garbage to the dump. Sometimes it is sitting in the home when family is away so the person is not alone. As life's journey nears an end, a hospice volunteer is there to hold a hand and provide comfort and support. To date, we have trained 54 volunteers who serve in close proximity to the community where they live. Since Christmas we have provided over 1500 hours of assistance.

We are **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** within South Algonquin to provide service in your community for your friends, family and neighbours.

We will provide training sessions to equip volunteers with information and support so you are comfortable in assisting individuals and their families.

Here is a quote from one of our volunteers:

"Reflecting on my time and experiences with MV Hospice, I just realized that one of the things that I most enjoy about my time with our patients is -- I don't need to make a decision about anything -- we just "do" in the "now." It's like a dance - and the patient leads. This makes the situation so simple and uncomplicated.

To date, I've been exposed to the most wonderful people - our patients have shown their strength, humour, and caring and have helped me so much to help them."

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a MV Hospice Palliative Care Volunteer, please contact Karen Wagner, MVHPC Coordinator at 613-756-3045 ext 350 or mvhospice@sfmhosp.com or Jim Etmanskie at 613-637-2170.

Please become a MV Hospice Volunteer.

## 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 Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>- Jan. 1<sup>st</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

#### Airy Ward(01)

Dave Harper-613-637-5535 [fishermantdave63@hotmail.com](mailto:fishermantdave63@hotmail.com)

#### Airy Ward(01)

Sid James 613-637-2772 [latherguy@nexicom.net](mailto:latherguy@nexicom.net)

#### Dickens Ward(02)

Bill Rodnick 613-756-7016 [bkrodnick@gmail.com](mailto:bkrodnick@gmail.com)

#### Murchison Ward(04)

Joe Florent 613-637-2139 [j-florent@hotmail.com](mailto:j-florent@hotmail.com)

#### Sabine Ward(05)

Richard Shalla 613-637-2114 [richard.shalla@gmail.com](mailto:richard.shalla@gmail.com)

## Recreation News

## 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

## Whitney Recreation

Ball Hockey - Monday night 6:30pm-7:30pm at the outdoor rink until colder weather comes.

Adult Halloween Dance - Oct 26, 2013. 8pm -1 am. "Restricted".

Halloween Night- Oct 31st. The Rec. Committee will be at the community center waiting on the trick or treaters.

Christmas Bazaar and Lunch - November 23, 2013

10am-2pm. \$10 per table. Contact Joe Avery for a table.

House Decorating Contest - Please enter your house by December 12, 5 pm. The winner will be announced the night of the Santa Claus Parade.

Santa Claus Parade and Bake Sale - December 14, starting at 5:30 pm. Followed by fireworks and then bake sale.

Kids Cookie Decorating and Dinner - December 19, at the Lester B. Smith building after school. There will be gingerbread people made and ready for the kids to decorate.

Kids New Year's Eve Dance - December 31, 4pm-7pm at Lester B Smith building

New Year's Eve Roast Beef Dinner and Dance -

More information on this and each of the events above will be out closer to the date of the events.

If anyone is looking for community hours or would like to help with any of the events please contact Joe Avery @ 613-334-6200, or any other recreation member.

"Hope to see you there."

## Murchison & Lyell Recreation

Bunko – Our Bunkos will continue each month, dates to remember; October 24 & November 21 at 7:00 pm, none in December – Madawaska Community Hall.

Softball - The Murchison & Lyell Recreation Committee would like to thank Neil and Chrissy for looking after the softball. They have currently stopped for the season due to lack of interest. Hopefully we'll see all you ball fans next spring with renewed enthusiasm.

Pot Luck Dinners - Adults only at 6:00 pm. are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Community Hall in Madawaska. This event is gaining in popularity! Bring your favourite dish and join us for an enjoyable evening. A special Christmas Pot Luck is being planned.

Halloween Family Dance – Friday October 25, 8 – 11pm. Cost \$5. per person or \$15. per family.

Sell Your Wares Sale – This event is scheduled for Sunday, November 17 from 11am to 2pm. Soup & Sandwich Lunch (including dessert and coffee or tea) will be served from 11am – cost will be \$6. Tables (8') are available to rent for \$10.

To reserve your table, call Jo at 613-637-2008 or Brendia Drew at 613- 637- 2029.

Children's Christmas Party: Watch for posters as date has not yet been decided.

If you have an idea for something you would like to see Recreation doing, contact Terry at 637-5341 or Jo at 637-2008 and they will insure a spot on our agenda to discuss your idea. Our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm and are open to the Public.

## Medical Centre

27 Medical Centre Road  
613-637-2170 Whitney, ON KOJ 2M0

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

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 am to 12:00 pm
	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 am to 12:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am to 12:00 pm