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FALL 2020

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ADMINISTRATION NEWS

The former Whitney (613) 637-2002 and Madawaska (613) 637-5556 emergency numbers for fire are no longer in service, 9-1-1 replaces these numbers.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Remembrance Day Committee has decided to not hold a formal Ceremony this year. However, a wreath will be laid and the cushion will be in place for those who want to pin their poppies as usual. We hope everyone will understand in these unusual times. We will remember them. St. Martin's Catholic School, together with Whitney Public School, will be providing the community with a virtual Remembrance Day video that will be created by the school. The link will be provided, on the township Facebook and website.

TAX STATEMENTS

Reminder: Per the Schedule of Fees By-Law # 19-588 there is a \$5.00 fee for tax statements. Please retain your Tax Notice if you require land tax information for income tax purposes.

Property tax final installment is due October 31, 2020.

Winter Parking on Township Roads

Within South Algonquin plow truck routes are approximately 260 km per round trip, this means that our drivers do their best, often in terrible weather to clean roads as quickly as possible so that residents can get where they need to go. Vehicles parked in the roadway not only impede their efficiency but also pose safety risks in navigating a large truck, plow and wing around the vehicles.

During the designated winter season: November 1, 2020 to April 15, 2021, any vehicle parked within the road allowance will be towed by the nearest available towing company at the owner's expense.

Residents should make arrangements to have their driveways cleared of snow to ensure that parking in the roadway is not necessary and that emergency services can access the property.

RCATV

South Algonquin has tremendous trail potential but we are looking for local support to fill a director's vacancy on our board to represent South Algonquin riders, trails and tourism operators.

Contact president@renfrewcountyatv.ca.

On behalf of Renfrew County ATV Club, thank you to the riders, the community and trail volunteers for continuing to support trails and trail tourism in South Algonquin, making this a premium destination for local and visiting riders. To view RCATV trails, visit map.renfrewcountyatv.ca or the website at www.renfrewcountyatv.ca or the Facebook page.

Getting out on the trails in the fall brings some of the best off-road vehicle (ORV) riding opportunities. However, please keep the following in mind to have a safe and incident-free trail experience:

- No ORV should be driving on roads over 50 km/hr (Speed limits are 20 km when the posted speed is 50 km or under; or 50 km when the speed is over 50 km)
- Be visible: wear bright "hunter" or blaze orange including any pets
- When you come across non-motorized trail users slow down, pull over and engage the other trail users to ensure safety
- Sharing a trail with horseback, pull over, shut your machine down and wait for the horse rider to let you know if they want you to pass, or wait
- Ride within your means. RCATV has a technicality rating on our trails to help you choose the right trail for your riding experience
- Keep youth on age and size-appropriate equipment.
- Helmets (done up) are the law on both roads and trails, including passengers
- Consider taking an ATV Safety Course. RCATV has two certified CASI ATV Safety Instructors.

WHITNEY SENIORS New Outlook

The Whitney seniors centre is open for regular programs and fitness studio for members only. At this time, we will not be hosting any potluck suppers or private rentals.

Please follow all provincial and local guidelines. Signs are posted at the seniors centre informing you of the guidelines like attendance numbers, etc. Please follow social distancing, wash your hands, don't touch your face, wear a mask if you choose to, sanitize equipment and whatever you touch, do whatever you can to stay safe.

We will let you know when we get back to normal.

RECREATION

Halloween

Both Trickers and Treaters should make their own decision regarding what to do for Halloween. If you choose to not hand out candy this year, it's recommended that you not put a pumpkin out and leave the outside lights off. Parents — if you decide to let your children go out, please talk to them about respecting that some people are not comfortable giving out candy, ensure that they distance from others and wear a mask. Happy Halloween!



The rinks are scheduled to be open this winter, with social distancing rules in effect.

Whitney Recreation

The Whitney Recreation Committee will be handing out Halloween candy at the Lester Smith building on Halloween night.

Madawaska Recreation

ANGEL FUNDRAISER:

The Angel fundraiser is going forward with our efforts to help St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation Virtual Tree of Lights campaign this year. We will not be displaying the Angels because our building is not open to the public due to COVID, but your generous donations will go towards four vital pieces of equipment in the Medical unit. They are a critical upgrade to the Medication Dispensing Unit (which will ensure patient safety while improving efficiencies for SFMH), a VAC therapy system (helps to close wounds and promote healing), new overbed tables (old ones do not fit under patient beds) and new bedside chairs (will address infection control and provide visitor comfort during their visits). Their goal is \$70,000.

Our letters will be going out in your mailboxes next month, or you can contact Brendia Drew at 613-637-2029 or Sharon Florent at 613-637-2139. You can also mail your donation to P.O. Box 198, Madawaska, On. K0J 2C0.

All proceeds from the sale of our Angels will be donated and receipts will be issued by SFVHF. Thank you and stay safe.

Building/Septic

A building permit is required for the construction of any and all freestanding structures larger than 10 square meters (108 sq/ft) As well as any structure being attached to any other structure requires a permit regardless of size.

Mike Anderson, the Chief Building

Official/By-Law Enforcement Officer, is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays and can be contacted at 613-637-2650, ext 206. To schedule an appointment, inspection or site visit, contact Tracy Cannon at 613-637-2650, ext 203, or building@southalgonquin.ca, Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4 pm.

Civic Address Signage

Green and white civic address signs at property entrances are used by all Emergency Responders. Please take the time to ensure that your sign is properly installed and visible all times of the year. Contact Tracy Cannon, Planning/Building Administrator at 613-637-2650 ext. 203 or building@southalgonquin.ca if your civic address sign is missing.

CALL TO ARTISTS

DETAILS: ov-caos.org/exhibitions

GET INVOLVED WITH 2021 EXHIBITIONS:

Welcome To My World
Artists are invited to create a miniature world that reflects on their inner experience from the past year.

Good Ancestor
Imagine you're invited to share a drink with your ancestors and the people to whom YOU will one day be an ancestor. Artists are invited to create a three-dimensional drinking vessel suitable for such an occasion, or a 2D wall-mounted work.

Wish You Were Here
Postal art is an art movement centered on sending small scale art works through the postal system. Create a postcard art work responding to this statement: *Wish You Were Here.*

POP UP ART

Artist-facilitators wanted

OV-CAOS is seeking artist-facilitators to work with OV-CAOS staff to collaboratively design and facilitate community art events, workshops and art-making opportunities in a changing environment over the next three years.

MORE INFORMATION

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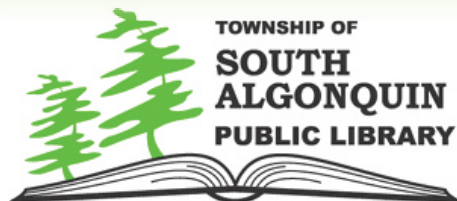
Curbside Services

Curbside service is a way for the library to provide materials to the public safely during COVID-19. Materials will be picked up by library patrons on an appointment basis after placing holds in advance. At this time, library access is limited to staff only. We will provide services via email, web and phone. Only print and DVD/ audio books are available at this time.

Web OPAC

With your membership, you can access the collection by phone, email or our new Web OPAC. Web OPAC provides 24/7 access to the library collections and your account. Search and add items to book bin. When you're ready, you then email the book bin to your library branch. You will be notified by email when your request is filled and ready for pickup.

If you do not have a library card, you may request one via email. We will need: name, mailing and street address, email, phone number.



TOWNSHIP OF
**SOUTH
ALGONQUIN
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

DISCLAIMER: Curbside pickup, staffing, phone hours and other services may change at any time during this closure. Updates will be posted locally and on social media platforms as developments occur.

If you have any overdue library items, please return them, bagged, to your corresponding library branch. All late fees are waived at this time.

MADAWASKA BRANCH

Please note Wi-Fi access is available during curbside pick-up times.

madawaskalibrary@southalgonquin.ca
613-637-1099

Tuesdays: 10 am to 3 pm
Thursdays: 12 noon to 7 pm

WEB OPAC

<https://madawaska.rmwebopac.com>
Username: first-last (name)
Pin: last 4 digits of library patron barcode

WHITNEY BRANCH

Wi-Fi 24/7

whitneylibrary@southalgonquin.ca
613-637-5471

Wednesdays: 10 am to 3 pm
Thursdays: 12 noon to 7 pm

Donations: All donations to the library are appreciated, however they must be approved by the librarians based on the collection needs and established policies. During Covid, we are not currently accepting donation of items.

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TO ACCESS OVERDRIVE EBOOKS:

1. Download the Libby app.
2. Select Ontario Library Service Consortium. Find your library.
3. Borrow a title from your library digital collection. You'll need to use your barcode to complete this step.

Opeongo Snowbirds Snowmobile Club

The Opeongo Snowbirds Snowmobile Club is in search of volunteers for the 2020-2021 season. The following positions need to be filled: volunteer co-ordinator, event co-ordinator, trail patrol and trail maintenance.

Please contact the club executive at opeongosnowbirdsexecs@gmail.com to volunteer.

Did you know! Every trail permit equals 30,000 kms of trails, 300 groomers, 18,000 landowners, and approximately 6,000 volunteers to make your experience the best it can be.

November 1, 2020, is the early bird deadline for Rider Advantage Offers. Get yours now: permits.ofsc.on.ca

WHAT'S BEHIND EVERY ONTARIO SNOWMOBILE TRAIL PERMIT?

1 PERMIT
30,000 KMS OF TRAILS
300 GROOMERS
18,000 LANDOWNERS
6,000 VOLUNTEERS

OFSC **IT'S ALL YOURS FOR THE 2021 SEASON FOR \$190*.**
PLUS, BUY ONLINE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1ST
TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A LIMITED TIME RIDER ADVANTAGE OFFER
PERMIT. TRAIL IT. LIVE IT.

*Permit terms and conditions apply and are available at ofsc.on.ca. Ontario law requires a 2021 Snowmobile Trail Permit to access OFSC Prescribed Trails.





Waste/Disposal News

Airy Landfill Site, 462 Nipissing Road, Whitney and Lyell Landfill Site, 6319 Hwy 523, Madawaska.

HOURS OF OPERATION

OCTOBER 21, 2020 to MARCH 31, 2021

WEDNESDAY: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

SATURDAY: 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

CLOSED December 26, 2020

OPEN December 27, 2020

REMINDERS

per By-Law #19-588 there is a \$5.00 per piece charge for mattresses, box springs and fabric covered furniture with metal frames or springs e.g. couches, loveseats, and sofa chairs.

There is a \$5.00 per foot fee for the disposal of vessel hulls that qualify for disposal in the Construction and Demolition waste area. Residents disposing of registered vessels are exempt from the fee with proof of ownership and residents disposing canoes or small vessels that are rated less than 10hp will also be exempt from the fee. All hulls must be emptied of other material prior to disposal and are subject to inspection by the landfill site attendant prior to their acceptance.

NOTE: Roadside pick-up could be anytime between 7:00 am and 3:00 pm on your scheduled day

Per the Waste Management By-Law #16-517 garbage bags deemed to weigh over 40 lbs will not be picked up.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

No person shall throw, place or deposit any type of waste on any roadway, highway or bridge or any municipally owned property that is outside of the limits of the Landfill Sites as per By-Law 16-517. **THIS ALSO INCLUDES STOVE ASHES.**

GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

The municipal office is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The office is closed on all statutory holidays, including upcoming: November 11, December 24 to January 3.

Municipal Office: 613-637-2650

Works Garage: 613-637-5343

Madawaska Complex: 613-637-1109

Lester B Smith Building: 613-637-9963

To rent a facility for any event, including funerals, contact Carla: 613-637-2650, ext 200

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Ambulance, Police and Fire: 9-1-1

FIRE CHIEF

Don Kruger 613-334-9697

Township of South Algonquin Fire Department – Whitney Station (Airy and Sabine Wards and the West side of Lyell Ward, North McKenzie Lake Road)

NON-EMERGENCY CALLS CONTACT

District Fire Chief, John Stubbs: 613-637-5555, or cell 613-334-2629

Township of South Algonquin Fire Department Madawaska Station, Dickens and Murchison Wards and the east side of Lyell Ward, Hwy #523

NON-EMERGENCY CALLS CONTACT

District Fire Chief, Aurel Thom: 613-637-5533, or cell 613-334-5018

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

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Brian Ackney: 613-334-2072

CANINE CONTROL

Township of South Algonquin Animal Control: 613-637-2650, ext 203 or 205

ROAD CONDITIONS

Township of South Algonquin Roads Department: 613-637-2650, ext 203 or 205, or cell 613-334-5447

HYDRO ONE POWER OUTAGES

1-800-434-1235

COUNCIL

MAYOR Jane Dumas: 613-637-5261 (H), 613-332-8357 (C), mayor@southalgonquin.ca

COUNCILLORS

Airy Ward (01)

Dave Harper: 613-637-5535, daveharper@southalgonquin.ca

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Bongo Bongo: 613-553-1500, bongo@southalgonquin.ca

Dickens Ward (02)

Joe Vermaire: 613-318-8320, joevermaire@southalgonquin.ca

Lyell Ward (03)

Sandra Collins: 613-334-0478, sandracollins@southalgonquin.ca

Murchison Ward (04)

Joe Florent: 613-637-2139, 613-334-2637, joe@southalgonquin.ca

Sabine Ward (05)

Richard Shalla: 613-334-2162, richard@southalgonquin.ca



LEAVING A POT ON THE STOVE CAN BURN MORE THAN JUST YOUR DINNER.

ALWAYS STAY IN THE KITCHEN WHILE COOKING.



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Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management
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