

Fall 2023

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# - ADMINISTRATION NEWS

#### Message from the Mayor

I am settling into my role as Mayor of this beautiful Township. Things are going well, and it has been extremely busy. I have now opened an office at the Township building on 7 Third Avenue. If you would like to see me at the office, please call 613-637-2650, ext 205. —Ethel LaValley

#### **MAYOR**

Ethel LaValley: 613-332-8357 mayor@southalgonquin.ca

#### COUNCILLORS

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Joan Kuiack: 613-637-5479 jkuiack@southalgonquin.ca

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Laurie Siydock: 613-334-1780 laurie@southalgonquin.ca

**DICKENS WARD (02) Bill Rodnick:** 613-756-7016 wrodnick@southalgonquin.ca

LYELL WARD (03)

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

**MURCHISON WARD (04)** Joe Florent: 613-334-2637 joe@southalgonquin.ca

**SABINE WARD (05)** 

**Shawn Pigeon:** 613-318-8375 shawnpigeon@southalgonquin.ca

## **APPOINTMENTS**

If you wish to speak to a specific staff member, we recommend you make an appointment ahead of time.

## **Tax Billing**

The final Installment due date is October 31, 2023.

## **Payment Options:**

- Internet banking
- Your financial institution
- In person—cash, cheque, money order or Interac Debit

Please note: E-Transfers are no longer accepted.

#### **Interest Penalties**

A 1.25% penalty will be added on the first day of each month on past due balances. Reminder to allow sufficient time for payments to be received by the Township before the first day of each month to avoid

**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 on 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 1st to April 15th 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

# WASTE/DISPOSAL NEWS

**Airy Landfill Site** 

462 Nipissing Road, Whitney

Lyell Landfill Site

6319 Hwy 523, Madawaska

**Hours of Operation** 

Saturdays 8:00 am to 12 noon October 4th, 11th and 18th, 2023 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm

October 25, 2023 to March 31, 2024 Wednesdays 1 pm to 4 pm

NOTE: Roadside pick-up could be anytime between 7 am and 3 pm on your scheduled day. Waste Collection Calendars for November 2023 to March 2024 will be mailed around the end of October. If you do not receive a calendar they are available at the township office or on our website at southalgonquin.ca.

**Recycling Program Now at Both Landfill Sites - Please** refer to the back of the Waste **Collection Calendar or visit our** website for more information.

A new Term of Council Strategic Plan is underway. The plan helps guide major decisions over the next four years. Please take a few minutes to provide us with your feedback. All responses will be kept confidential and no personal information will be collected. The survey will be open until 12:00 pm (noon) of October 20th, 2023



Scan the QR Code for access to the survey. Residents who are unable to access the QR Code can contact the office.

## WHITNEY SENIORS NEW OUTLOOK

## **FALL/WINTER ACTIVITIES 2023/24**

We welcome all South Algonquin residents 50+ to join.

Like us, follow and share on Facebook @ whitneyseniorsnewoutlook@gmail.com

## MONDAY

10:30 am – Light Aerobic Exercise 1:00 pm - Darts, Euchre, Cribbage, Billiards, Board Games

# **TUESDAY**

9:00 am - Group Outdoor Walk 10:30 am - Muscle Mile - 20 minute gentle exercise

11:00 am - 12:00 noon - Gentle Chair Yoga\*

1:00 pm - Knitting, Crochet, Sewing, Crafts (for all skill levels) 7:00 pm - Euchre Progressive

## **WEDNESDAY**

10:30 am – Light Aerobic Exercise 7:00 pm - Private Rental

services can access the property.

#### **THURSDAY**

1:00 pm – Darts, Euchre, Cribbage, Billiards, Board Games

#### **FRIDAY**

No scheduled activities.

\*During Yoga and Private Rentals, the Seniors Centre is closed to other

Drop in and buy your \$15 annual membership that includes activities and Fitness Room.

Ask us how you can volunteer and talk to us about your ideas for activities and events.

# OFFICIAL PLAN **REVIEW AND UPDATE**

The Draft Official Plan has been sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review. Following Ministry review and comment, open house and public meeting dates will be announced. Notice for these events will be circulated in a local newspaper, Facebook and our website. To obtain a copy of the Draft Official Plan please see our website.

## CONTACT INFORMATION -

#### **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. Upcoming include; November 13. The office will also be closed between December 25-January 1, reopening on January 2nd at 8:30am.

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: 613-637-2650, ext. 200

#### **Covid-19 Tests**

Rapid Antigen Tests will soon be available free of charge in the foyer at the township office during business hours. The intent is for residents to have them on hand in the event of illness. For the safety of staff, we ask that you do not come to the office when you are unwell.

#### **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

AMBULANCE, POLICE AND FIRE: 9-1-1
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 Fire Chief, Ian Collins: 613-334-9697 Non-Emergency Calls Contact

Deputy Chief, Marvin Siydock: 613-637-5555, or cell 705-457-7699

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 Deputy 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. 207

#### **ROAD CONDITIONS**

Township of South Algonquin Roads Department: 613-637-5343

After hours road emergencies call: 613-334-5447 Hydro One Power Outages: 1-800-434-1235

## MADAWASKA RECREATION -

The Kid's Halloween Party will be Saturday, October 21st at 9 a.m., in the Community Hall. Pancakes will be served for breakfast and treats and fun and games to follow. Dress up if you dare!

Our adult Halloween Dance is Saturday October 28th from 8 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. with live music in the Community Hall. Again, please dress up if you wish. This event is restricted.

Sunday November 5th is our date for the Fall Sell Your Wares in the Community Hall. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are serving homemade soup and a sandwich for \$6.00 as well. Please contact Brendia Drew at 613-637-2029 to book a table for this event.

Our Kid's Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 10th. Breakfast will be served and there will be a visit from Santa! Look for posters for all these events when they get closer!

The Christmas Potluck will be Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Hall again. Bring your favourite dish and share some friendly Christmas cheer with others.

Our regular community potluck is running again. The third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. bring your favourite dish or a new dish that maybe you would like to try and willing to share with others that come to this event.

Recreation meetings are open to the public. If you'd like to volunteer at an activity or become a member, please let us know and we can provide the information you will need to do so. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Madawaska Community Hall. If you have any questions or ideas for things to do, please call Sharon Florent, 613-637-2139 or Terry Levean at 613-633-9386, one week in advance of the meeting you would like to attend.

# WHITNEY RECREATION

Calling all community members. We are looking for new ideas and volunteers. If you would like to join an amazing group of community minded people, please reach out. We would love to hear from you.

# UPCOMING DATES - KEEP YOUR CALENDARS OPEN!!

OCTOBER 31ST

Halloween – treats will be handed out to community children at Lester Smith Building. NOVEMBER 12TH

**Christmas Craft Sale** 

DECEMBER 3RD (TENTATIVE)
Christmas Tree Lighting evening
– look for upcoming news on this.

DECEMBER 17TH

Breakfast with Santa - Children Fee-Adults \$10/person Christmas Parade DECEMBER 20TH

Spaghetti Dinner and Christmas Cookie Decorating – children free

More info to follow with exact times and location.



# **Community Seed Library**

Thank you everyone who used this new service, 85 people accessed free seeds. Now that harvest time is here, we are looking for donations of harvested/purchased seeds to help grow the collection for next season.

## **Healthy Homes:**

The library will have Radon and CO2 monitors available for loan during the heating season.

#### **Technology:**

The library has an assortment of equipment available for in library and for loan. These items have special loan term requirements (an account in good standing for over 6 months, must be over 18) New items include: Chromebook, c pen assistive readers, Nintendo switch with games.

# **Student Volunteers**

We are looking for students needing to complete their volunteer hours. Please ask the librarian for details.

## **Madawaska Branch**

Wi-Fi 24/7

madawaskalibrary@southalgonquin.ca 613-637-1099

Tuesdays: 10 am to 3 pm Thursdays: 12 noon to 7 pm Saturdays: 10 am to 2 pm

# Whitney Branch

Wi-Fi 24/7

whitneylibrary@southalgonquin.ca 613-637-5471

Wednesdays: 10 am to 3 pm Thursdays: 12 noon to 7 pm Saturdays: 10 am to 2 pm

To stay up-to-date and for a list of our collections and services, follow pages:

#### Facebook:

TownshipofSouthAlgonquinPublicLibrary

## Instagram:

south\_algonquin\_public\_library

## Website:

www.southalgonquin.ca/library