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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.**

*****It is imperative that you contact the municipal office and make arrangements to pick up your civic address sign. Starting this spring notices will be sent to property owners who haven't yet picked up their civic address sign indicating fees that will be charged if township staff have to install the sign.**

If the civic number on your next tax bill does not correspond with the civic number installed at your property or if your property has not been assigned a civic number and you feel it should, please contact Tracy Cannon, Public Works/Building Dept. Administrative Assistant at 613-637-2650 ext. 203 for adjustments, to arrange sign pick up or to verify if your property should be assigned a civic number. *In accordance with By-Law #2011-405; 6.1.2 Every owner or occupant shall ensure that the civic address sign is visible at all times and kept unobstructed by vegetation, structures, snow accumulation or any other screening.*

Building/Septic

Just a reminder for residents requiring a Building or Septic Permit that you are required to send payment, complete application and a detailed drawing. Sketches are not acceptable. Electronic applications are not accepted. Application packages are available at the Township Office.

Please Note:

The Chief Building Official is available on a limited schedule. Please contact Tracy Cannon, Administrative Assistant – Building/Works Department to schedule appointments, inspections and site visits at 613-637-2650 ext. 203 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or email:

tracy.tsa@xplornet.ca

Waste /Disposal News

Landfill Site Hours of Operation:

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.

Spring/Summer Waste Collection Calendar will be enclosed in the Interim Tax Bills. Please retain calendar for future reference.

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. **DO NOT PUT ANY KIND OF COALS INTO BINS AS THIS PRACTICE HAS CAUSED FIRE DAMAGE RECENTLY!!!**

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

Administration News

Works Superintendent - Council and Staff welcome Dave Gatley as the new Works Superintendent starting January 27th.

New Website – Staff have worked diligently designing and implementing a new township website-check it out! If you have any local area photos that you would like to share please upload them to the new site under Photo Gallery.

Winter Parking Notice

Winter parking: It has been observed that vehicles/snowmobile trailers etc. are parking along municipal roads and snow plow turn-around areas hindering winter maintenance operations. **Do not park on municipal roads and 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 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.

Dog Tags

Reminder-Lifetime Tags - As of January 1, 2013 Dog Tags purchased are valid for the lifetime of your dog. Tags are available at the Municipal Office for \$10.00. If you purchased a dog tag in 2013 you do not need to purchase another one this year. If your dog has lost it's tag please stop by the Municipal Office for a replacement tag (no fee). Tags are not transferable.

Whitney Seniors New Outlook

Valentine Pot Luck- February 12th Social hour 5:00pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

St. Patrick Pot Luck - March 17th Social hour 5:00pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

Trivia Night -April 2nd Time to be Announced.

Games Night - Date to be announced. Board games, euchre, cribbage, etc. Looking for suggestions from the public for other games to include. Anyone who has a key for the Seniors Centre and not using it, please return it to Phyllis Luckasavitch and receive your \$2.00 deposit back.

For those who have been dropping used items off at the door of the Seniors Centre please discontinue that practice. We appreciate your generosity but we don't have yard sales often and we unfortunately do not have room to store the items.

Schedule of Activities

Medium Impact Aerobics: Mon., Wed., Fri., 10:30 a.m.

Low Impact Exercise: Tue., Thur. 10:30 a.m.

Shuffleboard: Mon., Wed. 1:30 p.m.

Euchre: Tue. 7:00 p.m.

For More Information Contact Elaine Szczygiel 613-637-2193.

Contact Carla at the Municipal Office To Have Your Community Events Added to the Municipal Newsletters

Anglican Church

Anglican Church Lunch and Bake Sale

Brrrr. Beat the cold weather!

Come and enjoy a \$5.00 Hot Lunch (Chili, Hot Dogs, Homemade Soup, Dessert and Beverage)

Saturday, February 22nd from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Seniors' Centre. Everyone Welcome!

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 Feb. 17th, Apr. 18th and Apr. 21st.

The office will be closed on Jan. 28th from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm for training.

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

Whitney Public Library -613-637-5471

Tuesday 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday 11:00am to 6:00pm

Thursday 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Can't find what you're looking for? Tired of spending money on books? Check out your local library. We have a wide range of materials including books on CD, daisy reader with hundreds of titles and DVD movies. If we don't have a title, we can borrow it from another Ontario library at no cost to you. We have 2 branches to serve your needs. Patrons can visit either location and materials are interchangeable. We accept donations of current books and DVDs. All donations must be approved by librarians.

Looking for volunteer board members from the Whitney area. The Library is not a WIFI hotspot, only Library equipment is to access our network.

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.

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

Flying Feathers Archery Club

3-D Archery Tournament Feb 9th and Mar 9th. They both are 9am random start. \$20.00. For more information contact Joe at 613-637-2139.

Councillor News

Staff and Council welcome Linda Thom as the new Lyell Ward Councillor.

Council

MAYOR

Jane Dumas
613-637-5261 (H) 613-332-8357(C) mayor.tsa@xplornet.ca

COUNCILLORS

Airy Ward(01)

Dave Harper-613-637-5535 fishermandave63@hotmail.com

Airy Ward(01)

Sid James 613-637-2772 latherguy@nexicom.net

Dickens Ward(02)

Bill Rodnick 613-756-7016 bkrodnick@gmail.com

Lyell Ward(03)

Linda Thom 613-334-2640 aurelandlinda@gmail.com

Murchison Ward(04)

Joe Florent 613-637-2139 j-florent@hotmail.com

Sabine Ward(05)

Richard Shalla 613-637-2114 richard.shalla@gmail.com

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 or 205

Road Conditions:-Township of South Algonquin

- Roads Dept..... (613) 637-2650 ext. 203 or 205 or (613) 334-5447

Recreation News

Murchison & Lyell Recreation

Rink Activities – Our Rink Schedule is on the Twp. Website. A Broomball Tournament is scheduled for January 26th and another on February 16th. Lunch will be available at both events. Hot Dogs - \$1.00 and Hamburgers - \$2.00, also drinks, coffee and tea will be available as well as other canteen items. Participants must be at least 9 years old, cost is \$2.00 per person and sign up is prior to the tournament. Call 613-637-2689 Monday to Friday to register. Teams will be formed the day of the event. Come and join the fun!!!

A Family Dance is booked for February 14th, 8 – 11pm. Cost is \$5. per person or \$15. per family, all are welcome.

A Fun Day is being planned for during the March Break – watch for Posters.

Maplefest Weekend – April 5th at Madawaska Maple Products Sugarbush located at 4199 Hwy 523. Open House from 10 -12 noon – Taffy on the snow.

Pancake Brunch - April 6th from 9 – 1pm at the Madawaska Complex. Homemade pancakes, fresh bread, muffins, bacon, sausages, eggs, home fries, baked beans, jams, jellies and real Maple Syrup. Cost - \$9.00 per plate, 10 and under \$5.00 per plate.

Trivia Night – planned for April 28/14 – more info in next Newsletter.

Pot Luck Dinners - Adults only at 6:00 pm. on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Community Hall in Madawaska. This event is gaining in popularity! We have had some really good entertainment. Come out and join us for a fun time.

Recreation Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm and are open to the Public. If you have ideas that you would like to share or ideas for an event, call Jo, 613-637-2008 and ask to have it included on the agenda. We welcome community input.

Whitney Recreation

Valentine's Day Roast Beef Dinner and Dance - Saturday Feb. 15th 6pm-1am \$20 for combo or \$10 Dance only at the door. Restricted 19+

St. Patrick's Day Dance - Saturday March 15th 8pm-1am \$10. Restricted 19+

Hockey Skills Program - 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday until "Ice-out". No cost. Lester B. Smith Community Centre.

Adult Volleyball -Every Tuesday and Thursday at St. Martins School. 6:30pm. \$2 donation per game. Anyone high school age and older welcome.

Whitney Recreation is looking for volunteers. Please let us know if you are able to help. Contact Jess at 613 202-1978 for more information on any of the above.

Blood Donor Clinic

There will be a blood donor clinic on Feb. 5th in Barry's Bay. EMS will provide transportation leaving from Whitney at 3:00 pm and Madawaska at 3:25 pm.

Basic Requirements for Blood Donation: Age: Between 17 and 71 for regular donor and 17 and 61 for first-time donor. Weight: At least 50kg (110lbs). Frequency of Donation: Minimum interval between blood donations is 56 days. Health and Testing: You must be in generally good health and feeling well. For more information or to register call Nicki at 613-687-5498.

Emergency Management

Exercise extra caution when driving in winter road conditions. Follow these tips if you are stuck in the snow:

Try to stay calm and don't go out in the cold. Stay in your car: you will avoid getting lost and your car is a safe shelter. **1)** Don't tire yourself out. Shoveling in the intense cold can be deadly. **2)** Let in fresh air by opening a window on the side sheltered from the wind. **3)** Keep the engine off as much as possible. Be aware of carbon monoxide poisoning and make sure the exhaust pipe is not obstructed by snow. **4)** If possible, use a candle placed inside a deep can instead of the car heater to warm up. **5)** Turn on warning lights or set up road flares to make your car visible. **6)** Turn on the ceiling light; leaving your headlights or hazard lights on for too long will drain the battery. **7)** Move your hands, feet and arms to maintain circulation. Stay awake. **8)** Keep an eye out for other cars and emergency responders. Try to keep clothing dry since wet clothing can lead to a dangerous loss of body heat.

Prepare An Emergency Car Kit

Always have winter safety and emergency equipment in your car. A basic car kit should contain the following:

Food that won't spoil, such as energy bars

Water—plastic bottles that won't break if the water freezes (replace them every six months)

Blanket

Extra clothing and shoes or boots

First aid kit with seatbelt cutter

Small shovel, scraper and snowbrush

Candle in a deep can and matches

Wind-up flashlight

Whistle—in case you need to attract attention

Roadmaps

Copy of your emergency plan

Items to keep in your trunk:

Sand, salt or cat litter (non-clumping)

Antifreeze and windshield washer fluid

Tow rope

Jumper cables

Fire extinguisher

Warning light or road flares

Seven Steps To Cold Weather Safety

Do you know the signs of hypothermia, and what to do if you get frostbite?

1) Listen to the weather forecast. **2) Plan ahead.** Develop a cold weather **safety plan in advance** to ensure that safety concerns are addressed when it's very cold, or when the wind chill is significant. For example, schools could hold recess indoors, outside workers could schedule warm-up breaks, and those involved in winter recreation could reduce the amount of time they spend outdoors. **3) Dress warmly.** Dress in **layers**, with a wind resistant outer layer. When it is cold, **wear a hat**, mittens or insulated gloves. Keep your face warm with a scarf, neck tube or facemask. Wear warm and waterproof footwear. When it is very cold, or when the wind chill is significant, cover as much exposed skin as possible. Your body's extremities, such as the ears, nose, fingers and toes lose heat the fastest. **4) Seek shelter.** When the wind chill is significant, get out of the wind and limit the time you spend outside. **5) Stay dry.** Wet clothing chills the body rapidly. Remove outer layers of clothing or open your coat if you are sweating. **6) Keep active.** Walking or running will help warm you by generating body heat. **7) Be aware.** Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia (see below). Some people are more susceptible to the cold, particularly children, the elderly and those with circulation problems. Check on elderly relatives and neighbours to ensure they are warm enough and have sufficient supplies, particularly

when the weather is cold or snowy. They might not feel comfortable going outside to shop and may require food, medications and other supplies. The use of alcohol, tobacco and certain medications will increase your susceptibility to cold.

Hypothermia-Being cold over a prolonged period of time can cause a drop in body temperature. Shivering, confusion and loss of muscular control (e.g., difficulty walking) can occur. It can progress to a life-threatening condition where shivering stops or the person loses consciousness. Cardiac arrest may occur. **What to do:** Get medical attention immediately. Lay the person down and avoid rough handling, particularly if the person is unconscious. Get the person indoors. Gently remove wet clothing. Warm the person gradually and slowly, using available sources of heat. **Frostbite**- A more severe condition, where both the skin and the underlying tissue (fat, muscle, bone) are frozen. Skin appears white and waxy and is hard to the touch. No sensation - the area is numb or tingling. **What to do:** Frostbite can be serious, and can result in amputation. Get medical help! Do not rub or massage the area.

Do not warm the area until you can ensure it will stay warm. Warm the area gradually; use body heat, or warm water (40°C to 42°C). Avoid direct heat which can burn the skin.

These tips have been brought to you by Public Safety Canada, in cooperation with Transport Canada

Nipissing District EMS and Cops for Kids

Fishing Derby to be held on March 1st at Poverty Lake!
Watch for posters for more information.

Elections

Nominations for Mayor, Council and School Boards are open from January 2, 2014 to September 11, 2014. Nomination fees are \$100.00 for School Boards and Council and \$200.00 for Mayor.



So you want to run for council?

Available online at amo.skillbuilder.ca



Running for a seat on Council can be relatively simple. The rules that govern who can run and how to run an election campaign can be found in any Municipal Clerk's office in Ontario. But, from the moment you file your nomination form your life will change! There are questions you need the answers to and this new course from AMO can help you. **ARE YOU READY?** What does it take to run for council? What should I know before I run? How do I deal with the media during my campaign? What is the true power and influence of municipal government? What rules, regulations and laws govern my duties as an elected official? This course will provide an overview of what you need to know to before you decide to run for municipal office and what you should know to begin your candidacy. Where? **ONLINE** - No in class sessions, work at your own pace, in the privacy of your own home, work, or on the go. How: Visit the Association of Municipalities Ontario website at www.amo.on.ca, click on the banner for So You Want to Run for Council, and log in. Cost: \$24.95 gets you 30 days access to a wealth of knowledge. This course builds on the experience of elected officials-what they didn't know that they wish they did.