



The Cornerstone

Township Of O'Connor

MAY 2023



PLEASE NOTE: The Township Office will be closed Tuesday, May 9th all day and Wednesday, May 10th until 2:00 pm to allow Staff to attend training. The Office will also be closed Monday, May 22nd for the Victoria Day holiday.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

The Township of O'Connor is currently looking for one person to sit on the Committee of Adjustment. The Committee is comprised of three members which include one Council member and two non-Council members. The Committee makes decisions on any minor variance applications, that are received from a property owner, in respect of land, building, structures or the use thereof. When the proposed development of lands does not conform to the Township's Zoning By-law or Official Plan but where the general intent and purpose of the by-law and the plan are maintained or application is required. Interested persons may submit a letter to Council by Monday, May 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the O'Connor Municipal Office located at 330 Highway 595. Council will review the letters at their meeting that evening.

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

1 Position at the Township of O'Connor Roads Department

Job Title: General Labourer

Start Date: July 4, 2023

Duration: 35 Hours/Week for 8 Weeks

For eligibility, students must be:

- a) between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment;
- b) a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*; and
- c) legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial / territorial legislation and regulations.

*International students are not eligible. Recent immigrants are eligible if they are Canadian Citizens or permanent residents.

Please submit resumes by 4:30 pm on Monday, June 12th by either dropping them off in person at 330 Highway 595 or emailing to twpoconn@tbaytel.net.



Employment and
Social Development Canada

Emploi et
Développement social Canada



FIRE PERMITS

Fire Permits required between April 1st and October 31st.

- Fire Permits are required for ALL outdoor burning, including fireworks and incinerators, with the exception of small campfires for cooking or warmth,
- Permits may be revoked at any time at the absolute discretion of the Township's Fire Chief, Henry Mattas,
- Fire Permits are now valid for the entire fire season and can be obtained online through the following steps below:

STEP 1: Register online at: <https://oconnor.burnpermits.com/> If you have already registered a previous year, please skip to Step 2.

STEP 2: Using the same login information from previous years, follow the steps at the above web address to apply for your burn permit.

STEP 3: Call 1-833-490-0299 each time before burning. Calling this number before you burn is mandatory to ensure the Township is aware of all active burns, while providing you with necessary risk level information.

If you are unable to register online for your yearly fire permit, you may call the Township Office at 807-476-1451 and staff will help get you registered so that each time you burn, you need only call the number in Step 3 above.



LOAD RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT (Half Loads)

Load restrictions have been applied to all Township of O'Connor roads starting Monday, April 3, 2023 and will continue during the period designated by the Township of O'Connor. The Township of O'Connor reserves the right to extend the load restrictions due to the weather and/or road conditions after the MTO has lifted their restrictions. MTO also placed load restrictions on Highways 595 & 588 effective April 2, 2023 at 11:59 pm.

Emergency Contacts:

Medical Emergencies: 911

Fire: 911 Police: 911

Municipal Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday:

9:00 am to Noon & 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Fridays: 9:00 am to Noon

Office Phone: 807-476-1451

Fax: 807-473-0891

Garage: 807-476-1453

Community Centre: 807-476-1452

Website: www.oconnortownship.ca

E-mail: twpoconn@tbaytel.net

Find the Cornerstone on our website!

Disposal Site Hours:

Summer Hours (Apr 1 to Aug 31)

Tuesdays 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Winter Hours (Sept 1 - Mar 31)

Tuesdays 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Volunteer Fire Department:

O'Connor needs volunteer firefighters and first responders! For more information or questions on volunteering, please see page 3 for contact numbers.

Dog Control Officer:

Margaret Foster, 807-632-1235

Building Permits:

By-law Number 2016-12, being a by-law respecting Construction, Demolition, Inspections, and to set out the rates for permits within the Corporation of the Township of O'Connor states that building permits will be required for the construction, erection, alteration, repair, removal, relocation and change of use of all buildings, decks or structures within the Township of O'Connor. If you are building anything larger than **161.2** square feet or any building with heating and/or plumbing, you are required to apply for a building permit. For more information, please call the Township Office or the Township's **Chief Building Official, Martin Tempelman, at 807-630-9726.**

Applications are available on the Township website or at the Township office.

Oliver Paipoonge Library Hours:

Rosslyn - Tues & Thurs 10 am - 8 pm

Fridays 10 am - 3 pm

Saturdays 1 - 4 pm

Murillo - Mon & Wed 10 am - 8 pm

Saturdays 9 am - 12 noon

Email: oplibrary@tbaytel.net

<http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca/>

Thunder Bay District Health Unit:

807-625-5900 Toll Free: 1-888-294-6630

Telehealth Ontario:

1-866-797-0000

Call Ontario 2-1-1 to find programs and services in your area.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meetings of Council will be held in Council Chambers and virtual:

Friday, May 5th @ 7 pm - Public Meeting, Zoning By-law Amendment, O'Connor Community Centre

Monday, May 8th @ 6 pm - Roads Department Budget followed by the **Regular Meeting of Council at 7 pm**

Tuesday, May 23rd @ 7 pm - Regular Meeting of Council

The meetings of Council will be held in Council Chambers at 330 Highway 595. Virtual attendance at these meetings will remain an option for those not wishing to attend in person. To view agendas or attend virtually, please visit the Township website at www.oconnortownship.ca to access the meeting links through the "Council" page.

Council welcomes your involvement.

Mayor: Jim Vezina, 807-577-6735

Councillors:

Alex Crane, 807-473-9420 John Sobolta, 807-624-8025
Bishop Racicot, 807-577-2215 Carly Torkkeli, 807-620-2579

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Since COVID, the Township of O'Connor Council have been making their meetings available to the public virtually. As there is a cost associated with this service, the Township would like to ask residents for their thoughts on whether or not to continue this service. To give your opinion, please call the Township Office at 807-476-1451 or email at twpoconn@tbaytel.net.



Dogs Running at Large

The staff of the Township of O'Connor would like to remind all dog owners to keep your dogs on your own property. In case you didn't check your dog's leashes and collars recently, now is the perfect time to check for cracks, tears and breaks. Since you've changed the batteries in your smoke detectors, make it a good time to change the batteries in your battery operated dog leashes at the same time. We ask that people do their due diligence in maintaining these safety measures, as not just for the safety of neighbours and passers by, but also for the safety of your dogs. Thank you!



O'Connor's History Book

"First Hundred Years Of Country Living At Its Best"

The Township of O'Connor has copies of the O'Connor History Book which commemorate the "First 100 years of O'Connor's Country Living At Its Best." Copies of the hardcover book can be purchased for \$40 at the O'Connor Township Office during regular office hours. Share the memories and get one today!



Commemorative Plaques

Celebrate a family member, friend or loved one and order a plaque TODAY!

The Township of O'Connor offers plaques to observe special anniversaries of 50 years or longer and birthday celebrations of 75 years or older for present and past residents of the Township. If you know anyone who will be celebrating either of these special events, please contact the Township Office three weeks prior to the date and a plaque will be ordered at no charge.



DISPOSAL SITE

Provincial Day of Action on Litter

The next Provincial Day of Action on Litter is May 9, 2023. There are actions we can all take to put litter in its proper place. You can do this by:

- **Reducing waste:** giving old products new life instead of throwing them away. For example, using old containers for storage or support second-hand clothing stores as opposed to buying new.
- **Diverting waste:** recycling or composting materials when and where possible to divert waste away from landfills. For example, by using your blue and green bins. When cleaning up litter, make sure you properly separate out recyclables.
- **Preventing waste and litter:** stopping waste before it's created, and before it has the chance to become litter. For example, by choosing to buy goods with less packaging or by bringing a reusable cup to take-out establishments that accept them.
- **Cleaning up litter:** helping to keep your community clean by picking up and properly disposing of litter, or by organizing a community litter cleanup for others.
- **Properly disposing of waste:** making sure anything that does belong in the trash, is securely placed in garbage bins to help keep our neighbourhood clean.

What you can do

Your actions matter. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours.

Almost every plastic item we've made since the 1950s is still in our environment.

Actions you can take:

- Donating gently used plastic toys and clothing instead of throwing them away.
- Using your own reusable dinnerware instead of disposable plastic or paper plates.
- Swapping your plastic water bottle or takeout coffee cup for a reusable one when you're on the go.
- Recycling materials instead of throwing them in the garbage.
- Using bins to properly dispose of waste, and when bins are full or you can't locate one, taking waste home with you for proper disposal.
- Organizing a community cleanup or taking a moment to cleanup litter when you see it.
- Adopting a local greenspace, sidewalk or shoreline to help keep it litter-free.
- Reporting litter hot spots and illegal dumping.

Please check our website at www.oconnortownship.ca for more information in our Waste Disposal Guide to properly dispose of your waste and how you can sort, reuse, repurpose, and donate your items.

Report a bear problem

For emergency encounters, call 911 or local police if a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety:

- enters or tries to enter a residence
- kills livestock/pets and lingers at the site
- stalks people and lingers at the site

For Non-emergency encounters, Please call the Bear Wise reporting line: 1-866-514-2327 (April 1-November 30).



Volunteer Fire Department News

Since the last newsletter, the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department received 1 Fire calls and 3 First Response calls.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER! WE NEED YOU!!

The Township of O'Connor is looking for volunteers for O'Connor's Volunteer Fire Department and First Response Team. Volunteer firefighter training occurs on a weekly ongoing basis and now is the perfect time to join our team as the First Responder Training will be taking place very soon. Our community needs more volunteers to ensure that in the event of an emergency, our residents will be taken care of as fast as possible.

Without a Volunteer Fire Department, residents can also expect an increase in their insurance rates. For questions on volunteering for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department, First Response and/or Auxiliary, please call:

Fire Chief Henry Mattas at 807-628-3523

Volunteer Fire Department

Leanne at 807-475-5828

Volunteer First Response

Cheri at 807-621-5768

Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

PLEASE NOTE: To apply for the Volunteer Fire Department, First Response or Auxiliary team, applications can be found on the Township of O'Connor website at www.oconnortownship.ca.

Your Volunteer time could make a difference in someone else's life.

SPRING FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- * Clear the gutters of any debris.
- * Trim trees and bushes close to your house.
- * Keep your fire number visible from the road.
- * Clean and inspect your BBQ. Never cook with propane burners or BBQ's indoors.
- * Store fuel and other combustibles safely.
- * Visually inspect electrical cords and outlets.
- * Have a qualified technician do a performance check on your air conditioner for proper maintenance.

Don't forget to test your smoke alarms monthly.
Ensuring your smoke alarms are working properly.



DONATE YOUR:

- ⇒ POP CANS ⇒ BEER CANS
- ⇒ LIQUOR BOTTLES ⇒ BEER BOTTLES

For the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department!
HELP OUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RAISE MONEY BY
PUTTING YOUR CANS AND BOTTLES IN THE
SPECIALIZED BINS FOR O'CONNOR!

The O'Connor Fire Department Auxiliary has pop & beer can, beer & liquor bottle bins at the O'Connor Disposal Site, the O'Connor Fire Hall, Kakabeka Falls Public School and Green Acres Variety. Using these bins helps raise money for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department, thus reducing the tax dollars needed during budget time.

PLEASE NOTE: These bins are ONLY for pop & beer cans, beer & liquor bottles. All other recyclables should be placed in the regular recycling bins at the Disposal Site. Thanks to all who have donated to date.

FEELING EXTRA CHARITABLE? Drop the can tabs off at the O'Connor Township Office to go to the March of Dimes.

SMOKE DETECTORS & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES



The O'Connor Fire Department has for purchase:

Kidde Smoke Alarms.....\$25.00

Kidde Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms.....\$25.00

Kidde Combination Smoke/CO Alarms.....\$50.00

These units can be picked up at the O'Connor Township Office during regular office hours. For more information on fire safety, please check the Township website at www.oconnortownship.ca or ask the Township Office staff for available information pamphlets.



O'CONNOR EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Please sign up for O'Connor's Emergency Text Messaging Service. It is free of charge and phone numbers are for this service only.

Stay informed on road closures, emergencies and updates happening in O'Connor Township.

Instructions for the Township of O'Connor Emergency Text Messaging System can be found on the township website at www.oconnortownship.ca under "O'Connor Living", "Emergency Services."

Stay informed, Starting today!

O'CONNOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY ANNUAL BBQ STEAK DRAW

Licence #M709300

Must be 18 or older to participate.

1st PRIZE - 30 BBQ Steaks

2nd PRIZE - 20 BBQ Steaks

3rd PRIZE - 10 BBQ Steaks

Draw Date is Saturday, June 17th, 2023 at the O'Connor Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Only 5000 tickets to be sold! Get them before they sell out! Tickets available at the O'Connor Township Office or from any of our amazing volunteers.

Get your tickets today and support O'Connor's Volunteer Fire Department!

EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS

Have you filled out or updated your Emergency Information Form? These forms are so important to have on file at the Township Office for your safety, in the event of an emergency. As a small community, staff are always concerned of our residents' well-being. These forms give staff the information they need to ensure that your needs are met during an emergency or in the event of an emergency evacuation. It also lets staff know if you are willing to give a helping hand to your community in the event of an emergency. All information is kept confidential and used only in the event of an emergency.

Find the Emergency Information Form on the Township's website under "O'Connor Living", "Emergency Services." Email or drop off completed forms to the Township Office during regular office hours or drop in an envelope through our mail slot located on the office front door.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone that donated clothing for the O'Connor Community Clothing Giveaway. The contributions of kindness were overwhelming. Thank you to everyone that volunteered for the event. I couldn't have done it without you all. Remaining clothing donations were brought to the Community Clothing Assistance in the City of Thunder Bay. They were so grateful for the clothing given. It will help a lot of people in need. Charitable donations at the door were donated to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank and the O'Connor Blessing Box. O'Connor is truly Country Living at its Best. You're all amazing!

— Erin Laforest



Kakabeka Falls & Rural District

RCL Branch #225

Kakabeka Legion, 4556 Highway 11-17, Kakabeka Falls

Friday, May 5th - **Dance with Quest** 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Saturday, May 13th - **Executive/General Meeting**
2:30/3:00pm

Sunday, May 14th - **Mother's Day Buffet Breakfast**
8:30 am - noon

Friday, May 19th - **Rural 60+ Luncheon** 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Saturday, May 20th - **Dance with Quest** 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Sunday, May 21st - **Jam Session** 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Sunday, May 28th - **An Afternoon of Music** - Butch's
Country Classic Band 2:00 - 4:00 pm

For questions or information on events, please call and
leave a message on the Legion hotline at 807-473-9122.

MUSIC JAM

COME FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND DANCING

(3rd Sunday of Every Month, except July & August)

**HOSTED BY THE KAKABEKA LEGION &
Jerry Wark & Harold Zweep**

**SUNDAY, MAY, 21ST, 2023
7:00 to 9:30 P.M.**

Cash donations at the door.

Proceeds to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank!!

Refreshments & Goodies at Intermission!
DANCING WELCOMED!!

Feel free to come and join the Circle of
Musicians or Singers!!
EVERYONE WELCOME!!

COME FOR

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC

Hosted by the Kakabeka Legion

WITH BUTCH'S COUNTRY CLASSIC BAND

(Butch) Oscar Boyer, Murray Peters, Ted Kopachynski,
Ken Carroll & Mark)

**Sunday, May 28th, 2023
2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.**

Cash donations at the door

TO SUPPORT THE RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Dancing welcome or just listen to the music!

Fun time of fellowship!!!

Refreshments & Goodies available at intermission!!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CLUB

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 pm in the O'Connor Council Chambers. At this meeting, we will be discussing the upcoming Strawberry Festival, as well as other possible fundraising events. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is welcome to provide input.

Thank you to Shelley Thorne for hosting the Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks to all who turned out for the event. It was a great success.

If you are interested in joining the O'Connor Community Club team or volunteering for the club, please contact Lorna or Linda at 807-476-1451 for more information. All are welcome to attend. Meeting nights are flexible to adhere to members availability. We are always looking for new members, event ideas and activities!



O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Maximum capacity in the Community Centre is 162 people. If a liquor license is required, the Centre's capacity is 132 people. Please call the Township Office at 807-476-1451 for more information or to book your event.

O'Connor Community Centre Rental Fees:

- ⇒ Social with Liquor - \$200.00
- ⇒ Hall Rental No Liquor - \$75.00
- ⇒ Use of basement Kitchen - \$50.00

Please note that a damage deposit may be required.



Cornerstone Advertising

The following fee structure for advertising in the Cornerstone has been set by Council;

- **Business Ad** - \$10.00
- **Full Page Ad** - \$30.00
- **Personal/Classified Ads** (ie. Garage sale, Parties, Funeral or Celebration of Life) - \$5.00
- **Announcements** (ie. birthday, anniversary, baby) - \$2.00
- **Death Announcements** - Free of Charge for past or present residents of the Township of O'Connor. **(This does not include funeral ads)**

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS THE 23RD OF EACH MONTH.

Kakabeka Falls Clinic

For more information
or to book an
appointment, please
call (807) 473-5528.

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Chair Yoga Group

Chair Yoga Instructor Christine will lead you through a gentle chair yoga practice that will exercise your mind and body. Learn seated yoga postures, breathing techniques and new ways of relaxation and stress management.

- Yoga can help to:
- Improve flexibility
- Increase strength
- Reduce stress
- Improve balance
- Manage pain
- In addition, an all-round great time!

Everyone is welcome to come join this FREE interactive program held at the Conmee Community Centre. This program is also available virtually from your home.

Every Wednesday

From 2pm – 3pm

Group Session

19 Holland Rd. West
Conmee Township

Call Shaun at
(807) 473-5528
to register today
Registration is
required.

@NorWestCHC

facebook.com/NorWestCHC

NorWest Community Health Centres
525 Simpson Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7C3J6

www.norwestchc.org



Hearing Care Clinic

Do you think you have a hearing loss?

- Free HEARING SCREENINGS conducted by the Canadian Hearing Services
- Information on hearing aids and communication devices
- Information on local Audiology Clinics

Already have hearing aids? Free hearing aid cleaning

For an appointment, call (807) 473-5528

MAY 8, 2023
10:00 AM to
12:00 PM
O'Connor Community
Centre
330 Highway 595,
Kakabeka Falls, ON

MAY 26, 2023
10:00 AM to
12:00 PM
Blake Community
Hall
71 Blake Hall Rd.,
Neenung, ON

@NorWestCHC

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NorWest Community Health Centres
- Kakabeka Site -
1705 (HWY 595) A, Kakabeka Falls, ON

www.norwestchc.org



Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group

Catch up with your neighbors & meet new friends exploring the Kakabeka Falls area together in an easy-paced walking group.

- An all-age group
- Water filling station
- Seated rest-stops
- Easy-paced
- Access to washrooms
- Lending of Walking Poles

* Limited availability of walking poles, please request at registration

Every Tuesday
at 10am –
starting May 9th

Meet at
Evergreen
Pharmacy
Building
Front Lawn

Call Shaun at
(807) 473-5528
to register

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NorWest Community Health Centres
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1705 (HWY 595) A, Kakabeka Falls, ON

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Volunteers Needed For Good Food Box Pick Up



We are seeking volunteers to assist with pick up of
Good Food Boxes in Thunder Bay.

The volunteers would travel to the
Thunder Bay Regional Food Distribution Association (RFDA),
pick up boxes and bring them back to the Kakabeka Site for distribution.

Have any questions or like to volunteer?

Call Elaine at (807)473-5528 ext 2

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may events

MAY
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Swap'N' Sale

10:00am - 3:00pm
Trade or sell children's clothing, toys & bikes
\$15 vendor table, swap is FREE
More details to come

MAY
12

Waldorf Play Group

10:00am-12:30pm
Please bring a fruit for snack time
Email Melanie for more details
melkaltenbach@gmail.com

MAY
13

Potluck Lunch & Film Screening

The Seeds of Vandana Shiva
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Admission: a snack to share & non-perishable food item
Contact: Kathy to register
countrylivingrocks@hotmail.com

MAY
14

Muffins & Mom-osas

10:00am - 1:00pm
\$5/person (under 1 year free) *cash only*
Includes muffin, tea, fruit, coffee or juice
Cash Mom-osa bar available

MAY
27 &
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Book Swap

12:00pm-4:00pm daily
1000s of books!
Donations encouraged for this FREE event!
All proceeds directly support the GCC

JUNE
10

SAVE THE DATE

SouGill's Garage 19+
Dance Party with DJ Mike
9pm - 12am
More information to come

MONDAY EVENINGS GENTLE FLOW YOGA

4 week gentle flow yoga series
May 1, 8, 15 & 22
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Suitable for beginners
\$44/person for series
\$15 "drop-in option"
Register at
krista.barnan@gmail.com

TUESDAY MORNINGS PLAYGROUP

Join us for FREE playgroup
9:30am-12:00pm
Ages 0-4 accompanied by a
parent.
Follow the Facebook Group for
updates!



LIKE US & FOLLOW ALONG
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

**GILLIES
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

gilliescommunitycentre@gmail.com
#1835 HWY 595 South Gillies

The Gillies Community Centre is donation based & volunteer run.
Thank you to all of the volunteers and those who donate - we are incredibly grateful!

Potluck lunch & film screening



The Seeds of Vandana Shiva

"When you control seed you
control life on Earth."

Saturday, May 13, 2023
Gillies Community Centre
1895 HWY 595 (South Gillies)
12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Limited seating

**Admission: A snack to share with the group and
a non-perishable food item or cash donation.**
Proceeds to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank.

To register contact:

Kathy McGowan

Misty Meadows Permaculture Farm

807-629-0343

countrylivingrocks@hotmail.com

In support of:



ROGER VAILLANT TURNS 80!

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

SATURDAY JUNE 10TH

At the O'Connor Hall
Drop in from 12-4



Thunder Bay Emergency Shelter Inc.

presents

BACK TO NATURE RAFFLE

Winning Ticket Draw : Shelter House
July 12, 2023 at 11 AM

SPONSORED BY:



Total Value \$6,035.



Tickets are available at:
Chaltrek
Gear Up for Outdoors
Shelter House
A & W Restaurants
Ham's Vision Centre

**TICKETS
\$10**

All Proceeds Benefit Shelter
House

For information contact: 807-
474-4352

facebook.com/shelterhousetbay

License number: M861314

Murillo Library

Monday 10 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday 10 – 8:00 pm
Saturday 9 am – 12:00 pm
935-2729



Looking for donations of:
-shopping bags, plastic or fabric
-children's puzzles

If you would like our monthly emailed directly to you, please send us an email and we will add you to our list:
oliverpaipoongelibrary@gmail.com

Email:

oplibrary@tbaytel.net

Website:

<http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca>

The library will be closed on
Victoria Day
Monday May 22nd

Through a generous donation from former Murillo resident Doug Ross, a shelving unit at Murillo Library has been dedicated to his parents Grace and Dave Ross!

Rosslyn Library

Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm
Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm
Friday 10 – 3:00
Saturday 1 – 4 pm



Radon Detector lending will be suspended until November 2023.

Use your library card to borrow a tennis racket & ball from Rosslyn Library!

Thank you to those who have made and donated teddy bears for the Teddies for Tragedies Program.

CRIBBAGE

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M.

ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER
3405 ROSSLYN ROAD



Join us at Rosslyn Library!



CARPET BOWLS GAME
Activities for Seniors

Seniors!

Help nurture your mind and body with a fun game of carpet bowling.

- Relaxed and gentle pace of exercise
- Socializing and fun times
- Free
- Coaching available
- Snacks and refreshments

Beginners welcome!!

Where: Rosslyn Hall

Date: every Friday

Morning session 10 am - noon

Afternoon session 1 pm - 3 pm

Pre-booking takes priority over drop-ins

Please call the library at 939-2312 for more information or booking.

Please bring indoor shoes!

'Get Creative' craft gathering
Every Thursday from 1 to 4:00
at Rosslyn Hall



Bring in your current craft project to work on alongside other 'crafty-minded' people. This is a great time to meet new people, socialize and share tips and ideas.

Call 939-2312 for more information.

Start the new year off right! It's time to join....

Free Exercise Class for all ages



This safe low-impact routine works to lubricate joints and keep them flexible, strengthen and stabilize individual muscles and increase blood circulation resulting in a decreased number of falls and an increased ability to better accomplish day-to-day physical activities.

**Drop in every Tuesday and Thursday
from 11:30 – 12:00 at Rosslyn Library**
(Stretch bands and balls on Tuesday, weights on Thursday) *Please bring indoor shoes and weights.*

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th

The Township of O'Connor Council & Staff would like to remind all mothers to let today be a reminder of just how special you are and how much joy you bring to everyone in your life.

Happy Mother's Day

**Thank
You**

The Rural Cupboard Food Bank conveys a special
Thank You to.....

SHAWN at No Frills for "saving our bacon with his donation of plastic bags".

LAURIE MILLINGTON for arranging Conmee Comedy Night which resulted in an evening of laughter and a donation to the Food Bank.

ERIN LAFOREST for organizing the O'Connor Community Clothing Giveway that allowed for a clothing exchange and a food or cash donation to the Food Bank.

A reminder of the funding raising Film Festival at Misty Meadows, 1895 Hwy 595, May 13th from 12 to 3 pm.



LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



Spring is upon us which means that people will be out visiting our Conservation Areas and enjoying the great outdoors once again! We would like to remind visitors that all dogs must be kept on-leash, and that mountain bikes are not permitted on our trails. If you visit frequently, consider purchasing an Explore Card Parking Pass for \$40.00 +HST to forgo the mandatory \$5.00 per vehicle parking fee for one calendar year. If you visit us more than eight times, the pass will pay for itself. Visit our webstore at www.store.lakeheadca.com to purchase your Explore Card Parking Pass.

The LRCA has several exciting public events scheduled throughout 2023, including Hazelwood Lake Family Fun Day on Sunday, July 23, Silver Harbour Day on Saturday, August 26, and our popular Watershed Explorer guided hike programs. Visit our website, follow us on social media and sign up for our e-newsletter for up-to-date events information. Please note that some workshops and guided hikes require pre-registration, and space is limited. Visit our webstore to register.

The mid-April snow survey measurements remain above average for this time of year (1974 to 2022). Measurements taken on April 17, 2023 recorded between 15-36 centimetres of snow, compared to the average of 7-27 centimetres; water content measured between 68 - 131 millimetres of equivalent water content, compared to the average for the same period of 21 - 85 millimetres. The previous record was set in 2022 with 64-107 centimetres snow depth and 220 to 325 millimetres water content measured for the same time period.

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

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19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls P0T1W0
807-285-0836

**Next Food Bank is
Wednesday, May 17, 2022**

**Registration 9 am to 11 am
Drive-thru pick up**

We sincerely thank all those that continue to support us during COVID-19.

Your donations enable the food bank to remain open.



Hymers Fair News

By Wendy Wright



Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Hymers Fair Mother's Day Market!

Are you interested in joining the community, having fun, learning new skills and helping visitors have a wonderful time? Are you a student in need of volunteer hours? Please consider volunteering with the Hymers Agricultural Society.

Many positions are available to suit your interests or try something new!

Folks are needed for Fair Weekend and leading up to it as the grounds are prepared also.

At Hymers Agricultural Society, we value your experience, kindness and knowledge. We are an inclusive community of like-minded individuals that want to highlight the rural lifestyle and all it has to offer. We value our volunteers, and we could not do it without you!

More information is available at hymersfair.com.
Email info@hymersfair.com to sign up.



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MOM

*For all you do,
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 You are so special,
 A gift from above.
 And with all my heart,
 I want to say,
 I love you, Mom.
 Happy Mother's Day.*





The Corporation of the Township of Gillies currently has one vacant position for a

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Full time, Permanent

32 hours per week.

Salary Range: \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00

Posted until vacancy is filled.

The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer reports to the Clerk-Treasurer and provides a wide variety of administrative support services. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer works within the policies, procedures and priorities established by legislation, by-laws and resolutions, as well as accepted office management practices. The ideal candidate will be a highly motivated, detail conscious, organized individual who has several years experience working in a municipal office.

Duties of the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer includes, but not limited to, assisting the Clerk-Treasurer in a variety of administrative tasks, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, receipting tax payments, answering public inquiries, assisting in the coordination and preparation of minutes, by-laws, policies, and records management, as well as other duties assigned by the Clerk-Treasurer. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will be required to carry out the duties of the Clerk-Treasurer in her absence.

The successful candidate will preferably have a minimum of 2 years experience in a municipal setting with a financial background. Skills required for this position includes being proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word, excellent written and verbal communication, organized, courteous, and can work well with others under pressure with tight deadlines.

The successful candidate will be required to obtain educational training through [AMCTO](#) provided for by the Township of Gillies.

Employment will be conditional on a clear Criminal Records background check.

A full job description is available at the Municipal Office or online at www.gilliestownship.com.

Remuneration will be dependent upon experience. The Township of Gillies is an OMERS employer and will provide a comprehensive benefits package.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume.

1092 Highway 595

Kakabeka Falls, ON

P0T 1W0

Phone: (807) 475-3185

Email: gillies@gilliestownship.com

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies thanks all applicants for their interest, but only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Accessibility accommodations are available for all parts of the recruitment process.

All applications and enquiries will be treated in confidence. The personal information collected will be used solely for candidate selection in accordance with the Municipal Freedom and Protection of Privacy Act.



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- Telephone (2-1-1)
- Email (questions@211north.ca or gethelp@211ontario.ca)
- Online Chat (211ontario.ca)
- Online database of Human Services

211 provides free, confidential, multilingual access to information & referrals to the full range of community, social, health and government services. 211's Certified Community Resource Specialists assess each person's needs and connect them to the best available resources.

211 helps to navigate the complex network of human services quickly and easily, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in over 150 languages.

When you don't know where to turn, turn to 211.

211 is a critical information system and an easy way to find, or give help in your community. 211 also:

- links residents to the community and helps them access services
- eliminates confusion and frustration about where to go for help
- reduces workers' time researching services to help their clients
- improves community planning via user needs and other statistics
- aims at directing non-emergency calls away from 911
- responds to municipal and community needs in an emergency and disaster

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TTY: 1-855-405-7446

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TUESDAYS

10:00 am - Baptist Community Church,
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10:15 am - Hope Christian Reform Church,
1315 Crawford Avenue, Thunder Bay

5:30 pm - Blake Community Hall,
71 Blake Hall Road, Neebing

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 pm - O'Connor Community Centre
330 Highway 595, O'Connor

For more information, please contact 807-577-5924

O'CONNOR BLESSING BOX

Thank you to everyone that has donated to the O'Connor Blessing Box. The "Blessing Box" is a **community pantry** open to and supported by the residents of O'Connor. The Blessing Box can be found outside of the O'Connor Community Centre at 330 Highway 595. If you have any questions, please contact Shelley at 807-629-2851.

If you would like to contribute to the Blessing Box, please see examples of items below to donate:

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| • Rice | • Pasta, Boxed Soup |
| • Oatmeal, Cereal | • Oatmeal, Granola, Cereal Bars |
| • Crackers | • Pancake Mix (add water mix) |
| • Peanut Butter | • Toilet Paper, Tissue Boxes |

RURAL 60 PLUS

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807-475-5779

www.rural60plus.ca

rural60@tbaytel.net



MONDAYS

Carving – 10am to 3pm

Disking – 1pm to 3 pm

TUESDAYS

Weaving – 10am to 3pm

Knitting – 10am to 3pm

WEDNESDAYS

Cribbage – 1pm to 3pm

Quilting – 10am to 3pm

Beginners Carving 10am to 3pm

THURSDAYS

Weaving – 10am to 3pm

Knitting – 10am to 3pm

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Craft Room is open – 10am to 3pm

Rural 60 Plus will be holding a Yard sale on Saturday May 27th from 10 am to 1 pm. If you are interested in renting a table at a cost of \$15 please contact the Centre at 475-5779 or email- rural60@tbaytel.net



2023 CAMP SCHEDULE

July 7-9: Little Lambs Camp (ages 4-8)
 July 9-14: Children's Camp (ages 7-12)
 July 16-21: Youth Camp (ages 11-15)

BRING A FRIEND *BONUS*

Bring a friend who has never been to Camp Aurora before and receive a \$50 discount...register before June 1 and save another \$25! (Not applicable to Little Lambs)



★ SUPPORTER ★

Private "camperships" also available – just contact us!

CAMP RATES

1 child: \$275
 Additional children from the same family: \$225
 Little Lambs (1 child and 1 adult): \$100
 Additional Little Lambs from same family: \$50

PAY IN FULL BY JUNE 1, 2023 AND DEDUCT \$25 FROM EACH RATE (DOES NOT INCLUDE LITTLE LAMBS)

FURTHER INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORMS

Voicemail: (807) 767- 2420

E-mail: auroralutheranbiblecamp@gmail.com

Website: www.auroralutheranbiblecamp.com

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Pinegrove United Church

100 Hwy 130, Rosslyn, ON

In-person worship 10:30 am each Sunday.

See website at www.PinegroveUC.org

Join livestream worship any Sunday at 10:30 am at www.trinityunited.church/livestream.

For Pastoral Care, call Church office at 807-939-1364, or email pinegrove@tbaytel.net

Redeemer Lutheran Church

13 Marion Street, Kakabeka Falls, ON

For information, please contact Pastor Dan Barr 807-473-9164 or check the website at www.redeemerlcc.ca

St. James' Anglican Church

10505 John Street Rd., Murillo, ON

Please visit our website at countrywarmthinchrist.ca to view online services every Sunday or join in person.

Rector: Reverend Jonathan Blanchard
 807-939-1103 parish.rector@tbaytel.net

St. Mark's Anglican Church

5 St. Mark's St., Rosslyn, ON

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Rector: Reverend Jonathan Blanchard
 807-939-1103 parish.rector@tbaytel.net

St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church

10 Porter St., Kakabeka Falls, ON

For information, please contact
 Parish Priest: Fr. Randal Morrisseau at 807-935-2898 (Rectory)
www.directorydotb.ca/augustine/#2

MTO Contact Information for Highway Maintenance

MTO General Contact Toll Free 1-833-768-0293

If residents encounter non-urgent concerns with the condition of the highways, they can call and leave a message on the toll-free line that will be responded to directly by an MTO staff person who will dispatch the necessary staff to review and assess the situation. This inbox is monitored daily.

If residents encounter Highway Conditions or situations that are imminently dangerous to the travelling public, the OPP are always the best first call. Think of washouts, bridge damage or debris across the road. OPP connects directly with MTO's Traffic Operations Centre and will dispatch resources as needed while providing traffic control until the situation can be addressed.

MTO Information on Brushing and Tree Removal

MTO regularly reviews area highways to develop annual work plans that includes clearing of trees as well as brushing. Pitch Creek trees have been addressed this season.

If the Township has areas of specific concerns, residents can provide the specific locations and the MTO will be able to review and add this work to upcoming work. Also note that the concerns with the guiderail at Cedar Creek at Highway 595 are being reviewed by MTO to determine if any alterations for improved drainage can be made.

O'Connor Free Methodist Church

293 Sitch Road

We have in person worship services
 Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m.

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Facebook: O'Connor Free Methodist Church

Pastor Chris Fiorito

Cell 807-624-6579

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Email: pastor_chris@live.com

Please email, call or text
 if you have any inquiries.

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 FOR MORE INFORMATION





Every resident has a responsibility when it comes to emergency preparedness.

You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours during an emergency situation. It is important that you are prepared and understand your responsibilities during an emergency.

SAFE HOME INSTRUCTIONS

- Post emergency contact numbers near all telephones. Teach children how and when to dial 9-1-1.
- Have a working carbon monoxide detector, smoke detector and fire extinguisher. If you live in an apartment, know where the fire alarms and fire exits are located.
- Everyone in your home should know where to find the fire extinguisher. All capable adults and older children should know how to use it.
- Identify the possible emergency situations in the community. Discuss how you will respond to each emergency.
- Create a Home Escape Plan. Identify two escape routes from each room, and two meeting places: one near your home, one outside of your neighbourhood.
- Prepare a 72-hour emergency kit. Keep the kit in an accessible location and make sure it's easy to carry. If necessary, pack your kit into two smaller, easier to carry bags
- Have a battery-powered or hand-crank radio available and listen to local radio stations for information and emergency instructions
- Locate and label shut-off switches. Know how to turn off your home's water, electricity and propane. Make large, easy-to-see signs for water and propane shut-offs as well as for the breaker panel or fuse box. Clearly label the on-off positions and show family members how to shut off these services.
- Identify local and out-of-area contacts for family members to call if separated
- Make arrangements for members of your family with special needs: children, elderly, disabled, medical illness, pets
- Take a Basic First Aid or CPR class
- Know your insurance. Make sure that you have adequate coverage to meet your needs (type of coverage, amount of coverage, hazards covered).
- Keep family records in a water and fireproof safe (passports, birth certificates, etc.)

PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Emergencies and disasters can happen at any time. Utilities can be out, roads closed, and crucial supplies unavailable. While local, provincial and federal officials prepare for emergencies, individuals can plan to be prepared at home and at work. Everyone should be prepared to take care of themselves and their families for up to three days in the event of an emergency or disaster by preparing a basic emergency kit, including additional needed supplies for extra comfort, and individual kit needs for babies & children, pets, elderly, and persons with disabilities or medical needs. In the event of needing to evacuate, having an emergency car survival kit is also beneficial. If you're not sure what to put in your emergency kits, visit www.ontario.ca/beprepared, or find the link on the Township website at www.oconnortownship.ca

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK IS MAY 7—13, 2023