



# The Cornerstone

## Township Of O'Connor

DECEMBER 2023



**PLEASE NOTE** that the Township Office will be closed for the holiday season starting Friday, December 22nd noon and will reopen Tuesday, January 2nd. **THE DISPOSAL SITE** will be closed Tuesday, December 26th for Boxing Day.



### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meetings of Council will be held at 330 Highway 595:

**Monday, December 11th at 7 p.m. - Regular Meeting, Council Chambers**

**Wednesday, December 13th at 7 p.m. - Emergency Tabletop Exercise, Community Centre**

To view meeting agendas, please visit the Township Website at [www.oconnortownship.ca](http://www.oconnortownship.ca) to access them through the "Council" page. Please note that the virtual option to join a meeting is no longer available. Council welcomes your involvement.

**Mayor:** Jim Vezina, 807-577-6735

#### Councillors:

Alex Crane, 807-473-9420

John Sobolta, 807-624-8025

Bishop Racicot, 807-620-6030

Carly Torkkeli, 807-620-2579

### O'CONNOR SKATING RINK

The Township of O'Connor is looking for volunteers to join the Rink Committee to help flood the rink once the cold weather arrives and to help maintain the rink through the skating season (shovelling, snowblowing, and flooding). If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please call the Township Office at 807-476-1451. If you volunteered last year, you are still on the list and staff will contact you. Your help is greatly appreciated!

### O'CONNOR EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Please sign up for O'Connor's Emergency Text Messaging Service. It is free of charge to you and phone numbers are for this service only. Stay informed on road closures, emergencies, municipal events 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 "Emergency Services."

**PLEASE NOTE: The text messaging service is for outgoing messages only. If you wish to send us a message, do so by emailing to [twpoconn@tbaytel.net](mailto:twpoconn@tbaytel.net). Please do not respond to the delivered text messages as these are not checked on a regular basis.**

### This season, be kind to your neighbour...

Sometimes we run through life not knowing what others are going through. We pass by without saying hello or have a nice day. Often, we mistake others for being unkind or grumpy in nature, but what if there was something going on in their life that has contributed to their behaviour? What if their attitude was due to some hardship or misfortune causing their unhappiness? Some kindness from a neighbour, or even a stranger, goes a long way to let people know that there is still some nice and caring people left in this world. A little kindness goes a long way to make someone else's day a little more bright and cheerful.

So start this holiday season by putting a smile on your face when passing others, wish them a happy holiday season, or even just a good day. The smile that you get in return might just make your day a little brighter too:)

#### Emergency Contacts:

Medical Emergencies: 911

Fire: 911 Police: 911

Police Non-Emergency 1-888-310-1122

#### 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](http://www.oconnortownship.ca)

**E-mail:** [twpoconn@tbaytel.net](mailto:twpoconn@tbaytel.net)

**Find the Cornerstone on our website!**

#### Disposal Site Hours:

**Winter Hours (Sept 1-Mar 31)**

**Tuesdays 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Summer Hours (Apr 1-Aug 31)

Tuesdays 6:00 pm to 9:00 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 or email to [cbomartint@gmail.com](mailto:cbomartint@gmail.com)**. Applications are available on the Township Website or at the Township Office.

#### Oliver Paipoonge Library Hours:

**Check website for holiday closure.**

Rosslyn - Tues & Thurs 10-8 pm

Fridays 10-3 pm

Saturdays 1-4 pm

Murillo - Mon & Wed 10-8 pm

Saturdays 9 am-12 noon

Email: [oplibrary@tbaytel.net](mailto:oplibrary@tbaytel.net)

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

#### Thunder Bay District Health Unit:

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

**Telehealth Ontario:** 1-866-797-0000

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

Closed  
Dec.  
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*Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a  
Safe and Happy Holiday Season  
from*

*Your Local Fire Department, First Response and Auxiliary Members!!!*



### **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. 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.

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**

Applications to join the team can be found on the Township website at [www.oconnortownship.ca](http://www.oconnortownship.ca).

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

# TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR 4TH ANNUAL DRIVE-THRU CHRISTMAS PARADE

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE O'CONNOR BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES THAT SPONSORED THIS YEAR'S 2023 COMMUNITY DRIVE-THRU CHRISTMAS PARADE. THEIR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND GENEROSITY IS WHAT TRULY MAKES THE TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR "COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS BEST."

## \*FIRESTEEL CONTRACTORS LTD.

\*NU-STEEL DOOR SYSTEMS

\*LEX CONSTRUCTION

\*THE WYROZUB FAMILY

\*KAK CONTRACTING

\*A & L AUTO SERVICES

\*MAYOR JIM VEZINA

\*TORKON CONTRACTING LTD.

\*THE POOHACHOFF FAMILY

\*THE KRIEG FAMILY

\*THE RUHMANN FAMILY

\*ERIN LAFOREST



THANK YOU TO ALL THE BUSINESSES AND FAMILIES THAT ENTERED A FLOAT IN THIS YEAR'S PARADE.

\*MISTY CREEK HOMESTEAD

\*NORTH WINDS FARM

\*ANDREW PILO

\*JADEN PILO

\*ERIN LAFOREST

\*RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

\*O'CONNOR BLESSINGS BOX

\*O'CONNOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

\*NOLALU FIRE DEPARTMENT

\*KAMINISTQUIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

\*O'CONNOR ROADS DEPARTMENT



A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED HOST THE EVENT. THIS YEAR'S PARADE WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THEM.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VIEWERS THAT CAME TO THE PARADE AND TO THOSE THAT DONATED TO THE RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK AND BLESSING BOX.





## Volunteer Fire Department News

Since our last newsletter, the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department received 0 Fire calls and 2 First Response calls.

This winter season please practice fire safety. For tips on keeping your house safe, please read below. For tips on Christmas fire safety, please see page 5 of this month's issue.

### FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- \* Make sure to have your furnace serviced,
- \* Make sure to your chimney has been swept,
- \* Make sure smoke alarms are installed on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas,
- \* Make sure fire extinguishers are properly stored, easily accessible, charged and undamaged. Also make sure everyone in your household knows how and when to use it,
- \* Keep your fire numbers visible from the road and driveways wide enough for emergency vehicles,
- \* Review your Home Fire Escape Plan with the family.

Don't forget to test your alarms monthly.

Ensuring your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are functioning properly could save your life!



Happy Holiday wishes  
to all residents and family,  
and the very best new year  
in 2024!

From the Council and Staff of the  
Township of O'Connor.

### O'CONNOR TOQUES FOR SALE

\$15 EACH

PLEASE CALL THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO RESERVE OR STOP BY. ORANGE, BLUE OR WHITE AVAILABLE. CASH OR CHEQUE PAYMENTS ONLY.

CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO "THE O'CONNOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY."



## EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS

As a small community, Staff and Council are always concerned for our residents' well-being. By filling out an Emergency Information Form, Staff will have the information they need to ensure that your needs are being met during an emergency or in the event of an emergency evacuation. All information is kept confidential and used only in the event of an emergency. Don't need help in an emergency, but want to help your community? This information is also on the form! Find the Emergency Information Form on our website under "Emergency Services." If you haven't filled one out recently, please send an updated form. Email completed forms to [twpoconn@tbaytel.net](mailto:twpoconn@tbaytel.net), or drop off to the Township Office at 330 Highway 595.



## 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.



## O'Connor's History Book

"First Hundred Years Of Country Living At Its Best" makes a great Christmas gift!!



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.

## 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.



## Dogs Running at Large

The staff of the Township of O'Connor would like to give a friendly reminder to check your dog's leashes and collars inspecting for cracks, tears and breaks, and batteries in your battery operated dog leashes. If you are having trouble with dogs running at large, please contact the Township's Dog Control Officer, Margaret Foster at 807-632-1235.



## O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Book your next special occasion at the 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 Municipal Office at 807-476-1451 for more information or to book your event.

### O'Connor Hall Rental Fees:

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

**—Please note that a deposit may be required.—**



## 12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety

**DAY 1** - Water fresh trees daily - It's time to trim that Christmas tree, and if you're using a real tree, cut an inch from the base before setting up and keep the base of the trunk in water at all times. Keep your tree away from any ignition source such as the fireplace, heaters or candles.

**DAY 2** - Check all sets of lights before decorating - Before you put those lights on the tree or around the front window check the cords closely. Discard any sets that are frayed or damaged.

**DAY 3** - Make sure you have working smoke alarms - It's a great time to test and check your smoke alarms. Replace smoke alarms if they are over 10 years old. Remember that you need working smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.

**DAY 4** - Make sure you have working carbon monoxide alarms - Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odourless gas that can quickly kill you. Replace any carbon monoxide alarms over seven years old. Installing carbon monoxide alarms in your home will alert you to the presence of this deadly gas.

**DAY 5** - Make sure everyone knows your fire escape plan - Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and make sure someone helps young children, older adults or anyone else that may need assistance to evacuate. Once outside, stay outside and call 911 from a cell phone or neighbours house.

**DAY 6** - Use extension cords wisely - People often use extension cords for that extra set of lights or the dancing Santa in the corner. Extension cords should be used only as a temporary connection. Make sure cords never go under rugs as this can cause damage to the cord and cause a fire.

**DAY 7** - Give space heaters space - If you are using space heaters to help take the chill off, remember to keep them at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn; curtains, furniture, or decorations.

**DAY 8** - When you go out, blow out! - Candles can set the perfect mood for a holiday celebration, but remember to always blow out candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Keep lit candles safely away from children and pets and anything that can burn. Be safe!

**DAY 9** - Keep matches and lighters out of sight and reach of kids - People often keep matches and lighters handy to light holiday candles. But matches and lighters can be deadly in the hands of children.

**DAY 10** - Watch what you heat! Cooking fires most commonly occur when cooking is left unattended. Always stay in the kitchen when cooking. If a pot catches fire, carefully slide a tight-fitting lid over the pot to smother the flames and then turn off the heat.

**DAY 11** - Encourage smokers to smoke outside - Careless smoking is the leading cause of fatal fires. If you do allow smoking indoors use large, deep ashtrays that can't be knocked over and make sure cigarette butts are properly extinguished.

**DAY 12** - Drink Responsibly - With all the festive cheer this time of year, keep a close eye on anyone attempting to smoke while under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol and smoking are all too often a common factor in many fatal fires.

### PREPARE AN EMERGENCY CAR WINTER CARE 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

### HOME EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT GET YOURS READY TODAY!!

- ⇒ Non-perishable food
- ⇒ Can Opener
- ⇒ Water
- ⇒ Flashlight and Extra Batteries
- ⇒ Radio
- ⇒ Extra Keys
- ⇒ First Aid Kit
- ⇒ Cash
- ⇒ Special Needs Items (infants, medical, pets)
- ⇒ Candles, Lighters, Matches
- ⇒ Important Family Documents
- ⇒ Emergency Plan (easy for kids to read)
- ⇒ Personal Hygiene Items
- ⇒ Hand Sanitizer
- ⇒ Garbage Bags and Duct Tape
- ⇒ Toilet Paper
- ⇒ Blanket or two
- ⇒ Basic Tools (hammer, screw driver, wrench)
- ⇒ Scissors
- ⇒ Whistle
- ⇒ Pens and Paper



## DISPOSAL SITE

**THE DISPOSAL SITE WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH FOR BOXING DAY.**

### Christmas recycling

Not sure what you can recycle and what you need to throw out with the rest of the garbage? Read on for some helpful hints and maybe think of how you'll decorate your gifts this year.

**Wrapping paper:** While most paper can be included with your paper recyclables, wrapping paper, ribbons and bows are not. The traditional Christmas wrap has extremely high ink content, it contains things like plastic and glitter and it also has a really low fibre content and it's those things that mean it holds minimal value in the recycling process. Tissue paper used to wrap presents or fill gift bags can be included in your paper recycling.

**Gift bags:** Paper gift bags can be included with your paper recyclables. Be sure to remove handles, metal grommets and decorations such as bows and ribbons. Similar to wrapping paper, gift bags with foil lining or non-paper decoration are not recyclable as they are not compatible with the recycling process.

**Greeting cards:** Greeting cards should be included in your paper recycling, but if your card plays music or a recorded greeting be sure to remove the electronic circuitry and battery first.

**Gift baskets:** Neither cellophane wrap used with gift baskets, nor the basket itself are able to be recycled, but basket filler made from paper is okay to include in your recycling.

**Packages:** Cardboard boxes used for shipping gifts should be broken down so that they lay flat and bundled with other boxes before recycling. Bubble wrap and foam packing peanuts: These are not accepted in the recycling bins however, packaging paper is.

**PLEASE NOTE** that real Christmas trees (with items removed) may be disposed of in the clean wood section at the Disposal Site.

For more information on recycling and disposing of your items, please visit the Township Website at [twpoconn@tbaytel.net](mailto:twpoconn@tbaytel.net) and check out our Waste Disposal Guide on the Disposal Site page.



## DISPOSAL SITE REMINDER

The Township of O'Connor does NOT take hazardous waste items such as:

- Spent Fluorescent Tubes and Compact Fluorescent Bulbs
- Paint and Hazardous Coatings, Solvents
- Pharmaceuticals
- Drain Cleaner
- Spot Remover, Household Cleaners, Oven Cleaner
- Mercury Thermometers
- Household Batteries
- Used Motor Oil, Antifreeze
- Empty Propane Tanks
- Herbicides, Pesticides, Fertilizers, Insecticides

Disposal of any these products poses a threat to the environment if not handled correctly. At home, please keep hazardous waste in the original container with its label. Never mix hazardous wastes together.



## 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, rather than the regular recycling bins, helps raise money for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department equipment thus reducing the tax dollars needed during budget time.

### FEELING EXTRA CHARITABLE??

Remove your pop can tabs and drop them off at the Township of O'Connor Office for the March of Dimes.

## BLESSING BOX: DONATIONS NEEDED

The "Blessing Box" is a community pantry open to and supported by the residents of O'Connor. In tough times such as these, residents are able to use items from the pantry as needed and others are able to show their compassion in their neighbours' time of need. What better way to show your community that you care than by donating an item or two to the blessing box. The blessing box is being filled at least once a week, but could really use everyone's help in keeping it stocked. If you are able to donate, please contact Shelley at 629-2851. Some products that can be added to the Blessing Box this season are

(Please keep in mind NO canned food at all, or liquids during the winter months):

Pasta	Flour
Rice	Spices (ie. salt, pepper, garlic powder, sage, poultry seasoning, lemon pepper, basil, etc...)
Cereal	Bread
Oatmeal	Bagels
Mixed nuts	English muffins
Granola bars	Pancake mix
Fruit roll ups	
Dried fruit	
White sugar	
Brown sugar	

Keep in mind when temperatures are averaging -5 Celcius you can add frozen products to Blessing Box such as:

Pizza	Frozen veggies
Hot Dogs	Frozen fruit
Bacon	Perogies

Toiletries are also a great donation, items such as:

Deodorant	Feminine products
Tooth brushes	Diapers
Toothpaste	Bar soap

**PLEASE NOTE:** As this is a community pantry, it is being used by many others. Please take full precautions as you would anywhere else. Wipe down and sanitize items as you take them. Sanitize your hands before and after using the box and wash them with soap and water as soon as possible.

# DECEMBER 2023



NorWest Community  
Health Centres  
Centres de santé  
communautaire NorWest

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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4 Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 1pm-6pm Virtual Yoga 10:30am	5 Fly the C.O.O.P Social Group Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 8:30am-1:30pm Dietitian	6 Virtual Yoga 2pm	7 LifeLabs	8
11 Virtual Yoga 10:30am	12 Fly the C.O.O.P Social Group Diabetes Educator	13 Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm Virtual Yoga 2pm	14 LifeLabs	15
18 Virtual Yoga 10:30am	19 Fly the C.O.O.P Social Group Dietitian Mobile Clinic - Upsala 10am-3:30pm	20 Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm Virtual Yoga 2pm	21 LifeLabs	22
25 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	26 CLOSED FOR BOXING DAY	27 Virtual Yoga 2pm	28 LifeLabs	29

## Kakabeka Site

4785 ON-11 Unit B,  
Kakabeka Falls,  
ON P0T 1W0  
(807) 473-5528

## Thunder Bay Site

525 Simpson Street  
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 3J6  
(807) 622-8235

## PROGRAM INFO.

Call Shaun at (807) 473-5528  
ext.1 to register for all programs

**Fly the C.O.O.P Social Group**  
Starts at 10:30am

**Virtual Yoga**  
Hosted at O'Connor Community  
Centre

**Please call to book an  
appointment for:**

- LifeLabs
- Dietitian
- Diabetes Educator



## Follow us!

NorWest Community  
Health Centres -  
Kakabeka Falls Clinic

[www.norwestchc.org](http://www.norwestchc.org)

## Winter Driving

Winter brings snow and snow brings out the plow trucks. Please use caution and slow down when approaching plow trucks on Municipal roads and on Provincial highways and let them do their job to ensure roads are clear and safe to drive. When plowing and shoveling snow from driveways, residents are reminded that it is illegal to push the snow across a roadway. Ridges that are left behind can cause a potential hazard to motorists. Be cautious in inclement weather, slow down and always be aware of other drivers. If you haven't put your winter tires on yet, the sooner the



better. Also, it is important to check your winter tire pressure on a regular basis as the cold temperatures can decrease tire pressure. Drive safe.

## O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CLUB

Christmas is coming! We will be decorating the O'Connor Community Centre on Saturday, December 2nd at 10 am if anyone would like to join us. Our next meeting will also be held that day at noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see our full page ad on the back page for our upcoming Community Christmas Dinner to be held on a new date and time, Sunday, December 10th with doors opening at 4:00 pm and dinner at 4:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

If you are interested in joining the O'Connor Community Club team or volunteering for the club, please contact Lorna 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! Please join us to see what the club is all about and ensure that social events continue to happen in O'Connor.

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit will be holding a flu and COVID vaccination clinic on Friday, January 5, 2024 at the O'Connor Community Centre, 330 Highway 595. Watch in the January issue of The Cornerstone for further details.

## Murillo Library

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



Email:

[oplibrary@tbaytel.net](mailto:oplibrary@tbaytel.net)

Website:

<http://oliverpaipoonge.olsa.ca>

### Christmas Hours

Both Library branches will be closed between Christmas Day and the new year.

Rosslyn Library will reopen on Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Have a safe and happy holiday!*

## Rosslyn Library

Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm  
Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm  
Friday 10 – 3:00 pm  
Saturday 1 – 4:00 pm  
939-2312



Join us for Storytime with Ashley from Murillo EarlyOn Center!

She will be visiting Rosslyn Library on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00



*No registration required for both these events!*



Planning a day trip to one of our local provincial parks? Use your library card to borrow a free day pass!

## Carpet Bowling for Seniors Rosslyn Community Centre

Sponsored by Rosslyn Library

### Seniors!

Enjoy a fun game of carpet bowling!

- Relaxed & gentle pace of exercise
- Free
- Socializing & fun times
- Coaching available
- Snacks & refreshments
- Air conditioned comfort

**Beginners welcome!!**



Rosslyn Hall  
every Friday

**1 - 3 pm**

Call the library at 939-2312 for more information.

**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. Games of Canasta, dominoes or other card games can be arranged if you wish to play. This is a great time to meet new people, socialize and share tips and ideas.

**Call 939-2312 for more information.**

## CRIBBAGE

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M.

ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER

3405 ROSSLYN ROAD



*Thank you!*

Rosslyn Cribbage Club just celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Over the year we grew from 9 to 34 players with room for many more. So come and join the fun and friendship!



Story Time with Kelsea  
Every Thursday at 11:00 am  
at Rosslyn Library

## After school 'Reading with Rena'

Calling students in grades 4 to 6...

Do you enjoy being read to in a quiet relaxing space?

Why not join us at the Murillo Library and see what it's all about.

Every Monday at 3:00 p.m.

*Snacks will be provided.*



## Free exercise class for all ages and abilities.



Every Tuesday: Bands and Balls } At Rosslyn Hall from  
Every Thursday Weights } 11:30 to 12:00

**No Registration necessary.**

We still have room for anyone wishing to keep active and join others in fun, laughter and conversation.

These activities are open to anyone interested in getting out of the house and meeting new people.

Call Rosslyn Library for more information 807-939-2312

## **RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK**

### ***Neighbours Helping Neighbours***

Conmee Municipal Complex  
19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls P0T1W0  
807-285-0836

**Next Food Bank is  
Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

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

We sincerely thank all those that continue to support us.  
Your donations enable the food bank to remain open.

## **RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK**

*shouts*

*Thank  
You!*

To the Kakabeka Falls Public School, Crestview Public School, and Evergreen Pharmacy for all of your fund raising and donations.

For the financial donation raised at the Neebing Fall Harvest Dinner.

To Kimm White for donating her winnings from the Taco Time contest.

To everyone that has taken the time to volunteer, donate and raise funds for the food bank. Your support enables us to continue providing food to those in need.

Radon detectors available to borrow at  
Oliver Paipoonge Library!



It is recommended that you test for radon during furnace season.

For more information regarding Radon visit Eco Superior:

<https://www.ecosuperior.org/homeenergy>

## **Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program**



*Provides FREE dental services to eligible seniors*

### **You may be eligible if you:**

- Are 65 or older
- Are a resident of Ontario
- Have no access to any other form of dental benefits (e.g. private insurance or other government program)
- Have an annual net income of \$22,200 or less for a single person OR a combined net income of \$37,100 or less for a couple

For more information:  
Visit [TBDHU.com/SeniorsDental](http://TBDHU.com/SeniorsDental)

To apply online:  
Visit [ontario.ca/SeniorsDental](http://ontario.ca/SeniorsDental)

For assistance or to book an appointment:  
Call (807) 625-5984 or toll-free: 1-888-294-6630



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS**

Saturday, December 9th  
noon till 6 pm  
at the Odena in Kakabeka Village  
Fill the OPP Cruiser  
All goods and financial donations  
go to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank



## SANTA CLAUS WORD SCRAMBLER

(answers on page 12)

1. RMS UCLAS \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. LCBK OTOBS \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. VEELS \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
4. IEDERREN \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
5. IGB HWTEI RBDEA  
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6. DER ACOT \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
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8. SROY HCKEES \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
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12. LYOJL \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
13. IMLK NAD OSKOICE  
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## VEGETABLE FRITTATA

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped sweet red pepper
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 medium red potatoes, cooked and cubed
- 1 small zucchini, cubed
- 6 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pinch pepper



### Directions

1. Preheat broiler. In a 10-in. cast-iron or ovenproof skillet, saute onion, peppers and garlic in 2 tablespoons of oil until the vegetables are tender. Remove vegetables with a slotted spoon; set aside.
2. In the same skillet over medium heat, lightly brown potatoes in remaining oil. Add vegetable mixture and zucchini; cook for 4 minutes.
3. In a bowl, beat eggs, salt and pepper; pour over vegetables. Cover and cook for 8-10 minutes or until eggs are nearly set. Broil 6 in. from the heat for 2 minutes or until eggs are set on top. Cut into wedges.

Visit: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/vegetable-frittata/> for more tips on making frittatas.

## EVERYTHING CHRISTMAS

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### TUESDAYS

Weaving – 10am to 3pm  
Knitting – 10am to 3pm

### WEDNESDAYS

Cribbage – 1pm to 3pm  
Quilting – 10am to 3pm  
Carving 10am to 3pm

### THURSDAYS

Weaving – 10am to 3pm  
Knitting – 10am to 3pm

### TUESDAY TO THURSDAY

Craft Room is open 10am to 3pm



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Our extremely popular Explore calendars have arrived, and best of all, they are free! We will have a limited number of calendars available at our office, otherwise, they can be picked up at select local businesses including Safeway, 55+ Centres in Thunder Bay, local Municipal offices and more. Very limited quantities available.

This is a reminder that dogs must always remain on-leash when in a Conservation Area; dogs must also be picked up after. Conservation Areas are not off-leash dog parks, and visitors are expected to abide by the Regulations under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, including keeping pets leashed, when visiting our properties. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please be advised that the LRCA Administrative Office will be closed from December 25, 2022, until January 2, 2024. Get out and Explore!



## December Events

Monday Gentle Flow Yoga 7-8pm

Thursday Weekly Cornhole Tournaments 7pm

December 3rd Christmas Tea

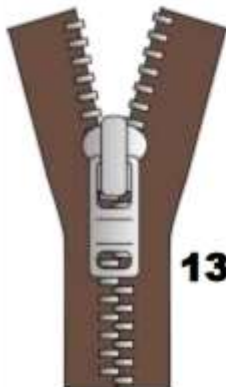
December 8th Free Playgroup

December 17th Milk & Cookies with Santa

December 29th Waldorf Parent & Child Gathering

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## Kakabeka Falls

### & Rural District RCL Branch #225

Kakabeka Legion, 4556 Highway 11-17, Kakabeka Falls

#### Saturday, December 2nd

- Exec/Gen Meeting - 2:30/3:00 pm
- Dance with Quest - 7:00 - 10:00 pm

#### Saturday, December 9th

- Christmas Concert 2:00 - 4:00 pm \*All donations to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank

#### Sunday, December 10th

- Breakfast with Santa 8:30 am until noon

#### Friday, December 15th

- Rural 60+ Christmas lunch - 1:00 - 2:00 pm

#### Saturday, December 16th

- Christmas Dinner/Dance with Quest (Dance open to all) Dinner 5:30—7:00 pm Dance 7:00 - 10:00 pm Make dinner reservations by December 9th. Call Gary at 807-708-0411.

#### Sunday, December 17th

- RCFB Supper - 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- For Tickets Call Gary 708-0411

On behalf of the Kakabeka Legion thank you for your support. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2024.

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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

- 11:00 am - O'Connor Community Centre 330 Highway 595, O'Connor

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### Answers to Word Scramble:

1. MRS CLAUSE
2. BLACK BOOTS
3. ELVES
4. REINDEER
5. BIG WHITE BEARD
6. RED COAT
7. SLEIGH
8. ROSY CHEEKS
9. TOY MAKER
10. TWINKLE IN HIS EYE
11. SAINT NICHOLAS
12. JOLLY
13. MILK AND COOKIES



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  - **Announcements** (ie. birthday, anniversary, baby) - \$ 2.00 (This does not include pictures)
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Christmas Calendar of Events  
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Join us for a fun evening of singing Christmas  
Carols followed by dessert.

**Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10:45 a.m.**  
Join us for a joyous time of celebrating the birth of our Lord.

**Everyone Welcome, Come as You Are!**

For more information on these Christmas events  
or any other church activities,  
please call Pastor Chris Fiorito at 807-624-6579, or  
visit us on the Website at [oconnorfreemethodist.org](http://oconnorfreemethodist.org), or  
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**O'Connor Free Methodist Church**

293 Sitch Road

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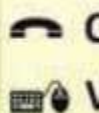


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**Sunday, December 10th, 2023**



**O'Connor Community Centre**

**330 Highway 595**

**Symposium 4:00 p.m. Dinner 4:30 p.m.**

**EARLIER START  
TIME**

**Each family will be asked to bring a dish for dinner and  
pay a small admission fee**

**Immediate Family - \$15.00, Couples - \$10.00, Single - \$5.00**

We would like to know who will be attending to ensure sufficient seating,  
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**If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Monday, December 4th.  
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If you would be interested in making a door prize donation for the event,  
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We thank you for your generosity and hope to see you there!