



The Cornerstone

Township Of O'Connor

JULY 2024



Emergency Contacts:

Medical Emergencies: 911
Fire: 911 Police: 911
Police Non-Emergency 1-888-310-1122

Municipal Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:
9:00 am to Noon & 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Wednesdays - closed
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-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:

Fire Chief Greg Biloski 807-621-5773

Leanne Coderre, First Response

807-475-5828

Dog Control Officer:

Call the Township Office

Building Permits:

Council, at their meeting, held March 25, 2024, approved By-law Number 2024-11, 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, stating 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removal, relocation and change of use of all buildings, decks or structures within the Township of O'Connor, and repealed the previous By-law Number 2016-12. Please note that the Building Fees have changed. 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:**
John Ostrowski 807-633-9726
Email: cbo@neebing.org
Indicate that you are an O'Connor resident when leaving a message. Applications are available on the Township Website or at the Township Office.

Oliver Paipoonge Library:

See page 5 for hours.

Email: 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.

PLEASE NOTE that the Township Office will be closed Monday, July 1st for recognition of the Canada Day holiday. Please see summer hours for the months of July and August to the right or visit the Township website at www.oconnortownship.ca

2024 FINAL TAX BILLING

Please watch for the 2024 final tax bills to be mailed out in beginning July with due dates being July 31st and September 30th. Only cash or cheques (no debit or credit) will be accepted as payment at the Township Office located at 330 Highway 595. Payment can also be made using internet or telephone banking. **Reminder: No Payments will be accepted for e-transfer.** Please check our website for further details.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Township of O'Connor is currently looking to hire an individual for casual employment as Dog Control Officer. For more information, please contact the Township Office at 807-476-1451. Applications are to be dropped off at the Township Office, 330 Highway 595. Please indicate on the envelope that you are applying for the position of Dog Control Officer.

THANK YOU

The Township of O'Connor Council & Staff would like to thank Ms. Foster for her dedication to her work as the Township's Dog Control Officer. We wish Margaret all the best in her future endeavors.

Quote for Roadside Grass/Weed Cutting

The Township of O'Connor is requesting quotes to cut the grass/weeds on the sides of 65 km of roadway, on both sides of the roads, being 130 total cutting kilometres, within the Township. Cutting may begin upon approval of the contract and must be completed by August 19, 2024. Map available upon request.

The successful applicant must provide proof of minimum \$2,000,000 liability insurance and have the Township of O'Connor listed as an additional insured under their policy, as well as proof of WSIB coverage.

The tractor and mower must have a minimum cutting width of 7', have a 360-degree amber beacon mounted on the tractor. The operator must provide and wear a safety vest while operating the tractor.

Sealed quotations clearly marked as to contents, will be accepted by mail to the Township of O'Connor, 330 Highway 595, R. R. #1, Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0 or be hand delivered to the Township office, 330 Hwy 595, by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8th, 2024. The quotations will be opened at the Council meeting held later that evening.

The Township of O'Connor reserves the right to reject any or all submissions and or cancel or withdraw this request for any reason without liability for any costs or damages incurred by the respondents including without limitation any expenses incurred in the preparation of the submission. The lowest or any submission will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information please contact Kelly Johnson, Road Superintendent at 807-476-1453 or Lorna Buob, Clerk-Treasurer, at 807-476-1451 or by email at twpoconn@tbaytel.net



COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next regular meetings of Council will be held in Council Chambers located at 330 Highway 595:

Monday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

Monday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

To view meeting agendas, please visit the Township Website at www.oconnortownship.ca to access them 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
Brendan Rea, 807-708-5122 Carly Torkkeli, 807-620-2579



FIRE PERMITS (required Apr. 1 to Oct. 31)

- 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, Greg Biloski,
- 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/> (Keep your password). If you are already registered, please skip to Step 2 to log in.

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 you burn. Calling this number before you burn is mandatory to ensure the Township is aware of all active burns, while providing you with the 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.



DONATE YOUR:

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

HELP THE O'CONNOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RAISE MONEY BY PUTTING YOUR CANS AND BOTTLES IN THE SPECIALIZED BINS FOR O'CONNOR!

The O'Connor Volunteer 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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Ron Biloski, the Can Crusher, for all your hard work with this fundraiser!! Your volunteer work with this endeavor is very much appreciated!



Volunteer Fire Department News

Since our last newsletter, the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department received 1 tree on a hydro line call, and 1 First Response call.

RIB STEAK DRAW

The O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for their support in our Annual Rib Steak Draw. It was a sellout! Thank you to everyone that sold tickets for the fundraiser. The support of the community means a lot and is always much appreciated.

The winners for this year's draw are:

- 1st - 30 rib steaks - John Heath
- 2nd - 20 rib steaks - Ray Albert
- 3rd - 10 rib steaks - Amie Cryderman

A big thank you to Dave at Maltese Grocery for the great steaks and deal!

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

We would like to thank the following people for their donations to our Penny Auction at the Annual Strawberry Festival:

- Diana Bockus
- Lorna Buob
- Can Crusher
- Pat & Tony Fiorito
- Harold Hunt & Nancy
- Lorna Krieg
- Sandra Kuurila
- Hannah Laforest
- Terri Macsemchuk
- Robin McCabe-Wiese
- Karen Peel
- Frances Platnick
- Lauren Richard

SUMMER FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Do not throw cigarette butts out the vehicle windows.
- Practice safe grilling.
- Burn safely. Know the risk level in your area.
- Be aware of wildfires in the area.
- Keep your fire number visible from the road by clearing the brush and grass.
- Closely supervise all fires and campfires.
- Douse hot coals with plenty of water.
- Let your lawnmower cool down before fueling up

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.

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 Greg Biloski at 807-621-5773

Volunteer Fire Department

Leanne Coderre at 807-475-5828

Volunteer First Response

Cheri Biloski at 807-621-5768

Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Applications to join the team can be found on the Township Website at www.oconnortownship.ca.

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

FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

1. Remember to obtain a Township fire permit.
2. Do not smoke or allow flames near fireworks.
3. Choose a wide, clear site for firing, away from overhead obstacles and dry grass. Keep viewers at least 100 meters back from the lighting area.
4. Prior to use, store fireworks in a cool, dry place. Use caution when positioning fireworks, preventing accidental product damage from dew and ground level moisture.
5. Read the instructions on each item. Different items have different firing instructions.
6. Check the wind direction and angle your fireworks away from spectators about 10 degrees off of center. Do not shoot fireworks in high winds.
7. Do not shoot fireworks out of glass or metal containers. These could crack or explode, sending shards of material outward.
8. Never attempt to re-light a misfired fireworks item. Keep a bucket of water or hose nearby to extinguish such items. If an item does not light easily, or fizzes out, do not approach the item for 20 minutes.
9. Do not shoot fireworks under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
10. Sparklers are the only fireworks item designed to be held in the hand.
11. Do not transport fireworks in your pockets.
12. The shooter and his/her assistants should wear snug fitting, cotton clothing, a cotton baseball hat, cotton gloves, safety goggles, and hearing protection to ensure the safe ignition of a fireworks display.
13. Keep pets indoors while shooting fireworks. Remember, fireworks are fun, but treat them with respect!

O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CLUB

The O'Connor Community Club would like to thank everyone that came out to the Annual Strawberry Festival held on June 21st. It is always wonderful to see so many smiling faces. Our members would like to thank the following, for the donations made to our raffle; the Squash Queen for the hanging basket, the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) for the gift package, and Frances Platnick for the lawn ornament.

Winners of this year's raffle prizes are:

1st Prize - 2 lawn chairs with cushions won by Shelley Wupori

2nd Prize - Hanging Basket won by Katlyn Wheatley

3rd Prize - LRCA gift package won by Carol McCool

4th Prize - Lawn Ornament won by Pat Fiorito

The next Community Club meeting will be Tuesday, October 1st at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at 330 Highway 595. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is welcome to provide input.

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!!!

The O'Connor Community Club needs new members to help organize children's events! Please join us at our next meeting or contact Lorna or Linda at 807-476-1451 for more information.

All are welcome to attend. Regular meetings are flexible to adhere to members availability. We are always looking for new members, event ideas or activities to organize! Please join us so that social events continue to happen in O'Connor.



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 Disposal Site closures, 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 see the insert for instructions.

PLEASE NOTE: The text messaging service is for outgoing messages only. If you wish to send us a message, please email us at twpoconn@tbaytel.net. Please do not respond to the delivered text messages as these are not checked on a regular basis.



EMERGENCY INFORMATIONS 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! See the enclosed insert to fill out or find the Emergency Information Form on our website under "Emergency Services."

Email completed forms to twpoconn@tbaytel.net, or drop off to the Township Office at 330 Highway 595.

Thank you.

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.

HYDRO ONE POWER OUTAGES

HOW TO CONTACT HYDRO ONE

In case of an emergency or power outage you can reach us by calling our emergency number below.

HYDRO ONE POWER OUTAGE & EMERGENCY LINE

1-800-434-1235 - Use this number to report a power outage, fallen tree hazard or emergency (24 hours, 7 days a week).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency or power interruption we encourage you to take a moment to visit HydroOne.com, or follow Hydro One on Twitter to check power outages and safety information.

SIGN UP FOR OUTAGE ALERTS VIA TEXT OR EMAIL

Outage Alerts give you the information you need to plan around them. You'll also be able to report an outage by text! When you sign up to receive Outage Alerts by text or email, we'll let you know when the power is out, restoration updates throughout the power outage and once the power has been restored.

Floods: What you need to know

It CAN happen here! What you need to know about flooding in your community.

Floods are part of Ontario's history. Some of us remember the disaster of Hurricane Hazel in 1954. More recently, the Grand River flood in 1974 and the Huntsville floods of 1998 and 2008 were significant events.

A backgrounder on floods

- A *flood* is defined as an overflow or inundation of water from a river or other body of water which causes or threatens loss of life and property and environmental damage.
- The severity and frequency of flooding is influenced by:
 - extreme rainfall
 - rapid snow melt
 - storms with high winds
 - soil conditions
 - ice jams – especially during winter mild spells and spring thaw
- The low lying area surrounding a lake or river, not normally under water, is known as a *floodplain* and is part of the water body's natural living space.
- Floodplains can be mapped and designated as areas likely to experience repeated flood activity.
- Even after flood waters recede, the emotional after effects of losses from a flood can remain for years.
- Flooding can also affect the operation of utilities which may affect community stability and its economy.

What you need to know about flood management

- How extensive flooding will be in any area of Ontario is determined generally by topography, the amount of lake storage, the river channel route (meandering streams), the types of land uses and amount of inflow to the watershed.
- Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has the responsibility for flood management in Ontario.
- MNR works with Conservation Authorities (CAs) and Environment Canada to forecast when and where flooding is likely to occur.
- MNR and CAs monitor watershed and weather conditions to predict flows and water levels within their areas of jurisdiction, and issue flood messages. Flood messages allow municipalities to notify the public of developing unsafe river and lake conditions, and allow individuals to take precautions.
- In 2004 the Ontario Government revised the Provincial Policy Statement to direct development away from areas of natural hazards such as floodplains through municipal planning controls. This results in stronger, healthier communities.

What to do before a flood

- Know your flood risk
- Keep well informed by listening to the latest warnings and advisories on the radio and television.
- Prepare your home for a possible extended vacancy and collect necessary personal items you will require if evacuated, such as cash, medication, important papers and identification, change of clothes.
- Ensure that your cell phone is charged – it may be your only means of communication during an evacuation.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FACTS

- Consider purchasing a battery-operated radio, or a weather radio to get critical information.
- Be prepared to place your pets in a kennel, as evacuation centers may not accept animals.
- Keep your automobile fueled.
- Evacuate if directed to do so.
- In the event of an evacuation, assist those with special needs such as children and persons with disabilities.
- Secure all boats and items left loose on and around piers, docks or boathouses.

What to do during a flood

- Shut off the electricity, furnaces and the outside gas valves if safe to do so.
- Secure backyard furniture.
- Never try to cross a flooded area on foot.
- If you are in a car do not drive through flood waters.

What to do after a flood

Flood dangers do not end when the water begins to recede. Take the following precautions following a flood:

- Seek out medical assistance if needed.
- Check on neighbours who may need assistance.
- Report any broken utility lines to the appropriate authorities.
- Do not use flooded appliances, electrical outlets, switch boxes, or fuse breaker panels until they have been checked by your local authority.
- The water in your home could be heavily contaminated with sewage and other pollutants after a flood. Listen for instructions from your local public health unit as to what to do.
- Disinfect the entire premises.

For more information on MNR emergency management roles and information on this and other hazards go to MNR, Conservation Authority and Emergency Management Ontario websites.

Go to: ontario.ca/emergencymanagement

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

for

BISHOP RACICOT

SATURDAY, JULY 6TH

from

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

at the

O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE
330 HIGHWAY 595

WELCOME

The Township of O'Connor Council and Staff would like to welcome John Ostrowski as O'Connor's new Chief Building Official. We're happy to have you join the team John! For questions regarding building in the Township, please contact John by phone at 807-630-9726 or email at cbo@neebing.org. When leaving a message, please indicate in your message that you are an O'Connor resident, as he is providing service for multiple townships.



Dogs Running at Large

The staff of the Township of O'Connor would like to give a friendly reminder to keep your dogs in your own yard and to inspect your dog's leashes and collars for cracks, tears and breaks, and batteries in battery operated dog collars.

Council would like to ask if anyone has the space that they might be willing to temporarily house stray dogs in the event that any are found running at large. If you are willing, please call the Township Office at 807-476-1451 to inform the staff. Thank you.

WELL WATER SAFETY

Regular testing of your well is important to make sure your water is safe for you and your family to drink. Bacteria such as E. coli can contaminate your well making it unsafe to drink. The risk is higher if you have animals in the area – especially on farms with livestock – however, the bacteria can also occur naturally in the soil. The Thunder Bay District Health Unit recommends testing at least three times per year for a drilled well: once after the spring melt and two more times during the spring/summer. If you have a dug well, you should test four times per year. **You should also do additional testing after heavy rains or flooding on your property when there is a greater risk of surface water washing into your well (drilled or dug).**

Water sample bottles can be picked up during regular business hours at the Township Office. Water samples can be dropped off at the Public Health Laboratory located at 336 South Syndicate Avenue during regular business hours. Please ensure all the paperwork is filled out completely and accurately.



DISPOSAL SITE

In an effort to increase the longevity of our Disposal Site, we would like to ask residents to be mindful of diverting items elsewhere. Diverting as much as possible elsewhere, instead of bringing stuff to the Disposal Site, not only increases the lifespan of our dump, but it also helps lower the impact on the environment, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, promotes sustainability. An example of diverting your unwanted items would be to take items to Habitat for Humanity or clothing to the Salvation Army.

Habitat for Humanity

Moving or downsizing and have items you no longer need? Planning a home renovation or is it just time to de-clutter and renew your space? Instead of tossing your unwanted household items, donate them to Habitat for Humanity ReStore and do something good for your community and the environment! When you donate items to the ReStore, you are helping Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay achieve its mission to build safe, decent homes for working, low-income families, through our unique affordable home ownership program. You are also helping the environment by enabling the ReStore to recycle perfectly re-usable household items and provide them with a second home, reducing your environmental footprint! The ReStore accepts furniture, home decor and home building products from individuals and local businesses. Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay is a registered charity, and a tax receipt will be issued for most ReStore donations. The ReStore is located at 660 Squire Street in Thunder Bay. For questions or more information, please call 807-346-4884.

Salvation Army

Donations of gently used clothing and household items are at the heart of this organization. They rely on the generosity of Canadians to fulfill their mission of making a positive impact in the communities in which they operate. By bringing what you no longer need to your local Salvation Army Thrift Store, you are helping to care for people in your community when they need help the most. You can make a difference to a neighbor in need in your community just by donating what you no longer need. The Salvation Army is located at 915 Memorial Avenue in Thunder Bay. For questions or more information, please call 807-343-0411.

For more information on recycling and disposing of your items and hazardous waste in our Township, please visit our Waste Disposal Guide on the Township Website at twpoconn@tbaytel.net under the Disposal Site page.

JULY 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 Closed for Canada Day	2 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	3	4 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	5
8 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C @ 10:30 am	9 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Diabetes Educator	10	11 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs Mobile Clinic - Upsala 10am-3:30pm	12
15 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C at 10:30 am Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 1pm-6pm	16 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Guest Today Hearing Clinic Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 8:30am-1:30pm	17 Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-11:30am	18 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	19
22 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor C.C @ 10:30 am	23 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Guest Today Diabetes Educator	24	25 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-11:30am	26
29	30	31		



NorWest Community
Health Centres
Centres de santé
communautaire NorWest

Kakabeka Site

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

PROGRAM INFO.

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

Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group
Meet at Mountain Portage Trail
at K Falls Park @ 10:15 or a ride
is provided at Evergreen
Parking Lot at 10 am

Chair Yoga
Hosted at O'Connor
Community Centre at 10:30am.

Chair Yoga is also hosted
virtually at 10:30am

Hearing Services Clinic

By Appointment at KBF Clinic
from 1-4pm on July 16th



Follow us!

NorWest Community
Health Centres -
Kakabeka Falls Clinic

www.norwestchc.org



O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN HALL RENTAL FEES

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 Township Office at 807-476-1451 for more information or to book your event.

O'Connor Hall Rental Fees:

- ⇒ Social with Liquor - \$ 250.00
- ⇒ Hall Rental No Liquor - \$ 125.00
- ⇒ Use of basement Kitchen - \$ 75.00

Please note a \$50 damage deposit may be required.



The Council and Staff of the Township of O'Connor would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday this Canada Day on Monday, July 1st.

Murillo Library

Monday 10 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday 10 – 8:00 pm
Closed Saturday until after Labour Day
935-2729



Science North will be visiting Murillo Hall on July 10! Special thanks to our sponsors Sue and Jake deBoer!

Email: oplibrary@tbaytel.net
Website: <http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca>

Visit our used book sales at both the Murillo and Rosslyn Branch this summer. All books are 50 cents!

Exercise classes and Cribbage will continue at Rosslyn Hall throughout July and August. Call the library for more information.

Rosslyn Library

Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm
Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm
Closed Saturday until after Labour Day
939-2312



Use your library card to 'check out' tennis and pickleball equipment at Rosslyn Library and tennis equipment at Murillo Library.

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 (Apr. 1 - Nov. 30).



TD Summer Reading Kits will be available beginning July 2nd!

These kits are geared to preschool or school-age children and contain a book full of summer fun activities and challenges. Each kit also comes with stickers, a novelty pen and a web-access code to unlock more online fun. Participants can complete the summer recap page and return it to the library before August 31st to be entered into a draw for a \$25 Chapters gift card!

Coming soon to Murillo and Rosslyn Library!



211 helps people find the community and social services they need.

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When you don't know where to turn.



Call 2-1-1

Visit 211North.ca



Oliver Paipoonge Library
 July Summer Fun!
 Join us every week
 for a new exciting activity!

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Participants can complete the summer recap page and return it to the library before August 31st to be entered into a draw for \$25 Chapters gift card!

Wednesday July 10th 1:00 – 4:00



MAKE IT MOVE!

Drop in between 1:00 – 4:00 at Murillo Hall. Join Science North as we explore all things that move with hands-on tables filled with interactive activities.

*Sponsored by
 Sue and Jake deBoer*

Drop in and create....

Rosslyn Library July 23 & 25
 Button making , design your own wearable artwork

Murillo Library July 15 & 17
 Stamper art, create cards and pictures with our selection of rubber stamps.

Drop In and Play....

Rosslyn Library July 2 & 4

Building with Magnetic tiles

Murillo Library July 3

Exploring Kinetic Sand

Week of July 22nd

Take Home Kit

Fossil digging kit.

Parental assistance may be required.
 1 per child, limited quantities.

Drop In and Play....

Rosslyn Library July 30 & August 1

Exploring Kinetic Sand

Murillo Library July 29 & 31

Building with Magnetic tiles

CRIBBAGE

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M.

ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER

3405 ROSSLYN ROAD



Come and join the fun and friendship!



Oliver Paipoonge Library
 2024
**ONTARIO
 PARK PASSES**

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



BUCKLE UP YOUR SEAT BELT!

JOIN SCIENCE NORTH AS WE EXPLORE ALL THINGS THAT MOVE WITH HANDS-ON TABLES FILLED WITH INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES.

MURILLO HALL WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

free drop-in event for children and their caregivers

1:00 - 4:00 Science Show at 2:00

Hosted by Oliver Paipoonge Library sponsored by Sue and Jake deBoer

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



LOCAL FOODS!

Fresh Veggies & Fruits, Artisan Baking,
Preserves and Jams, Handmade
Treasures, Art & Woodwork

Saturdays 9:30-12:30 beginning July 6
Kakabeka Legion parking lot, 4556 Hwy 11/17

BLESSING BOX: DONATIONS NEEDED

The blessing box is being filled at least once a week, but needs everyone's help in keeping it stocked. If you are able to donate, please contact Shelley at 807-629-2851. Some products that can be added to the Blessing Box this season are:

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

Toiletries are also a great donation, items such as:

Deodorant	Feminine products
Tooth brushes	Diapers
Toothpaste	Bar soap



Kakabeka Falls
& Rural District RCL Branch #225
4556 Highway 11-17, Kakabeka Falls

- Thursday, July 11th**
- Strawberry Social - 7:00 pm
 - Sunday, July 14th**
- Buffet Breakfast 8:30 am until 11:00 am
 - Saturday, July 20th**
- Dance with Quest - 7:00 - 10:00 pm
 - Saturday, July 27th**
- Dance with Quest - 7:00 - 10:00 pm
- Call the Legion hotline for any changes at 807-473-9122.
Call Diane for reservations at 807-577-6549.

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

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Next Food Bank is
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Registration 9 am to 11 am
Drive-thru pick up

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rural60@tbaytel.net

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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Thursday, July 18 from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Administrative Office, 130 Conservation Road
(corner of Golf Links and Oliver Road in Thunder Bay).

There will be tons of exciting activities and attractions planned, including Science North science demonstrations, a falconry demonstration from ThunderBird Wildlife Rescue, the Beefcakes Burger Factory food truck (cash and cards accepted), Epic Cones (cash only), displays and activities from the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Fort William Historical Park, EcoSuperior, and the RFDA! We will also have fun and exciting art-making activities with CAHEP, maple sugar candies with Canada West Maple, and cupcakes from Carol's Cakes (while supplies last).

The LRCA will also be hosting some fun outdoor education activities as well as an open house to talk about our programs and services, including an opportunity to provide feedback on our Conservation Lands Strategy and Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy, so be sure to join us! Look for more information in the coming weeks on social media and our website.

Are you a paddler? We are excited to announce that we have installed a third accessible kayak/canoe launch! Be sure to visit Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area, Hurkett Cove Conservation Area and now Little Trout Bay Conservation Area to check out our floating docks which feature accessible kayak launches! These launches make getting in and out of your kayak or canoe super easy and stable. The LRCA is proud to offer access to Hazelwood Lake and Lake Superior, so get out and explore! Sales of our Explore Card Parking Pass directly funds these types of amenities and upgrades to our Conservation Areas, as well as help to fund their upkeep and maintenance. Explore Cards can be purchased online at www.store.lakeheadca.com, at our Administrative Office, and over the phone by calling (807) 344-5857.

Registration for our Watershed Explorers Programs are up and running on our webstore. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. A non-refundable, \$5.00 registration fee is required to book your spot. Visit our webstore at www.store.lakeheadca.com to pre-register. Funding for these programs is generously provided by the TD Friends of the Environment Fund.

The 2024 Explore Card Parking Pass is a great way to show your support for the LRCA! Explore Card Parking Passes permit day-use/parking at our ten Conservation Areas for one calendar year. Visit as often as you like. Enjoy one calendar year of recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, hiking and more at our seasonal and year-round Conservation Areas for the low price of \$40.00 +HST. It's convenient for frequent users, and a great gift idea! All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas. Get out and Explore!

Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies

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(answers on page 12)

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13. NUTVUAN _ _ _ _ _
14. NERPIC RADWED NASIDL
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Ingredients

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup baking cocoa
- 3/4 cup butter, cubed
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup sweetened shredded coconut

Filling

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons 2% milk

Glaze

- 3 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 tablespoon butter

Directions

Line an 8-in. square baking pan with foil, letting ends extend over sides by 1 in. In a large heavy saucepan, combine sugar and cocoa; add butter. Cook and stir over medium-low heat until butter is melted. Whisk a small amount of hot mixture into eggs. Return all to the pan, whisking constantly. Cook and stir until mixture reaches 160°. Remove from heat. Stir in cracker crumbs, coconut and, if desired, almonds. Press into prepared pan. Refrigerate 30 minutes or until set. For filling, in a small bowl, beat confectioners' sugar, pudding mix, butter and milk until smooth; spread over crust. In a microwave, melt chocolate and butter; stir until smooth. Spread over top. Refrigerate until set. Using foil, lift bars out of pan. Discard foil; cut into bars.

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4. SASKATCHEWAN
5. NEWFOUNDLAND
6. ONTARIO
7. NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
8. MANITOBA
9. NEW BRUNSWICK
10. NOVA SCOTIA
11. LABRADOR
12. BRITISH COLUMBIA
13. NUNAVUT
14. PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



Cornerstone Advertising

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

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES IN THE AD FEES

- **1/4 Page Ad** - \$ 15.00
- **Half Page Ad** - \$ 30.00
- **Full Page Ad** - \$ 50.00
- **Personal, Announcement and Classified Ads** (ie. Garage Sale, Parties, Funerals or Celebrations) - \$ 7.50
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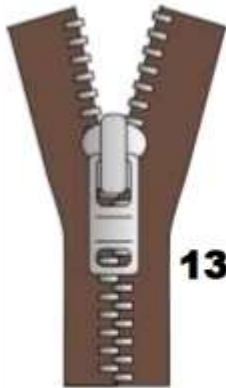
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Cell 624-6579

Church 577-2363

Email: pastor_chris@live.com

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WEDNESDAYS

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

For more information, please contact 807-577-5924.



O'Connor's History Book

**“First Hundred Years Of Country Living
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100 Hwy 130, Rosslyn, ON

In person worship 10:30 am each Sunday.

See website at www.PinegroveUC.org

Join live stream worship any Sunday at 10:30 am at
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For Pastoral Care, call Church office at 807-939-1364, or
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Redeemer Lutheran Church

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For information, please contact 807-473-9164
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St. James' Anglican Church

10505 John Street Rd., Murillo, ON

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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
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St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church

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