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NEEBING FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

NFRA UPDATE

Respectfully submitted: Carole Aitken, President NFRA

Fill the Fire Hose

Our "Fill the Fire Hose" campaign is coming along with a total of \$8250.78 raised to date. We do hope to reach our goal of \$17,000 to ensure we are able to purchase the identified emergency equipment for the new Pumper Fire Truck expected to arrive later this fall. Thanks to all our donors and to Kris for handling the pop cans and metal.

Help us reach our goal by donating; Donations may be mailed to: Neebing Fire and Rescue Association

c/o Neebing Municipal Office
4655 Hwy. 6, Neebing ON P7B0B5
OR Online

Go to www.neebingfirerescueassociation.com. Click on DONATE HERE button which will take you to the information page where you can complete the donation form. Receipts will be issued for donations of \$20.00 or more.

See the graph for our progress (insert fire hose graphic)

NFRA Purchase

We recently purchased a new training tool for the first responders – Terry Trauma (see below)

Fire Prevention Week

October 4 to 10 is designated as Fire Prevention Week in Ontario. This year the theme is "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen".

Other years we have partnered with Neebing Emergency Services (NES) for their Open House at the Fire Hall at hwy 608/61 providing educa-

tional materials for children on fire safety. Due to COVID-19 this is not possible this year.

However, we encourage everyone to be fire safe in all aspects of your life. Insert info on fire prevention week

Pop Can Collection

We continue to collect and sort cans, bottles etc from the two landfill sites. Please keep dropping off your empties in the designated areas. There will be a sort on Friday October 23 and Saturday October 24 at Kris Ligate's farm on Farm Road. If you are interested in helping please contact Clara at 620-2922. We practice all COVID19 recommended safety guidelines

Bottle Drive

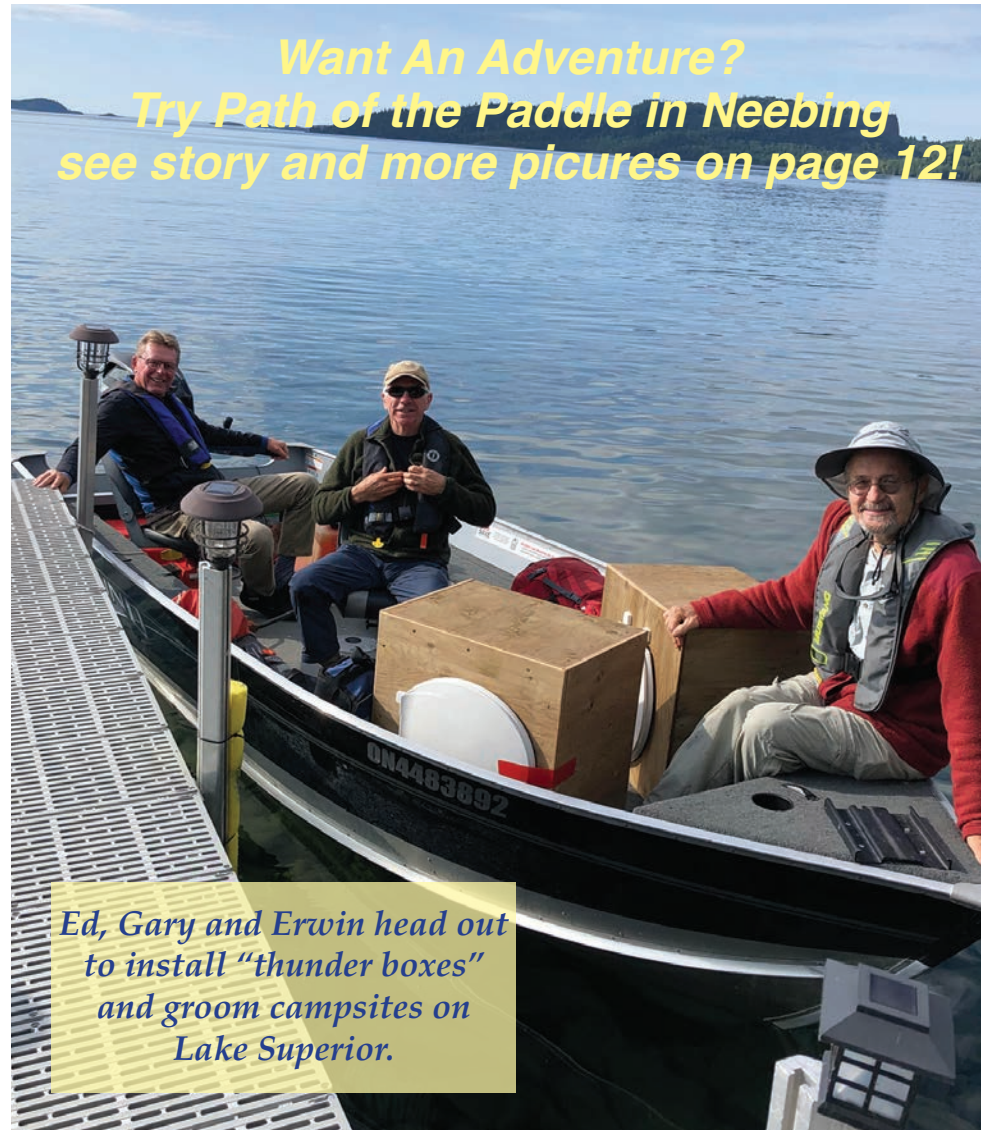
NFRA will be holding a Bottle Drive at Mink Mountain Parking Lot as per the poster. Remember to save your bottles, cans and wine bags to help support our fund raising efforts.

NFRA Meeting

We are holding our first face to face meeting on Monday October 5 at 6pm at the Blake Hall. New members are welcome to attend. We will be planning future activities and reviewing past meeting minutes. Although we cannot do our usual community events we are still working behind the scene to raise money. If you wish to attend please call Carole at 964-1989.

Again we will be following protocols for COVID-19.

Please be safe and enjoy the fall.



Ed, Gary and Erwin head out to install "thunder boxes" and groom campsites on Lake Superior.



WINTER LANDFILL HOURS

Starting October 1, 2020, the Sandhill and Scoble Landfill hours will be as follows:

Saturdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sundays from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Terry Trauma Adult Trauma and CPR Manikin

Complete with burns, lacerations, and broken bones, Terry Trauma offers realistic experience in identification, assessment, treatment, and transport of disaster victims. His flexible joints make him perfect for any kind of rescue, extrication, immobilization, or restraint.

Terry comes with two heads, a rigid rescue head and a second head for sanitary CPR training. He also includes twelve moulage pumps, simulated blood, make up blood, CPR faces, airways and lungs, chest/skin overlay, and clothing.



BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE
Saturday October 17,
2020
DROP OFF

10:30 - 11:30 @
MINKMOUNTAIN PARKING LOT

(ALL NFRA PERSONNEL WILL BE OBSERVING COVID PROTOCOLS)

Collecting: LCBO bottles, wine bags, pop, beer and metal cans

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Rural Cupboard Food Bank

CONMEE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS, 19 HOLLAND RD., KAKABEKA FALLS, ON POT 1WO

by Gladys Grant Public Relations

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone! The Fall Season is upon us and hopefully everyone is able to get out and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the countryside. We have so much to be thankful for even with the Coronavirus effecting the world and everyone doing everything they can to stop the spread of the virus. **STAY SAFE! Our food bank has remained opened for distribution and will continue as deemed an essential service these days designated in the coming months until further notice.**

A BIG THANK YOU to our front line workers for continuing to volunteer on Food Bank day to distribute hampers to our clients and many more who volunteer before food bank day to prepare necessary hamper items. With the unemployment rate going up so high now more people are forced to use the food bank. We are operating differently in order to stop the spread the deadly virus. If any changes to our operations the clients will be notified. **The next Food Bank Day will be Wednesday, October 21st with Registration being done from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and groceries handed out right away according to whether or not the Coronavirus safety is still in effect. No one leaves without a hamper and School lunches for the School Children even in the event school is not open.**

A BIG THANK YOU to MURILLO BAKERY who has decided to close its doors after many years of service to the Community and District of Thunder Bay. The Food Bank can not say enough at how thankful we are for over 20 years of donating their nutritious bread, baked fresh every food bank day. They would make as many loaves as we requested, sometimes it was over 70 loaves at one time. Inge Stangier, who was an owner in the Bakery, also volunteered many times at the food bank and attended many meetings with me. She was there right from the start of the food bank opening. Always caring and worrying that our clients would have enough nutritious food to eat. Your hard work and kindness will never go unnoticed. Greatly appreciated. Enjoy your retirement Inge and your walks in the woods as you have a great love for nature and people. If you have any extra Food items they can be dropped off at the Odena in Kakabeka Falls, The O'Connor Municipal Office, The Conmee Municipal Office, and the Neebing Municipal Office during business hours. The Rapport Credit Union in Kakabeka Falls with revised hours from 9:30 p.m. to 2 P.M. for drop off of food items.

Well folks just to let you know with heavy heart, the time has come for me, Gladys to resign from the Rural Cupboard Food Bank Board, as we have moved to the City of Thunder Bay. Hard to leave our home of 47 years, my husband Brian built, and where we raised our 2 children. We are starting a new chapter in our lives. I will still always be there to help in any way I can with the Food Bank, as I have been there from the beginning and instrumental with many facets in opening its doors in May of 2000. Brian was my right-hand man and worked right along beside me many a times for the food bank. Our hearts will always be with Murillo area and the Township of Oliver Paipoonge. May the Food Bank continue with its vital work for those who need it.

A BIG THANK YOU to anyone who donated garden vegetables of extra fruit from their trees to our clients at the food bank. To Pat Hari of St. James Church for donating her carrot crop grown in raised planters at the church. All vegetables and fruits were so greatly appreciated. Nothing like fresh produce to enjoy!

The Food Bank phone number to call is 285-0836 with any concerns or questions, also about dropping off much needed food items or donations. Cash donations appreciated as not able to have any fundraisers at this time. Tax receipts will be issued for any donation of \$10.00 or more.

PLEASE STAY SAFE!!! Look us up on Facebook or on our website theruralcupboardfoodbank.com!!

No further meetings in the Conmee Council Chambers until further notice, because of the virus.

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Neebing Municipal Services During COVID-19

Updated September 30, 2020

Municipal buildings including the Municipal Office, Public Works and Fire Halls, remain **CLOSED** to the public. We are still able to provide services and are available by phone 474-5331 and email www.neebing.org/contact. We appreciate your patience while we continue to work on the installation of appropriate safety measures aimed at protecting the health of both the public and our staff.

Landfill and Recycling:

- Both the Scoble and Sand Hill landfill sites including the Good Neighbour sheds are **OPEN** running normal hours of operation.
 - **REMEMBER:** October 1st both landfills begin operating on Winter Hours: Saturdays 9 am – 5 pm and Sundays 12 pm – 4 pm.
- Annual Municipal Garbage Bag Tag allotments should be picked up at either landfill site. You must present photo ID to the attendants in order to receive your tags.
- Household battery recycling is offered at both landfill sites. Bring in your batteries for proper disposal. Accepted batteries are AA AAA C D 6 and 9-volt (including rechargeable), watch and cellphone batteries.

Building Permits and Inspections:

- Building permit applications are being accepted, reviewed and approved to facilitate all types of construction, and inspections will continue for all permitted projects.
- Visit our website www.neebing.org/building for permit applications and building information.
- Please contact our Chief Building Official, Ken Yanishewski at 807-708-9944 to arrange for an appointment to discuss to your building project.

Property Tax Payments:

- Property tax payments can be made using internet banking, through Paymentus by credit card, by dropping a cheque, money order or bank draft in the mail or in the secure mailbox at the office located in the entrance alcove.
- We are currently unable to accept cash and debit payments as the office is closed to the public.
- Visit www.neebing.org/taxes for details on alternate payment methods available to you.

Municipal Council Meetings:

- Council passed a by-law to allow members of Council to participate and vote at council meetings electronically during this emergency.
- Council meetings are virtual and held on regular council dates being the first and third Wednesday of each month. A 'virtual meeting' is the hosting of a meeting in a virtual environment and not face-to-face. Participants call in by telephone or connect online through the internet.
- Prior to all meetings, agendas, meeting documents and public participation details are posted on our website www.neebing.org/events.



NEEBING

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

Posted by
The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing
4766 Highway 61 - Neebing, ON - P7L 0B5
(807) 474-5331

**RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK
VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

**October 7, 2020
7 pm**

*If you wish to attend the virtual meeting,
please email:*

ruralcupboardfoodbank@gmail.com
and a link to the virtual meeting will be provided.

We are accepting letters of interest and resumes for Director positions. They can be dropped off in the Conmee Municipal Office drop box or emailed to the address above before 4 pm on October 6.

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

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

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

Your donations enable the food bank to remain open

Next Food Bank
Wednesday, October 21
Registration 9 am to 11 am

Many thanks to Gladys Grant for all of the hard work and years of dedicated volunteerism to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank. She unfailingly sent an article on behalf of the RCFB every month for many years, which greatly increased the community profile of the Food Bank and contributed to its wonderful success over the years in supporting community members. Gladys and husband Brian (who helped with proofing and support) will certainly be missed by RCFB and many others.

see page 2 for Gladys' final article!

Best of Luck to Gladys and Brian!

**The Junction
in Rosslyn**

For those in urgent need of food or seasonal clothing.

WINTER'S COMING! We are switching our clothing stock over to cold weather clothing items and outer-wear this month – sweaters, coats, hats, mitts, scarves). If you or someone you know in our rural community has an urgent need for food or clothing please contact us. Our pantry is being re-stocked this month as well for the winter season, including non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products. Care packages to assist rural singles, seniors and families are available by request.

Regular store hours are currently by appointment.

Follow us on Facebook (@thejunctioninrosslyn) for updates or contact us for more information.

Phone: 475-5140

Email: slateriverbaptistchurch2@gmail.com



**SLATE RIVER
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Sunday Family Worship Services are back indoors weekly at 9:30 and 11:00 am. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Wearing of masks is also required. We look forward to seeing you. God Bless!

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EMERGENCY TEXT ALERT SERVICE

For Neebing Residents

Sign up for Neebing's Emergency Text Alert Service! This text alert service is used to notify our residents **via text message** of immediate dangers or emergencies occurring in our community such as evacuations, road closures, forest fires and other hazards. Sign up is free!

You must have a smartphone equipped to receive text messages to sign up for this service as it does not work on land lines. Sign up at neebing.org/textalerts or send us your name, Neebing address, and your text-enabled cell phone number including area code to neebing@neebing.org or call us at 474-5331. Your personal information is kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at www.neebing.org/contact.





Beyond Books: One Card, One Million Possibilities

submitted by Beverly Ball on behalf of
the Oliver Paipoonge Library Board

From October 18th to the 24th, Ontario is celebrating Public Library Week. If you haven't had the opportunity to use your Library's curbside service pickup, make Public Library Week a time for you to once again enjoy a good read or learn new information and skills.

The theme of Public Library Week is "One Card, One Million Possibilities". The resources offered through your library create important opportunities and possibilities for us to learn, support literacy and education, and help shape new ideas. While your Library may look different in terms of how you loan and receive your books and information, it continues to play a valuable role in the life of our community.

Since curbside pickup began in July, the Library has provided almost 750 loans of books and resources to members. Approximately 390 curbside pickups have been accommodated through this modified service. Many members continue to access ebooks through the library website. So far this year, the number of loans through ebooks has increased by over 50%. To date, almost 4000 ebooks have been accessed through the ebook service provided by the Library.

Rosslyn Library is open for curbside pickups every Tuesday from 2 until 7 p.m. and Murillo is open for pickups on Wednesdays from 2 until 7 p.m. If these times do not work for



Recently, Alison Hart and her dog Cocoa (pictured above) picked up some books for the family at Murillo Library. Alison had lots of praise for the Library and its service. She said that "the set up is terrific and we feel safe". She added that "the Library rocks!"

you, please contact the Library directly and they will do their best to set up a pick up appointment time that is better suited to your needs.

If you have any questions you can email oplibrary@tbaytel.net or phone either Library (Murillo Library 935-2729 or Rosslyn Library 939-2312).



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Oliver Paipoonge Library is a rural library system located 15 km west of Thunder Bay, ON. We are looking for a Literacy Programmer who will plan and facilitate a variety of programs geared to all ages that will promote the many services the library has to offer and increase use of the library. We are looking for a part time intern for 14 hours per week for evening shifts and Saturday shifts working out of our Murillo and Rosslyn branches.

Candidate Eligibility:

- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, or have refugee status in Canada;

Note: Non-canadian students or graduates holding temporary work visas or awaiting permanent status are not eligible.

- be legally entitled to work in Canada;
- be between 15* and 30 years of age at the start of employment (*where permissible under provincial/territorial labour laws);
- have completed the school year at the start of employment;
- have transportation to and from library locations;
- be registered in the YCW online candidate inventory;
- be willing to commit to the full duration of the work assignment (14 hours a week);
- have registered as a full-time student in the semester preceding

Preference will be given to individuals who have experience in cultural or recreational programs.

Contract duration: October 5, 2020, to January 22, 2021

Deadline for applications is **Monday October 5th at 4:30 pm.**

Please apply by email to library@tbaytel.net

Oliver Paipoonge Library is an equal opportunity employer.

Be 'Bear Wise' and Prevent Bear Encounters

Prevent and report encounters with black bears and learn who to contact.

Who to contact

Not every bear sighting is an emergency situation. Here is who to call if you encounter a bear.

Emergency situations

Call 911 or your local police if a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety and exhibits threatening or aggressive behaviour, such as:

- enters a school yard when school is in session
- stalks people and lingers at the site
- enters or tries to enter a residence
- wanders into a public gathering
- kills livestock/pets and lingers at the site

Police will respond first to an emergency situation, but may request assistance from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry during daylight hours.

Non-emergency encounters

Call the toll-free Bear Wise reporting line at 1-866-514-2327 (TTY 705-945-7641) if a bear:

- roams around or checks garbage cans
- breaks into a shed where garbage or food is stored
- is in a tree
- pulls down a bird feeder or knocks over a barbecue
- moves through a backyard or field but does not linger

This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from April 1 to November 30.

If you encounter a black bear

When bears are caught off guard, they are stressed, and usually just want to flee.

Stop. Do not panic. Remain calm.

Generally, the noisier the bear is, the less dangerous it is, provided you do not approach. The noise is meant to "scare" you off and acts as a warning signal.

DO

- Slowly back away while keeping the bear in sight and wait for it to leave.
- If the bear does not leave, throw objects, wave your arms and make noise with a whistle or air horn.
- Prepare to use bear spray.
- If you are near a building or vehicle get inside as a precaution.
- Drop any food you may be carrying and slowly move away.
- If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Leave the area. The bear will come down when it feels safe.

DO NOT

- Run, climb a tree or swim.
- Kneel down.
- Make direct eye contact.
- Approach the bear to get a better look.
- Attempt to feed a bear.

Bear warning signs

Black bear attacks are extremely rare. A threatened or predatory black bear will give off warning signs to let you know you are too close. A black bear standing on its hind legs is not a sign of aggressive behaviour. The bear is trying to get a better look at you or catch your scent.

A defensive bear

A bear that feels threatened will:

- salivate excessively and exhale loudly
- make huffing, moaning, clacking and popping sounds with its mouth, teeth and jaws
- lower its head with its ears drawn back while facing you
- charge forward, and/or swat the ground with its paws (known as a bluff' charge)

A predatory bear

The bear will approach silently, usually in rural or remote areas, and may continue to approach regardless of your attempts to deter them by yelling or throwing rocks. If the bear attacks:

- use bear spray
- fight back with everything you have
- do not play dead unless you are sure a mother bear is attacking in defense of her cubs

For more information on what to do about encountering bears, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise>



Chix in the Stix Make Like a Tree

by Cindy Harasen

Well here we are, more than 6 months deep in all things Covid. Like you I'm still just taking it one day at a time, focusing on my humble little bubble of home, family and friends and trying to support those who need it the most. Sending big hugs to all the moms and dads (and KIDS) out there who are navigating a new kind of school year right now. We all just have to keep doing what we feel is best for our families in the midst of uncertainty and change. And to remember that nobody is alone in this. Keep muddling through and stay positive! The good news is that my eczema patch is gone. The bad news is I'm grinding my teeth at night and my asthma and anxiety are through the roof. But you know what is helping me right now? **IT'S FALL!!!!** Best. Season. Ever. This year even more so. We NEED this beauty in our lives right now. We NEED these trees. They are what is grounding me, guiding me and healing me right now. When I look into those luscious splashes of burgundy surrounded by deep shades of green I have no choice but to surrender and fall in love. Neon rusts and yellows that are downright translucent in the sunlight. Only Mother Nature can pull off a wardrobe of pink and orange. Now you should know that trees are kind of my thing. Years ago, after spending a good chunk of my adult life in the big concrete jungle, I landed in the Slate River Valley. One day I realized that I had trees THAT WERE MINE, and I could hardly process it. Now that I have an actual forest to wander around in, I am beyond content. And I think trees can help get us through this. We have a great deal in common with trees. Like us they are very social. Like us, they thrive in community with others. Makes me think about how difficult this physical distancing is to so many and how there is an increase now in

mental health issues and suicides. Take away our connections to one another and something's gonna give. It's heartbreaking really. So I go to the trees. A solo tree is vulnerable, at the mercy of the elements. An individual tree NEEDS a forest where they can share food, where they can shelter one another, and nourish even their competitors. In the forest each tree plays a role in protecting those around them. Trees that are sick or suffering are supported and nourished by those around them for as long as is necessary. Every tree is valuable to the entire community of trees - as everyone should be in our community. In the forest the average tree grows its branches out only until it encounters the branch tips of a neighbouring tree of the same height. It will reinforce the branches it has extended but it won't grow overly thick or do anything to take way from the other tree. Trees align in partnerships that will help sustain each of them in good health for many years to come. Yup, trees. They be super smart! We should strive to emulate trees today and in the weeks and months ahead. And you know what else trees are good for? Trees are good for HUGGING. Yup, you need to be a TREE HUGGER! Especially all you folks who are having 'hugging withdrawal' right now. Trust me. Find yourself a nice big strong tree. One you can barely wrap your arms around. Lean in. Let it hold your weight. Rest your cheek against the rough bark. Breathe. Listen. I swear you can hear a heartbeat. And you don't need a mask. And I'm pretty sure trees can't get Covid. During these changing times, changing seasons, shed what is unimportant, embrace what is truly essential, and hold each other up. Get out amongst the trees and find some tranquility and healing. Lean in. With thanks.

NEW!!

NEW AT THE LANDFILLS: Beginning July 4, 2020, battery recycling is being offered at both landfill sites. Bring in your household batteries for proper disposal. Accepted batteries include AA, AAA, C, D, 6 & 9-volt, watch & cellphone batteries.

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- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking, or carry around a wooden spoon as a reminder.
- If you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy, don't cook. Place a delivery order!

KEEP cooking areas clear


Clear away clutter and give cooking appliances space to lessen the chance of a kitchen fire.

- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, towels, curtains—away from the stovetop.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Keep pets off cooking surfaces and near by countertops.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and the stovetop.

PREVENT scalds and burns 

Hot liquids and steam from the stove or oven can cause devastating injuries.

- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges.
- Keep your face away from the oven door when checking or removing food so that the heat or steam does not cause burns.
- Open microwaved food slowly, away from your face. Let food cool before eating.
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Grub Tub Snack Program, Fall 2019 Winner

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Submissions Open: September 21 to October 23
Public Voting: November 9 to November 20
Winners Announced: November 30

To learn more and apply, visit tbaytelgood.net



Submissions close September 21, 2020 at 4:00 EST. Public voting closes November 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm EST.

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Neebing Emergency Services

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing



Oooooooooooooooooo.....

It's October 2020 Already!

In Neebing, we tend to experience some rather rapid weather changes during the month October. 'True to form', our weather has certainly resulted in seasonal transformations, including the 'unmasking' of beautiful Fall foliage around our community. Indoors, kitchens are busy processing the summer garden food bounty - canning, freezing, and preserving products in anticipation of their enjoyment and sustenance through the coming winter season. Outdoors, buzzing chainsaws signal the cutting and splitting of firewood for the provision of warmth and comfort through the cold days ahead. Summer crops are being harvested, and the summer green fields of corn - still standing - have turned to fields of brown. Jack Frost has been busy too - painting the hillsides in reds and yellows, and smoke is often seen rising from chimneys on cooler mornings.

October is acknowledged as a Fire Safety Month by the entire Fire Service. Each year, during the week around October 9th - in 2020 it is slated for October 4th-10th - the seven (7) day period is celebrated globally as Fire Prevention Week (FPW). During this week, and throughout the following year, the fire service as an entity focuses special attention on a specifically chosen and widely promoted **critical fire safety issue**. The theme for **Fire Prevention Week 2020** is:

"Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen"



While the kitchen is commonly thought of as a room of comfort - for 'consumption and conversation' - it has been shown that statistically (across North America), it is the most likely place in your home for an unintended fire to start. Of note is the fact that **cooking IS THE #1 cause of all house fires**.

NES would like to take this opportunity to remind Neebing residents of the following fire safety tips which should be followed while working in your kitchen:

- **Cooking is the #1 cause of fires** and burn injuries in the home. Being mindful of this fact while cooking, will help to keep you safety-conscious.
- **Focus on the Food** you are cooking. Though it seems like it will only take a few seconds to check something in another room, it can really turn out to take much longer, and untended cooking is a major cause of cooking fires.
- **Cook Clutter-Free.** You should maintain a clutter-free zone around your stove and counter while you are cooking to avoid unintended fires. Dish towels and loose sleeves on your clothing can easily catch fire and cause damage and possible injury.
- A **"Kid-Free Zone"** should be created in the area around your cooking appliances. Not only does this help to prevent accidental burns, but it keeps little hands from turning up the heat, or pulling on pot handles or reachable hanging electrical cords. A line marked by coloured masking tape line can provide an easy visual zone-boundary without damaging flooring or becoming a trip hazard itself.
- **Use a Timer** as an **audio signal** to remind you that your cooking pot(s) needs to be checked. While you cook, you can use your smartphone as the alarm, even while you are using it for other activities.
- **"Put a Lid On It"** Unfortunately, the automatic response of many cooks when a pot catches fire, is to try to remove the burning pot from the kitchen, and get it outside. The quickest and safest way to stop a fire in most pots or pans is to **smother the flame** by placing a suitable lid on top of the burning pot. Just remember to let the pot cool before you remove the lid. If it is opened too soon, the fire may restart.

In the past, NES has celebrated the start of Fire Prevention Week in Neebing by; holding an **Open House "Meet and Greet"** at Fire Hall #1 at the corner of Highways 61 & 608, showing-off fire trucks, providing 'FPW' mes-

saging emblazoned giveaways to help remind everyone of the key fire safety message of the year, and holding a draw at the end of the evening for items useful for ensuring the winner's home fire safety. 2020 has proved to be a different year all around, and the enjoyment of meeting residents face to face to talk about fire safety, and to answer any ques-

tions directly, will have to wait for another time. The web links below provide additional information on this year's fire safety messaging, as well as things to do with your family for Fire Prevention Week 2020:

- The Sparky.org site at: http://sparky.org/?_ga=2.63185647.1529644060.1600252113-1391820050.1600252113 provides a multitude of games, videos and apps for young kids and is accessible anytime from the Neebing municipal website, www.neebing.org.ca.
- The 'youtube' link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=46&v=khyHziYGFZg&feature=emb_log provides a 'how to video' geared to involving your children in developing a fire escape plan for your home.

For a broader selection of material on Fire Prevention Week and Fire Safety activities you may also refer to the following National Fire Prevention Association website at ; <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week>.

Although NES members are beginning to get together to do more active training, and are anxiously awaiting the completion of Neebing's new fire pumper truck, COVID restrictions continue to disrupt normal business and activities in the community. October usually also includes an invitation for Neebing children to visit Fire Hall #1 on Halloween, to show off their costumes, to meet the fire hall ghouls and goblins and to pick up some treats, some fire safety information and to enter the draw for fire safety prizes. Sadly there will be no Halloween event held at Hall 1 this year. We are looking forward to its return when the COVID threat recedes - hopefully in 2021. In place of the fire safety draw, any family who sends in pictures of their children dressed up for Halloween in costumes they would have worn to Trick or Treat at Hall 1 on Halloween, with their name, address and phone number to neebing@neebing.org by November 15, 2020, will have their name put into a draw for several fire safety prizes, including smoke and CO alarms and fire safety messaged giveaways. Any family who completes a **fire escape plan** and submits a picture of the final product will be placed into a draw for a Bonus prize.

I leave the last word on fire safety this month to the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, who's public safety site at <https://www.oafc.on.ca/public-safety>, provides a very clear and simple fire safety message for all seasons:

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Hymers Fair News

by Shannon Dodd-Smith

I finally read the news, which I have been avoiding for mental health reasons; and POW! There it was. "Futurecestors..." FINALLY! Someone is thinking long-term...I mean REALLY long-term. The article says, (paraphrased) in order to save humanity we need to (among other juicy things) "expand our sense of community to include future generations." Become good ancestors. Oh, I love this.

So, let's reflect...who reaches out?...contributes?...goes out on a limb?...participates?...is tolerant and accepting....?

Those are the people who will save us.

And I am humbled by the

Hymers Fair Board members who do exactly those things through the most challenging of times.

Folks, the in-person Fair may have been cancelled; but volunteers AND participants **kept the Fair alive virtually** with truly wonderful exhibits, an amazing market place and inspiring musical performances - which can still be viewed at www.hymersfair.com; and pictures on instagram: #hymersfallfair, #virtualfair, and #fairsareresilient.

Thank you to every crafter, creator, grower, musician, and of course, volunteer!

But that's not all: the **50/50 draw closes October 10**. For tickets go to any of the locations listed at www.hymersfair.com or email info@hymersfair.com.

Fairs, like all of us, have to keep paying the bills (and cutting the grass, etc.). So every ticket sold truly helps!

LATE BREAKING NEWS:

Watch for a **Holiday On-line Market Place** due to the success of the Hymers Fair Weekend!

Thank you so much everyone for keeping the Hymers Fair and "Community" alive!

Together, we are making good ancestors!

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

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The Application (B02-2020) is brought by Steve Sawchuk, the property owner. The land parcel which is the subject matter of the application has municipal address 482 Union School Road South. The legal description of the land is: South Part Lot 10, Concession 4, Less 55R11901 Parts 1 and 2, within geographic Pearson Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay. This is referred to as the "Subject Property".

The proposed severance would result in two new lots (1.3 hectares and 2 hectares), and the retained lot (53 hectares). A sketch showing the lot configuration is included with the application, a copy of which is available on the Neebing website (www.neebing.org) or by contacting the Municipal Office. The retained lot will have frontage of approximately 750 meters on Wamsley Road. One of the severed lots will have frontage of approximately 91 meters on Union School Road South. The other severed lot will have frontage of approximately 91 meters on Mannisto Road. The two severed lots will be rectangular in shape. One lot with a depth (from Union School Road S) of approximately 145 meters, and an area of approximately 1.3 hectares. The other lot will have depth (from Mannisto Road) of approximately 221 meters, and an area of approximately 2 hectares. The retained lot will be irregular in shape, with depth of approximately 750 meters from Wamsley Road, and an area of approximately 53 hectares in area. All measurements are "approximate", and will be finalized when the required survey has been completed.

ANY PERSON may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal presentations either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed severance.

How to provide input: Although in-person meetings have been cancelled, there are several ways in which the general public can provide input on the application, such as:

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The Application (B03-2020) is brought by Laura Plexman, the property owner. The land parcel which is the subject matter of the application has municipal address 276 Cloud River Road East. The legal description of the land is: North Part Lot 1, Concession 4, within geographic Crooks Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay. This is referred to as the "Subject Property".

The proposed severance would result in one new lot (16 hectares), and the retained lot (48 hectares). A sketch showing the lot configuration is included with the application, a copy of which is available on the Neebing website (www.neebing.org) or by contacting the Municipal Office. The retained lot will have frontage of approximately 604 meters on Cloud River Road East. The severed lot will have frontage of approximately 201 meters on Cloud River Road East. The severed lot will be rectangular in shape with a depth (from Cloud River Road East) of approximately 805 meters, and an area of approximately 16 hectares. The retained lot will be rectangular in shape, with depth of approximately 805 meters from Cloud River Road East, and an area of approximately 48 hectares in area. All measurements are "approximate", and will be finalized when the required survey has been completed.

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The Application (B04-2020) is brought by Steve Sawchuk, the property owner. The land parcel which is the subject matter of the application has municipal address 140 Union School Road South. The legal description of the land is: South Part Lot 12, Concession 1, Parcel 5566, within geographic Pearson Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay. This is referred to as the "Subject Property".

The proposed severance would result in two new lots (2 hectares each), and the retained lot (62 hectares). A sketch showing the lot configuration is included with the application, a copy of which is available on the Neebing website (www.neebing.org) or by contacting the Municipal Office. The retained lot will have frontage of approximately 800 meters on Union School Road South. Both severed lots will have frontage of approximately 91 meters on Pearson Road. The two severed lots will be rectangular in shape with a depth (from Pearson Road) of approximately 221 meters, and an area of approximately 2 hectares. The retained lot will be irregular in shape, with depth of approximately 800 meters from Pearson Road, and an area of approximately 62 hectares in area. All measurements are "approximate", and will be finalized when the required survey has been completed.

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The Rural Pharmacist: Updates from the 2020-21 Flu Season

by Devon Myers,
Pharmacist/Owner Kakabeka & Rosslyn IDA Pharmacies

As we begin to roll into flu season one thing has become apparent to me : much like the rest of 2020, the policies outlining the influenza immunization program continue to develop and change. There are small tweaks, but tweaks nonetheless. There have been a lot of people asking about the availability of the flu vaccine this year; we started receiving inquiries at the beginning of August. But that is with good reason. This year has already been tough enough on everyone. With a vaccine available to help stop the spread of a preventable infection, many people are taking action to protect themselves and those around them. So, what are some of the changes?

The first change is in regards to the "high-dose" influenza vaccine for seniors. This vaccine has been available in Ontario for a few years now. However, it was previously only available from your physician or nurse practitioner. This season the high-dose flu vaccine will become available in community pharmacies. Did you know that this vaccine is not recommended for all individuals? The Ministry of Health has outlined who is eligible to receive this vaccine. Individuals who are over the age of 65 and who are considered high risk for complications of the flu are candidates. At the time of writing this article the Ministry was still determining how many doses of this high-dose vaccine to make available. With that in mind, it's never a bad idea to call ahead and check if we have one available for you!

The second change to this year's program will be the increased availability of the community pharmacist. In years past the pharmacy-led administration of flu vaccines was essentially restricted to within the walls of a pharmacy. However, offsite administrations have been approved for

this year. Henry has already reached out to the folks at the Kakabeka Legion. We are working with the Legion to organize a flu shot date in October to allow more people access to the vaccine and to help promote social distancing. Things can get a bit cozy in the pharmacy if multiple groups show up at the same time! We are also hoping to have a location and date set up in Rosslyn soon.

Unfortunately, the third change did NOT happen. Pharmacists in Ontario are still not able to administer vaccines to individuals under the age of 5. Over the past few years this has become only a topic for discussion. It would appear that 2020 will be no different. For those interested in having their children who are under 5 receive a flu vaccine a trip to your family doctor or nurse practitioner will be required. If I were to go out on a limb I would predict this change to come in anticipation of the 2021-22 flu season.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the flu season and /or how to have your vaccine administered please feel free to reach out. Community pharmacies are anticipating the first shipments of the vaccine in mid to late October, possibly earlier. It can be appreciated that this flu season has the potential to become very busy. However, our pharmacists and our staff are ready to help. One thing to note is that we're going to get pretty close in proximity to one another during your visit! For that reason, we ask that everyone continue to follow standard safety protocols. That includes washing your hands and wearing a face mask. To track the development of our flu vaccine status please follow our Facebook page and keep an eye out for our highway signage which will indicate when vaccines become available!



Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

submitted by LRCA Staff

After many months of below average precipitation, July and August received near normal precipitation, which has resulted in the LRCA undeclaring the Low Water Condition; however, groundwater levels in some area private wells remain well below normal for this time of year. Lake Superior levels continue to remain well above average, with the beginning of September level 26 centimetres above the long-term average, 4 centimetres lower than the same time last year and only 6 centimetres below the record-high level of 1950. It is expected that the lake will remain above average for a prolonged period of time; however, will begin the annual seasonal decline into the fall and winter.

Attention teachers: we want to remind you that the LRCA is still able to provide modified outdoor education programs. Please feel free to reach out to us and we will strive to create a custom program that fulfills your classroom's learning requirements while adhering to your school's COVID-19 safety protocols, either in a Conservation Area if pos-

sible, or at an outdoor program on your school grounds. Please contact Rena Viehbeck, Education Coordinator, at (807) 344-5857 ext. 233 for more information.

The weather is starting to cool off and the colours are starting to change, which makes Autumn a particularly excellent time of year to visit a Conservation Area. If you do plan on visiting a Conservation Area this fall, please remember to physically distance while on the trails, and be sure to stay up to date with the current local Health Unit recommendations on gathering sizes.

While visiting, all pets must be on-leash at all times and picked up after, please remove all of your own garbage as our garbage removal process is currently overwhelmed and remember that campfires and overnight camping are prohibited. Don't forget your \$2.00 parking fee; it is most appreciated now more than ever, and coin box and Explore Card Parking Pass revenue goes directly to Conservation Area maintenance and upkeep.

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Battle of the Books

Choose your favourite book and help it battle its way to the top
 The Battle of the Books champion for summer 2020 is...

DOG MAN
 For Whom the Ball Rolls
 Dav Pilkey
 Thank you for voting!

If you read and enjoyed Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls, the next in this series is now available to borrow at Murillo and Rosslyn Library!

DOG MAN
 GRIME AND PUNISHMENT
 Dav Pilkey
 CREATOR OF CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

The Good Food Box Program will resume in October 2020with a few changes:

- Only 1 size of Good Food Box is available
- The cost of this box will be \$22 each
- Each box will come packed in a 12 x 12 x 12 cardboard box
- Boxes will continue to contain 7 - 10 fresh items, mostly in the full portion sizes as bagged by the supplier to reduce direct contact with the produce
- Boxes will continue to feature a monthly veggie (or fruit) and will still contain a newsletter, with recipes and relevant information regarding COVID-19 and income support etc.



Orders with payment will bill taken at Rosslyn Library (cash only) with a deadline of 5:00 on the first Tuesday of the month (October 6th, November 3th and December 1st)

Delivery will take place the second week of the month (Wednesday Oct. 14th, Thursday November 12th - to accommodate Remembrance Day and Wednesday December 9th)

For more information call or email Rosslyn Library, 939-2312 oplibrary@tbaytel.net



GILLIES COMMUNITY CENTRE
NEWS & EVENTS

We are now open for private rentals within legislated restrictions.
 Please call 475-8834 for more information
 *all renters must adhere to strict and up to date provincial restrictions and guidelines in this matter. We have adopted a mandatory cleaning fee to ensure the safety of our patrons.
 There is a minimum 72hr window between ALL rentals.

BOOK SWAP
 Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18 11-5pm
 All attendees MUST adhere to the following protocols:
 -wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth.
 -sanitize your hands upon entry, sanitizer is provided.
 -sign in, providing your full name, address, phone # and date and time of entry.
 -maximum of 10 ppl allowed in the facility at one time.
 -any donated books MUST be placed in a sealed plastic bag where they will remain for 72hrs before handling. We will NOT be accepting books in any other way.

FREE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR NEEBING RESIDENTS

Got an event happening? Want to wish someone a happy birthday or anniversary? Having a yard sale? 50 words or less. Events must be taking place in Neebing. No commercial submissions please. Send Info to designhouse@tbaytel.net or call 628-7271

Adventure Awaits you on the Path of the Paddle in Neebing

by Clara Butikofer, www.pathofthepaddleassociation.com

The 27,000 km of Canada's Great Trail (Trans Canada Trail) is maintained by its citizens including trail groups, communities and Associations. In Northwestern Ontario, the stewards of the 1100 km section that runs from Fort William Historical Park to the Whiteshell in Manitoba is an organization called Path of the Paddle Association (POPA). POPA, incorporated in 2013, has 4 Regional Trail Committees (RTCs) that maintain sections of the trail and a Board of Directors which has representation from all the RTCs. The Thunder Bay's RTC should be renamed Neebing RTC as it has always been made up of Neebing residents. Ed Shields was the original

Chair of the Non-Profit Board and now continues as the chair of the "Neebing" RTC. Clara Butikofer and Gary Davies are currently Chair and Vice Chair of the Board with Gary volunteering his carpentry, project organization and Natural Resources background to the team while Clara brings her administration and event planning knowledge to the table. Pam Cain, Bruce Holmes and Erwin Butikofer, all have played their part and support the organization when needed. A large portion of the Animikii Water Trail section, which begins at Fort William Historical Park and ends at Pigeon River Provincial Park is in Neebing boundaries. Neebing's

Lake Superior boat launches are entry points. As Trans Canada Trail's goal is to be a connection across Canada, the trail also incorporates hiking and cycling to connect waterways. Pigeon River Prov Park includes a hiking trail that concludes at Middle Falls and from there it becomes a cycling route to an entry point on Old Border Rd where the Pigeon River Hiking Trail begins and ends on Arrow Lake Road. From Arrow Lake Road the trail is designated for cycling and follows Arrow Lake Rd to North Fowl Lake Rd and ends at North Fowl Lake where the Omimi Water Trail begins. The Omimi water trail extends through LaVerendrye Park and the lakes and rivers adjacent to Minnesota's Boundary Waters to the Cache Bay Entry of Quetico Provincial Park. Entry points are also at Arrow Lake and Northern Light Lake. To plan a trip for any length of time requires a navigation tool. POPA partnered with funder Destination Northern Ontario to develop an overview map for trip planning. The

map, which was launched recently, is available for \$12.95 on the POPA website and in Thunder Bay at Wilderness Supply or Chaltrek Work & Play Outdoors. With funding from Trans Canada Trail, the local RTC was able to add several improvements. Each campsite on Lake Superior now boasts a "Thunder Box", a bench is installed at the lookout on the Middle Falls Trail and you will note bluebird and duck boxes with POPA signage when you are at boat launches or in natural habitat areas. Volunteers groom trails and ensure signage is visible. It is a never-ending project and sometimes disappointing when souvenir hunters remove signs. This trail belongs to all Canadian citizens and each of us can do our part to ensure it is available for future generations. Follow Path of the Paddle on social media and hashtag yourself #pathofthepaddleassociation as you "Choose your Adventure" in Neebing on the trails described. If you wish to volunteer or be a supporter contact info@pathofthepaddleassociation.com



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