



The Neebing News

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Municipality of Neebing

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August 2021

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TBDHU Drop-in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Rural Communities

TBDHU is holding a drop-in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for rural communities! The clinic will be open to anyone age 12 and over who need a first or second dose. Both Pfizer and Moderna will be available.

Wednesday August 18, 2021
Comnee Community Centre (19 Holland Rd W.)
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

No appointment required! Simply show up wearing a short-sleeved shirt and bring your health card if available.

Please note: vaccinations are also available at the Kakabeka Falls and Rosslyn pharmacies, as well as walk-ins at the CLE Coliseum in Thunder Bay.

For more information:
 Visit TBDHU.com/CovidClinics or call
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Gillies Community Centre 1835 HWY 595

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Hymers Fall Fair

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Come join us on Monday, September 6th

For that good ole' fashioned deep pit barbecued dinner. Grown, Raised and Sold by Local Farmers and Businesses and Prepared by our Amazing Hymers' Volunteers!!

Choose from 2 of our main course options:

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| Roast Beef Au Jus | Roast Ham |
| And Baked Potato (fixings on the side) | And Perogies with Onions (sour cream on the side) |

Each Takeout meal served with:

- Sauteed Beans and Carrots
- Creamy Coleslaw
- Biscuit
- Apple-Rhubarb Crisp

To reserve your takeout meal, email us by August 30th at exhibits@hymersfair.com. Limited quantities.

Meals are \$25 per plate.

Supporting Local Farms and Businesses

- Misty Creek Homestead
- Belluz Farms
- Superior Seasons
- The Bakeshop on Boundary
- Sandy Acres Farm Inc.
- The Squash Queen
- Perogies by Maybellina
- Sleeping Giant Dairy

Kakabeka Legion We are starting to be back to normal!

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| Friday Aug 6 | Dance with Quest 7-10 |
| Sunday Aug 8 | Horse Gymkhana 10-end |
| Saturday Aug 14 | Annual 8 km race |
| Sunday Aug 15 | Annual Half Marathon |
| | - see page 9 for pix and info! |
| Saturday Aug 28 | Dance with Quest 7-10 |

Sundays there is music by Quest 1:30-4:30 weather permitting (Bring your own chair)



To report a forest fire call [310-FIRE \(3473\)](tel:310-FIRE)

South of the French and Mattawa rivers please call 911.



Neebing's Blake Hall Reopens for Rental


Beginning August 1, 2021, Blake Hall is available for rent by the hour, day or weekend. Book your next event with us!

Blake Hall has a fully equipped kitchen for self-catered events and comfortable chairs and tables for your guests. We are also fully accessible with a ramp entrance and accessible washroom.

Meeting space during Step 3 of Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen is limited to 50% capacity with patrons required to maintain a 2m physical distance.

Contact the Municipal Office at 474-5331 to reserve your date and to learn more about COVID-19 restrictions and mandatory requirements in place for Blake Hall renters.

Rental	Parties, luncheons, car rallies, training sessions (some exemptions apply)	\$20.00 / hour
	Weddings (3 full consecutive days rental)	\$400.00
	Insurance fee for events involving liquor	\$125.00
	Refundable damage deposit (due on all rentals)	\$300.00
Exemptions	Funeral luncheons	no charge
	Rental by non-profit groups (defined)	no charge



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What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the July edition, there has been one regular Council meetings on July 7. A Special Council meeting was also held on July 13. At the regular Council meeting on July 7, the following matters were considered:

- Council heard deputations regarding parking at West Oliver Lake.
- Council awarded the tender for gravel hauling on Oliver Creek Road, McCluskey Drive and Candy Mountain Drive.
- Council adopted the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.
- Council supported a proposal for a new OPP Police Services Board structure.

At the Special Council meeting on July 13, Council awarded the contract for engineering services to replace bridges on Farm Road over Slate River and Pardee Road over Friendly Creek.

This article contains only highlights from Council meetings – visit the website to see the approved minutes from each

of the meetings. The minutes of each meeting are approved at the following meeting, and are posted on the website once they have been approved and signed. If you don't have internet capabilities, you can always contact the office for copies of approved minutes.

Meeting agendas are always posted online on the Friday prior to the Wednesday meeting. Come out and see what your Council is doing on your behalf. Feel free to contact the Municipal Office for further information or with input into any of the items that Council is considering. During the pandemic, all meetings are being held virtually. The links to login to the meetings are posted on our website in the calendar details.



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Step Three: Road to Reopen

Public Health Guidelines:

Face coverings in indoor public settings and physical distancing requirements remain in place throughout Step Three.

Everyone must maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from others (except for other members of their household or their caregivers):

- in indoor area of business or facility that is open to the public
- at an indoor organized public event

Everyone must wear a mask or face covering that covers their mouth, nose and chin (with limited exceptions):

- in an indoor area of a business or organization that is open
- at an indoor organized public event and within two metres of another individual

Meeting or event spaces, conference centres, convention centres

Restrictions:

- indoor capacity for the facility limited to permit two metres physical distancing up to 50% or 1,000 people, whichever is less, including:
 - o maximum of 50% capacity for each rentable room
 - o rooms must be separated by a partition with a hard, non-porous surface that can be routinely cleaned and disinfected
- outdoor capacity for the facility limited to 75% or 5,000 people, whichever is less
- maximum capacity must be posted
- the person responsible for the business must record the name

and contact information of every member of the public who attends a meeting or event and must actively screen individuals. The COVID-19 customer screening tool may be used to meet this requirement

- rented space must be configured so patrons at different tables are 2 metres apart or separated by a barrier
 - if covered (i.e., roof, tent, canopy, etc.), an outdoor dining area must have at least two full sides of the dining area or one full side and the roof open and unobstructed
 - certain requirements, including capacity limits, do not apply if rented for:
 - o day camps and overnight camps
 - o child care
 - o social services
 - o court services
 - o government operations
 - o certain professional sports leagues or associations or for certain international sport events (for example, by organizations funded by Sport Canada or recognized by the Canadian Olympic Committee or the Canadian Paralympic Committee)
 - additional restrictions apply if rented space is used for events that permit patron dancing:
 - o the provisions related to food or drink establishments with dance facilities outlined in the regulation (for example, 25% capacity or 250 persons whichever is less) would apply where food or drink is sold or served while dance facilities are provided
- For weddings, funerals and other religious services, rites or ceremonies:**
- all people attending the gathering must comply with public health guidance on physical distancing
 - people must wear masks or face coverings when
 - o they are in an indoor area at a business or facility that is open to the public, with limited exceptions



o they are within 2 metres of another person who is not part of their household, with limited exceptions

- indoor and outdoor capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres

Receptions are permitted indoors up to 25 people unless held at a meeting or event space, or a restaurant or other food or drink establishment.

Outdoor receptions permitted up to 100 people unless held at a meeting or event space or a restaurant or other food or drink establishment.

Events and gatherings

- Indoor organized public events and social gatherings are permitted up to 25 people.
- Outdoor organized public events and social gatherings are permitted up to 100 people with limited exceptions.

For more information on Step 3 guidelines and restrictions visit the Government of Ontario website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/re-opening-ontario>

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The package includes the loom, a bench, 1 warp crank handle, 1-10 dent reed and 1 shuttle. The price is \$650.00. Can be seen on Rural 60 Plus web page at www.rural60plus.ca

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Keep updated and connected to us on Facebook or call 935-3009 or Email ruralfrc@tbaytel.net

Use physical distancing and hand washing to stay safe.

Play, sing, laugh and we will see you soon!

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

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Next Food Bank
Wednesday, August 18
Registration:
9 am to 11 am

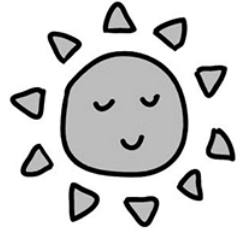


Slate River Baptist Church

80 McCluskey Dr. 475-5140

OUTDOOR FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE
NEW TIME - Sunday's at 10 am
(weather permitting)

Social distancing is required.
Changes or cancelations will be posted on our Facebook page.



A Sunday Sermon Message will continue to be posted on-line each week at 11.

The Junction

in Rosslyn

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NEW MOMS - We can help with diapers, wipes etc.

Oliver Paipoonge Library Curbside Pickup Days

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phone, email or visit our webpage to place holds for pickup.

Curbside Crafts are available for pick up every week during curbside service hours! Stop by the library of your choice and pick up these free children's activity kits. We will have a different kit each week and feel free to ask about any kits available from previous weeks.

Coming in August:

- rock painting kits
- lightning bug kits
- Scratch art dinosaurs
- Solar oven kits
- Popsicle stick dragonfly kits



This summer at the library....

TD Summer Reading kits will be available beginning July 6th for pick up while supplies last. 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 6-colour 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 certificate.

Each week starting July 6th Curbside Crafts will also be available for pickup on a first come, first serve basis, one kit per child each week. Watch our Facebook page for weekly updates on What Curbside Craft will be offered.

As Covid restrictions recede, we are hoping to set up an outdoor Storywalk at the libraries this summer. Visit during library Curbside hours and read your way through the grounds. This Project is sponsored by TD Canada. Updates will follow on our Facebook page!



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 but you must have a smartphone equipped to receive text messages to use 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.

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- ✓ Road Building

Let's Connect through The Neebing News!
Have a Neat Tip to stay busy during this time?
How about some pictures of kids having fun?
Send them to the Neebing News so we can share our stories

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Connecting with Kids in the Kids Corner!

This wonderful poem was written by Hazel Fodchuk, 9, when she was at camp at Oliver Lake.

Roses and Violets

Roses and Violets
Violets are blue
Summer is fun
And I miss you

Let's get together
and swim at the lake
Then have a turkey dinner
Watch a movie and bake

Wrapped up cozy in our Pj's
Eating popcorn with butter
Enjoying our time together
Makes my tummy flutter



Hymers Fair News



by Shannon Dodd-Smith

Ah sweet freedom! Restrictions are lifting as the pandemic risks diminish. Here's hoping for safe and happy reunions everywhere!

The Hymers Fair grounds will not be the location for reunions this year; but we are forging ahead with a series of fun Contests, a 50/50 Draw, Thunder Bay Country Market Merchandise Sale, and a Rural & Ag Road Rally, to keep the spirit alive!

Contest info was published last month, but will also be available on-line. Entry deadline is August 23, midnight. **These are for fun, but we may surprise some of you! Wink wink! ALL entries will be featured on Facebook and Instagram.**

The Rural & Ag Road Rally Registration deadline is also August 23, midnight. **This is going to be FUN!** Go to Facebook for the Registration Form and all the juicy info! **Over \$500 in PRIZES!**

We partnered with talented local artisans and merchants such as Rohnda's Knitting Room to bring extra special

Hymers Fair "Merch" to you and your loved ones! **The Thunder Bay Country Market Table will happen July 24 - August 21 while supplies last!**

50/50 Draw Tickets are available now! Who doesn't love a 50/50? You can find tickets at: Thunder Bay Co-op, Green Acres Variety, Hoppers Store, Kakabeka Esso, Kakabeka Petro Can, South Neebing Variety, Thunder Bay Feeds, Belluz Farms, O'Connor Township Office, Gillies Township Office. **The Draw will be held Monday, September 6 at the Fairgrounds.**

Detailed info will be posted on-line by August 3, 2021 for ALL EVENTS. "On-line" means Facebook (which streams to the website) and Instagram. You can also email info@hymersfair.com or call Deb at 475-8586.

Thank you for joining the fun and for supporting the Fair.

NEEBING LANDFILL NEWS



Summer Landfill Hours

Saturdays: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sundays: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Wednesdays: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Garbage Bag Tags

Regular household garbage requires a Municipal Garbage Bag Tag. Pick up your tags at the landfill sites directly during regular hours of operation. You must present photo ID to the attendant in order to receive your tags.



Back to Bags for Plastics & Cans

Please BAG your plastics and cans. Clear and blue bags are recommended. Bags help to keep the mountain of recycling much more manageable. Cardboard does not have to be bagged, only flattened.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER

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Neebing Emergency Services

by Dale Ashbee,
Fire Chief, Neebing



It's August...and soon comes the end of Neebing's
"Dog Days of Summer"

Looking at the calendar, I see that we still have 3 more weeks of potentially hot, humid 'Dog days of Summer' weather to enjoy before things start to cool down, and August finally gives us a break from a July that has been "wonderfully punishing". Though heat-loving plants - like tomatoes, grapes and eggplants - have thrived in the high temperatures, the grass does not look 'happy'. Last week even the grass on the septic field had succumbed to the heat and synced with the rest of the lawn to provide a continuous carpet of brown around the house. It's hard to imagine that with a little rain and some cooler days, it will quickly return to its normal green, and be ready to cut again in no time.

Assuming that the forecasters are right and the dry hot weather of July continues, we can expect to experience several more weeks of brown grass, high **fire threats** and **smoke** in the air. The pervasive smoke in Neebing over the past few weeks has prompted a number of calls to the fire department from concerned residents. Though the old adage that '*where there is smoke, there is fire*' may normally be applicable, in a year like 2021 - when there are virtually hundreds of fires burning across the western half of the continent - generating a tremendous amount of suspended smoke- it is able to move around the country on prevailing wind systems in such volume as to be highly visible and odiferous far from the original fire location. Breathing this continual odour, can also make us 'nose blind' to the smell of smoke, and fail to register it as a **trigger** to suspect the threat of an actual close by **wildfire**.

Though you should never hesitate to **call 911** if you are concerned that there is a wildfire in your area, there are a couple of signs that can help you to visually filter seen 'background smoke' from that of a nearby wildfire:

- **Visible Smoke Column:** Commonly, in the case of a close-by fire, the smell of smoke will be accompanied by a visible column of smoke, or a glow or even flames in the sky. A call to 911 to report what you can see, and what direction it is from where you are viewing it, will help fire crew(s) to locate the fire site, and to then engage in suppression activities. You should also start thinking about what actions you might need to take, to protect yourself and others from the fire danger if it gets closer. It is wise to monitor local TV, radio, and social media for situation updates.

- **Suspended Smoke:** If the smoke appears to be suspended in the air and appears cloudy or foggy (with no obvious fire source) - as has been the case over much of the past week in Neebing - there is a good chance that the fire is some distance away, and that the smoke is moving into the area on wind currents. **Smoke forecast information** is readily available at: <https://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/current/> and can help provide a quick visual forecast of smoke movements, both across the country and locally. Though this information can be helpful, be careful not to become complacent about the possibility of an actual local fire start. Smoke from afar may make a new local fire-starts harder to detect, and it is important to remain on alert as **new fire starts** are an **ever-present possibility during high and extreme fire hazard conditions**.

- **Fire Map:** The MNR produces a **Forest Fire Information Map** that provides a plethora of useful information regarding current fires in the area and their status. It includes data on **Fire Danger Ratings** and identifies **Restricted Fire Zones**. This fire map, available at:

<https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/ForestFireInformationMap/index.html?viewer=FFIM.FFIM>, is a great resource for remaining informed about fire dangers in the area.

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As I write, Neebing remains in an area of **Extreme Danger** rating. This rating in itself is a warning to be **extra cautious and fire-conscious in all our outdoor activities**. There have been many instances in the past, whereby normal everyday activities (that are usually harmless in themselves) have, in periods of High Fire Danger, resulted in wildfire starts where dried fine fuels (such as grasses) were present. Seemingly safe sounding activities - such as **welding** something on a driveway, **cutting** grass, **turning an ATV around** on the side of the road, having a **bearing** on a **boat trailer axle fail** as you are driving, or inadvertently dropping an **ash** from a **cigarette** onto dried grass - have all resulted in unintended fire-starts that required a full fire response by NES fire fighters to manage and suppress.

While taking extra care with all of our outdoor activities right now is the best immediate strategy, there are steps that you can take can be take to better prepare yourself and your property for the possibility of a wildfire event:

Mitigating Actions: This column has for a number of years encouraged Neebing residents to become familiar with, and pursue the guidance of the **FireSmart** initiatives with regard to protecting your home and property from wildfire threat occurrences. Many of the recommendations are landscape-focused, and can be pursued by the homeowner on an ongoing basis, thereby continually reducing the ability of a wildfire to threaten, reach and damage the home. There is considerable **FireSmart** information available on line in Ontario. An excellent starting point may be found at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/firesmart>.

Evacuation Preparation: While Neebing residents may not be familiar with 'evacuation' situations, there are provisions and procedures for evacuations outlined in the **Neebing Emergency Plan** that provide guidance. The plan identifies: **preparations** residents can make ahead of time, **key items** that should be taken with you if you have to evacuate, how you will be informed regarding **when to evacuate**, and the site to head for when you do evacuate.

The **Neebing Emergency Plan** is viewable at: <https://www.neebing.org/en/living-here/resources/Documents/Fire-and-Emergency-Services/B--Emergency-Response-Plan-2021-FINAL.pdf>

As we all enjoy what remains of the 'dog days of summer', take a few moments to become familiar with the information on the sites as provided in this column and above all **Be Extra Careful** in your outside activities to not start a fire.



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Needing Fire/ Rescue Association NFRA News

Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris, President NFRA

When we ask, you certainly come through! The Bottle Drive NFRA held on June 26th in the parking lot of Fire Hall #1 was a great success! You gave us your returnable beer cans, wine bottles and liquor bottles. As they came in our members sorted, counted and bagged all of the loose cans and bottles, it then took 4 trucks and a trailer to move them all to Kris's big garage!

With some final numbers still coming in, you donated over \$1000 worth of returnables to NFRA! We Thank You!



NFRA sends our heartfelt thanks and recognizes our most recent generous donors: Robert Nunn, Bonnie Moore and Jay Eingold, Mark Shriff for his ongoing donation and two donors who wish to remain anonymous.

We truly appreciate your continued support for NFRA! Thank you.

Latest News: Thanks to **Chaschuk Enterprises** another firewood raffle is in the works. More details will be coming in the months ahead.

Be safe, be well and be kind. We are in this together.

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The Rural Pharmacist: Changes to Senior Co-Payment and Website Launch

by Devon Myers, Pharmacist/Owner of Evergreen Pharmacies

It's that time of the year again: Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) deductible season. Maybe this is your first year being eligible for coverage through the provincial drug insurance program. Maybe it's your 25th! Regardless, it's always worth a mention as August 1st seems to sneak up on all of us. Why don't we start off with a refresher of what the deductible represents? Subsequently, I'd like to touch upon a change that will take place starting August 2021. For our readers it may be worth following along as the updated program might save eligible households a few dollars.

The ODB program allows individuals 65 years of age and older to receive coverage for an array of medications in Ontario. However, to gain access to the program individuals must pay an annual deductible of \$100. Most people are familiar with the concept of a deductible. Imagine driving down Highway 11/17 and a transport throws a stone into your window. Crack! Hopefully that didn't hit home with anyone. It's not like it happened to me recently or anything. Anyway, in order for your windshield to be fixed you may have to pay a deductible before your insurance kicks in. That's essentially it. The same concept applies to the deductible paid through the ODB program. The good news is that once your deductible has been satisfied the regular co-pay, the amount paid per prescription, goes back to normal.

Some seniors get additional coverage through what is known as the Seniors Co-Payment Program (SCP). This program is intended to help reduce the cost of medications for individuals who have an annual income below a

certain threshold. In this program, recipients do not have to pay an annual \$100. They also have smaller co-payments with each prescription. It is the SCP that is undergoing modifications which could prove beneficial for our patients.

Starting August 2021, the income eligibility for the SCP is being updated from \$19,300 to \$22,200 (for single seniors) and \$32,300 to \$37,100 (for senior couples). The application process is pretty straight forward. An application form can be found on the Ontario Ministry of Health's website. Can't find it? We can help you out! Just ask for a copy at the pharmacy. Once you've completed the application the government will ask for certain documents in order to verify your income. That's it. If you think you may qualify it's definitely worth a few minutes to check out. If you don't qualify, recommend the program to a friend. Everyone can use a hand.

Lastly, we launched a new website for our patients to peruse! Our web address is evergreenrx.ca. Jump on and give it a view. There's a lot of information that we share on our website. We also catalogue our monthly articles which is helpful if you ever lose your print copy. Our functional website allows you to fill prescriptions, sign up for email newsletters and also transfer prescriptions. Still have neighbours that haven't utilized our local service? Direct them to our website and they can begin the pain free process from the comfort of their couch. If you're already signed up for our email newsletter, the link for the SCP application form can also be found there.



Exciting Announcement: Ontario Parks' Permits Now Available at Oliver Paipoonge Libraries!

Oliver Paipoonge Library is excited to bring you your next adventure! There are so many beautiful places in Ontario that you may have yet to explore. Luckily, you can now checkout free Ontario Parks day-use permits from both the Murillo and Rosslyn libraries! There are many parks with spectacular views and activities just a short drive away! This is a great opportunity for those in the community who enjoy getting outside and spending time with nature and their loved ones. These Ontario Parks permits provide complimentary day-use access for one vehicle and its occupants at more than 100 provincial parks where fees are normally applicable. If you are as excited as us about this new service offered at our library and can't wait to checkout your own permit, simply contact the Rosslyn or Murillo Library, and we will let you know if or when one is available. The permit will be yours for a week, giving you lots of time to explore many beautiful destinations! In addition, the first time you check out a permit, you will be given a coupon for \$5 off to purchase your own day-use permit at Ontario Parks! You can find a map of operating park locations near you at ontarioparks.com/park-locator. You can also use the Ontario Parks' website to explore the different activities and experiences each park has to offer. This opportunity will be available from January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021.

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On June 14, 2021, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks received a report of suspected Blue Green Algae at Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area. Further testing confirmed the presence of Blue Green Algae, resulting in the closure of the beach at Hazelwood Lake.

While the Blue Green Algae has now dissipated and the beach has since been re-opened after a two-week closure, we are asking visitors to Hazelwood Lake to remain vigilant. Blue Green Algae are microscopic, plant-like organisms that occur naturally in ponds, rivers, lakes, and streams. They are not normally visible in the water; however, populations can rapidly increase to form a large mass or scum, known as a bloom, during favourable conditions. Blooms typically occur in late summer or early fall, and thrive in shallow, slow moving and warm water. Blooms appear bluish green, like a green pea soup or a turquoise paint, and may even appear as solid looking clumps when very dense blooms are present. Some Blue Green Algae can produce toxins that pose a health risk to people and pets. If a bloom is suspected, avoid entering the water, drinking the water, and prevent pets and children from accessing the water.

If you spot a Blue Green Algae bloom, report it to the Spills Action Centre at 1 (800) 268-6060. Refer to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit for more information about the health risks posed by Blue Green Algae.

Registration is now open for the LRCA's Watershed Explorer and Junior Explorer programs. Space is extremely limited, pre-registration is required, and all COVID-19 regulations will be followed. Topics include Fish & Aquatics, Trees & Fall Colours and Nature Journaling. Pre-registration is also open for the LRCA's Fall Mushroom Hikes, Fall Photography Workshop, and Fall Waterfowl Viewing Day. Visit store.lakeheadca.com to pre-register. Remember, spots are filling up fast so act quickly!

We are in the height of busy season at our Conservation Areas, and we would like to remind all visitors of the \$5.00 per vehicle fee. Better yet, purchase an Explore Card Parking Pass for \$40.00 +HST and forgo the parking fee altogether! If you visit Conservation Areas more than eight times in a season, the pass pays for itself. Explore Cards (as well as on-line payment of parking fees) can be purchased at store.lakeheadca.com.



Although youth are less likely to get seriously ill from COVID-19, some youth DO get sick, require hospitalization and may suffer long-lasting effects. Getting vaccinated protects youth from getting really sick and it also can protect loved ones at greater risk. The more people who are vaccinated, including youth, the less COVID-19 will spread in our communities. Vaccination is key to ending this pandemic and getting closer to normal!

More information for parents about COVID-19 vaccines can be found here: <https://kidshealthfirst.ca/pages/parents-and-caregivers>



Vaccines have been around for a long time and a lot is known about their effects. Although COVID-19 vaccines are new, they are based on research, processes and approvals that have been used for many years. Vaccines also go through a rigorous approval process and will continue to be closely monitored into the future. Millions of doses have already been given to youth worldwide and are proven to work well and be very safe.

Dr. DeMille answers this question and more in her "Ask the MOH" for Youth Video: <https://youtu.be/ogOFVY8Aks>



It's totally normal to have questions about vaccines. Have conversations with your kids and seek out credible sources of information for answers. We also encourage you and your child to talk to a health care provider if you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines.

Here is a collection of Youth Vaccine Safety developed by the Ontario Ministry of Health: <https://files.ontario.ca/moh-youth-vaccines-qanda-en-2021-07-20.pdf>



Having more young people vaccinated helps us to protect our families and our entire community! This means that we can start going back to the things we love to do, like sports, hanging out with friends, and going to school. The faster we can get everyone vaccinated, the faster life will get back to normal.

Find out how to get a COVID-19 vaccine here: TBDHU.com/covidclinics



SLATE RIVER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MONTHLY RECIPES

This is the month for berries: strawberries, saskatoons, blueberries and raspberries..All are very high in vitamin C and antioxidants. Here is one of my favourite recipes that isn't all that well known - great for a simple but delicious salad dressing or to use as a base for a refreshing beverage.

RASPBERRY VINEGAR

10 cups of raspberries
2 cups of cider vinegar
White sugar
Put the berries into a large glass or ceramic bowl. Do not use metal.. Mash the berries using a wooden spoon. Cover the berries with the cider vinegar. Mix together. Let stand for 24 hours. Stir often. Then strain through two layers of cheesecloth. Measure the juice. Add an equal volume of sugar. Bring to a boil and then simmer for 20 minutes. Pour into hot sterile jars and seal. This makes two cups.
To use as a salad dressing combine a couple of tablespoons with your favourite oil and just mix and use. It really is delicious.
To use as the base to a beverage put an ounce or two of the raspberry vinegar into a glass, add cold water or soda and ice. This is a really refreshing drink. Submitted by *Dodie LeGassick*.

Our second August recipe comes from Mary Germaine, who was a longtime Slate River Women's Institute member. Just ask Maxine at one of our libraries for a book entitled "Lessons from Mary" to learn more about Mary and to find included in her book, some of her other favourite recipes. Here is her recipe for a very colourful jar of pickles.

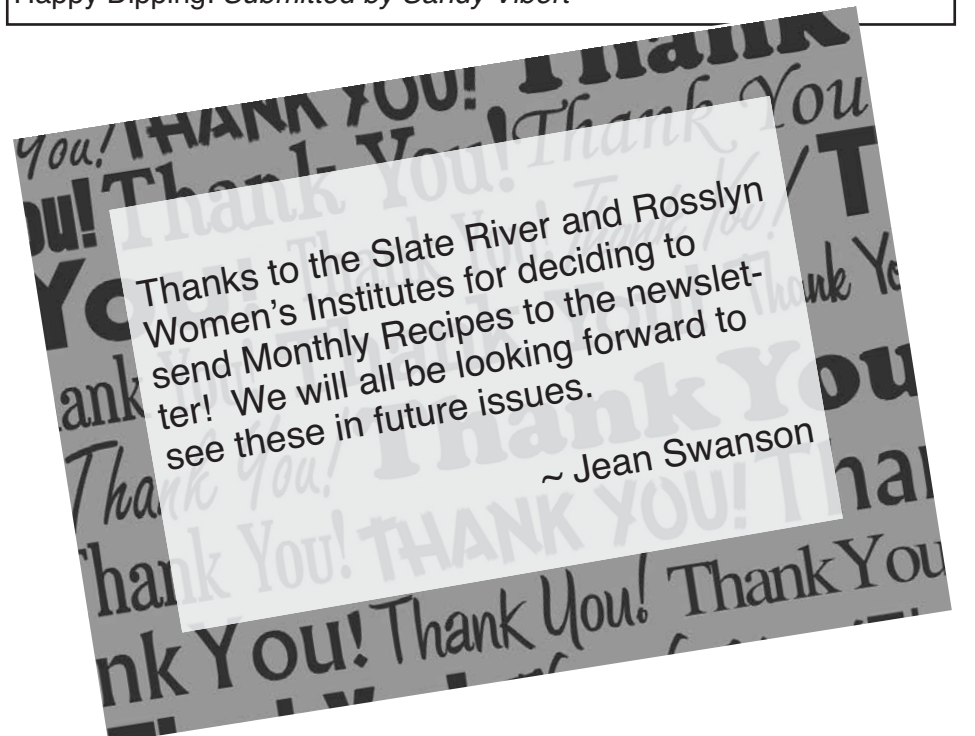
MARY'S CHUNKY PICKLES

6 quarts of cucumbers cut into chunks
1 quart of onions cut into chunks
1/2 cup of pickling salt
Red sweet peppers
Pour boiling water over the above.
Let stand three hours then drain.
In the meantime:
Boil together
1 quart of vinegar
6 cups of white sugar,
1 teaspoon of mustard seed,
1 teaspoon of celery seed
1 teaspoon of turmeric
Add the drained cucumber, onions and pepper mix.
Bring to a boil.
Bottle and seal.
Submitted by *Elsie Petryna*

ROSSLYN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE RECIPE

Make up this fun apple dip to take camping or just to serve to guests on your patio.
After mixed, the dip needs to be refrigerated.
When u serve dip take it our of fridge 1/2 hr before or microwave for a few seconds, give it a quick stir. Can be made the day before.
Cut red and green cored apples into eight wedges and place around the bowl of dip.
(No double dipping). Just before serving sprinkle with chopped salted peanuts if desired.

Apple Dip
8 oz (large pkg) plain cream cheese softened
Scant cup of brown sugar - not packed.
1 tsp. Vanilla
Chopped salted peanuts (if desired)
Mix cream cheese, brown sugar and vanilla with mixer until sugar is dissolved.
Spoon into a serving dish - top with peanuts if desired.
Happy Dipping! Submitted by *Sandy Vibert*



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Notice of a Public Meeting being held to consider
an Application for a proposed Severance

Please take notice that the Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing (sitting as Committee of the Whole) will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., at the Neebing Municipal office to consider an application to sever one land parcel into two under Section 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended. The Committee's recommendations to Council will be considered for ratification at the Regular Council Meeting on the same evening, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

The Application (B03-2021) is brought by Rudy Stajkowski, the property owner. This application is a re-submission of Application B03-2019 that was approved on September 4, 2019 but the timelines to complete the conditions have lapsed. The land parcel which is the subject matter of the application has municipal address 1697 Pardee Road. The legal description of the land is: Part of the Southeast Quarter Section of Lot 8, Concession 3, excluding Parts 1 through 4, inclusive, on Reference Plan of Survey 55R-13526, within geographic Pardee Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay.

The proposed severance would result in one new lot, and the retained lot. A sketch showing the lot configuration is included in the application, available either on Neebing's website (www.neebing.org/notices) or by contacting the Municipal Office. The retained lot will have frontage of approximately 500 meters on Pardee Road at the south, and approximately 592 meters on Pardee Road at the east, and the severed lot will have frontage of approximately 212 meters on Pardee Road. The severed lot will contain the existing dwelling on the property, and the retained lot will be vacant, apart from a barn. The severed lot will be rectangular in shape, with a depth (from Pardee Road) of approximately 94 meters, and an area of approximately 2 hectares (5 acres). The retained lot will be irregular in shape, with varying depths, and an area of approximately 58 hectares (143 acres) 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:

- Submit comments in writing by email, to clerk@neebling.org or by regular mail to the address below. Comments shall be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.
- Register to speak at the electronic meeting by email, to clerk@neebling.org. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting by following the link provided through email. Please note that neither a computer, nor a video sharing device is required to participate in the electronic meeting via. You may also opt to call in from a cell or landline. A toll-free number will be provided for this purpose. To register by phone please call: 807-474-5331.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION related to the proposed severance is available for by calling the Clerk-Treasurer at 807-474-5331.

DATED AT Neebing, Ontario, this 22nd day of July, 2021

Erika Kromm
Clerk-Treasurer

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing

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Updated August 1, 2021

Municipal Office:

The Neebing Municipal Office is open under Step 3 of Ontario's Roadmap to Reopening. Access to the building is limited to one person at a time and the wearing of face masks is mandatory.

Municipal Council Meetings:

- Council meetings are virtual and held on regular council dates being the first and third Wednesday of each month (summer meeting schedule is once per month being August 11). 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.

Blake Hall:

Blake Hall is open for rentals beginning August 1, 2021. Access is limited to 50% capacity with the restriction that everyone maintains a distance of 2 meters. Renters must follow the Neebing Covid Safety Plan posted in the hall and maintain a contact list of all those in attendance at the event.

Municipal Services:

Municipal matters requiring in-person consultations must be scheduled in advance.

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>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

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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>

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