

The Neebing News

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September 2021

Fire Ban in Neebing Lifted

Neebing has been in a severe moisture deficit situation much of the summer and all of August and when the provincial Restricted Fire Zone declaration for the Thunder Bay District was lifted on Thursday August 26th, the local conditions meant that the municipal fire ban was left in place. Light rain and drizzle which started on Friday have provided initial improvement in surface moisture conditions and humidity levels and the forecast for additional rain and cooler temperatures tonight and over the coming week is rapidly improving the local fire situation.

Based on the improved conditions and favourable forecast for the next week, the municipal fire ban in Neebing was lifted at 6:46 pm Saturday August 28, 2021. The online fire permitting system was activated that afternoon for new permits, and existing permit holders should have received an automatic email advising that their existing seasonal permits are once again valid. While surface conditions are generally dampened across the community, all residents are reminded that the community remains in a moisture deficit condition and it may be necessary to return to fire ban conditions quickly if weather conditions change and fire hazard ratings increase.

Stay Safe

Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief - Neebing

TBDHU Drive-up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for Rural Communities

The TBDHU drive-up COVID-19 Vaccine clinic for rural communities is open to anyone born in 2009 or earlier who needs a first or second dose. Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be available.

Monday September 6, 2021
47 Hymers Fair Drive
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm



Individuals are not required to leave their vehicle to receive their vaccine. No appointment is required. Please bring your Ontario health card, if possible.

For safety reasons, it is not recommended that the driver receive a vaccine due to possibility of a reaction occurring after immunization. This clinic is not recommended for those with a history of fainting after immunization. Please call us to discuss alternative options.



For more information:
Visit [TBDHU.com/Covidclinics](https://www.tbdhu.com/Covidclinics)
or call the TBDHU at (807) 625-5900
(Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30).

COVID-19 VAX QUESTIONS?

HERE ARE TWO LINKS WITH INFO YOU CAN TRUST!

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Neebing's Council Composition

In the fall of 2019, the Municipality published a series of articles seeking input from residents regarding the composition of Council. As the current term of Council is nearing an end in 2022, Council is interested in providing another opportunity for residents to provide input on the composition of Neebing's Council.

In 2019 articles, we explained the differences between elections "at large" and elections by geographic ward. In addition, we looked at the possibility of reducing the size of Council from seven to five members.

Over the next couple of months, we will provide different opportunities for members of the public to provide feedback on the size and make up of Neebing's Council. Comments can be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Email: clerk@neebing.org
- Fax: 807-474-5332
- Mail or hand deliver to: 4766 Hwy 61, Neebing, ON P7L 0B5

Your feedback is important – but we have not heard from very many of you. These are the questions we have asked:

- Is it important to you to have a "ward councillor", elected to represent your geographic township's interests? Or would you be comfortable having all Council members elected "at large"?
- If you are a fan of the "ward councillor" system, are you comfortable with the way the wards are drawn up? Or do you think the ward boundaries should be changed? If so – how do you think they should be changed?
- Are you comfortable with a 7-member Council when most other rural municipalities opt for 5-member Councils?

If you have not seen the previous articles or would like a refresher, they are posted on our website at www.neebing.org/notices. Alternatively, contact the office, and we can make paper copies of these articles available to you.

We look forward to your input. Make your voice heard on this important matter.



Rural Heritage Days Update

- * Rural Heritage Days on Sept. 11th will be a modified event.
- * This major change in plan is necessary due to the ongoing Covid pandemic.
- * Mask wearing is required where social distancing is not possible; e.g. in the bleachers on the people movers
- * Plowers are welcome to compete in the 89th Annual Plowing Match on Saturday from 9:00 to 3:00 and to attend a practice session at 4:00 on Friday.
- * Demonstrations include threshing and sawmilling.
- * Tractor rodeo is planned for Saturday at 10:30 and 2:30.
- * Antique tractor owners are welcome to display their tractors.
- * Entry is from Hwy #130; the parking fee is \$5.00 cash
- * We are excited to provide this modified event.

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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
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	Refundable damage deposit (due on all rentals)	\$300.00
Exemptions	Funeral luncheons	no charge
	Rental by non-profit groups (defined)	no charge



Hymers Fair News

by Shannon Dodd-Smith



BIG HAPPENINGS FOR THE HYMERS FAIR ON LABOUR DAY!

Leading up to the weekend, we have Colouring Contest for all ages, Writing, Photo and Scarecrow Contests, as well as the largest pumpkin, strangest gourd/ zucchini and best outdoor Fall display.

A DIY Rural and AG Road Rally starting on September 2nd, you have until Labour Day to complete the course, and file your report.

The winning ticket in the Hymers Fair 50/50 Draw will be drawn on Monday, September 6th at the Fairgrounds. Up to \$8,750 to be won! Tickets are \$5 each. Draw will be posted on our social media. Find us on Instagram and Facebook or check our Facebook feed on our website at www.hymersfair.com.

Tune into our Virtual Music Concert featuring local talent and watch our live streamed Horse Show on our website Fair weekend.

Drive through Fair BBQ Meal: Take out only, either Beef or Ham Dinner with all the trimmings, including dessert, all for only \$25! Place your orders by August 30th (But don't wait till the last minute – we might be sold out by then!)

Get "Shot" at the Fair! The Thunder Bay District Health Unit will be holding a Drive thru Immunization Clinic at the Fairgrounds on Monday, September 6th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. No appointment required!

To enter contests, order meals or 50/50 draw tickets, email info@hymersfair.com.

For more information, visit our website, www.hymersfair.com or our Facebook page.

Submitted by Randy Creighton, President, Hymers Agricultural Society

What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

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Since the August edition, there has been one regular Council meetings on August 11. A Special Council meeting was also held on August 11. At the Special Council meeting on August 11, Council sitting as Committee of the Whole heard an application for a proposed new lot on Pardee Road and a minor variance application for a reduced side yard for a property on Griffis Road. Recommendations from the Committee were ratified by Council at the regular meeting held later the same evening.

At the regular Council meeting on August 11, the following matters were considered:

- Council heard a deputation regarding a pilot program to reduce household food waste.
- Council authorized Administration to move forward with the sale of surplus assets.
- Council authorized the use of the municipal office parking lot for a local vendor market.
- Council adopted an updated Emergency Response Plan.
- Council supported resolutions

from other municipalities relating to drought or other disasters experienced in other Northwestern Ontario municipalities.

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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Overdue Property Tax

During the past 10 months of the pandemic, the Council of the Municipality of Neebing did not apply penalties on overdue property taxes. This reprieve from penalties provided all residents with flexibility when it came to making payments. In 2020 tax sales were also postponed for properties that had an overdue tax balance of more than two years. Beginning at the end of

October, a monthly penalty charge of 1.5% on overdue tax accounts will be reinstated. Owners of properties that are eligible for tax sale will receive a letter from the Municipality informing them of that fact, so they can make arrangements to pay overdue amounts and avoid the tax sale process. Laura Jones coordinates tax billing and collection at the Municipal office,

and people can contact her if they are interested in a property tax payment plan.

Laura can be reached at the Nee-

bing Municipal Office (807) 474-5331, or via email at deputyct@neebing.org.



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Our 60th Wedding Anniversary

In early August, my husband and I hosted a special anniversary in a unique and amazing site here in Thunder Bay. With still some restrictions due to Covid 19, the event had to be mainly outdoors, and the Marina, the location, as it was easy for our 25 guests to access and with the range of ages and mobility, the Alexander Henry Museum was perfect. It had an outside patio with some of the best scenery on the big lake. One phone call was all it took to book.


As we ordered our refreshment from local shops, pickup just before the event was planned, and then the weather changed. No sunshine and warmth, but strong winds, overcast skies and threat of rain and even worse, at the last minute our outside tent was no longer available.

As we drove up laden with decorations and food, the volunteers streamed out of the boat and took over. The chairs were nestled on the main deck out of the wind, the food hustled into the galley and the dining quarters decorated.

Half an hour later, our guests drove up to be piped aboard, and the festivities began, including a wedding party procession, speeches, music, tours of the ship, viewing the sailboats and they scudded across the water, enjoyed refreshments even a little dancing but best of all, we were together face to face after a year and a half....nearly normal!

Thanks to Charlie and his amazing crew who went above and beyond to make us happy, comfortable and safe. As my 95 year old matriarch stated from her wheelchair, "This was a great adventure, Glad I didn't miss it."

So are we.
Bob and Dawne Kilgour, Neebing



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Rural Family Centre

The Centre is closed until further notice.

We hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. We look forward to seeing you when our EarlyON programs begin again!

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September 15**
Registration:
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The Rural Pharmacist: Moderna AND Pfizer Vaccines Now Available at Evergreen Pharmacies!

by Henry Tempelman,
Pharmacist/Owner Evergreen Pharmacies

A few updates regarding COVID vaccinations in Ontario and how that relates to you and our pharmacy services. Our pharmacies were originally only assigned Moderna vaccines from the Ministry, but ordering the Pfizer vaccine is now available to us so starting September we will now have Moderna vaccine days and Pfizer vaccine days at each of our locations. Although mixing and matching the interchangeable mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) has proven to be safe and effective for adults, getting the Pfizer vaccine is important so that we can provide COVID vaccine services to children ages 12-18 (Moderna vaccine has only been approved for ages 18+). Further to children and COVID vaccines, in August the Ontario government announced that any child turning 12 in 2021 is eligible to get the vaccines; basically, anyone born anytime in 2009 or earlier is eligible to receive their Pfizer COVID vaccine.

We've been starting to get questions about booster doses/third doses for the COVID vaccine as well. At the time of writing, there is only a limited population that is eligible for booster doses of the COVID vaccine in Ontario, which falls in line with recommendations from the CDC. (Contrary to the announcement in the US recently where all American adults that received two doses of the COVID vaccine are eligible to get their third dose 8 months after the second dose. The controversy over this strategy is for another day!) In Ontario, eligible populations for third doses include: transplant recipients, patients with hematological (blood) cancers and on chemotherapy or patient with certain treatment regimens (Anti-CD20 medications) and residents of higher risk congregate settings (long-term care homes, higher risk licensed retirement homes and First Nations elders' lodges). Transplant recipients, patients with hematological cancer and receiving the abovementioned treatments are eligible to receive their 3rd dose 8 weeks after their 2nd dose. Residents living in higher risk settings are eligible to receive their 3rd dose 5 months after receiving their 2nd dose.

At the time of writing, our Ontario Pharmacist Association is awaiting further direction from the Ministry of Health on the process for administering 3rd doses in pharmacies (ie. Will

there be a requirement of a letter from the patient's primary care provider or specialist to confirm whether they meet the criteria?) We will be sure to update via our email newsletter (you can sign up on our website at www.evergreenrx.ca), our Facebook page or in store as we get updated!

Still haven't got your COVID vaccine? Hesitant about its effectiveness or safety? Being hesitant or anxious about something like this is okay! What's important is that you are making a decision based on GOOD information to overcome your hesitancy. At this point in the vaccine journey, we not only have great studies pointing towards their effectiveness and safety, but now we have real world experience in giving them to hundreds of millions of people over the last 9 months to affirm their safety. Everything in medicine has risks and whether it be a vaccine or a new blood pressure pill, we are always weighing the benefits vs the risk. COVID is real and serious, and the risks of the virus will always trump the risk of the vaccine. The vast majority of COVID hospitalizations today are persons who are unvaccinated, and a smaller portion of hospitalizations are those who are partially vaccinated (1 dose). Yes, you can still get COVID if you are double vaccinated, but it is extremely unlikely for it to result in severe infection/hospitalization; the vaccine gave your body the instructions on how to fight the virus as it entered your body so it doesn't progress to serious symptoms, as opposed to an unvaccinated person where an infecting virus has a chance to further infiltrate the body's defense mechanisms before the immune system can come up with a strategy to fight the infecting virus. Unvaccinated persons are also at high risk for COVID long haul symptoms, which can have a significant impact on your day-to-day life.

Do you have kids going back to school in the eligible age ranges for vaccinations? I understand it can be difficult to decide for your child to get a vaccine that is new, with all the information out there. It is not true that COVID can't result in serious illness for a child. The best thing you can do for your child is vaccinate them as soon as you are able to in order to maximize protection. In teens, it seems that the COVID vaccine carries a very small risk of myocarditis (heart muscle inflammation), to the tune of 50 cases per million doses given for boys and 12 cases per million doses given in girls. These symptoms are typically mild and resolve in 1-2 weeks. Teens who are infected with COVID get myocarditis at a much higher incidence (500-3000 cases per million infections). Again, COVID infection risks outweighs the risk of the vaccine and it's not even close.

More questions? Talk to our pharmacists! Or talk to your doctor or nurse practitioner. Talk to somebody who will listen to your concerns and provide good information on why each vaccinated person is so important for YOU, your family and our community.

Harry Mintenko

*We miss him
dearly. One year
already.*

*Joan, Donna,
Brenda and
families*



God saw you were getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you
And whispered "come to me".
With tearful eyes
we watched you,
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The Junction in Roslyn

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If you or someone you know is in need of food or clothing please contact us. Care pkgs. available. All items are free. Currently open by appt. Find us on Facebook or call 475-5140

Non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products

Fall & winter clothing items will be available soon!

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

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.

WINTER LANDFILL HOURS START OCT. 1

Starting October 1, 2021,
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13 ARMSTRONG 1-5pm NorWest CHC Clinic	14 ARMSTRONG 8:30-Noon NorWest CHC Clinic	15	16 O'CONNOR-PCare 10am-4:30pm Community Centre NOLALU - Footcare 9:30am-4pm Community Centre	17
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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.

Neebing Emergency Services

by Dale Ashbee,
Fire Chief, Neebing



Adios to August

And Salude to September!

I am not certain that our summer of 2021 was a temperature record breaker for Neebing, but it did provide us with many of the most continuous hot summer days that I can recall in recent times. Some moans and groans have recently been heard from residents who are looking forward to a return to more moderate temperatures with some fickle weather folks even daring to mention the "W" word.

Looking ahead at the forecast, it would appear that we will begin to see some temperature changes and a downward cooling trend as we move into September. Hopefully, we will receive sufficient rainfall to allow for the lifting of our **current fire ban**, which remains in place as I write. I cannot recall the last time we spent the majority of the summer under an enforced fire ban, and experienced so many days with High and Extreme fire hazard conditions. While hopefully the need is passed, in this issue of Neebing News you will find a copy of an MNR Fact Sheet outlining what can and cannot be done when a RFZ or fire ban has been declared.

We send a note of appreciation to our Neebing residents, who have been very careful with handling fire since the fire ban was put in place on July 10, 2021, and who have kept a sharp eye out for (and reported) any signs of smoke. With the use of a drone, one resident was able to locate a lightning strike fire located some 1500' off the roadway, and to guide fire fighters into the area to begin suppression activity. To date, NES has responded to four (4) fires in the community during the fire ban period. Two (2) of those fires were the result of lightning strikes, and two (2) were generated by resident activities. All incidents were caught early, and were extinguished before they became problematic. It is important to note that **early detection and extinguishment** of wildfires at the source is critical to avoiding fire spread.

We also extend a sincere Thank You to our partners at the MNR, who assisted with both air and ground crew support in extinguishing both of Neebing's naturally-caused fires. When they come to help, the MNR crews remain with the fire 24/7, until it is out!

We have had an interesting summer with regard to our fire scene activity, and unless we get significant soaking rains in the coming weeks, we may have an interesting fall fire season ahead of us as well. It has been noted that Neebing once experienced a season when conditions remained dry well into the Fall, and we were responding to grass fires even after the regular fire season had ended on October 31st. We are hopeful that such will not be the case this year, as we would all appreciate some time to do our routine Fall property clean-up without having to deal with fire outbreaks.

Once again, September is the month to begin thinking about getting your home and yard ready for the inevitable winter season ahead. It's time to check your CO and Smoke Alarms to ensure that they

are working properly. Remember to note the replacement date on your alarm units – units older than 10 years past their manufacture date must be replaced, even if they still appear to work when tested. Batteries, unless they are full life cycle batteries, must be tested and replaced on a regular basis as well. September is a good month to begin necessary tree trimming and to enact **Fire Smart** plans intended to enhance the outdoor resiliency of your property to discourage external fire threats. For those unfamiliar with FireSmart, or who are looking for advice with regard to what improvements they may make on their property to improve their wildfire resiliency, the following Homeowners Manual; FS Generic-HomeOwnersManual Booklet-November 2018-WEB.indd (firesmartcanada.ca) is a great reference to provide an understanding of how fire spreads, and to suggest actions that can be taken to reduce your properties' vulnerability to external fires.

With the anticipated return to classroom schooling this month for all levels of education, we will be in a position to experience the most significant indoor group activity that has taken place over the past 19 months. It will be nice to see activity patterns beginning to reflect those seen in our pre-Covid era. However, we are reminded that COVID 19 has not 'gone away'. Recent reports indicate that case numbers of the virus are rising due to other new viral variant(s). Ongoing reminders from health experts caution us that the COVID virus remains present and active in various forms, and care must be taken to minimize its threat to yourself, your family and the community at large. Hopefully, by next month we will have some experienced some much-needed rain, seen the end of the 2021 fire ban, and enjoyed a smooth, drama-free start to the school year.

Stay Safe, Stay Well



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What You Should Know About Restricted Fire Zones



**It's important! And it's
the law!**

A Restricted Fire Zone is a specific geographic area where the use of open fires, like campfires or debris burning, is restricted.

It is a temporary measure put in place by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry when the fire danger is extreme to prevent human caused fires. A Restricted Fire Zone order may last from a few days to weeks depending on conditions. The restrictions are lifted as soon as conditions allow.

When a Restricted Fire Zone is declared, it is illegal to set a fire within the affected area. Failure to comply could result in a fine of up to \$25,000 and three months in jail, as well as the financial responsibility for any costs incurred in fighting a forest fire caused by the illegal act.

You can still go camping, hiking, fishing, and have fun outdoors, but if you need heat for cooking and warmth, you'll have to use a portable gas or propane stove.

Portable charcoal equipment (e.g., BBQs, Hibachis, etc.) are illegal for use during a Restricted Fire Zone except close to a dwelling that you legally own or occupy or in an organized campground.

Commercial campground operators may allow their guests to continue enjoying campfires during a Restricted Fire Zone period provided certain conditions are met.

For more information, visit:
ontario.ca/forestfire.



How will I know if I'm in a Restricted Fire Zone?

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry posts highly visible green and red Restricted Fire Zone signs along roadways. Restricted Fire Zone posters are posted at popular camping spots, and in sport lodges, gas stations, and stores.

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For more information on **Restricted Fire Zones** please call your local Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry office.

For areas below the --- line on the map call your local Municipal Fire Department.

**To report a wildfire in northern Ontario, call
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Neebing Fire/ Rescue Association NFRA News

Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris, President NFRA

91,080 aluminum cans!....What??

Yes, that incredible number of pop and non-alcoholic beer cans, weighing ~340 pounds(!), was diverted from our landfills by Neebing residents who placed them into NFRA collection bins instead!! \$119 was also raised for Neebing Emergency Services from those donations. Well Done!

Amazingly, through NFRA's recycling and can collection efforts \$1676.20 was raised between the end of June and the end of July. In large part thanks to your donations of returnable beer cans and bottles.

Returnable Beer cans & bottles	\$1515
Aluminum Cans	\$119
(Pop, non-alcohol beer, sparkling water, etc.	
Metal & steel cans	\$42



So, how does your donation of cans turn into a length of fire hose, bunker gear or a SCBA air tank?

It all begins with you separating pop and other aluminum cans, returnable beer cans and bottles, liquor bottles and metal cans from your regular garbage. Then simply dropping those sorted bags in the NFRA collection bins found at both landfills.

From there our intrepid member Kris loads the filled bags into his truck and brings them to his farm. NFRA volunteers meet there 1 to 2 times per month to count and sort through the collection, dividing by type. This is where your thoughtful pre-sorting helps tremendously! When returnable beer cans and bottles arrive already separated from non-alcoholic beer and pop cans, NFRA's work is cut in half. Thank you to you who make that extra effort!

Kris then makes the many trips to town need to deliver the metals for recycling and to cash in the returnables, turning the monies received



[What happens to donated liquor bottles? Glad you asked! NFRA board voted to direct those proceeds to compensate Kris for gas used on the many collection trips to both landfills and into town in support of NFRA. Without Kris, we would be hard-pressed to sustain the level of recycling/fund raising we are currently doing. We are very grateful for his dedicated continuing efforts! Thank you Kris.]



Voila! Your Garbage has been turned into Gear!

This is one way NFRA funds to support of Neebing Emergency Services! Your support of us is support for them.

Thank you for enabling us to continue this fundraising even "in the time of Covid" ♪



NFRA sends our heartfelt thanks to four generous financial donors who supported our ask included with the recent Neebing mail out. We truly appreciate your new and continued support for NFRA! Thank you.

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Chix in the Stix
Country Healing!

by Cindy Harasen

I skipped out on my writing duties here last month. It happens some times. And it always feels weird. Having made a point to 'connect' with you the readers every month for well over a decade – it has become a natural part of my routine. So when I skip out it usually means something's up. And it is. Our youngest daughter is quite unwell and we have a long road ahead. It has been a trying, heartbreaking few months and we are still sort of in survival mode. So I needed some time to get a handle on our latest new normal. Now you know I am never one to shy away from a challenge or struggles and always try to find the good in everything, and the opportunity to share and help others. And so despite the emotional fragility we are experiencing right now I am still trying every day to also recognize the simplest of blessings in my life. Truth be told other than the days when sleep has been rare, I have probably been fully present for more moments the past few months than in quite awhile. Not sure what that's all about. Maybe extreme emotions do that to us. And that pain in my shoulder and ankle are either gone or my brain simply cannot deal with them so has tucked those now seemingly pointless little ills away for another time. I bet that has something to do with adrenalin. I am so thankful to have amazing family and friends who are here for us to lean on right now as well. They check on us. They send us messages. They bring us food. They pray. And you know what – no word of a lie – living in the country right now is one of the biggest blessings in my life. I cannot even describe how important it is to me right now. And even amidst the trying times I am soooo excited about the fall. You can bet I am going to squeeze every ounce of amazement out it as I can. And there has been so much more. Things that I totally don't think would go over to well if we were living in the city. I have wailed and ugly cried in my yard more than once in the past month and in town the volume alone might have drawn some unwanted attention. And screaming at the sky. Also something that might be frowned upon in the city, but here on one's own piece of heaven with not a soul for miles it's all systems go. And many a sleepless night the thing that has re-charged my battery for another few hours has been stepping out under the clear night sky and feeling the immensity of the universe enfold me – arms spread – wind blowing in the trees – eyes closed. It has been the es-

cape I have needed so many times. Even the bear trying to get into our house was a pleasant distraction though maybe not my first choice. Though there is so much uncertainty day to day for us right now, there are other certain things that still bring me joy. The great horned owl that we see almost every evening along the driveway. And the way the owls almost always respond to my lame attempt at owl calls into the bush at night. The sound of crickets. The partridge along the driveway that move so so slow like they are certain they have become invisible. Gosh they make me laugh. Even the grasshoppers are helping my mood with their constant action and reminder that on every level life is carrying on. And are you even a country person if you don't yell 'cows' every time you drive by a field. Because no matter what obstacles or challenges we are facing those cows can still make my day. And I know we aren't alone in our struggles or challenges. Heaven knows my heart breaks for the farmers this dry hot summer. And there are many of you out there navigating your own difficult journeys right now. And some days it is hard to fathom how life still just keeps clicking along and it is easy sometimes to feel alone in our own little worlds. But the reality is we not alone. And whether things in our lives are going swimmingly or are a big mess right now, I guarantee there is someone going through the same. And I encourage you to hang in there and keep looking for the silver lining of hope, for that opportunity to learn something even on the hardest days, whether its gaining more compassion and understanding, or practicing patience, remembering the importance of self care, learning how to lean on others and bless them with the opportunity to help you out. And please get outside. Go for a walk or hike, or even a drive. Visit one of the great weekend markets in your area. The country folks in all our rural communities can be so kind and hospitable you will be sure to leave with a smile on your face. Just don't miss the fall. It is full of so much beauty and gloriousness and it will come and go too fast. And I have learned and am still learning that I can be sad right now, and even a bit afraid, and that doesn't mean I can't still see beauty around me and be grateful for it. And it is recognizing that these emotions, so very different, can not only exist at the same time, but that they must. Happy Fall Everyone!

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For more information on Low Water Conditions, visit our website or contact us at (807) 344-5857.

The LRCA still has some spots available at our upcoming Watershed Explorer and Junior Explorer programs. Upcoming topics include Trees & Fall Colours, Photography Workshop, Fall Waterfowl Viewing Day, and Nature Journaling! Space is extremely limited and pre-registration is required. To register, visit our events page on our website

(www.lakeheadca.com) or visit store.lakeheadca.com. Programs are free thanks to the generous support of the TD Friends of the Environment Fund; Fall Waterfowl Viewing Day is generously supported by Ontario Power Generation.

Please be advised that this fall, pay-and-display units will be installed at Cascades and Mission Island Marsh Conservation Areas. Parking will be enforced at those locations under the City of Thunder Bay Parking By-Law. Visitors to either Cascades or Mission Island Marsh will be required to show proof of payment either by displaying the payment receipt from the pay-and-display unit or by displaying an Explore Card Parking Pass. Day use parking fees are mandatory at all Conservation Areas in the Lakehead Region; revenue from parking fees and Explore Card Parking Passes goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of Conservation Areas. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

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Frozen Apple Pie Filling

by Marie Hamilton

6 quarts cut up apples

1 1/4 cups of water

2 cups or less of sugar depending on the sweetness of the apple

1/3 cup of minute tapioca

3 tablespoons or less of cinnamon

Place the ingredients into a large pot and bring to a boil stirring constantly for five minutes until apples fall loosely. Pour into containers, let cool and then freeze. Makes one gallon. Enjoy!

For those of you who have been drying your tomatoes, here's a yummy recipe that tells you how to use those dried tomatoes as a gift or just on a nice slice of crusty bread.

Dried Tomatoes in Olive Oil

by Dodie Legassick

In a medium pot place a few jars worth of dried tomatoes. Cover with water and boil for five minutes to rehydrate them. Empty the water, put the tomatoes on paper towelling or a towel and pat dry.

Into each sterilized jar place the rehydrated tomatoes in vertical layers along with cut cloves of garlic, a few small sprigs of dried oregano and one bay leaf ending with some of the herbs on the top. Fill with olive oil. Remove any air. In a few days, check to see if it needs more oil. Keep in the fridge and wait three weeks for the flavours to develop. Get a nice piece of fresh crusty bread and place a piece of tomato on top. Delicious!

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Neebing Municipal Services During COVID-19

Updated September 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 and maintaining a 2m physical distance is mandatory.

Municipal Council Meetings

– Sep 1st & Sep 15th, 2021:

- 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.

Municipal Services:

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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

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
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