



The Neebing News

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WASTE REDUCTION WEEK IN CANADA

Save the date!

Waste Reduction Week Oct 18-24, 2021

The Waste Reduction Week in Canada program is structured into seven themes. The themes focus the discussion, promote achievements, and celebrate advancements in each area. Get in on the discussion and support areas that are most important to you or learn about a new issue.

'Like' or 'Follow' our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Neebing/) and get theme day updates during Waste Reduction Week in Canada!



Organic Waste Diversion Pilot Project

The Municipality of Neebing is partnering with Ottawa based company, Food Cycle Science to pilot an on-site food waste diversion solution that will reduce the amount of organics headed to the landfills. To reduce organics heading to the landfills, Neebing will provide 36 FoodCycler machines at a subsidized price for residents to test in their homes over a 12 week period. Each resident will track the amount of food waste they have diverted throughout the pilot duration to estimate the total impact of the pilot program.

This program had broad support from council and staff and was based on other successful pilot programs run by Food Cycle Science across Canada. The program will also benefit from funding received by Food Cycle Science through the Impact Canada Food Waste Reduction Challenge.

The cost to participating residents will be \$150+HST which compares favourably to a retail price of \$500+HST. The reduction in cost is due to municipal discounts from Food Cycle Science, a federal investment from Impact Canada, and subsidization by the Municipality of Neebing. A sign-up process will be run by municipal staff over the coming weeks and advertised through social media and the municipal website.

For information on the FoodCycler and the pilot program, visit www.neebing.org/foodcycler.

For any questions, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer at (807) 474-5331 or clerk@neebling.org.



New Blue Signs



You may have noticed our sign installers out in the municipality installing the new blue and white fire number plates at the end of your driveway.

If you've noticed your neighbours have a sign but you do not, we may have missed you! Give us a call at the office or send us an email at neebling@neebling.org and we'll put you on the 'follow-up' list.

Recreation Committee Seeks Additional Member!

At the first in person meeting since Covid-19 began, your Rec committee was advised that one of our members had left the municipality and a vacancy was opened up. Chair Karen asked for assistance in finding someone willing to fill the vacancy so here we are asking you, dear reader, if you have the time and inclination to join us as we plan for the needs of our residents regarding parks, equipment, spaces etc. We are a committee of Council and basically look for grants to fund our activities, and calendar of events. [Harvest Dinner, Canada Day, etc.]

In 2024, Blake Hall will be 100 years old and a celebration will be planned, a real milestone for Neebing, involving much preparation and research. If you have ideas for this or other ventures we might be able to arrange to make our community more user friendly, healthier and happier, please let us know. Call Karen at 577-2475 to volunteer. It will be a worthwhile and fun thing to do... I promise.

Looking forward to the day we can really get together, especially with so many newcomers to Neebing this summer.

For more info, call Dawne at 964-2750



Neebing Council Composition – An Invitation for Public Comment

In the fall of 2019, the Municipality published a series of articles seeking input from residents about the composition of Council. As the current term of Council is nearing an end in 2022, we are offering another opportunity for our residents to provide comments.

The 2019 news articles gave details on the differences between elections "at large" and elections by geographic ward. We also looked at the possibility of reducing the size of Council from seven members to five.

Some of the questions asked are:

- (a) Are you in support of the "ward councillor" system and are you comfortable with the way the wards are currently drawn up?
- (b) Do you think the ward boundaries should be changed and if so, how?
- (c) Are you in favour of a 7-member Council or should Neebing opt for a 5-member Council?

You will find the 2019 news articles on our website at www.neebing.org/notices or contact the office for paper copies.

**** YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT ****

Comments can be submitted by one of the following methods:

- Complete the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GFTPPQ7>.
- Email your comments to: clerk@neebling.org
- Fax your comments to: 807-474-5332
- Mail or hand deliver your comments to: 4766 Hwy 61, Neebing, ON P7L 0B5

West Oliver Lake Park *by Laura Jones*

West Oliver Lake Park is at the end of Podres Road East. An unmaintained road continues past the beach where it dead-ends. Historically West Oliver Lake beach has been a popular destination to cool off on hot summer days. In the 1930's, there was a park area with swings, picnic tables, a dock and store.

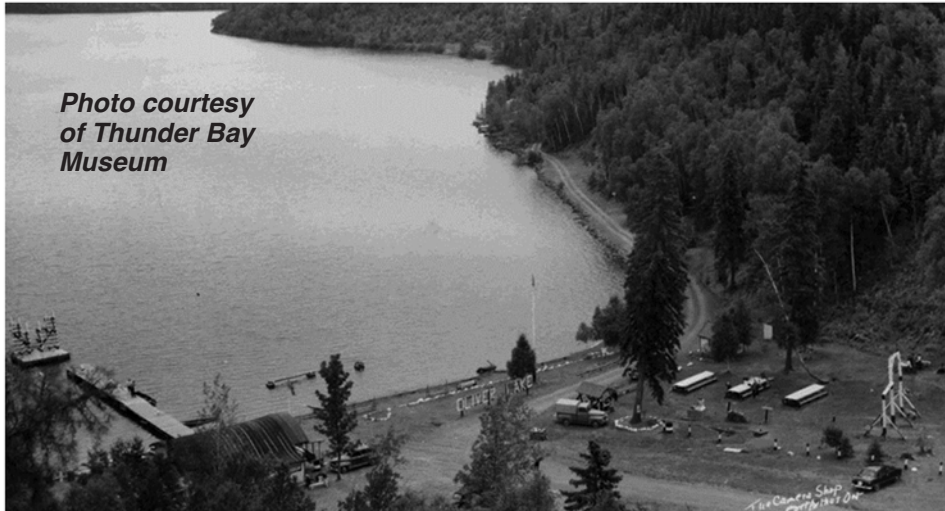


Photo courtesy of Thunder Bay Museum

Aerial view of Oliver Lake Park. To the left of the photo is a long dock and an outbuilding (possibly a restaurant or small store). To the right are long picnic tables and a wooden swing set. Source:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/tbaymuseum/29651200130/in/photostream/>

At some point in time, the dock was removed, the park area across from the beach filled in, the store closed and private lots were sold off to accommodate the development of individual camps along Podres Road and the unmaintained section of the dead-end road.

In 1999, Oliver Lake became a part of the Municipality of Neebing when the unorganized Township of Scoble was merged with Neebing. Prior to the merger, the liability the use of the Oliver Lake amenities rested with the Province. After the merger, the municipality became liable for the public park.

West Oliver Lake Park consists of a narrow strip of grass along the road frontage and a small beach area. In 2018, the Municipality made improvements to the boat launch, portable washroom and park grounds, which included the addition of a bear-proof garbage disposal nearby for use during the summer months.

The Municipality has been contacted many times over the years with concerns over crowding and safety at Oliver Lake. In 2016, an unsafe access point beside the road at East Oliver Lake was blocked with rocks to prevent people from using it as an unofficial boat launch. This unpopular decision was made to protect the residents of Neebing from lawsuits related to the use of an unofficial boat launch and resulted in higher usage of the West Oliver Lake Boat Launch.

In 2019, a meeting at Oliver Lake was held to address issues related to the use of West Oliver Lake beach and boat launch. The need for additional parking and a plan to remove some of the fill deposited on the land across from the beach was discussed.

It took two years for the Municipality to obtain approvals to go ahead with the work. However, this past summer there were deputations from residents opposing the creation of additional parking. The deputations focussed on two issues: one that the Municipality was not transparent in sharing their plan to create parking; and two the creation of additional parking would not solve issues related to overcrowding. At the July Council meeting, a deputant asked that another public meeting be held.

In August of 2021, a meeting at Oliver Lake was held. Mayor Butikofer, Councillor Gardner and Councillor Kurikka were in attendance along with

Neebing staff and Sargent David Moscall from the Ontario Provincial Police. Although anyone could attend the meeting, Neebing staff had specifically invited residents who owned property near the park. Most people attending the meeting at Oliver Lake were opposed to the creation of additional parking, however they raised several other issues, most of which related to the use of the park. At the end of the meeting, the Mayor reiterated what was discussed. These issues were brought forward to the Council meeting on September 1st.

At the Council meeting on September 1st, two residents delivered deputations which indicated support of developing parking at West Oliver Lake. Issues relating the use of the park were discussed by Council, and the following resolutions were made:

- Establish a no parking zone extending from the boat launch to the camps on the unmaintained road, and along the south side of Podres Road from the boat launch to West Oliver Lake Road
- Approve the creation of perpendicular parking spaces on the MNR land across from the beach, including the creation of a drop off zone and a handicapped parking spot.
- Approve the installation of additional signage indicating No Fires, No Camping, No Smoking, No Alcohol, No Barbequing, No Cooking, No Boat Mooring (in the swimming area)
- Approve the name change of Falcon's Landing Park back to the name of West Oliver Lake Park

Council also directed staff to investigate both parking enforcement and the creation of either a community safety zone or an emergency lane for access to the camps beyond the beach.

More information about the Oliver Lake area will be coming in future article.



Aerial view of Oliver Lake Park taken June 17, 2017, prior to the creation of a boat launch at the end of the maintained portion of Podres (Padres) Road. Image courtesy of Google Earth. Source: <https://earth.google.com/web/@48.26724453,-89.60633397,368.2488739a,197.73790426d,35y,0h,0t,0r>

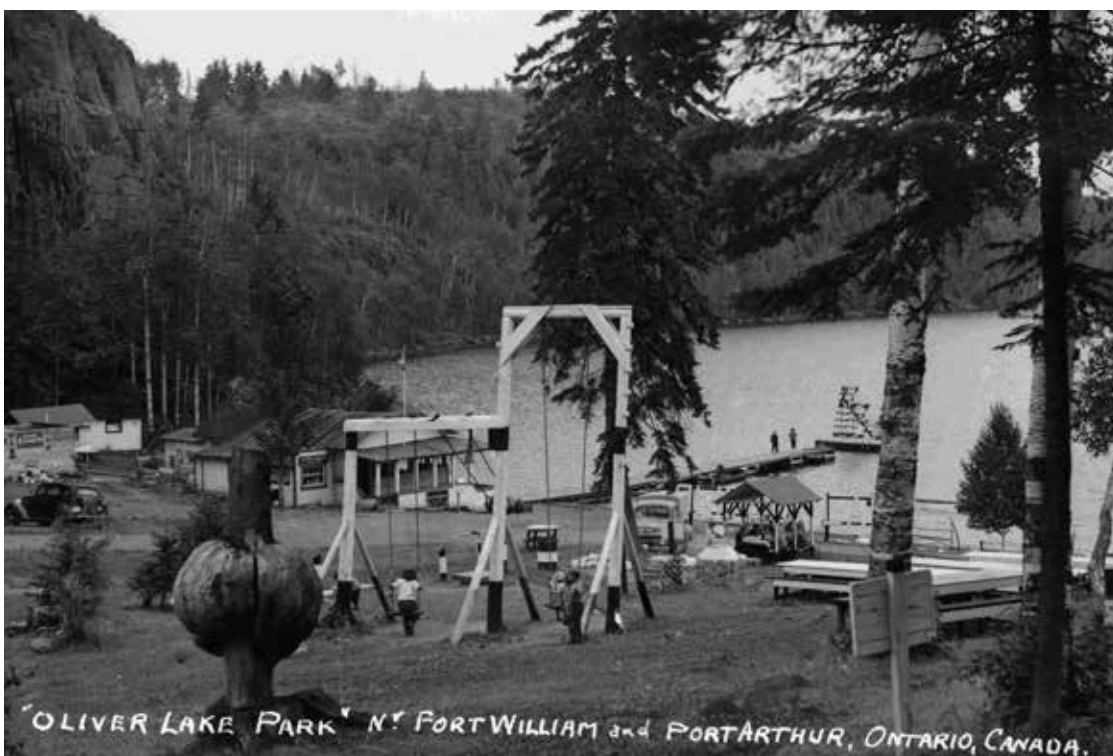


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What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the August edition, there has been two regular Council meetings on September 1 and 15.

At the regular Council meeting on September 1, the following matters were considered:

- Council heard deputations relating to West Oliver Lake Park and the MTO highway herbicide spraying.
- Council authorized some improvements to the park area. Further details related to this matter are outlined in another article in this newsletter.
- Council approved a letter requesting that the MTO stop the practice of spraying herbicide along the highways.
- Council authorized participation in the FoodCycler Organic Waste Municipal Pilot Program. Further details related to this matter are outlined in another article in this newsletter.
- Council recognized the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and will observe September 30th as a day of commemoration and reflection.

At the regular Council meeting on September 15, the following matters were considered:

- Council heard a deputation from LAS ONE Investment regarding the Prudent Investment Standard.
- Council directed Administration to bring forward amendments to

the trailer licensing by-law.

- Council approved the 10-year capital plan.
- Council approved the holiday hours for the municipal office and landfill sites.
- Council approved a sponsorship for the WAYfinder app.

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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Notice of a Public Meeting being held to consider an application for a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment (Application Number Z02-2021)

As the Province of Ontario continues to take significant steps to limit the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, the Municipality of Neebing is focusing on protecting the health and safety of the public, staff and Council while at the same time processing Planning Act applications to ensure services that support community development can continue. Therefore, in accordance with Procedural By-law 2020-012, the Municipality of Neebing will hold an electronic public meeting in accordance with the Planning Act and the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act.

Please take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing, sitting as Committee of the Whole, will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., via electronic meeting to consider a proposed zoning amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended. If the amendment is recommended, the Public meeting will be followed by a Council meeting at which the enabling by-law will be considered.

The Application which is the subject matter of this notice is brought by Gwendolyn and Brody Marsonet as the property owners. The land which is the subject matter of the application, is municipally known as 44 Oleksuk Road, and legally described as "Concession 9, Part NE ¼ Lot 10, PCL 2083, in the geographic Blake Township, in the Municipality of Neebing and Province of Ontario". A sketch showing the property location is appended to this Notice.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment seeks to allow construction of a second dwelling on the same lot. The effect of this change is to allow the owners to build an apartment dwelling located within a proposed accessory building, while also retaining the single dwelling on the same lot. A full copy of the application is on our website (<https://www.neebing.org/notices/>) or by contacting the Municipal Office.

ANY PERSON may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal presentations either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

AFTER NOTICE of the passage of a by-law relating to this application has been published, the applicant, a person or public body who, before the by-law was passed, made oral or written submissions to the Council, or the Minister of Municipal Affairs, may appeal the decision of the Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal on the grounds that:

- a) the by-law is inconsistent with a Provincial Policy Statement;
- b) the by-law does not conform with, or conflicts with, a Provincial Plan; or
- c) the by-law fails to conform with Neebing's Official Plan.

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:

- a) Submit comments in writing by email, to clerk@neebing.org or by regular mail to the address below. Comments shall be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021.
- b) Register to speak at the electronic Public Meeting in advance by email, to clerk@neebing.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. 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 zoning amendment is available for by calling the Clerk-Treasurer at 807-474-5331.

DATED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING this 14th day of September, 2021.

Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
Municipality of Neebing
4766 Highway 61, Neebing, Ontario P7L 0B9
Phone: 807-474-5331; Facsimile: 807-474-5332



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The Rural Pharmacist: Provincial Vaccine Certificate and Current Utility of Rapid Antigen Tests

by Devon Myers,
Pharmacist/Owner Evergreen Pharmacies

Whether you're for it or you're against it, the provincial vaccine certificate policy will have come into play by the time you read this article. As I'm sure you're aware, starting September 22nd the Ontario government made it mandatory to provide proof of vaccination in order to gain access to a host of non-essential businesses and settings. This included establishments such as indoor restaurants, bars and gyms. However, essential businesses remained open to all. Our pharmacies are comfortably stocked with both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. For anyone still considering a vaccine, our staff is here to help. Who doesn't want to gather with family and friends over dinner at a restaurant? Good news! If you've received two doses of vaccine then you've already got the ticket!

Once a recipient has been administered a vaccine they are given a receipt of vaccination. This could have been given as a paper copy or as an electronic document. I received a small credit card-sized receipt from the clinic being held at Lakehead University after my first dose. I had my second receipt emailed directly to me with an attached PDF document after my second. Either way, demonstration of the second receipt is what non-essential businesses will be looking for at the beginning of the vaccine certificate policy. From what I understand the Ontario government is also working on an app that can be used by businesses to scan a QR code which will prove patron eligibility. However, that program hasn't launched yet. If you've misplaced your receipt you can contact the Ministry of Health to have

them email you a copy. Still having trouble? Call the pharmacy and our staff can assist you with obtaining a new receipt.

Of note, proof of a negative Covid-19 test will not pass during this provincial policy. This goes for both the PCR tests and the rapid antigen tests available in some pharmacies. This can be a bit confusing because a negative test result was previously sufficient for gaining access to certain venues.

However, our pharmacy is still providing rapid antigen tests for Covid-19 screening. Screening is the key word in that last sentence. At this time the rapid antigen test is being used to screen if an asymptomatic person (someone who doesn't exhibit symptoms) has Covid-19. But what is the point if I can't use a negative test result to get into the Fighting Walleye's home game this weekend? Well, perhaps your employer requires you to get screened throughout the week if you haven't been vaccinated. Or, maybe you're planning travel (always check with local health units to determine vaccination policies). That's where these point of care tests come in handy.

It should be noted that rapid antigen tests are not meant for diagnostic purposes. If you are symptomatic and think you may have Covid-19 or, have come into contact with a confirmed case, you are advised to book an appointment with an organization such as the Thunder Bay Regional Health and Science Centre for proper laboratory testing.

NEEBING LANDFILL NEWS



Winter Landfill Hours

A reminder that winter hours start at the landfill on October 1st
Saturdays: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sundays: 12:00 pm to 4:00 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.

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.

Your personal information is kept strictly confidential.

Neebing's Blake Hall Open for Rentals

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

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- Pieces from the old Lankinen Road Bridge, offered as one unit
- 1969, End Dump Trailer, Serial Number 1400069, No Safety
- 1987, 20 Ton Trailer, Serial Number 2T9TT2827HU031003, No Safety
- 1980, Fire Department Ford Water Tanker, VIN J80UVHA8059, No Safety
- Field Office Trailer (no wheels), No Safety
- 2001, Plow Truck, Sterling brand VIN 2FZXKECB9YAF15328, No Safety
- 2009, Dodge Pick-up, Serial Number 307KS28L696516259, No Safety



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Neebing Emergency Services



by Dale Ashbee,
Fire Chief, Neebing



**Many KUDOS to our NEEBING RESIDENTS -
for all their contributions toward a Fire Safe Summer '21!**

October is an important month in the fire service! **Fire Prevention Week (FPW)** and fire safety inside our homes tend to be 'top of mind' during these weeks. However, I would first like to recognize the high level of 'fire prevention behaviour' displayed by Neebing residents over this past summer, especially while we experienced a lengthy fire ban. Although regular campfires are a tradition for many Neebing families, adaptation appeared to be the name of the game for summer 2021. Many reports were received of residents purchasing, or even creating 'home-made' propane-fueled fire pits, so that they could continue to enjoy the ambience and pleasure of a 'campfire' experience during the fire-ban period.

Of the four (4) fires reported in Neebing during the fire-ban period, two (2) fires were started in metal fire containers, which fortunately were easily managed by NES firefighters. The other two (2) fires were the result of lightning strikes, which occurred in areas of the community that were difficult to access, and which required assistance from our MNR partners to extinguish. These events served as reminders that in spite of any recent wetter weather, a stretch of dry, warm days during the fall can still provide opportunities for unintentional fire starts, especially in fine fuels (such as grass), which can dry out quickly, and ignite easily. The following link, shared by a Neebing resident, provides some excellent insights into wildfires in the Boundary Waters area immediately adjacent to our southern boundary: <https://quetico-superior.org/blog/fire-faqs-critical-context-for-canoe-country-combustion/>.

The major fire safety focus in October is **Fire Prevention Week (FPW)**, which is scheduled this year to run from **October 3-9th**. The 2021 'FPW Campaign' continues to emphasize the importance of having **working Smoke and CO Alarms** in your home. The theme of FPW this year, is entitled "**Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety**". Its focus is directed toward ensuring that all family members not only recognize the noises generated by these important fire safety alarms if/when they sound in the home, but also understand the actions they should take in response to those alarms. Monthly alarm checks should be utilized to allow all members of the household to become familiar with the specific sounds of the alarms. Although there are many common (and frequent) other audible signals emanating from devices and appliances in our homes (the microwave, the dryer, the oven) it is vital that everyone in the home (children and adults) is able to recognize and respond appropriately to the sounding of a smoke or CO alarm.

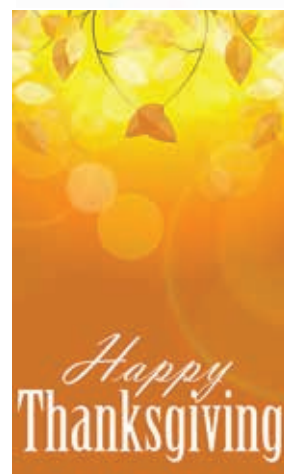
Exiting the home quickly, and calling 911 (preferably from outside) are two

(2) simple but essential steps to remember. The rule is "Get Out and Stay Out"! If children, or a relative/guest with mobility issues or special needs are part of your 'family', you will need to take the time to think through, plan and then practice an escape plan that will dictate just how you will manage to ensure their rapid and safe exit once a Smoke or CO Alarm sounds. Your safety pre-plan should include: what to 'do', what exit options are available, where to meet outside, and how to safely confirm that everyone is clear of the house and in a safe place. Assistance with developing your own Home Fire Escape Plan is available at: Home Fire Escape Planning | Ministry of the Solicitor General (gov.on.ca)

Newer technology has provided us with Smoke and CO alarms that can use wireless communication to alert you to the earliest presence of smoke or CO detected from any of the alarms located in your home. These alarm systems can include features such as flashing strobe lights, spoken message alerts, and even 'bed shakers', to help to ensure the safety of residents who may not be able to respond quickly to a regular audible alarm. Additional information on the types of alarms and the location in your home is available at : <https://www.oafc.on.ca/smoke-alarms> and <https://www.oafc.on.ca/carbon-monoxide>.

The month of OCTOBER encompasses two (2) other important events on the Fire Safety Calendar. Both come at the end of the month. October 31st is the last day of our 2021 fire permit season in Neebing, and of course, there is the fun of Halloween. As COVID issues continue to disrupt our regular lives, it is too soon to commit to hosting the Halloween 'Trick or Treat' drop-in normally held at Fire Hall # 1 for the entertainment of all the young ghosts and goblins in Neebing. We will continue to monitor the situation, and consider if a COVID-safe Halloween event is at all possible. Watch the Neebing website at www.neebing.org, and the highway billboard at Fire Hall # 1 for updates as we near the end of the month.

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Neebing Fire/ Rescue Association NFRA News

Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris, President NFRA

As I write this October article, we are in the waning days of September and the 'christening' of Neebing's new pumper is being planned. Members of NFRA will be in attendance, happy to see the very real contributions we made with two years of fundraising.

I recently read this quote attributed to Muhammad Ali:



The answer to your 'hard to buy for' Christmas gift recipients!

Chaschuk Enterprises, in appreciation of our Neebing Emergency Services, has donated 10 cords of seasoned, cut and split, birch firewood, with free delivery within 50km of their Barrie Drive office! [Valued at \$3200 plus HST!]



NFRA will have **raffle tickets available for purchase beginning in December**, with the draw to be held in June of 2022. Perfect for next winter's heating season, or a few summers worth of bonfires!



Plus we are working on obtaining some great 2nd and 3rd prizes too! Stay tuned. All ticket purchases directly support NES.

Something new at our landfills???

Yes!

You will soon be seeing these improvements to ease your NFRA donations of returnables and metals:

- New Signage to clearly indicate NFRA donations & bins
- An extra (3rd) bin at the Scoble site
- New stain on the Sandhill shed and removal of the old stove, making more room inside!

All work being done by NFRA volunteers!



My thanks to the hard-working members of NFRA and all of YOU who support us. YOU make it all possible.

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Rural Heritage Days A Success

Neither Covid nor pouring rain stopped Rural Heritage Days! Larry Bockus ran a plowing clinic for several interested young people on Friday and overnight the rain came. However, after the sun came up on Saturday morning, the skies cleared and all the field activities got underway. Plowers competed in the 89th Annual Slate River Plowing Match; tractor rodeo competitors continued their fun which had begun on Friday night. The Alf Winslow sawmill and planer were operated by the Blekkenhorst families. Harvest demos went ahead with a wagon load of sheaves that had been stored indoors; the standing oats were finally dry enough by midafternoon to operate the McCormick Deering binder. The Tired Iron group had their display up and running and, alongside them, everyone heard the Blekkenhorst's big Cockshutt when it was on the dynamometer! Antique tractors were on display and a handful of classic cars showed up too. To finish the day, tractor owners rounded up enough drivers to get most of the tractors into the parade narrated by Jason Reid.

A big thank you goes to the small army of volunteers from near and far who look after so many things ranging from registering competitors, driving people wagons, to parking vehicles. Larry Bockus and Leo Lafontaine deserve special mention: Larry judged the plowing and Leo judged the antique tractors. All were under a little extra stress with Covid in the background this year.

The results below are unofficial; they will be verified at the next director's meeting.

Plowing

- Garden Tractor* - Austin Porto
- Two Furrow Drag* - Allen Barrie
- Two Furrow Mounted* - Al Miller
- Three Furrow* - Henry Aalbers
- Four or more Furrow* - Dylan Stajkowski
- Junior Plower* - Aundra Barrie
- Antique Tractor Plower* - Allen Barrie



Leo Blekkenhorst drove the Fordson with Art on the binder

Grand Champion Tractor Plowing - Allen Barrie

- Highest Female* - Aundra Barrie
- Junior Champion* - Aundra Barrie
- Junior Runnerup* - Travis Brink



Aundra Barrie winner of the Junior Championship

Antique Tractors

- Best Original* - Brian Gavin - 1942 John Deere H
- Best Restored* - Dale Turk - 1948 John Deere M
- Oldest Running* - Leo Blekkenhorst - 1923 Fordson
- Best Modified* - Leo Blekkenhorst - 1951 Massey Harris 2222

Tractor Rodeo

- Grand Champion* - Daniel Blekkenhorst - 1951 Massey Harris 2222
- Runner up* - Tom Loghrin - 1954 Farmall Super A



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A Level II Low Water Condition was declared on September 2, 2021. August received approximately 49% of average precipitation; the past three-months received 57% of average precipitation; the previous 18-months received 71% of average; and the averaged flow in gauged areas streams was estimated to be 5% of the August mean monthly flow. A Level II Low Water Condition indicates minor water supply problems with the potential for major supply problems. During a Level II Low Water Condition a voluntary reduction of 20% of water consumption is recommended. Additionally, rural residents who obtain their drinking water from wells should monitor their supplies and consider reducing their usage accordingly.

Lake Superior has continued to decline and has reached the seasonal long-term average for the first time since 2014. At the beginning of September the level was 26 centimetres lower than the level one year ago and one centimetre below the beginning of month average.

Attention teachers: the LRCA offers a variety of outdoor environmental education programs, including field

trips to a Conservation Area, outdoor programming at your school, in-class presentations, pre-recorded presentations, and live virtual programs. If you are interested in booking one of our excellent programs, please contact us by emailing education@lakeheadca.com.

Cool Autumn days are a particularly excellent time to visit a Conservation Area. If you do plan on visiting a Conservation Area this fall, please remember to obey all of the current local Health Unit recommendations and Provincial orders surrounding COVID-19.

While visiting, all pets must be on-leash at all times and picked up after, place garbage in the proper receptacles and remember that campfires and overnight camping are prohibited. Don't forget your \$5.00 parking fee or show your Explore Card Parking Pass. Electronic pay-and-display units will be installed this year at Cascades and Mission Island Marsh Conservation Areas. Parking at those areas will be enforced under the City of Thunder Bay parking by-law. Parking fees and Explore Card Parking Pass revenue go directly toward Conservation Area maintenance and upkeep.

SLATE RIVER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MONTHLY RECIPES



Root vegetables and squash are likely the last vegetables we harvest from our gardens. This month the Slate River Women's Institute is highlighting the butternut squash and beets.

In Mexico, there is plenty of evidence from preserved gourds and the remains of squash that this vegetable has been in existence for thousands of years. However, the butternut squash is relatively new having been bred by Charles Leggett in the 1940s by matching up the gooseneck squash with other squash to create one with an interior as smooth as butter and as sweet as a nut, hence the name butternut.

Here from **Doreen Rogers**, a long time member of our W.I., is her Butternut Squash Soup, high in fibre and extraordinarily rich in vitamin A and other nutrients.

Butternut Squash Soup

6 cups of cubed, peeled butternut squash	3 1/2 cups chicken stock
1 1/2 cups chopped onions	1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 bay leaf	salt and pepper to taste
1 cup of plain yogurt to use as a garnish in the bowl of hot soup	

First, cook the squash in the stock with the onions, bay leaf and nutmeg over medium low heat until the squash is tender, about twenty minutes. Remove the bay leaf. Purée the soup in a blender til smooth. Reheat then serve hot in bowls using a dollop of plain yogurt on the top as a garnish.

Delicious all alone or with your favourite sandwich.

P.S. Did you know that one cup of acorn squash has more potassium than two medium sized bananas?

One of our favourite dishes at our W.I. Thanksgiving dinners (pre Covid) is a beet dish that is both sweet and sour and can be served either hot or cold. This dish became popular post 1840's when they found that cornstarch, normally used for starching laundry had some use in cooking as a thickening agent. **Mary Germaine** gave me this recipe the year I was in charge of preparing the beets. Apart from the fact that this dish is really tasty and colourful it is extremely high in B9 folate, rich in vitamins and surprisingly low in calories.

Harvard Beets

4 cups cooked then diced beets	1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp. or less salt	1 tbsp. cornstarch
1/4 cup vinegar	1/4 cup water
2 tbsp. butter	

Mix the sugar, salt and cornstarch in a pot.

Add the vinegar and water. Heat slowly.

Keep stirring until the mixture is smooth and thickened.

Cook for about five minutes then add the beets. Turn off the heat and let the beets soak in the sauce for at least thirty minutes.

Before serving the beets hot, bring them to a gentle boil and add the butter. Enjoy hot or later as a cold side dish.

Happy Fall Everyone! Stay healthy and happy. ~Dodie Legassick

Kakabeka Legion

At this time we do not know when our next monthly breakfast will be. Keep your fingers crossed that the restrictions are lifted soon.

As of September 21st, proof of vaccination must be shown to enter the dances.

Friday Oct. 8 Dance to Quest 7-10pm. Admission \$10 pp
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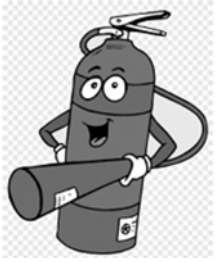
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Fire Safety for older Students


-submitted by Wendy Scott-Ligate


Going to college or university is an exciting time for students. Living in a new "home away from home" not only gives young adults more freedom to make their own choices, but it also provides them an increased level of responsibility while at school. When it comes to on- or off-campus housing, it's important for students to keep fire safety top of mind.


 Stay in the kitchen when cooking – especially if using oil or high temperatures.

 If you use candles, keep them away from anything that can burn, place them where they can't be knocked over and blow them out when leaving the room.

 Be aware of roommates and friends who have been drinking excessively, especially if they are cooking or smoking.

 Smoke outside. If you allow smoking inside, use large, sturdy ashtrays that can't be easily tipped over. Empty ashtrays into a metal container not the garbage. Check furniture after people have been smoking.

 Toasters, coffeemakers and microwaves should be plugged directly into an outlet. If you must use an extension cord, buy one that is the correct gauge for the appliance.

 Keep things that burn away from heat sources like stovetops, space heaters and electronic equipment. Tea towels and paper too close to burners can catch fire.



Your room or apartment must have working smoke alarms. Test them monthly and notify the landlord immediately if they're not working.



Know two ways out of your room or apartment in case of fire. Identify all exits and make sure you can use them.



To stay safe, put together a package that includes a smoke and CO alarm, a battery powered lantern or flashlight, a radio, extra batteries and an approved power bar.



Your room or apartment will require CO alarms if there's a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage. Check with your landlord to ensure that CO alarms have been installed adjacent to all sleeping areas.

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 !

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!

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 – October 6 and October 20

- 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.

Vaccine Passport Requirements

Blake Hall: As of September 22, 2021, all patrons of the Blake Hall will need to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination along with ID in order to access the facility.

Individuals can provide proof of immunization by downloading or printing their vaccine receipt from the provincial booking portal

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccine-booking-support#vaccination-receipts> or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900.

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Hymers Fair News



by Erin Laforest

Thank you to everyone that supported the 2021 Hymers Fall Fair making it a huge success! Although we were unable to host an in-person event and all aspects of the fair, we would like to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work and putting together this year's events to keep the spirit of the fair alive.

Thank you to all the wonderful people that supported the fair, whether it was enjoying a dinner from our drive-thru, taking a chance in our 50/50 draw, attending our in-person market, entering your exhibits, performing for our virtual music show, participating in our horse clinic or partaking in the newly held road rally.

A big thank you to our sponsors; Thunder Bay Feeds, Greenhawk and KIA. And to all the people that donated money and groceries at our market. With your generous donations, we were able to raise \$1135 to support the Rural Cupboard Food Bank.

Another big thank you to Bakeshop on Boundary for donating all the dinner rolls for our drive-thru dinner, as well as Sandy Acres Farm for all the bacon. To all the farmers and local businesses, it was such a pleasure doing business with you. Your perseverance through this pandemic and this summer's drought was an amazing feat that you should all be proud of.

We are proud to support local and be part of such an incredible community. We hope to see you all next year with the hopes of holding our regular fair. Please check our website for this years events at www.hymersfair.com or join us on Instagram or Facebook to stay tuned for future events.

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Stay Fire Safe this Halloween

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When choosing costumes, **stay away from long trailing fabric.**

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HAPPY Halloween

Fire Safety Tips

by Wendy Scott-Ligate

Halloween is a fun, and spooky time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.

Children dressed in costumes excitedly running door to door to trick-or-treat, festive decorations like glowing jack-o-lanterns, paper ghosts and dried cornstalks, and even hay bales adorning the front porches – these are some of the classic hallmarks of Halloween, that make the holiday special for kids and adults alike.

Unfortunately, these Halloween symbols and activities can also present lurking fire risks that have the potential to become truly scary. But by planning, you can help make this Halloween a fire-safe one. Taking simple fire safety precautions like keeping the decorations far away from open flames and using battery-operated candles or glow-sticks in jack-o-lanterns, can help ensure your holiday remains festive and fun!

Top Halloween Fire Safety tips:

- When choosing a costume, stay away from long trailing fabric.
- If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- Use battery-operated candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are always watched when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- Tell children to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know? Decorations are the first thing to ignite in roughly 800 reported home fires each year. More than one-third of these fires were started by a candle.



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Welcome Back!

Rosslyn Library will be opening to visitors every Tuesday from 10:00 to 7:00 beginning October 13th.

We want to continue to keep people safe in our community and therefore, we are limiting how patrons can use the library. Key things you need to know when coming into Rosslyn Library:

- ✓ Library service will be available at Rosslyn Library on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (beginning October 13th).
- ✓ There will be a limit of 3 patrons in the Library at any one time or if a household has more than 3 people, then a single household unit will be permitted into the Library.
- ✓ There will be a limit to the amount of time that each person/ household can be in the Library. The limit is 15 minutes per person/ household.
- ✓ Before entering the Library, a hand sanitizing station will be set up and you must use it before coming into the library.
- ✓ Masks or face coverings must be worn when entering the Library (Oliver Paipoonge Mandatory Mask Policy By-Law No. 65 2020) and must cover the mouth, nose, and chin as outlined in the Policy and recommended by health authorities.
- ✓ Toys and equipment including computers will not be available at this time.
- ✓ The used book room will be open under the same limitations as the main library area.
- ✓ Patrons' movement in the library will be guided by tables/ shelves. Please respect physical distancing amongst patrons and staff.
- ✓ Curbside service will continue to be offered at Rosslyn Library between 2:00 and 7:00 on Tuesdays and at Murillo Library every Wednesday from 2:00 to 7:00.

The Board of Oliver Paipoonge Library is working hard to expand library visit lengths, bring back public computer use and programs and open Murillo library to in-house service. If you have any questions you can email oplibrary@tbaytel.net or phone either Library

Murillo Library 935-2729 or Rosslyn Library 939-2312