



The Neebing News

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Advanced Voting Dates

- Saturday, October 15, 2022 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 18, 2022 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Advanced voting will be held at the Municipal Office, 4766 Highway 61

Election Day

- Monday, October 24, 2022 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

On Election Day, voters can vote at one of the following locations:

- Municipal Office, 4766 Highway 61
- Fire Hall 5, 920 Highway 608

Revisions to the Voter's List

- If an eligible voter in your household has not received a card, direct them to contact the Clerk's office at: (807) 474-5331

To qualify to vote:

- You must be a Canadian Citizen
- You must be 18 years of age or older
- You must own, live, or rent property in Neebing

Neebing Municipal Election Day October 24, 2022

Elections for the Office of:

- Mayor
- Councillor at Large
- Councillor for Blake
- Councillor for Crooks
- School Board Trustees
 - English Public
 - English Separate



Candidates for the 2022 Municipal Election and School Board Trustees

Candidates for Neebing Municipal Council

If you are a Canadian Citizen, at least 18 years old; and reside in Neebing or the owner or tenant of land in Neebing, or the spouse of such owner or tenant, then you are eligible to vote in the Neebing Municipal Election on October 24, 2022.

NAME OF CANDIDATE	OFFICE	
Ziggy Polkowski	Mayor	You can vote for ONE (1) candidate in this office.
Mark Roger Thibert		
Jill Cadieux	Councillor at Large	You can vote for ONE (1) candidate in this office.
Gordon Cuthbertson		
Katherine Hill	Councillor for Blake	You can vote for ONE (1) candidate in this office, if you are in the Blake Ward.
Gary Shchepanik		
Ron Voit		
Obie Egbuchulam	Councillor for Crooks	You can vote for ONE (1) candidate in this office, if you are in the Crooks Ward.
Brian Wright		
Curtis Coulson (<i>acclaimed</i>)	Councillor for Pardee	No election for this office.
Gary Gardner (<i>acclaimed</i>)	Councillor for Pearson	
Brian Kurikka (<i>acclaimed</i>)	Councillor for Scoble	

Candidates for School Board Trustee

Voters in Neebing can also vote for the school board trustees. The candidates for school board trustee are the same as the candidates in the City of Thunder Bay. You can view candidate profiles on the Thunder Bay website at <https://www.tbayvotes.ca/en/candidates/candidate-profiles/>.

If you are an eligible voter in both Neebing and Thunder Bay, you can only vote for school board trustee in one location.

English Public School Board

You can vote for EIGHT (8) candidates in this office.	
Ellen Chambers	Ron Oikonen
Gary Christian	George Saarinen
Kelly Fettes	Paul David Sequeira
Ahsanul Habib	Ryan Sitch
Pat Johansen	Trudy Tuchenhagen
Gary Johnson	Leah Vanderwey
Donica Leblanc	

English Separate School Board

You can vote for SIX (6) candidates in this office.	
Eleanor Ashe	Matt Pearson
Lawrence Badanai	Tony Pucci
Anthony Foglia	Tony Romeo
Gloria Gabrijelcic	Adam Shaen
Leanne Fonso	Francis Veneruz
Dina McFarlane	

French Public School Board

No election for this office.
Anne-Marie Gelineault (<i>acclaimed</i>)

French Separate School Board

No election for this office.	
Angele Desbiens (<i>acclaimed</i>)	Victoria Mauro (<i>acclaimed</i>)
Claudette Gleeson (<i>acclaimed</i>)	Donald Pelletier (<i>acclaimed</i>)
Elodie Grunerud (<i>acclaimed</i>)	

Candidates' Night

Thursday, October 6th
6:30 p.m.

Blake Hall

71 Blake Hall Rd
Neebing, ON



Volunteer for Your Community!

The end of the term of the current Municipal Council, November 14th, 2022, also marks the end of the term for the various volunteer committees in Neebing. Consider serving your community by joining a committee.

Applications are being accepted for positions on the following committees:

- Neebing Recreation Committee
- Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Cloud Bay Cemetery Board
- Neebing Waste Management Committee

More details about the committees and how to apply are available at www.neebing.org/committees or by contacting the Clerk at 807-474-5331.





We're Hiring

The Municipality of Neebing is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Chief Building Official

The Municipality of Neebing is partnering with the Township of Conmee and the Township of O'Connor in seeking a part-time Chief Building Official that will work in each municipality.

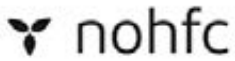
The Chief Building Official is responsible for the management and enforcement of the Building Code Act, the Ontario Building Code, and all other pertinent municipal and provincial regulatory requirements within each municipality.

This is a part-time position and workload will depend on the number of permit applications received in each municipality. Compensation for work completed in each municipality will be negotiated separately with each municipality.

Economic Development Officer Intern

The Economic Development Officer Intern will work with Neebing's Council, staff, and volunteers on a variety of projects to promote development and tourism in Neebing.

Qualifications: University or college graduate in a related field or equivalent experience. A degree or experience in business, marketing, urban planning, tourism, and recreation programs would be well-suited.



This opportunity is proudly supported by Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and is funded through the Workforce Development Program. Eligibility requirements of the program can be found at <https://nohfc.ca/en/pages/programs/people-talent-program/workforce-development-stream>.

As per the funding requirements:

- The candidate must be either a new entrant into the workforce, transitioning to a new career, or is unemployed or underemployed and is entering a new field.
- The candidate must have not previously participated in NOHFC's People and Talent Program.
- The candidate must be 18 years of age or older.
- The candidate must reside in Northern Ontario.
- The candidate must be legally eligible to work in Canada

A detailed job description for both positions can be found on our website at www.neebing.org/careers.

Please submit cover letter and resume to:

Clerk-Treasurer
Municipality of Neebing
4766 Highway 61
Neebing, ON P7L 0B5
clerk@neebling.org

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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.



We are looking to start up a Neebing 4H group!

... and are looking to see if there are local families who would be interested in have their kids in grades 1-8 join 4H in Neebing! The meeting place would likely be Blake Hall and a focus for the group has not been decided yet, that will be decided by the parents of the children joining the group. If you would like to know more please contact Lisa at lisalaitinen@hotmail.com or 807-708-4767 (cell). **This is a great opportunity to have locally organized activities for kids, no need to drive all the way to town!**

Contacting the OPP

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are contracted by the municipality to provide services to ensure the safety and security of our residents. You can help keep our community safe by keeping the police informed.

Did you know that the OPP have different ways you can inform them of incidents in our area?

For emergency events call 9-1-1.

For non-emergency events you can either:

- Call the 24-hour toll-free number at 1-888-310-1122;
- Call the detachment at 807-939-2133; or
- File a report online at <https://www.opp.ca/index.php?id=132>

Council would like to encourage residents to contact the OPP as things occur. Some laws are difficult to enforce when reported days after the offence has occurred. Examples would be disturbing the peace, drinking on public property or drinking and driving/boating.

Who You Gonna Call?

The OPP respond to calls about speeding, noise, public drinking on municipal property, boating infractions and more.

OPP Non-emergency phone number 1-888-310-1122.

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies.



HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Erwin Butikofer, Mayor, Mayor@neebling.org, 964-1788 (R)

Gordon Cuthbertson, Councillor at Large, Councilatlarge@neebling.org 708-7548 (C)

Mark Thibert, Ward 1 (Blake) Blake@neebling.org 939-2720 (R)

Brian Wright, Ward 2 (Crooks) Crooks@neebling.org 964-2365 (R)

Curtis Coulson, Ward 3 (Pardee) Pardee@neebling.org 577-2475 (R)

Gary Gardner, Ward 4 (Pearson) Pearson@neebling.org 577-1963 (R)

Brian Kurikka, Ward 5 (Scoble) Scoble@neebling.org 633-3735 (C)

R-Residence

C-Cell

NEEBING NEWS DELIVERED TO YOUR MAILBOX
(unless you have NO FLYERS posted)
Deadline for the NOVEMBER issue of The Neebing News is OCTOBER 20!!
(BUT early submissions are always very welcome!)
Submissions and photos of community events and articles of interest are welcome, and can be sent to [Chris Vaclav at designhouse@tbaytel.net](mailto:Chris.Vaclav@tbaytel.net)
628-7271

Your Business Here!

Do you own or operate a business within Neebing?
The municipality is updating its Local Business Index and Interactive Map. Get in touch with Elizabeth at the municipal office to find out more at:

(807) 474 – 5331
or via email at development@neebling.org

What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the September edition, there has been two regular meetings of Council on September 7 and 21 and one Special Meeting of Council sitting as Committee of the Whole on September 7.

At the Special Council meeting on September 7, the Committee of the Whole reviewed a minor variance application, a rezoning application and an application for consent. The Committee recommended that Council approve the applications.

At the regular Council meeting on September 7, the following matters were considered:

- Council ratified the recommendations to approve the planning applications heard at the Special Council meeting.
- Council set the hours for the upcoming holiday season.
- Council reviewed a request to relocate a turnaround.
- Council approved the "New Resident Brochure".
- Council passed a resolution regarding the doctor shortage in Ontario.

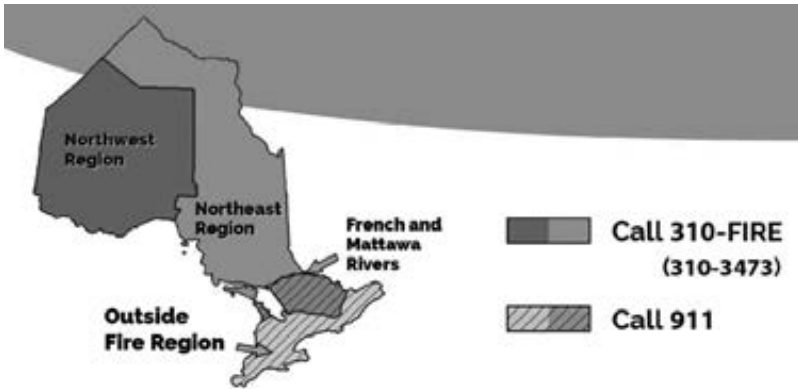
At the regular Council meeting on September 21, the following matters were considered:

- Council reviewed a request to move a building at the Scoble Landfill.
- Council cancelled the regular Council meeting scheduled for October 19.
- Council reviewed some requests for road signs.
- Council passed a resolution regarding proposed Federal Election Boundary changes.

The next Council meeting will be held October 5th. Regular Council meetings are normally scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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. **The meetings are now being held at the Municipal Office, but there is the option to attend virtually as well. The links to login to the meetings are posted on our website in the calendar details.**



REPORT FOREST FIRES



Fire Permits are available
24 hours a day at

www.neebing.org/firepermits

Contact Us - Municipality of Neebing


Complaints, Concerns, or Questions: Want action on a problem? Want answers to your Municipal questions? Get accurate information right from the source: www.neebing.org or call the office at 474-5331. Report your concern, voice your complaint, or get answers to your Municipal questions with the click of a mouse or a phone call.

Emergency Road Condition Reporting: If you encounter an emergency road condition such as a washout, a sinkhole, etc., please call the Municipal Office direct 474-5331 even if you are calling outside of regular office hours (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm). Leave us a detailed voice message as the municipal voicemail is monitored to help us act quickly when such emergency issues occur.

Municipal complaints or concerns posted on social media forums or website pages not maintained by the Municipality are not monitored or recorded. Please, contact the Municipal Office direct - we are here to help!



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.

Tips for Backyard Burning

-  Don't burn when the weather is dry or windy.
-  Only burn dry, natural vegetation, never trash or plastic.
-  The site should be surrounded by 10 feet of dirt or gravel on all sides.
-  Make sure to keep your burn small and manageable.
-  Always stay with the fire until it is out, and drown the fire with water.

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

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

We sincerely thank all those that continue to support us. Your donations enable the food bank to remain open!

Next Food Bank Wednesday, October 19th
Registration 9 am to 11 am
Drive-Thru Pick-up

Thunder Bay Growing Project

by Victoria Huisman

2022 has delivered a glimpse of our pre-covid world, but also has highlighted the ways in which our world has changed. This stands true for the Thunder Bay Growing Project (TBGP), a local program raising funds in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. When the project began back in the early 1980's the idea was simple: grow a crop of grain using donated machinery, land, seed, fertilizer, and time; then send the harvested grain overseas to countries in need. This was an excellent structure that ran well for decades, but with the increasing cost of input and decreasing availability of volunteer time, as well as our everchanging unpredictable weather conditions, it was time for this project to evolve. In November -2019, the first Thunder Bay Community Growing Project Gala was held, this event was a success and there was great excitement for the upcoming year. Unfortunately, in 2020 plans were put on hold and the TBGP remained mostly inactive for the two worst summers of the pandemic. 2022 presented new opportunities and renewed excitement for the project. For this season the project has had a complete overhaul, with a plan that involves the broader community and is able to assist hunger on both a global AND local level.

The structure of the TBGP this year is one inspired by local producers and will support both local and global communities. First, fundraising to cover the input costs of raising 4 calves to market age. Next, dividing animals into 2 portions: one to be auctioned off, and the other to be donated to local food charities. The money that is raised by the auction will be donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank by the Canadian government for world hunger relief programs.

The UN estimates 20 million more people will experience hunger, and more will experience food insecurity, in 2022 due to both climate issues and international conflicts. This significant increase foreshadows future growing seasons and demonstrates the important role that programs such as the Canadian Foodgrains Bank play. The Canadian Foodgrains Bank's unique focus on supporting international relief programs designed to educate and empower, rather than purely providing immediate crisis relief, helping communities to not just survive but thrive in these times of uncertainty. This "hand up, not hand out" approach is key in the battle against world hunger at all levels, a stance which gains the support of our Canadian government who matches all project donations 3:1. This means that for every dollar raised, \$4 is invested in building community level food security projects internationally. Feeding our world starts at home, and it needs your support! TBGP is currently accepting both monetary and in-kind donations; sponsorship opportunities are also available. The first TBGP Local Beef Auction and Gala will be held November 12 at Fort William Historical Park, tickets are on sale now and can be found by searching Local Beef Auction and Gala on Eventbrite.com. For more information find Thunder Bay Community Growing Project on facebook, email tbygrowingproject@gmail.com, or phone Victoria at (807)632-3844. Together we can make a difference.

Come talk to us October 5 at the Thunder Bay Country Market, enjoy some local burgers by donation generously sponsored by the Thunder Bay Cattleman's Association, see you there!

Waste Reduction Week / Circular Economy

For 20 years Waste Reduction Week in Canada has focused on the concepts of waste reduction and recycling as a key component of the transition to a circular economy. The Circular Innovation Council is extending Waste Reduction Week in Canada beyond the third week of October into Circular Economy Month to educate and excite Canadians about the opportunities and benefits of the circular economy.

As always, the third week of October is Waste Reduction Week in Canada. Daily program themes related to specific waste streams and the waste reduction component of a circular economy will be introduced including videos and information on what you can do to help reduce the amount of waste going to our municipal landfill sites.

The remainder of the month will focus on introducing the concept of a circular economy and amplifying its broader social, environmental, and economic benefits, communicating a different theme each week.

Get the details here: <https://wrwcanada.com/en>

Rural Family Centre



"Learning Through Play, Exploration & Inquiry" Connect with other Families!

(for children 0-6 years)

Our Calendar of events can be viewed at: <https://www.keyon.ca/en/Events/ViewEvents>

* EarlyON Child and Family Centre - Murillo

(Pre-registration on KeyON is required)

For more info, please:

Email: ruralfrc@tbaytel.net or

Private FB message us or

Call: 935-3009

Play, sing, laugh and we will SEE YOU SOON!

Kakabeka Legion Events



Sunday Oct 9 Buffet Breakfast 8:30-noon

Sunday Oct 16 Jam Session 6:30-9:30

Saturday Oct 29 Hallowe'en Dinner/Dance

Call Gary for reservations 708-0411

Sunday Oct 30 Music 2-4

Call the hotline 473-9122 for updates

We are an organization servicing our veterans and the community. Thank you for your support of the Kakabeka Legion and those holding events.

COME FOR AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AT THE KAKABEKA LEGION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2022

JUST 4 U

Jerry Ward, Rob Dowaniuk, Harold Zweep

Vince & Lois Lofts

2 P.M. to 4 P.M.

Dancing Welcomed

Intermission with Coffee

Cash Donation at Door

Proceeds to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank

Thanks to the Kakabeka Legion for Hosting this Event

OCTOBER 2022



WEEK 1 (OCT 1-9)

Introducing the circular economy



WEEK 2 (OCT 10-16)

Environmental benefits: clean oceans and freshwater, biodiversity protection, climate change mitigation, reducing carbon emissions, water conservation, embracing reuse.



WEEK 3 (OCT 17-23)

Waste reduction and recycling of issue-based waste streams



WEEK 4 (OCT 24-31)

Social & economic benefits: innovation, job & skills creation, economic savings, driving local economy, community engagement



Waste Reduction Week Oct 17-23, 2022



WASTE REDUCTION WEEK IN CANADA

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Chix in the Stix
Mung Beans

I'm one of those people profoundly affected by the changing seasons. Especially Fall with the change in light, coolness in the air, the metaphor of letting go, resting, and preparing for growth and rebirth. It causes a lot of inner reflection and deep thoughts. Add to that that there have been more than a few events in our lives (and in our world!) this past year that have caused us to pause and consider our mortality. So I have been thinking a lot about legacy this month. What memories my kids will carry forward. What legacy we will leave behind. I mean hopefully we have many years left. I guess we are just at that age where these things become reality. I just feel this new phase of our lives starting. I can see our kids looking at us differently. They are recognizing that time passes quicker as you get older. They see the gap widening between our generations but at the same time becoming smaller as we become closer. More than ever they are becoming our best friends. They step up when they see us slowing down a bit or struggling with a few aches and pains during tasks that were once a breeze. We don't want them to remember us failing or ailing so accepting help is not always easy. Nor is accepting that we are entering the last chapter of our lives. But it's there. So we're trying to embrace it and carve out as many memorable moments as we can. Make it one of the best chapters. Trying to make sure there are great memories for them to look back on one day. To encourage the kind of legacy we are hoping for.

bar of soap in her tiny bathroom is etched in my memory. I drink Tetley tea because my grandfather did. I know all the words to his favourite hymns.

I wonder now what my kids will remember about me. I hope it's my faith, my servant heart, my efforts to be kind and compassionate. I fear it will more likely have something to do with my dark sense of humour, my swearing, and my constant cleaning. Or maybe they will talk about my love of scented candles. Or coffee. Or how I loved medical shows or court room dramas. How I was always writing. I honestly don't know. And I wonder what their memories of their dad will be like. Probably his work ethic and his propensity for teasing. Maybe something about eating lots of garlic and onions and the resulting consequences in enclosed spaces. Or how you could never go to town with him without stopping to talk with soooo many people because he seems to know EVERYBODY! And mung beans. I think even now if you mention mung beans to my kids you don't have to say much more. Seems my hubby can't pass a bag of mung beans in the grocery store without tossing them into the cart. Which is funny because I have never once in my life actually cooked mung beans. I have sprouted them, but even that is only an occasional thing. But still I guarantee if I look in my pantry right now there will be more mung beans than any family needs.

These may seem like small things but I think it's these quirks or little habits that make us stand out from the crowd. They are the things that will stand out when our kids think about us in years to come. And we all have them. I guarantee you do! It may not be mung beans or cleaning. But I guarantee it's SOMETHING! And while I do still hope that I can pass along the legacy of caring, faith, family and friends, I'm fine if there are other things my kids remember me for too. Especially if it makes them smile. I don't mind at all if they laugh about or even at me when I'm gone. Legacy. I think the trick is to not focus so much on the legacy but to just focus on family. To water those mung beans and see what grows.

Last night I was explaining to my daughter that the blanket she was snuggled under had been made many years ago by the grandmother she never got a chance to meet. Crocheting was one of my mom's talents and when my siblings and I share memories it always gets mentioned. That and her love of country music. Decades later I still carry Juicy Fruit gum in my purse because it reminds me of her. If we talk about our late dad the conversation includes references to taxi's, spaghetti dinners, and his kitchen table 'office.' When I think about my grandmother I can practically smell her hand lotion and taste her shortbread cookies. Even the shape of the



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Neebing Fire/Rescue Association
 NFRA News
 Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris, President NFRA



Here are some great upcoming NFRA events!

NOVEMBER:

Are you up for some Bluegrass and Old Tyme music? We have just what you've been missing!

The Mink Mountain Revue and *Rob and Gary* will be playing in support of Neebing Emergency Services! The fun will be at the Blake Hall on Sunday November 6th. (See more details below.)



You won't want to miss this!

DECEMBER:

Back, by popular demand, the *NFRA Christmas Cookie/Treat Sale!* (We've missed it too!)



Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 10th where you'll have a chance to pick up some delicious treats to enjoy over the holidays. We will be at the Blake Hall, more details will be in November's edition of the Neebing News and on our social media pages.



BAKERS, if you are able to donate baking for this event (and we really need you!) please email nfraevents@gmail.com or call/text me (Joy) at 628-2015. Thank you!



We always welcome new volunteers, join us! Email us at nfraevents@gmail.com and we'll let you know when the next sort or event is happening. The extra hands certainly make the work go quickly!



Did you know there is a Donation Jar for NFRA located inside the Municipal Office?

Some of you found it! Thank you very much for your generosity.

It's a easy way to support our Emergency Services.

If you'd like a receipt for tax purposes, be sure to use a cheque or place your donation in an envelope that has your name and address so we can send you one.



Candyce McKinnon, the Winner of our 2022 Firewood Raffle has received delivery from Chaschuk Enterprises, Inc. and has shared these photos. Looks like she'll have a warm winter ☺



In September, volunteers sorted 13 1/2 mini-bulk bags of cans in just over 2 hours!

THANK YOU for these donations at our landfill bins and sheds! And special thanks to you who bag your beer cans separate from pop cans, it makes our job so much easier!



Lastly, but most importantly, October is Fire Prevention Month. Be Safe, Have a Plan, Check Your Smoke Alarms.



**NFRA invites you to a....
 BLUEGRASS
 and
 OLD TYME MUSIC
 CONCERT**

**FEATURING
 "THE MINK MOUNTAIN REVUE"
 and "ROB AND GARY"**

**...in support of Neebing Emergency Services, to be held at Blake Hall on Sunday, November 6, 2022
 Doors open at 1:15pm, concert starts at 2:00pm
 Admission Tickets \$15.00 which includes coffee/tea and dessert.**

PLUS...

- 50/50 Draw!
- Silent and Live Auctions!



Neebing Fire/Rescue Association

Tickets available starting on October 3 at the Neebing Municipal office 4766 Hwy 61.

Be Safe, Be Well, and Be Kind

Join us at Rosslyn Library!



CARPET BOWLS GAME
Activities for Seniors

Seniors!

Help nurture your mind and body with a fun game of carpet bowling.

- Relaxed and gentle pace of exercise
- Socializing and fun times
- Free
- Coaching available
- Snacks and refreshments

Beginners welcome!!

Where: Rosslyn Hall

Date: every Friday

Morning session 10 am - noon

Afternoon session 1 pm - 3 pm

Pre-booking takes priority over drop-ins

Please call the library at 939-2312 for more information or booking.

Please bring indoor shoes!



For more information call 939-2312

Duke Hunt Museum
 Seniors Cribbage
 Every Tuesday at Rosslyn Hall
 1:00 – 4:00 beginning Oct. 4th
 Doors open at 12:45



Neebing Emergency Services by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing

October – Celebrating “100 Years of the Annual “Fire Prevention Week” Program



As the month of October appears once again on our calendars, we are reminded that it is time to direct departmental focus to our annual **Fire Prevention Week** messaging. This program encourages all fire services to reflect on the overall level of fire safety in their community, and to ensure the dissemination of the critical life/safety message that *Fire Prevention* serves as the ‘*first line of fire defense*’ in every community. The original Fire Prevention Week was celebrated in 1922, which dictates that 2022 be recognized as its *Centennial Year*. While the fire service has seen many changes over the past 100 years, fire prevention remains as the ‘corner stone’ to the creating a community that is fire safe. *Fire fighting* is an essential service (as it is critical to preserve both personal and community safety) if/when a fire does occur. However, the importance of residents being aware of fire safety concerns, and the actions that they can enact to help prevent fires from occurring are equally important to the development of a fire safe community. That is why throughout the year, and especially during Fire Prevention Week, you will encounter firefighters continuing to remind friends and neighbours of possible fire dangers, safe steps they can take to prevent unwanted fires, and safe actions they can undertake if they are actually confronted by a fire situation.

A unique fire safety theme is adopted for every annual Fire Prevention Week. For 2022, that theme is titled:

“Fire Won't Wait! Plan Your Escape.”

Although ‘Fire Escape’ themes have been the focus of previous fire safety campaigns, the addition this year of the extra caution ‘**Fire Won't Wait!**’ is meant to address the changing reality with regard to the increasing pace of fire spread, as well as the release of toxic gases during modern building fires (including in our homes). As a result, if/when a fire does occur, there is an urgent need to exit the building as quickly as possible - to ensure your safety, as well that of your family or guests. In your home, the two (2) best actions you can take to ensure a safe exit if there is a fire include;

- Ensure your **SMOKE ALARM** is working: It is designed to detect any smoke hazard, and provide an early alert of a fire occurrence in your home, and
- Create and practise your family **FIRE ESCAPE PLAN**, so that you have already thought about, and planned and actioned the safe exit routine. Occupants need to leave the house, **call 911** from outside, proceed to the designated meeting place, and ensure

that everyone is accounted for. It was disappointing to learn recently that fire investigators have found that many Ontarians who died in house fires in recent years did not have working smoke alarms in their homes, and therefore did not receive an early warning of the fire threat. In today’s house fires, a speedy alert to the fire threat and a speedy exit are critical to remaining safe. Remember to **check** your **Smoke alarms** at least **monthly** to ensure they are working, and do **prepare** and **practise** a **Fire Escape Plan** with all household members. When travelling, it is also important to familiarize yourself with the fire safety plans posted in your room (found on the back of the room’s entry door) so you are aware of the recommended exits from the building.

Some family members (for whatever reason) may require special consideration(s) to ensure their safe exit in a fire situation. Include these needs in your Fire Escape planning. Things as simple as having a walker escape route, or having necessary medications or other designated necessities in a pre-determined location so they can easily be picked up upon exiting the building. Preparedness, and familiarity with the action plan is **key** to a safe exit for all.

With the coming of October, **Fall** has officially arrived! Regardless of the weather, our focus reluctantly turns to the usual but necessary tasks of fall – yard and garden clean up, as well as making preparations for the coming winter. Look for the **Autumn Fire Safety** piece in this month’s Neebing News, for a selection of good fall home and yard fire safety reminders.

While Fire Prevention Week is the most significant fire safety activity of the month, there are a few other events in October worthy of note:

- **Thanksgiving:** Falling on the Monday of Fire Prevention Week, Thanksgiving is a significant time of family gathering and celebration. It is an important time to remember fire safety considerations related to group activities such as cooking, smoking and/or ‘drinking’.
- **Halloween:** October 31st is notable as the last day of the regulated seven (7) month **Fire Season** in Northern Ontario. However, it is more commonly celebrated as **Halloween**, when the ghosts and goblins and trick-or-treaters go door to door seeking goodies from their neighbours. For a number of years now, Neebing Emergency Services (NES) has held a **drop-by event at Fire Hall #1** (at the intersection of Highway 608 and 61) for young Neebing visitors -

to show-off their fancy costumes, and of course pick up **treats**. Although COVID did disrupt the event for two (2) years, last year’s **drive thru/ hand-out event** was well received, so for 2022 we are looking forward to another suc-

cessful walk-thru event.
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Craft room open Monday to Friday from 10am to 3 pm

Watercolour painting will resume on Thursday September 8th from 1pm to 3pm running for 8 weeks.

Thursday Yoga starts on September 22nd from 10am to 11am running for 10 weeks.

We are closed Monday October 10th for Thanksgiving.



Hymers Fair News



Thank you to everyone that participated in the 2022 Hymers Fall Fair, whether you were an exhibitor, vendor, musician, or visitor. The love and support for our little country fair was overwhelming. Thank you all for coming out! After two years of not having a fair, it was wonderful to see all the smiling and beautiful faces around the fair.

A huge thank you to all our sponsors that help make the fair a success! Running the fair would be very difficult without your generous contributions.

I would like to also thank all the board members of the Hymers Agricultural Society and the volunteers that keep our fair running. Without all of you and the hard work that you put in year after year, there would be no fair. So please, hug a volunteer today, and offer a helping hand for next year. Volunteers keep our organizations running, providing us entertainment and fun year after year. Without them, these types of events would all be lost. Planning is year-round, so if you would like to volunteer or join us for a meeting, please email us at volunteers@hymersfair.com or call 475-8586.

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by Henry Tempelman, Pharmacist/Owner of Evergreen Pharmacy

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Trick or treat! We've got a new flavour of COVID vaccine and a flu shot coming soon! Leave your pillowcase candy sacks at home, roll up those sleeves and show me that shoulder. The new Moderna Bivalent vaccine (aka Omicron Booster) is now available at both Kakabeka Falls and Rosslyn locations. Bivalent means that the vaccine is developed to protect against the original coronavirus strain and the more common omicron variant circulating now. The Moderna bivalent vaccine can be received by any person, regardless of whether they have received Pfizer or Moderna vaccines in the past, as these mRNA vaccines can be used interchangeably. At the time of writing, the Ministry of Health has only released the Moderna bivalent vaccine. We expect to receive this Pfizer Bivalent vaccine once it is released, but we don't have information on when that will be available. Sign up for our email newsletter on our website www.evergreenrx.ca to receive email updates when we receive Pfizer Bivalent, along with other pharmacy updates (like flu shot availability!)

All individuals aged 18 years and older may receive a COVID-19 bivalent booster dose, regardless of the number of booster doses received.

How long to wait between COVID-19 vaccine doses? The current guidance from the Ministry states that booster doses may be given if at least 6 months have passed since the individual's last dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of how many boosters they've received. However, with informed consent, eligible individuals may receive a booster dose if at least 3 months have passed since their previous dose.

Recently had a COVID-19 infection and wondering how soon you can get a bivalent booster dose? A booster dose is recommended after a minimum of 3 months after symptom onset or positive test (if asymptomatic); however, a 6-month interval may provide better immune response regardless of the product given. Currently, data is limited regarding the immune response provided by prior COVID-19 infection and the length of protection provided. However, there is early evidence that immunity from previous COVID-19 infection without vaccination does not provide the best protection against reinfection with COVID-19. The vaccines are available on various days throughout the week at each location. We are hoping to open up clinic days, where we can do a large volume of patients in an efficient manner as well. Visit our website and find "BOOK YOUR COVID VACCINE HERE / FLU SHOT WAITLIST" on the homepage, then click on your preferred location to book an appointment and find more info about availability.

FLU SHOTS! We've just received information that the flu vaccines will be made available mid-October for limited availability ordering, then full time ordering/availability late October. Flu vaccines will begin by appointment only due to high demand, then we will make walk-ins available once demand slows. You can sign up for our flu shot wait list on our website on the homepage where it says, "BOOK YOUR COVID VACCINE HERE / FLU SHOT WAITLIST". Note: it is safe and effective to get both your COVID vaccine and flu shots on the same day. There is no requirement wait any period between these vaccines, except for children under 5 who are recommended to wait two weeks between vaccines.

We will be carrying the standard flu shot (Quadrivalent) and the high dose 65+ flu shot (Trivalent). As we expect every year, the Ministry of Health is usually in shorter supply of the high dose 65+ flu shot, but the standard flu shot is still very effective and recommended for those 65+. Vaccine shopping is not recommended, and we recommend getting whichever vaccine is available to you.

In fact, the standard flu shot (quadrivalent) protects against four strains of the flu, whereas the high dose 65+ flu shot (trivalent) protects against three strains of the flu; however, the high dose 65+ shot offers better protection against the strain that is most common to hospitalize seniors. Both vaccines have their benefits!

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Phew, this is going to be a busy month! And I still haven't picked out my Halloween costume, but I'm sure my kids will have an idea or twelve. Our pharmacy team is always here to help or answer any questions :).

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