

# The Neebing News

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DECEMBER! 2022

## Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic (6 months and older)

Bivalent Vaccines Available

Flu vaccine will also be available

**Blake Community Hall**  
71 Blake Hall Road  
Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>  
11:00am-2:00pm



## Welcome to Your Council for 2022 - 2026



Mayor  
Councillor at Large  
Councillor for Blake  
Councillor for Crooks  
Councillor for Pearson  
Councillor for Pardee  
Councillor for Scoble

Mark Thibert  
Gordon Cuthbertson  
Katherine Hill  
Brian Wright  
Gary Gardner  
Curtis Coulson  
Brian Kurikka



Staff and volunteers of the Municipality of Neebing welcome our new Council and look forward to this new term.

In the last edition of the Neebing News, it was reported that the election for the Crooks seat ended in a tie. A recount was held and the votes were still tied. As required by the Municipal Elections Act, a name was drawn from a hat. Obie Egbuchulam's name was drawn and he was declared the elected candidate. Unfortunately, Mr. Egbuchulam was unable to accept the seat due to a conflict with his employment.

The Inaugural Meeting of the new Council was held on November 15th where the new Council members made their declarations of office. Due to the employment conflict, Mr. Egbuchulam did not make the declaration of office and the seat was declared vacant. Once a seat becomes vacant, Council has the authority to appoint an individual to the seat. At the first regular meeting of the new Council, Brian Wright was appointed to the Crooks seat.

### Statement from Obie Egbuchulam to Council and Neebing Constituents:

This is a happy moment for me. Thank you, Crooks Township residents/neighbors. The 2022 Neebing Municipal Elections have ended.

As the declared winner of the Crooks Township municipal election, I feel humbled by this result. Meeting residents and having meaningful conversations remains the highlight of my campaign— the best part.

I have had some conversations with my competition, Brian Wright. I hope this process added to his experience and resolve going forward. I believe he now appreciates the needs and interests of Crooks residents more and will work harder to deliver.

Due to personal and career-related reasons, I cannot accept this win, the councillor position for Crooks Township, in this dispensation. The council position presented a conflict of interest with my job, I was told by HR much later. The organization's policy states that employees can't run for elective positions. If an employee wants to run, they must resign first.

It was a tough decision for me to make, but I pray that the good people of Crooks Township and Neebing understand. This is not the last you'll hear from me; actually, it is the beginning of our long and prosperous relationship as I will use the years ahead to better prepare to serve my community and provide stellar stewardship!

I am thrilled with the outcomes of this election. Over 15 years of being actively involved in Canadian politics, this has been my most significant moment. All because of the voters in Crooks Township.

Thank you, everyone. Merci beaucoup. Miigwech. - Obie Egbuchulam.

## Holiday Cookie & Treat Sale

NFRA invites you to fill your cookie jars with delicious seasonal treats.

**Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**1pm-3pm @ Blake Hall**

Our local bakers will supply a scrumptious variety of your favorites.

Both pre-packaged and select-your-own boxes will be available.

Also enjoy:

- ◆ A 50/50 Draw
- ◆ Local Vendors
- ◆ Door Prize
- ◆ Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate, etc.



Neebing Fire/Rescue Association

## Neebing Municipal Services Holiday Hours Schedule

The Municipal Office will close for the holidays on **Friday December 23rd, 2022 at 5:00 pm** and reopen on **Tuesday January 3rd, 2023 at 9:00 am.**

Visit our website for up-to-date information. Subscribe to our newsfeed and stay informed.

[www.neebing.org](http://www.neebing.org)

# Life Can Be Hard

Finding Help Can Be Easy

**211**

- Health and Mental Health Services
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- Seniors' Services and Home Care
- Government Programs and Services
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- Disability Supports and More

Contact 211 day or night to find support for all of life's challenges

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## Your Emergency Preparedness GUIDE

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- Prepare a kit

**72 HOURS**  
IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?

Canada

**NEEBING NEWS DELIVERED TO YOUR MAILBOX**  
(unless you have NO FLYERS posted)  
**Deadline for the JANUARY issue of The Neebing News is JANUARY 3!!**  
(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:designhouse@tbaytel.net) 628-7271



## NEEBING LANDFILL NEWS

- Winter Landfill Hours**  
A reminder that winter hours start at the landfill on October 1<sup>st</sup>  
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.

# **\*\*REVISED\*\***

## LANDFILL SITES HOLIDAY HOURS

### SCOBLE & SAND HILL LANDFILLS

**\*\*NOTE THE SPECIAL OPERATING HOURS**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24TH – OPEN 9-5  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 25TH – CLOSED  
**\*\*MONDAY DECEMBER 26TH – OPEN 12-4**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST – OPEN 9-5  
SUNDAY JANUARY 1ST – CLOSED  
**\*\*MONDAY JANUARY 2ND – OPEN 12-4**

### 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.

### Rental rates:

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

### 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@neebing.org](mailto:development@neebing.org).

## HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mayor**  
**Councillor for Blake**  
**Councillor for Crooks/Deputy Mayor**  
**Councillor for Pardee**  
**Councillor for Pearson**  
**Councillor for Scoble**  
**Councillor At-Large**

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Katherine Hill 631-1869  
Brian Wright 964-2365  
Curtis Coulson 577-2475  
Gary Gardner 577-1963  
Brian Kurikka 633-3735  
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[councilatlarge@neebing.org](mailto:councilatlarge@neebing.org)

## Show Me the Money

Almost all of us want to pay as little as possible for property tax. But how are property taxes determined? Budgets are set each year by the Municipality that affect how much property tax residents will pay.

Legislation requires that Municipalities must have a balanced budget. This means that what comes in must match what goes out; and, just like a personal Budget, if the Municipality want to spend more in certain areas, we either must make more (or borrow), spend less in other areas, or do both.

However, Municipalities can also save for future events such as the replacement of a bridge. These savings for the future are called reserves. Determining the amount to contribute towards reserves are an important part of budget decision making, but these amounts are also vulnerable to budget cuts, as decisions that affect current year items tend to be viewed as having a higher priority.

The budget cycle in Neebing begins the pervious Fall with the passing of the Capital Plan, and discussions with staff and various committees are held. Budgets are typically reviewed at least four times by Council before being passed, this review begins at the end of January and the final review is completed in May when the budget is passed.

Why is the budget not set earlier? The exact amounts that the Municipality must pay to different organizations and the amount of money coming in can change in the early part of the year, and these changes can affect the Budget. In larger Municipalities these changes have less of an effect on the overall budget.

The Public is welcome to Budget meetings. Council will set the date for the first budget meeting soon, so check the website the Neebing News in early January to find the date.



### 12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety from NFRA

<b>Day 1</b>  <b>Water fresh trees daily</b>	<b>Day 2</b>  <b>Check all sets of lights before decorating</b>
<b>Day 3</b>  <b>Make sure you have working smoke alarms</b>	<b>Day 4</b>  <b>Make sure you have working carbon monoxide alarms</b>
<b>Day 5</b>  <b>Make sure everyone knows how to get out safely if a fire occurs!</b>	<b>Day 6</b>  <b>Use extension cords wisely</b>
<b>Day 7</b>  <b>Give space heaters space</b>	<b>Day 8</b>  <b>When you go out, blow out!</b>
<b>Day 9</b>  <b>Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children</b>	<b>Day 10</b>  <b>Watch what you heat!</b>
<b>Day 11</b>  <b>Encourage smokers to smoke outside</b>	<b>Day 12</b>  <b>There's more to responsible drinking than taking a cab home</b>

More details on Tips for a Fire Safe Holiday Season can be viewed at: <https://www.oafc.on.ca/holiday-fire-safety> or on the Neebing website: [www.neebing.org](http://www.neebing.org)

## Contacting the OPP

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are contracted by the municipality to provide police services in our community to ensure the safety and security of our residents. We encourage you to contact the OPP when offences are in progress. Some laws are difficult to enforce when reported days after the offence has occurred, such as disturbing the peace or liquor related offences.

Depending on the nature of the event you are experiencing, there are several ways you can contact the OPP.

### For emergency events please call 9-1-1

#### For non-emergency events:

- Call the 24-hour toll-free number at 1-888-310-1122
- Call the local OPP detachment at (807) 683-4200; or
- File a report online at: <https://www.opp.ca/index.php?id=132>

## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

**Friday, December 9th**

**11:00am to 2:00pm**

**Blake Community Hall**

**71 Blake Hall Road**

**No appointment needed—just walk-in**

**Open to everyone 6 months & older**

**Bivalent boosters available**

#### Flu vaccine is also available to:

- Those under 5 years
- Those at high risk from serious illness from flu infections; pregnant people, those 65 and older, Indigenous peoples and those with chronic medical conditions or conditions/medications that compromise the immune system
- Those 5 years and older receiving a COVID vaccine

Can't make it? Visit [TBDHU.COM/covidclinics](http://TBDHU.COM/covidclinics) for options.

Questions? Call 625-5900 (M-F, 8:30-4:30pm) or visit [TBDHU.COM/covidclinics](http://TBDHU.COM/covidclinics)



## 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 [www.neebing.org/textalerts](http://www.neebing.org/textalerts) or send us your name, Neebing address, and your text-enabled cell phone number including area code to [neebing@neebing.org](mailto:neebing@neebing.org) or call us at 474-5331. Your personal information is kept strictly confidential.

Emergency preparedness starts with you

# power outages

Stay away from and report downed power lines

Avoid water near electrical equipment | Stay informed | Don't use outdoor grills or bbqs indoors | Use glowsticks or flashlights

[ontario.ca/beprepared](http://ontario.ca/beprepared)

**Notice of a Public Meeting being held to consider an application for a proposed Land Severance (Application Number B06-2022)**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING**

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, December 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., at the Neebing Municipal Office to consider a proposed severance under Section 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended. The Committee's recommendations to Council will be considered for ratification at the Regular Council Meeting on the same evening, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

The Application (B06-2022) is brought by Mary Hodder, the property owner. The land parcel which is the subject matter of the application has municipal address 213 East Oliver Lake Road, and is legally described as "Concession 4 South Part Lot 6, MR68, Parcel 1550, in the geographic Scoble Township, in the Municipality of Neebing and Province of Ontario". This is referred to as the "Subject Property".

The purpose of the proposed severance is to sell a portion of the property to a neighbouring landowner to increase the size of their property. The parcel that is being severed was originally a separate lot but was merged in title under the Planning Act with the property at 301 East Oliver Lake Road. The parcel of land to which the severed parcel is proposed to be added is 211 East Oliver Lake Road. The severed parcel will be rectangular in shape, and does not have road frontage. A sketch showing the lot configuration is included with the application, a copy of which is available on the Neebing website ([www.neebing.org/notices](http://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 severance. If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Committee of the Whole in respect of the proposed severance does not make oral submissions at this public meeting, or does not provide written submissions prior to the decision of the Council in the matter, the Ontario Land Tribunal may not grant them status to maintain the appeal.

How to provide input: You can provide input on the application as follows:

- a) Submit comments in writing by email, to [clerk@neebling.org](mailto:clerk@neebling.org);
- b) Submit comments by regular mail to the mailing address below;
- c) Register to speak at the Public Meeting (whether in-person or electronically), in advance, to [clerk@neebling.org](mailto:clerk@neebling.org), or by calling the Clerk-Treasurer at the number below; or
- d) Attend the public meeting in-person, or via electronic means, and register with the Clerk-Treasurer, upon arrival, indicating your wish to address the Public Meeting orally.

Please note that, in order to be considered, written comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. It is the writer's responsibility to check with the Clerk-Treasurer, using the contact information below, to confirm that electronically submitted or mailed written comments have been received

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

DATED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING this 17th day of November, 2022.

  
Erika Kromm  
Clerk-Treasurer

**Neebing News Online Editions – Get to the Links with a Click!**



Neebing News articles often suggest visiting a website for more information. All of the web-link suggestions found in the paper publication become active links in the electronic online editions (or 'e-copy' edition) of the Neebing News. One click is all it takes.

Once you open the e-copy edition, hover your mouse pointer over any hyperlink mentioned in a news story and 'Click' to follow the link. It will bring you directly to the websites. How convenient! The e-copy editions of the monthly Neebing News publication are available on our website: <https://www.neebing.org/neeblingnews> or visit our website homepage and click on the feature box titled "Neebing News Publication" to find available e-copies.

We hope you find this feature of our Neebing News e-copy edition very useful. If you have any suggestions for Neebing News improvements or stories, contact us at [neebling@neebling.org](mailto:neebling@neebling.org).

# Volunteers Still Needed!

We wish to thank all those who have expressed an interest helping the community by volunteering on a committee. We are still looking for a couple more people for the **Cloud Bay Cemetery Board** and **Neebing Waste Management Committee**. Consider serving your community by joining one of these committees. To apply submit your expression of interest to [clerk@neebling.org](mailto:clerk@neebling.org).

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

## What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the November edition, there has been one regular meeting of Council on November 2nd and 16th. The inaugural meeting of the new term of Council was held on November 15th.

At the regular Council meeting on November 2nd, the following matters were considered:

- Council authorized initiating discussions with the MNR regarding snowmobile trail development.
- Council authorized the renewal of the advertisement in the annual Superior Country Travel Guide.
- Council directed Administration to register delegates for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference.
- Council passed a by-law to amend the procedure by-law to change the date of the inaugural meeting of Council.

At the inaugural meeting on November 15th, the new member of council for the 2022-2026 term were sworn in and each member provided an opportunity to say a few words to mark the start of the new term.

At the regular Council meeting on November 16th, the following matters were considered:

- Council declared the Crooks seat vacant and appointed Brian Wright as the Councillor for Crooks.
- Council reviewed the procedure by-law.
- Council reviewed appointments for various committees and positions. Appointments will be formalized through a by-law at the December 7th Council meeting.
- Council directed Administration to submit delegation requests for various Ministers at the ROMA conference.
- Council reviewed the province's proposed legislative changes related to the More Homes Built Faster Act

The next Council meeting will be held on December 7th. 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.**

## 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](http://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!

# HYMERS FAIR NEWS

2022 was a great comeback in person event for Hymers Fair  
 Are you interested in volunteering for 2023?  
 Please join us at our Annual General Meeting  
 Saturday, January 21, 2023 @ 1 p.m.  
 Cardinal Room at the C.L.E. grounds  
 All Members Welcome!!

Thank you to everyone who participated as vendors and shoppers at our annual Holiday Market. It was a great success! See you in the Spring! Keep an eye on our website and social media for upcoming events!

## 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

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

Please bring indoor shoes!

**Bowling will not be held on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>**

## GILLIES COMMUNITY CENTRE EVENTS

<p><b>CHRISTMAS TEA &amp; SILENT AUCTION!</b>                  Sun. Dec 4th 1-4pm                  \$5/person</p>	<p><b>JANUARY 4TH</b>                  GCC Board Meeting &amp; Election 7:30pm                  Everyone welcome!</p>	<p><b>EXERCISE GROUP THURSDAYS</b>                  Nov 3-Dec 15                  9:30-10:30am                  Self Directed                  \$10 Mat, weights etc.                  \$5/wk * Check FB for January dates!</p>
<p><b>MONDAY YOGA</b>                  Nov 7-Dec 12 7:30pm                  Exchange 66\$                  email: krista.bannon@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>PARENT &amp; TOT SWALDORF TEACHINGS</b>                  DEC 9 &amp; JAN 13                  Join Melanie 10-12pm                  By donation for cost of materials. Email: melkaltbach@gmail.com for more info</p>	<p><b>PLAYGROUP TUESDAYS</b>                  9:30-12pm                  Please follow the FB group for updates &amp; holiday schedule!</p>
<p><b>MILK &amp; COOKIES WITH SANTA!</b>                  SUN. DEC 18TH 1-4PM                  Limited # of tickets available only on Eventbrite.</p>	<p><i>Season's Greetings &amp; Happy New Year!!</i></p>	<p><b>JANUARY 21&amp;22 BOOK SWAP</b>                  1000's of books!                  11-5pm daily                  Donation\$ Encouraged                  FREE EVENT</p>

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## Chix in the Stix Deep Pockets

When I was about 6 years old I had a pair of pants that were my absolute favourite. They were leopard print corduroy. You could spill anything on them and it would just get instantly absorbed. They hid many small accidents. And they had pockets. Front and back. For hidden treasures and nervous hands. I loved them and wore them a lot. Often for more days in a row than I should admit. They were the best. When I got older I had jeans that were my favourite. Once they were out of the dryer and on and broken in I didn't want to take them off. But again the pockets were the big thing. I used to deliberately buy jeans from the men's dept. because they seemed to get the importance of function over fashion. Pockets you could put things in. Including your hands. When I moved to the country the importance of pockets continued, but changed. There was less need to rest idle hands, but still a need for storage space. I used to have a pair of oversized overalls that I wore for working in the garden and around the yard, and baggy comfy house dresses for working inside – and they all had big deep pockets. And of course there were always aprons. And more pockets. Last spring when my son got married there was lots of chatter about the bride's maid dresses – not just because they were beautiful, but because they had pockets! These days for me if an outfit doesn't have multiple pockets it's just not worth my time. When I was young my grandpa's pockets were a highlight! He always had one pocket with peppermints for us kids that somehow magically re-filled every day. The other pockets had a variety of nuts and bolts or other small work related bibs and bobs. My grandmother's pockets always had one of those mini-Kleenex packages, and Listerine lozenges. My mom's pockets had gum. These days as I care for my own home and family, and the homes of others, my apron pockets collect things during the day and get emptied and sorted out at night. There are crumpled receipts, loose change, paper clips, bread-bag ties, an eraser, a memory stick, a stray key, a battery, a small sock. Things that have wandered from their rightful owner and place and need some direction. When I go out on errands and to doctor's appointments deep pockets are a lifesaver right now. I need my hands as free as possible so purses just aren't my style. Pockets mean quick access to my phone, keys, money, ID and more. I have a pocket just for loose change.

Quarters, loonies and townies for coffee and parking meters. I top up the meters to the right and left of mine, I buy coffee for the driver behind me and tip at the drive-thru. My hospital parking token is in there too. And a crumpled up mask. A vitamin pill. And some lint. Pockets. If you've ever purchased an old jacket or sweater from the thrift store and found an old note or grocery list in the pocket from a previous owner, you'll understand how exciting it can be. It's like a secret moment in time. A pocket of memory. Or when you put your hand in the pocket of last year's winter coat and find a twenty dollar bill. Or that earring you thought you'd lost forever. Simple joyful moments. Shopping for any clothes these days, pockets are top of my must-have list. Deep enough to hold important things without fear of them falling out, strong enough to not rip or fray from over use, but still lay flat enough to look at least a bit stylish. If they can hold a small Bible or paper-back as well as my phone I am over the moon. Small ornate pockets, or heaven forbid one of those 'fake' sewn-up pockets – what's the use? And if you're more a dress or skirt person, well yup those need and should have pockets too if you ask me! And while right now my pockets serve more of a 'utility' purpose, I hope that they can one day be a hiding place for treasures for my grandkids on the search for mints or loose change or some other secret stash. I wanna be like Santa with pockets filled with mini candy canes that somehow just appear in my big white gloved hand over and over again. And I hope that today and always, and especially at Christmas, that my pockets will be as deep and overflowing as my heart, ready to give and share whenever and to whomever is in need. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed Holiday season. May all your pockets and your stockings be full!



**WOODS MILLER**

**TREE WORKS**

**Tree Services Include:**  
 \*Tree Pruning \* Tree Removal  
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Neebing Fire/Rescue Association

NFRA News

Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris, President NFRA



NFRA would like to thank all who came out to our Bluegrass and Old Time Music Concert November 6<sup>th</sup> at Blake Hall, featuring The Mink Mountain Revue and Rob and Gary.



We are pleased to announce the amount raised at this event! Through tickets sales, silent auction, pie auction, 50/50 draw, donations and cookbook sales... \$2024.11 was put in the bank!

The 50/50 draw prize was \$144.50 and was won by John Closek, ticket number 857134. (Lottery Licence #690542)

Donations towards the Silent Auction were from: Joyce Seppala, Early Snows Pottery, Rose Valley Lodge & Restaurant, Monteith Upholstery, Thunder Bay Cooperative Farm Supplies, Helena Laidler, Ray Koenig and Bonzi Wuebben.

The door prizes were from: H & P Jams, Jellies & Preserves, a NFRA cookbook and a CD from Rob and Gary. The pies were baked by members of the NFRA Board.

Many thanks to Mink Mountain Revue for approaching NFRA with the idea and also for Rob and Gary for joining in. This professional sounding concert will hopefully be repeated. Prior to the concert, the crowd was treated to a slide show of Neebing memories. The event wouldn't be complete without the mention of the delicious baking the crowd devoured.

## December Cookie and Treat Sale



Did you know?

The 1st NFRA Holiday Cookie & Treat Sale was held in 2008! The idea was to provide a take-out container for \$5 and allow buyers to choose their own cookies. The event took off over the years and became extremely popular. By the last year (2019) our cookie sales had doubled and over time more initiatives were added to the event, including vendors, penny auctions and usually a raffle. Sometimes Santa would arrive.

Since that first small event, \$6148 has been raised for our Emergency Services by baking alone!

This year's event will still feature a build-your-own selection of cookies & treats with the assistance of our volunteers (for food safety) and we will have an area with pre-packaged trays and specialty baking items.

Plus, try your luck at the ever popular 50/50 draw and door prizes. NFRA Cookbooks will be available for stocking stuffers or last-minute gifts!



This Cookie & Treat Sale will also feature vendors selling crafts and handmade items. (no baking) There is still space for more vendors with a \$10 table rental. Contact Clara at nfraevents@gmail.com or 807-620-2992 by phone or text to rent your space.

And of course we count on you, our supporters, to not only attend but to provide baking. Please tell your friends and neighbours. We can do this bakers! \*Deliver your baking to the Municipal office on Friday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-4:30 or drop off at Blake Hall starting at 11:00 am on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.



Let's be able to brag that we raised more dough for Neebing Emergency Services!

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**, at Blake Hall from 1pm to 3pm will be your opportunity to purchase some of the best baking in Neebing!

(Donations for the Food Bank will happily be accepted at the Municipal Office, Hwy 61)

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. There is no commitment, just help whenever you wish, great for the family too! Extra hands certainly make the work go quickly! We'd be happy to welcome you!



We are very excited for the New Year! NFRA is preparing to offer ONLINE RAFFLES! Similar to the hospital's monthly draw, we will run a 50/50 raffle completely online! You could win big from the comfort of your home!

Proceeds will benefit Neebing Emergency Services, helping to outfit their newest addition to their fleet, Pumper 104. This lighter, rapid-attack, vehicle would benefit from a portable pump like the one purchased for the new Pumper 108 last year. New hoses are also on the wish list. Stay tuned for more information.

Be safe, be well and be kind.

Joy Harris  
NFRA - President

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We're working hard to build an even better Rapport.



Our new location is under construction at 4785 Highway 11/17 - Unit C.

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Located next to the Evergreen Pharmacy, we plan to open the new branch in late 2022. We look forward to seeing all our members and some new faces too!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 807 475 4276 or kakabekafalls@rapportcu.ca.

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***This is a great opportunity to have locally organized activities for kids, no need to drive all the way to town!***



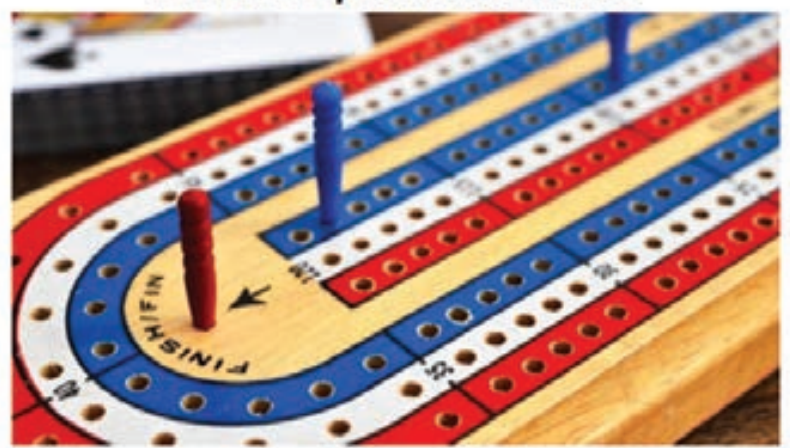
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## Neebing Emergency Services by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief, Neebing



### Stay Fire Safe as 2022 Draws to a Wintery Close



In a year of uncertainty about inflation, recession, climate change and world peace, one of the more important uncertainties around Christmas appears to have been answered and barring an unprecedented heat wave between now and then Neebing residents should be enjoying a snow filled winter wonder land setting for Christmas.

As we reflect back on 2022 we would like Neebing residents to know that it has been the pleasure of NES Fire and 1st Response volunteers to have responded to Neebing residents in their time of need throughout the year. While at times pandemic restrictions meant we were not able to respond to all medical calls, as the year has unfolded and pandemic restrictions have diminished we were delighted to return to pre pandemic response mode. We see call levels returning to near pre pandemic levels and NES expects to have responded to more than one hundred (100) calls for emergency assistance in Neebing in 2022.

A special Thank You to all Neebing residents for the support and assistance given to NES by our Neebing neighbours throughout 2022. Whether providing a hand, or helpful neighborhood information to responders during a response, supporting community fire safety and fund raising activities, or taking extra care with burning throughout the fire season, all are appreciated by NES volunteers.

While national and global priorities changed rapidly over the year there is one priority that remains constant and should always be in the fore-

front of your mind and that is the fire safety of your home and family. Over the year, NES provides a variety of fire safety messages, from individual safety such as Stop Drop and Roll, seasonally focused safety tips like BBQ safety, to simple reminders to Check your Smoke Alarms. These messages appear in a number of places including; on this page, on the website on the highway sign boards or in handouts provided at community events. Hopefully these small reminders of simple actions you can take day to day help you and your families remain fire safe throughout the year.

As 2022 draws to a close seasonal fire safety messages abound regarding seasonal fire safety concerns from; heating appliances, electrical cords and the dangers of seasonal socializing. The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs on its website at Holiday Fire Safety | Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (oafc.on.ca) provides an excellent summary of key seasonal fire safety tips in its 12 Days of Christmas piece. These fire safety messages are supported by direct access to specific information and details on additional fire safety actions that can be taken. The OAFIC site is an excellent and easy resource to refresh your awareness both of seasonal as well as year-round fire safety issues and fire safe actions. For your ease of reference at this

busy time of year, a print copy of the 12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety Tips is included in this issue of Neebing News and a copy is also viewable on the Neebing website at: [www.neebing.org](http://www.neebing.org).

On behalf of all NES volunteers Thank You for all your support in 2022.

Wishing you a Fire Safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! *Stay Safe*



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# The Rural 60+ is 40 and Fabulous!



The 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner was held on October 28th at the Kakabeka Legion with 84 members and 10 guests enjoying an excellent meal. The Centre supplied the dessert which was a beautiful cupcake cake from Carol's Cakes with the logo of Rural 60 Plus on it.

After dinner draws were made for a total of 30 gifts donated by various businesses and members of the Centre. A huge Thank You to the following donators:

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*Other members:*  
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Thank you to all the Board members who took letters to different businesses to request the donations we received.



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**Kakabeka Legion Events**

Saturday December 3rd **Dance with Quest 7-10pm**  
 Sunday December 4th **Christmas Concert with Just 4 U 2-4pm**  
 All proceeds for the Rural Cupboard Food Bank  
 Admission by donation and matched by the Legion to a maximum of \$2,000.

Saturday December 10th **Exec/Gen mtg 2:30/3pm**  
 Sunday December 11th **Buffet Breakfast 8:30-noon**  
 Saturday December 17th **Christmas Dinner/Dance with Quest**, Supper at 5pm, Dance 7-10pm  
 Sunday December 18th **Christmas Supper in support of the Rural Cupboard Food Bank 4-6pm**

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The Kakabeka Legion wishes everyone a safe and joyous Christmas!

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## Activities at the Rosslyn Community Center

by Maureen Sabourin



TUES. & THURS. from 11:30 to 12 noon is the FREE EXERCISE class and everyone is very welcome. Tues. we use Bands and Balls, which are provided. Thurs. Weights are used so bring your own or try some of our equipment. These exercises are meant to not only help you physically but also mentally. We start with 3 random words picked by one of us to see if we remember them at the end of the session. Sometimes we have trouble remembering what was chosen. Along with the exercise we have a good time laughing and talking, finding out what is going on in town and around here too. Coffee after is also a good get together and we learn lots of new things during our conversations. We have gotten to know our neighbours and opened our world a little more.

TUES. @ 1 p.m. we have started CRIBBAGE which is a fun and easy to learn. Coffee and Tea are on the menu. So if you are interested to testing your skills or would like to learn the game come along and we will teach you. Maybe you will have better luck than me.

THURS. @ 1 p.m. we have started, for want of a better word an ACTIVITY CLUB We have quilters coming, bringing their projects and equipment. Knitter and Crochet, craft projects, and anything else you may want to do. We are learning how to play Hand & Foot Canasta at present and would like to expand on this or any other game or craft that interests you. If you are having trouble with a project bring it along and maybe someone has an idea that will help. We are open to any and all ideas.

FRI. at 12:30 Carpet bowling is proving to be very interesting to those that are looking for a different kind of activity. We have a lot of fun and are enlarging our circle of neighbours.

These are just a few of the extended activities that the Library offers to our residents and friends so please come out and use your community center.

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## Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

submitted by LRCA Staff

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The LRCA and Lakehead Conservation Foundation (LCF) is pleased to once again be hosting our annual Conservation Dinner & Auction on Friday, February

10, 2023. Tickets are on sale in December and are \$75.00 each. Available on our web store at [www.store.lakeheadca.com](http://www.store.lakeheadca.com).

Our extremely popular Explore calendars have arrived, and best of all, they are free! We will have a limited number of calendars available at our office, otherwise, they can be picked up at select local businesses including Safeway, 55+ Centres in Thunder Bay, local Municipal offices and more. Very limited quantities available. Please be advised that the LRCA Administrative Office will be closed from December 26, 2022, until January 3, 2023. Get out and Explore!

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## The Rural Pharmacist:

# Children's Medicine Shortage. Can Santa and His Elves Help Us Out?

by Henry Tempelman, Pharmacist/Owner of Evergreen Pharmacies

Toilet paper shortages and staff shortages are one thing throughout the COVID pandemic, but children's medicine shortage, such as Children's Tylenol and Advil, is another thing. Nobody is happy about it! Nobody likes to see the children affected by shortages, especially when they're ill and there are so few options as medicine for your little one.

At the time of writing, we have received notice that Health Canada has secured a foreign supply of Children's Tylenol to be supplied to community pharmacies. Pharmacies haven't been notified of how many each pharmacy will receive, but it will be based on sales history. The supply is to be expected late November.

Our pharmacies are also expecting to receive some of the raw ingredients (acetaminophen powder, etc) so that we can compound acetaminophen suspension in our stores to sell over-the-counter. However, the compounded acetaminophen suspension must be kept in the fridge and only

has a stability of 14 days. Our pharmacy will also need to keep a record of who is purchasing our compounded acetaminophen products with names and contact information.

Also of note, these products do not require a prescription, contrary to media articles from a month or so ago. Although we keep them behind the counter to prevent stockpiling, they can still be purchased OTC.

We are doing whatever we can to help alleviate the challenges with this shortage, as we do with any medication shortages. We've also been trying to help any parents with sick children by offering dosing alternatives with acetaminophen or ibuprofen tablets. For example, most children's medication is dosed based on weight, so most doses can be achieved by splitting adult tablets into quarters or halves, depending on the child's weight. The split tablet can then be crushed and added to a soft food, if necessary. Talk to our pharmacists if you need assistance with dosing. Otherwise, hope-

fully we will have some compounded acetaminophen available soon! Sign up for our email newsletter for updates on when some of these products will be available.

We appreciate everyone shopping local for Christmas! We have some great gift ideas in our gift shop, along with gift cards available for both our gift shop and The Early Refill Coffee.

It's been a busy and long year for everyone, including our pharmacy team at Evergreen Pharmacy. We can't thank everyone in the community enough for your continued business and support, especially as we transitioned into our new building in Kakabeka. There were (and still are!) some

long weeks and days throughout the year, and we appreciate your patience as things continue to fall into place. (Moving feels never ending! Sheesh!) We look forward to continue to expand services and grow to meet the needs of our communities out of Kakabeka and Rosslyn.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Maybe Santa has room on his sleigh to bring everyone a sack full of children's medicine? If he does let us know, we can utilize those reindeer for an efficient prescription delivery alternative when our northern country roads are in poor driving condition!

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