



# The Neebing News

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NOVEMBER 2023



**VOLLEYBALL  
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18+ FUN LEAGUE**  
**Start date:** Thursday  
 October 5, 2023 – May  
 30, 2024  
**When:** Thursday nights  
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 vman814@gmail.com to  
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 minder list  
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**Breakfast with Santa**  
*Hosted by the Neebing Recreation Committee*  
 Saturday December 2nd  
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 10-11am breakfast  
 11-12:30pm crafts, games, face painting,  
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## Neebing Branded Merchandise Available!

Neebing branded merchandise is now available for purchase! Items include pullover hoodies, adult and youth T-shirts, baseball caps, water bottles, coffee mugs, Neebing flags, and reusable tote bags. Neebing branded merchandise can be purchased at the Neebing Municipal Office Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Payment in the form of debit, cash, or cheque are accepted. More information can be found on the Neebing website [www.neebing.org/merch](http://www.neebing.org/merch).

### Pop-up Sale!

Neebing merchandise will be sold at the Neebing Christmas Craft Market being held Nov 18th, 2023 from 11am to 2pm at the Blake Community Hall. Note that it is **CASH ONLY** at the market.





*The following item is available by closed bid auction which closes Thursday November 30th at 12 noon. Bids will be opened the same day.*

**1990's BB-4 Wajax Pump,  
located at Hall 3, 9 Cloud River Road West**

Item is as-is where-is. Winning bidders must remove the items.

Bids must be delivered to the Municipal Office in a sealed envelop before the closing deadline and identify inside:

- 1) the item you are bidding on,
- 2) your name and contact information
- 3) the amount bid

Successful bidders will be notified and will have four weeks to pay for and pick up the item.

**HOLIDAY LANDFILL HOURS  
SCOBLE & SAND HILL LANDFILLS**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 23rd – OPEN 9-5  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH – OPEN 12-4**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 30TH – OPEN 9-5  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST – OPEN 12-4**

**Coming January 2024  
New Landfill Punch Cards**

Neebing Council has passed a new by-law that will come into effect on January 1, 2024. The effect of the by-law is that punch cards will replace the current bag tag system. Permanent residents will still be allowed 100 bags and seasonal residents will be allowed 50 bags. However, free tags will no longer be provided in exchange for bags of recycling. Watch for details on distribution of the punch cards in the Neebing News, Facebook and the website over the coming months.

**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 smart-phone equipped to receive text messages to use this service as it does not work on land lines.

Sign up at [neebing.org/textalerts](http://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.

**What Happens if Someone Falls Behind on Taxes?**

Property taxes are due at the end of February, May, August, and October. A property owner also has the option to set up a monthly payment plan for their taxes.

ment of the penalties and taxes more than two years old, or a combination of a lump sum payment and a monthly payment arrangement.

Tax arrears are the amount that remains owing on a property after the tax due date. Arrears have penalties applied to them at a rate of 1.25% per month (15% per year), and the Municipality sends out arrears notices for balances that exceed \$5.00 to the property owner every month.

Part of the tax sale process requires that Agriculture Canada issue a Farm Debt Notice, informing property owners with a commercial farming operation that they can take advantage of a Federal Farm Debt Mediation Service. Non-farm owners can take the debt notice to a financial advisor to see if it is possible to arrange a loan to address the tax balance.

The Municipality has a tax collection policy that directs actions that will be performed for accounts with overdue balances.

- For Arrears less than one year old, monthly tax notices are sent.
- For Arrears between one- and two-years-old, tax notices are sent monthly, and a letter is sent to the property owner.
- For Arrears more than two years old, Neebing follows the Ontario the Municipal Act, which states that when the tax balance is two years old, the property becomes eligible for the tax sale process to begin. On January 1, 2024, a property that has arrears dating from anytime in 2022 is eligible for tax sale.

If no payments are made, then a Tax Arrears Certificate is registered on the property. Notices of the registration and final notices are sent to interested parties. The tax certificate is registered for a minimum 9-month period, and the property owner can pay the tax sale balance, and even cancel a tax sale, up to the point of registration of the tax deed to the new owner. During the waiting period, in certain circumstances, it may be possible for a property owner to "freeze the clock" with an extension agreement. An extension agreement specifies terms and conditions, and if they are not met, then the clock starts the ticking again.

The Municipality hires outside expertise to help with the tax sale process, and additional fees for the added costs are added to the property tax balance. The fees vary, but each step of the tax sale process on average adds an additional \$800 to the tax balance.

After the tax certificate has been registered for at least 9 months, a property can be offered for public sale by sealed bid, with the minimum bid being the amount due for taxes, interest, and the tax sale processing fees. Neebing is expecting to have one tax sale for a land-locked property in March of 2024. More information about this property will be available in February.

Options for property owners to avoid the tax sale process include setting up a monthly payment arrangement, making a partial pay-



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**Your donations enable the food bank to remain open**

**Next Food Bank  
Wednesday November 15  
Registration 9 am to 11 am  
Drive-Thru Pick-up**

## What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the October edition, there have been three special meetings of Council (sitting as Committee of the Whole) on October 4, 18 and 25, 2023 and two regular meeting of Council on October 4 and 18, 2023. At the Special Committee of the Whole meeting on October 4th, the Committee reviewed two planning applications. One was a severance and minor variance application for a property on Cottonwood Road and Copper Cliff Road East to create one new lot and reduce the required frontage. The second application was to create three new lots on Oliver Creek Road. At the regular Council meeting on October 4th, the following matters were considered:

- Council directed Administration to seek input from residents along Podres Road East relating to encroachments.
- Council directed that the municipal office be closed for the holiday break from the end of day on December 22, 2023 until 9:00 am on January 2, 2024. The landfill hours will not be impacted by holiday hours.
- Council directed Administration to draft a revised municipal addressing by-law.
- Council approved the creation of a new lot on the property at Cottonwood Road and Copper Cliff Road East.
- Council passed a by-law for a site-specific amendment to the zoning by-law relating to the application for reduce frontage reviewed by Committee of the Whole.

At the Special Council meeting on October 18th, Council discussed the results of a pay equity review for non-union positions.

At the regular Council meeting October 18th, the following matters were considered:

- Council heard a deputation relating to a request to use the municipal land near the Cloud Lake Road Fire Hall.
- Council directed the Economic

Development Officer Intern to begin planning for a fishing derby, a business expo/showcase and distribution of a resident satisfaction survey.

- Council directed Administration to draft a letter to the Province outlining their concerns relating to the proposed Black Ash Recovery Strategy.
- Council passed a resolution relating to funding for the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.
- Council directed Administration to draft a policy relating to the use of the municipal logo.
- At the Special Council meeting on October 18th, Council discussed the results of a pay equity review for non-union positions.

At the Special Committee of the Whole meeting on October 25th, the Committee reviewed the application for three new lots on Oliver Creek Road.

The next Council meetings will be held on November 1 and 15, 2023. 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.**

## Neebing Landfill News Winter Landfill Hours

Saturdays: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sundays: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Garbage** Every bag of regular household garbage requires a Municipal Garbage Bag Tag. We issue a set amount of tags to residents on an annual basis. You can collect your tags at the municipal landfill sites during regular hours of operation. You **MUST** present photo ID to the attendant in order to receive your tags.

**Recycling** Yes we have a recycling program! We accept #1 through #7 plastics as well as cardboard. View our recycling sorting guide to determine if your items are acceptable recycling materials. Please remember to **BAG** your cans and plastics and **FLATTEN** your cardboard. We do not accept plastic grocery bags.

## Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) was introduced in 2005, replacing other unconditional grant programs, which had been in place for decades.

According to the Province, the OMPF is the main general assistance grant to 300 municipalities, and primarily supports northern and rural municipalities across the Province. On the Ontario.ca website, the Province lists the Municipal Allocations each year and provides a technical guide describing the OMPF calculation.

In Neebing, the OMPF grant received is reflected on a separate line in the annual Budget (a copy of the budget is on the Neebing website). The annual grant amount received for the past 10 years is:

2015: \$728,200  
2016: \$737,000  
2017: \$738,300  
2018: \$664,500  
2019: \$598,100  
2020: \$538,300  
2021: \$518,200  
2022: \$542,700  
2023: \$547,000  
2024: \$541,400

The Municipality uses the OMPF grant in a variety of ways, but typically it is used to offset some of the expenditures the Municipality is required to make for Ambulance and 911 service (\$318,411 in 2023), and social services (\$437,949 in 2023).

The 2024 budget is reviewed by Council several times before the final budget is passed. Look for information on upcoming budget meetings in the Neebing News and on the Neebing website.

## Highway 61 Improvements

Construction along Highway 61 between Jarvis Bay Road and Highway 130 is continuing over the winter months. The work includes addressing drainage deficiency, culvert replacement or rehabilitation, guiderail replacement/adjustments, platform widening, shoulder correction, utility relocations, entrance rehabilitation and paving.

Delays and lane closures will be ongoing until the project is complete in 2024. Please be patient and help keep all the workers safe. If you have any questions or comments regarding this project Norm Mackinnon from Civil ArSa Engineering Inc. is the contact the Contract Administrator. His cell number is 1-647-627-0037.

## 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 807-474-5331. 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!



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# The Rural Pharmacist: Flu Shots and New COVID Vaccines Now Available

by Henry Tempelman, Pharmacist/Owner of Evergreen Pharmacies

Trick or treat! We've got a new flavour of COVID vaccine and flu shot now available! Leave your pillowcase candy sacks at home, roll up those sleeves and show me that shoulder.

The new Moderna and Pfizer COVID vaccines (XBB.1.5) are now available at both Evergreen Pharmacy locations in Kakabeka Falls and Rosslyn. The Moderna and Pfizer vaccine can be received by any person, regardless of whether they have received Pfizer or Moderna vaccines in the past. We also have both the 65+ Senior High Dose Flu Shot and Standard Flu Shot in stock. As with the COVID vaccines, the vaccines are subject to availability as per deliveries from the Ministry of Health.

How long to wait between COVID-19 vaccine doses? The current guidance from the Ministry states that COVID doses may be given if at least 6 months have passed since the individual's last dose of a COVID-19 vaccine or a COVID infection, 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. There is a school of thought that getting the new COVID vaccine as soon as you can is

ideal. The new vaccine is the closest match to the current circulating strain and generally the winter months have been the peak season for viruses and infections, including COVID infections.

We have vaccine appointments available at both of our pharmacy locations during regular hours throughout the week. Additionally, once we receive a more stable inventory we plan to open up clinic days so we can vaccinate more people more efficiently. Booking your appointment is easy-peasy. Just head over to our website, evergreenrx.ca, and click on "BOOK YOUR FLU SHOT AND COVID VACCINE APPOINTMENT HERE" on the homepage. From there, select your preferred location, Kakabeka Falls or Rosslyn, to find more information about availability and to book your appointment. We kindly ask that you try to book your appointment online, if possible, or have a family member help you out. This helps us provide safe and efficient services to all of our patients. Plus, it allows you to fill out all the necessary consent forms before coming in for your flu shot or COVID vaccine.

Thanks for doing your part in keeping everyone healthy and safe! See you soon at your local Evergreen Pharmacy!

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**Be prepared this winter with these 3 safety tips:**

- Add extra items to your emergency kit like warm clothes and blankets.
- Bring your pets inside during cold weather.
- Stay connected by radio, TV or online to keep informed.

#ONready | ontario.ca/safety

The Harvest Dinner at Blake Hall on October 7 sponsored by the Neebing Recreation Committee was a **SELL OUT** (as usual). Thank you to all the diners who enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner with all the fixin's, beautiful dinner music, lovely door prizes and a really nice social evening.

The committee wishes to thank:  
**Cassee Veurink**  
**Tammy Drombolis**  
**Laura Jones**  
**H & P Jams and Jellies -Henry and Pat**  
**Calli Manherz**  
**Kayla Wideman**  
**Dale Ashbee**  
**Mood Indigo**  
**Neebing Municipal Office employees**

As well the Recreation Committee deserves a **HUGE THANK YOU** for all the time and effort put in to make this event such a success.

*Donations to the Rural Food Cupboard added up to \$604. Amazing. Another thank you to everyone.*



## Carbon Monoxide Safety

Here are some helpful tips to ensure your safety against Carbon Monoxide:

- o Put CO alarms in every bedroom or in the hallways outside of your bedrooms.
- o Test your CO alarms at least every 6 months.
- o Clean your CO alarms at least every 6 months.
- o Ensure the damper on your woodstove is properly set to release gases when in use.
- o Remove hot woodstove ashes from your home quickly as hot embers continue to produce CO.
- o Crack open a window on the same level as your indoor woodstove.
- o Never operate BBQs in an enclosed area like your home.
- o Be mindful of the early signs of CO poisoning.
- o Get out into fresh air and call 911 if you develop signs of CO poisoning.



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## NOVEMBER 2023



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 Walk-In Clinic 10am-6pm	2 LifeLabs Mobile Clinic - Upsala 10am-3:30pm	3
6 Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 1pm-6pm	7 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 8:30am-1:30pm	8	9 LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 10am-6pm	10
13 CLOSED FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	14 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Diabetes Educator Dietitian	15	16 LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	17
20	21 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	22	23 LifeLabs Mobile Clinic - Upsala 10am-3:30pm	24
27	28 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Dietitian Diabetes Educator	29	30 LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	

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Date: Thursday, November 9th, 2023  
Time: 12:30pm  
Location: Oliver Paipoonge Library: Rosslyn Branch

'Get Creative' craft gathering  
Every Thursday from 1 to 4:00  
at Rosslyn Hall



Bring in your current craft project to work on alongside other 'crafty-minded' people. Games of Canasta, dominoes or other card games can be arranged if you wish to play. This is a great time to meet new people, socialize and share tips and ideas. **Call 939-2312 for more information.**

**After school 'Reading with Rena'**

Calling students in grades 4 to 6...  
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**ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTRE**
  
 Saturday, November 4, 2023
   
**1:30-4:00pm**
  
*Your presence is all we desire, but if you would like to bring a gift, consider a cash or food donation for the Rural Capboard Food Bank.*

**November Events**
  
 gilliescommunitycentre@gmail.com
   
 #1835 HWY 595 South Gillies

<b>MONDAY EVENINGS GENTLE FLOW YOGA</b> 6 week gentle flow yoga series Nov 6, 13, 20, 27 Dec 4 & 11 7:00pm - 8:00pm Suitable for beginners \$75 for the series \$25 "drop-in option" Register by emailing krista.barnard@gmail.com	<b>THURSDAY EVENINGS CORNHOLE</b> Weekly cornhole tournament with prizes for the winners Thursdays starting at 7pm \$10 per team Join Gillies Community Centre Cornhole League on Facebook for more information.
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**The Junction**
  
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**NOV 24 Waldorf Parent & Child Gathering**
  
 10:00am-12:30pm
   
 Join Melanie for a Waldorf inspired playgroup
   
 Please bring a fruit to share for snack time
   
 Email Melanie for more details melkullenbach@gmail.com

**NOV 26 Holiday Craft Market & Bake Sale**
  
 9:00 - 2:00pm
   
**FREE ENTRY**
  
 Bake Sale Fundraiser - perfect for Christmas gatherings
   
 Shop over 15 local vendors - perfect for Christmas gifts

**December Save the Dates**
  
**December 3rd - Christmas Tea**
  
**December 17th - Cookies with Santa**

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# Candle Safety Checklist

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- o Keep candles away from children and pets.
- o Never go to sleep with candles burning.
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submitted by LRCA Staff

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- Monday - Carving 10 to 3  
- Disking 1 to 3
- Tuesday - Weaving 10 to 3  
- Knitting 10 to 3  
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- Wednesday - Beginner Carving 10 to 3  
- Quilting 10 to 3  
Cribbage - 10 to 3
- Thursday - Weaving 10 to 3  
- Knitting 10 to 3  
- Yoga 10 to 11
- Craft Room open Monday to Friday 10 to 3

We will be having a luncheon at the Kakabeka Legion on Friday November 17th from 12 to 1. Cost is \$5 for members and \$15 for guests/nonmembers and You need to register by Friday November 10th.

**The Annual Rural 60 Plus Christmas Dinner will be Friday December 8th at 1:00pm.**

## Kakabeka Legion Events



- Saturday November 4th . . . Membership Supper 2-4
- Saturday November 4th . . . Dance with Quest 7-10
- Saturday November 11th . . . Exec/Gen meeting 2:30/3
- Sunday November 12th . . . Buffet Breakfast 8:30-noon
- Sunday November 12th . . . Remembrance Service 11:00
- Friday November 17th . . . Rural 60 Plus lunch 12-1
- Saturday November 18th . . . Dance with Quest 7-10
- Sunday November 19th . . . Jam Session 7-9:30
- Sunday November 26th . . . Afternoon of Music 2-4

**Call the Legion Hotline 473-9122 for any updates.**

<b>Murillo Library</b> Monday 10 – 8:00 pm Wednesday 10 – 8:00 pm Saturday 9 – 12 pm 935-2729	Email: <a href="mailto:oplibrary@tbaytel.net">oplibrary@tbaytel.net</a> Website: <a href="http://oliverpaipoonge.com.ca">http://oliverpaipoonge.com.ca</a>	<b>Rossllyn Library</b> Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm Friday 10 – 3:00 pm Saturday 1 – 4:00 pm 939-2312
	<b>Early ON</b> Child and Family Centre	
<b>Murillo Library will be closed on Monday November 13<sup>th</sup> in observance of Remembrance Day</b>	Join us for Storytime with Ashley from Murillo EarlyOn Center!  She will be visiting Murillo Library on Monday November 20 <sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 <i>No registration required!</i>	<b>Thank you to Rossllyn Women's Institute for their generous donation in memory of Sandy Vibert and Linda Spooner.</b>



## Chix in the Stix Hanging On To Fall

I had robins and chick-a-dees at my bird feeder last week! I even saw a mosquito. It almost felt like spring! But it didn't last. This week the lawn has been pretty frosty in the mornings. The good news is we probably don't have to cut the grass anymore this year. There's always a bright side. The sun still has warmth but it's definitely getting hard to ignore that chill in the air. I know because I can feel it on my bare legs. I'm THAT person who insists on wearing shorts and summer footwear way past when it no longer makes sense or is smart to do so. Like in November if I can get away with it. It might be my rebellious way of refusing to acknowledge the inevitable onset of winter. I am just still deeply in love and enthralled with all things autumn and not quite ready to give it up. It is all just so wonderful. Sigh. Yesterday I saw hundreds of geese in the nearby field filling their bellies. Then today I saw my first BIG flock of geese fly overhead. The exodus should be any day now, possibly before this makes it into your hands. It really is one of the greatest sounds on earth. A symphony that most members of the global population never even get to experience. I'll never get sick of it. Count one blessing. And there seem to be so many leaves still hanging on, which makes the valley, and the surrounding mountains so breathtaking. If I knew how to make a quilt it would be the perfect subject to try and capture. Beyond that it is one of those natural wonders that you really can't capture in a photo or a painting, though Group of Seven artist Franklin Carmichael came close in my opinion. But the real thing still can't be beat and to be surrounded by it every day is magical. Count another blessing. This year for some reason it is the smell of fall that has been having a real impact on me. Smells are a big deal for me and scent is given

careful consideration in almost every aspect of my life. I strive pretty much daily for the perfect mix in my home of fresh air and sweet scents from candles, incense and oils. I'm a bit of an old hippy at heart and love me some patchouli. It smells earthy to me (though my kids think it smells like sweat). And maybe that's why I love the smell of fall. It's organic and earthy with a hint of sweetness. I think when I mix and match other scents in my life maybe it's my attempt to try and capture that smell, and how it makes me feel. Grounded. Close to the earth. Close to all things natural. If you live in the country you can't help adding to that pot-pourri some robust fertilizer being sprayed on the fields that surround us. As a kid I would NOT have appreciated that smell. But when you recognize the life cycle of these fields and all that it involves and how important they are to our community, well the smell begins to represent so much more and isn't the least bit offensive. It becomes the smell of nourishment, progress, optimism, growth, rebirth and the hope of better days and prosperity ahead. I'm latching on to that! All I know is this fall has been wonderful for me. Backyard weiner roasts under the stars where the air is crisp enough that you have to stick close to the fire to keep warm. Best times ever. Count another blessing. And if I had all your numbers I probably would have called you on more than one occasion this past month and told you to get up and grab your housecoat and slippers and get outside at 3am because the night sky was so breathtaking. And I know there will be snow and hard work coming soon but I'm hanging onto the beauty of fall for as long as I can. Hope you are too. And I'll start wearing long pants any day now. But I'm still not gonna wear socks and you can't make me. Once a hippy always a hippy.

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As I look out my window, I notice the trees are increasingly barren, and the leaves have begun to carpet the ground. The vibrance of fall is slowly coming to an end, and the frost covering my plants in the early morning reminds me that winter will soon be here. With the cold nights setting in, furnaces are now being turned on and indoor woodstoves being lit.

As we approach winter during the month of **NOVEMBER**, it is a good idea to check your filters before starting your furnace, to clean your chimney before starting your indoor and/or outdoor woodstove, and as always, make sure your dryer filter is clean, as the warm summer months of using outdoor clotheslines for most folks are now behind us. The importance of this is often overlooked, but the build up of dust in filters and creosote in chimneys provide ready fuel for fires to start. It is also a good idea to keep the damper on your indoor woodstove open sufficiently when in use (to ensure combustion gases exit the home safely through the chimney) and to

## NOVEM-BRRRR..... HELPFUL FIRE SAFETY TIPS AS THE WEATHER GETS COLDER

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief

Keep a window cracked to prevent Carbon Monoxide buildup in your home.

The beginning of November is an important time for the fire service, with **Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week** beginning on **November 1**. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odorless gas, and it becomes a greater risk in our lives as we

begin to heat our homes. The dangers of CO gas should not be overlooked, as it is impossible to detect without working CO alarms. Remember, CO poisoning can be prevented! Make sure to place working CO alarms in every bedroom or in the hallway outside of bedrooms. Test alarms monthly to ensure they actually work and change the battery on your alarms every 6 months. Remember, checking them more frequently won't hurt! And don't forget - Carbon Monoxide and Fire Alarms don't last forever - so make sure to replace them according to your manufacturer's instructions or at least every 10 years.

Again, if your CO alarm triggers an alarm warning exit your home immediately -

### GET OUT AND STAY OUT!

Once outside, call 911 to alert the fire department of the presence of Carbon Monoxide in your home and **DO NOT** re-enter your home until the fire department has checked the CO levels in your home and deems it safe to do so.

Alongside the regular battery checks of your CO alarm, it is important to keep them in a clean state. Regular maintenance requires a quick dusting with a dry towel, especially around the sensor. Afterwards, take a brush attachment on your vacuum cleaner and gently vacuum any remaining dust from the alarm, still being mindful of the sensor. It is important to keep the common symptoms of Carbon Monoxide poisoning including; confusion, nausea/vomiting, drowsiness, onset of headaches and burning eyes in mind and be ready to get out to fresh air and dial 911 for emergency assistance if one or more symptoms persist.

And remember the CO in your home could be coming from an outside source such as a vehicle or generator operating close by and fumes entering through a window or other opening. As the nights grow ever longer and stormy weather results in power-outages it is important to have back up lighting at hand. While battery powered flashlights and area lights are inherently safe, candles are a traditional and common form of emergency lighting. If you do use candles for emergency lighting in your home it is important to be mindful of candle safety tips. An open flame can quickly ignite nearby combustibles with devastating results. Make sure all candles are located away from any flammable material and are never left unattended. Remember to blow out your candles if you must leave the room. As small fires can quickly get out of control, it is recommended to have up-to-date fire extinguishers strategically located in your home, to help knock down small fires should they occur. If you do choose to use a fire extinguisher to put out a small fire,

remember the word **PASS** to effectively use the extinguisher:

- P** - **PULL** (the pin)
- A** - **AIM** (at the base of the fire)
- S** - **SQUEEZE** (the trigger)
- S** - **SWEEP** (back and forth across the base of the fire)

Regardless after use of the fire extinguisher, always **exit your home** and call **911** to have fire fighters respond to check for any unseen fire spread and ensure the fire is completely out.

Like CO alarms, fire extinguisher should be checked monthly. Ensure that the pressure monitor arrow is in the **GREEN** part of the gauge, which indicates that the extinguisher tank is full and ready for use. If the tank reading moves out of the **GREEN** section, the extinguisher should be replaced.

Thank you to the Neebing community and all the ghosts and goblins that came out to celebrate Halloween this year with us at the Hall 1 'Halloween Drop-By'. It was a great opportunity for fire fighters and residents to see some familiar faces again, and to meet new members our municipality.

Stay Safe



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