

# **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

The council & staff at the Township of The North Shore would like to wish all of its residents a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

The municipal office will be closed from December 24, 2018
To January 1, 2019.
Open January 2, 2019



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### **COMMUNITY SPARKLE FESTIVAL 2018**

Recognized participants in alphabetical order by village.

### **Algoma Mills**

Caddel, Vivian

Gauthier, Ron & Therese

Soum, Rene

Hansen, Ron & Paula (Honourable Mention)

Hurtubise, Ken & Mary (Honourable Mention)

### **Spragge**

Daub, Mark

Lowes, Mark & Deborah

Roy, Andre & Giselle

### Serpent River

Campbell, Allan

Olmstead, Dan & Vicki

Sanders, Gord

Lalande, Paul & Nancy

Lambkin, Robert & Colleen

2019 Dog Tags are now available at the Municipal Office

# WANTED TO SIT ON THE NORTH SHORE POLICE SERVICES BOARD

The North Shore Police Services Board has an opening for a Provincially Appointed Member to sit on the Committee. Meetings are held once every three months with compensation and travel costs. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact the following:

Telephone: 705-849-2213 or 705-461-1821

Fax: 705-849-2428

Email: twpns@ontera.net

Or in writing to: Mary Lynn Duguay, Secretary

North Shore Police Services Board

PO Box 108 Algoma Mills, ON

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The Police Services Board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

### **Blind River Public Library Board**

Our Municipal representative for the Blind River Public Library Board has resigned and a replacement is needed. If you are interested in sitting on the library board, you can contact the Clerk Treasurer, Mary Lynn Duguay at the Municipal Office during normal office hours for more information.

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Or in writing to: Township of The North Shore

Attn: Clerk Treasurer

PO Box 108 Algoma Mills, ON

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The library board has public meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm (except July & August)

# Holiday Fire Safety Qs and As

#### Q1. Why is fire safety a concern during the holidays?

**A1.** Statistics show that one in three fire deaths occur during the months of November, December and January.

#### Q2. Why are there so many fire fatalities during those three months?

**A2.** Typically fires happen when people get preoccupied or distracted from what we are doing, or we let our guard down. And with the busyness of the holidays, it can be very easy to get distracted or let our guard down. Add to that the likelihood that we might have a drink or two – or more - during the holidays and it becomes very easy to forget about the cooking pot on the stove or let a burning cigarette fall onto the couch. That's when a tragedy can happen.

# Q3. What are some of the leading causes of fires during the holidays and what can people do to prevent them?

- **A3.** Cooking is the leading cause of home fires people who leave their cooking unattended. So it is really important to stay in the kitchen while you are cooking. If you have to leave for any reason, turn off the stove.
- Another leading cause is careless smoking. A typical scenario is a person will sit down on the couch with a drink and a cigarette. They may be tired at the end of the day or they get caught up with what's on TV. It doesn't take much of a distraction for burning ashes to fall unnoticed on the couch or behind a pillow. And very quickly a fire can occur. So if you know someone who smokes encourage them to smoke outside. Make sure they use large deep ashtrays. Empty ashes into a metal container not in the garbage and put it outside. And people should never smoke in bed.
- Cooking and smoking are activities that require careful attention. When you add alcohol to the mix, the combination can lead to disastrous and often fatal results. Many fire deaths are caused by people attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol. If you drink, drink responsibly and keep an eye on others in your household who are drinking.

### Q4. I see you've brought in some smoke alarms. Can you talk about the importance of smoke alarms?

#### A4.

- Smoke alarms can be the difference between living or dying in a fire.
- Fire spreads so quickly that you may have less than 3 minutes to escape a fire in your home. That means you need as much time as possible to safely escape.
- Only working smoke alarms provide the early detection of fire you need to safely escape.
- Here are a few examples of smoke alarms. They can cost as little as \$14. Make sure you have one on every story of your home and outside all sleeping areas.

- And just as important as smoke alarms, you have to make sure everyone in your home knows what to do when the smoke alarms sound in an emergency.
- Practice a home escape plan with everyone in the home. Have two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure someone is responsible for helping young children, older adults or people with disabilities to leave the home. Choose a meeting place—outside where everyone can be accounted for.
- And remember to install carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas of your home.

## Q5. What are some other things that people can do to prevent fires during the holidays?

#### A5.

#### **Christmas Trees:**

- Make a fresh cut across the trunk about an inch from the original cut when you bring the tree into the house for decorating. Use a tree stand that holds plenty of water.
- Trees are thirsty. They may drink up to four litres of water per day, so be sure to check daily and supply fresh water as needed.
- Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets and other sources of heat.
- NEVER use lighted candles on or near a Christmas tree and avoid the use of combustible decorations.

#### Lights:

- People should remember to inspect their decorative lights every year before using them. If wiring is frayed or worn, or if the lights are old, they should be replaced.
- Turn off Christmas tree lights when you leave and before you go to bed at night.
- Make sure lights are used in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.

#### Candles:

- Candles are another cause of fires across the province, especially during the holidays.
- If you are going to use candles, make sure you place them in a sturdy holder so they can't be tipped over.
- Keep candles away from anything that can burn and always blow them out before leaving the room.
- Keep candles away from children and pets, keep them out of bedrooms and keep them away from the Christmas tree.

Happy and Safe Holidays from The North Shore Fire Dept.

# PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Township of The North Shore is currently seeking new members for the Property Standards Committee.

The Committee exists to hear appeals from any property owner within the Township who has been issued an Order To Remedy by the Property Standards Officer on his or her property, and to which the property owner disagrees.

The committee meets four times per year for general meetings and again whenever an appeal is filed. Usually there are no more than one or two appeals heard per year, so the time required for this committee is not overwhelming.

Remuneration for meetings and mileage is offered. Members are required to own property within the Township and have the ability to be fair and objective in the decision making process.

The Appeals Committee is an independent body of Council and staff and its rulings are based on the merits of the complaint and appeal evidence. The Committee has the same powers as the Property Standards Officer; in so much as they have the authority to either confirm the Order as it was written by the Officer; rescind the Order entirely; extend the timeline given to carry out the particulars of the Order; as well modifying the Order in whatever manner the Committee decides upon.

The Appeals Committee fills a very important role for the Township. Without an Appeals Committee; there can be no Property Standards By-Law enforcement.

Anyone interested in this position should please contact Mary Lynn Duguay, Clerk Treasurer, at the municipal office during normal office hours.

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

#### ONTARIO GOVERNMENT REFERENCES

#### Carol Hughes, MP

Constituency Office:

289-A Hillside Dr. S., Elliot Lake, ON P5A 1N7 Tel: 705-848-8080 Toll Free: 1-855-297-4200 Email: Hughes.c@parl.gc.ca

#### Michael Mantha, MPP

Constituency Office:

18 Mary Walk, Elliot Lake, ON P5A 2A1 Tel: 705-461-9710 Toll Free: 1-800-831-1899

Email: mmantha-co@ndp.on.ca

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation1-866-296-6722Ministry of Agriculture and Food1-800-461-6132Ministry of Consumer and Business Services1-800-268-1142

Ministry of the Environment 1-800-565-4923

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 1-416-461-1193
Ministry of Natural Resources 1-800-667-1940

#### **TAX PAYMENTS ONLINE**

Electronic bill payments for township property taxes are available through the following banks:

Toronto Dominion

Scotia

Bank of Montreal

Credit Union

•CIBC

Royal Bank

Please notify your branch in order to set up your accounts. Your online account # for tax purposes must begin with the number 5740. Thank you!

#### **2019 COUNCIL MEETINGS**

January 16	February 6, 20	March 6, 20	April 3, 17
May 1, 15	June 5, 19	July 17	August 21
September 4, 18	October 2, 16	November 6, 20	December 4, 18

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.
Watch township bulletin boards for agendas.

#### **LANDFILL SITE HOURS**

The landfill site will be open to the public on:

Summer Hours: May 1 to September 30

Wednesdays: 4:00 to 7:00 pm Sundays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Winter Hours: October 1 to April 30

Wednesdays: 2:00 to 5:00 pm Sundays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

#### TOWNSHIP OF THE NORTH SHORE EMERGENCY PLAN

A copy of the Emergency Plan for the Township of The North Shore may be requested in writing from the Clerk Treasurer at a cost of \$7.75

# BLIND RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS December 2018

<u>VALENTINE'S FOR VETS:</u> Create a hand-made valentine and help bring joy to a Canadian Veteran this Valentine's Day. You can make a valentine at the library or at home and bring it in. Valentine's are due February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SNOW KING CONTEST**: Come and find our Snow King and enter our draw. The Snow King changes location each night and you can enter daily. Ages 2-12. The contest starts January 2<sup>nd</sup> and goes until February 23.

<u>COLOURING CONTEST</u>: Colouring contest starts January 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends February 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. There are four age categories: ages 0-4, 5-8, 9-12 and adult.

**BOOK CLUB:** The next meeting for our book club is **January 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm. Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner. February's meeting is on the 20th The Orphan's Master's Son by Adam Johnson. All are welcome. All book selections are available at the library.

<u>THE FAMILY TREE:</u> Genealogy group at BRPL. Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 2- 4pm. Free access to ancestry.com. <u>Upcoming dates</u>: **January 16 and, 23, February 13 and27.** 

<u>CRAFT AND CHAT:</u> Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Next dates: January 9 and 23, February 6 and 20. Work on your project, learn a new skill and make new friends!! Donations appreciated.

<u>CELA EDUCATOR PROGRAM:</u> Are you an educator with students/participants with a print disability? Connect to accessible reading FREE through the library. Ask staff or sign up at celalibrary.ca/educators. A current BRPL library card is needed.

**NORDIC WALKING POLES** now available for sign out to all BRPL patrons.

Have a safe and happy holidays from the staff of the Blind River Public Library staff.

Check BRPL calendar or Facebook page for information on upcoming activities!!

**Have you tried our Reading E-Resource?** BRPL subscribes to **Overdrive** (ebooks, audiobooks, videos for everyone). You can read from your phone, tablet or computer. Visit http://www.olsn.ca/blindriverlibrary/?id=eresources.asp to learn more!

BRPL HOURS: Monday to Thursday 10:00am – 4:30pm, 6:00pm-8:00pm Friday 10:00am-4:30pm, Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm Sunday Closed.

Drop by and see what Blind River Public Library has to offer you and your family.

See you soon!

8 Woodward Ave. Blind River 705-356-7616

https://www.facebook.com/blindriverpl/# www.olsn.ca/blindriverlibrary

Thank you for your patronage!

### **Township of The North Shore Business Directory**

#### SERPENT RIVER CAMPGROUND

Homemade pizza now available for pick-up. All pizzas are large only (16") and require 45 min prep time.

Pepperoni and Cheese - \$19.49 + HST Deluxe - \$23.89 + HST

Visit our General Store for Cold Drinks, Munchies, Milk, Bread, Ice, House wares, Camping, Gifts, Tackle, Worms and a whole lot more!



Open May to October from 9am to 10 pm everyday. Last order for pizza is 9:15 pm Let us know if you have any other questions

Debbie and Gerry **Tel: (705) 849-2210** 

#### **NEED TO GET RID OF YOUR USED OILS?**

Drop it off at ALGOMA CAR CARE in Spragge

Open Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Tel:** (705)849-0438

All types of used oils

No anti-freeze or radiator fluids.

Not sure? Please call us.



Arrangements can be made for pickup of large quantities of furnace oil.

#### SERPENT RIVER BARGAIN PLACE

Used Furniture, appliances, household items and much more

5765 Hwy 17 Serpent River



Thurs. to Sat. 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Sundays 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tel: 705-844-1758

# ROY'S MOTEL HELP WANTED

Looking for a couple to provide maintenance and Cleaning services for a motel business.

Accommodation and Utilities included.

Call Roy's Motel, Spragge **Tel: 705-849-2482** for further details.

# BUY, SELL OR TRADE PLACE YOUR AD HERE CALL 849-2213 or 461-1821

Items will be listed free of charge for residents of the Township of The North Shore. To list an item, fax it to (705)849-2428, mail it to Township of The North Shore, P.O. Box 108, Algoma Mills, ON., POR 1A0, or email it to twpns@ontera.net, or drop it off at the township office at 1385 Hwy 17 West, Algoma Mills.

#### **FOR SALE**

Base board vinyl covered MDF board 8 ft lengths, 64 ft/bx \$32.00. 8 ft 1/4 round to match, 40 ft \$10.00. Wood grain of cherry, pine, walnut, ebony, maple & cream colors and patterns.

Kidde CO2 detectors, hard wire & battery back up. \$29.50.

Phone: 705-321-4822

#### **FOR SALE**

Cast Iron Stove and Oil Tank

Phone: 705-604-0216

#### **FOR SALE**

12V Powersport Battery New-Never Used. Asking: \$75.00

Phone: 705-849-2495

#### **FOR SALE**

Kitchen Size Gas Stove. 4 Burner with oven, black glass door, clean.
Asking \$200.00

Phone: 705-849-2781

#### FOR SALE

Entertainment Centre 3 pc Wood Finish Asking \$350.00

Phone: 705-849-2751