

IRON BRIDGE ARENA GETS NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

A new Fire Alarm System and Emergency Exit Lighting were installed in the Iron Bridge Arena with the financial assistance of the Government of Ontario's Investing in Ontario Infrastructure Project funding. The total cost of the project was \$20,679.00 of which Investing in Ontario provided \$18,300.00. This natural ice facility hosts public skating during the winter season, community events including the Iron Bridge Fall Fair and large-scale family celebrations.

EAST ALGOMA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN (EAEDSP)

The Municipality will soon adopt the EAEDSP. Please watch for it to be posted on the municipal website or pick up a copy at the Municipal Office.

HURON SHORES FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

The new Family Health Team, based in the Blind River Medical Clinic, is accepting patients from the Huron Shores catchment area. Call 705-356-1666 Ext. 35 for details.

MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

www.huronshores.ca Please visit the site for all your municipal needs. Become a 'Subscriber' and you will be notified via e-mail when new items are posted. You are invited to send in notices for inclusion on the Community Events Calendar as well as scenic photos of our area. This web site is your portal to what's happening in the Municipality of Huron Shores and surrounding area.

COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES

Is someone you know celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary? Contact the office with the pertinent details and the Municipality will issue a congratulatory certificate.

ONTARIO WILDLIFE DAMAGE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has implemented new eligibility regulations in order to claim compensation for damage to livestock due to predation. On or before April 1, 2012, livestock and poultry producers MUST provide a Premises ID number AND a valid Farm Business Registration number on the program application (i.e. Valuer's Report). For more information go to the website www.ontario.ca/predation, call OMAFRA Toll-free at 1-877-424-1300 or via e-mail at ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca

ACCESSIBLE CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARD

The provincial Accessible Customer Service Standard came into effect **January 1, 2012. This applies to all organizations (public, private and non-profit)** that provide goods or services either directly to the public or to other organizations in Ontario and that have one or more employees in Ontario.

This includes consultants, manufacturers and wholesalers as well as other businesses and professional services.

To learn more visit the Ministry of Community and Social Services website: <http://www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/progr/ams/accessibility/customerService/index.aspx>

DAY LAKES STEWARDSHIP

YOU are invited to attend the inaugural meeting for the **Day Lakes Stewardship**

at the Day & Bright Community Centre, Sowerby, Sunday July 15; 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Visit the website at www.daylakesstewardship.ca and see how you can **Love Your Lakes!**

Regular Meetings of Council are held:

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from January – June & September – November;

2nd Wednesday of the month in July & August;

and 3rd Wednesday of the month in December, unless otherwise posted.

Please notify the Clerk/Administrator by the Friday preceding the Council Meeting should you wish to make a presentation and/or submission to Council.

** If you have any questions regarding information in this Newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipal Office. **

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST:

Basswood Lake Cottagers' Association:
www.bigbasswood.ca

Bright Lake Association:
www.brightlakeassociation.ca

Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition
www.centralalgomafreshwatercoalition.ca

Day Lakes Stewardship
www.daylakesstewardship.ca

East Algoma Stewardship Council
<http://www.ontariostewardship.org/councils/east-algoma/>

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TAX BILL MAILING PROCESS

The Municipality strives to ensure that all tax notices are mailed out on time and to the most recent address on the assessment roll. Address changes MUST be submitted to the office in writing. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to ensure that payments are made in a timely manner, regardless of receipt of the tax notice. **The installment due dates for the Interim Tax Bill are March 30/12 and May 31/12.**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Are you new to the Municipality and would like information on services in Huron Shores? Contact the municipal office for an information package.

Here is some helpful information for your consideration as a taxpayer of this community to protect you and your neighbours:

SPRING CLEANING REMINDERS

Spring is an excellent time to inspect your property to ensure it meets the requirements of the Clean Yard By-law. The by-law requires the **removal of all refuse and debris in your yard.**

Also, you are permitted **only three (3) garage sales per year** on any premises. If you are planning a garage sale, please contact the Municipal Office for further details with respect to permitted signage, etc.

NUISANCE BEAVER – Property Owner Responsibilities

The Municipality respectfully requests that all landowners monitor, maintain and/or remove beaver and/or dams on their properties to keep water to levels that will not create flooding hazards and/or dangerous erosion to public roadways. In the interest of keeping our community a

safe one, we appreciate and thank everyone for co-operating in this matter.

RECYCLING - IMPORTANT NOTICE

To maximize the life of our Waste Sites and to optimize municipal revenue via recycling, depots are located throughout the Municipality for your use and 3 of 4 are accessible 7-days/week. **Ward 4 Recycling Bins** are located at the Waste Site and are only available during regular operating hours. If the recycling bins are full, **PLEASE do not leave your items outside the bins;** take them home and return with them another day. Items left outside the bins do not get picked up by the recycling contractor.

WASTE DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

Winter Hours – Nov. 1 to March 31

Monday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Summer Hours - April 1 to Oct. 31

Monday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Notice: All Waste Disposal Sites in the Municipality of Huron Shores are closed on Statutory and Civic Holidays, Family Day, Easter Monday and Remembrance Day.

This is a reminder that there are **tipping fees** for the dumping of **mixed building debris** at all Municipality of Huron Shores Waste Disposal Sites. Please contact the Municipal Office prior to depositing these items at the Sites. The tipping fees help offset the cost to the taxpayers to have these items removed and/or sorted at each site.

Also, all **refrigeration appliances** (freezers, fridges, dehumidifiers, etc.) must have the Freon removed and be

tagged accordingly by a licensed technician prior to drop off at the Waste Disposal Site.

TIRE COLLECTION

Huron Shores has registered 2 Waste Sites, being Ward 1 (Thessalon Township) and Ward 3 (Iron Bridge) for the collection of tires under the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program. Tires may be brought to these sites during regular operating hours, **at no charge.**

ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL (E-Waste)

The Municipality is in the process of registering the Wards 1 and 3 Waste Sites under the Ontario Electronic Stewardship Program for the collection of end-of-life electronic waste i.e. TV's, computer components, stereo equipment, etc. E-Waste may then be brought to these sites during regular operating hours, **at no charge.**

PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY PET

It is a dog owner's responsibility to ensure that pets are kept securely on their own property or leashed and under control of a responsible individual when off the property. Should the family pet wander away from home or become lost, a dog tag will help to identify it. Tags may be purchased at the Municipal Office for \$5.00, or \$3.00 with proof of spaying/neutering. Please bring proof of rabies vaccination as well.

Owners of pets falling under the definition of **Dangerous Dogs** are to register those pets with the Municipal Office.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council and the Fire Department encourage you **to join the volunteer fire department.** Application forms may be downloaded from the municipal website or obtained at the Municipal Office. Youth

aged 16-17 may consider the **Junior Firefighter Program.** For details contact the Municipal Office or visit the Fire Department page of the municipal website.

FIRE PERMITS

April 1, 2012 is fast approaching. Please pick up your burning permit at the Municipal Office. An annual \$5 fee is required. Due to the limited amount of snow cover this winter, spring is projected to be particularly dry. Please exercise utmost care when engaging in any outdoor activity that involves fire. **DAY TIME BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED DURING FIRE SEASON (April 1 – October 31).**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Emergency Response Plan is available for viewing at the Municipal Office, Library and on the municipal website. The Emergency Management Ontario web site (www.ontario.ca/beprepared) contains excellent information in preparing for emergencies or visit the Municipal Office for free copies of the information.

REVIEW YOUR FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

The Canada Safety Council recommends these steps to prepare for a family fire drill:

- Draw a floor plan of your house.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Establish a meeting place outside the house.
- Be sure each family member has the plan and knows the escape route.
- Post your fire escape plan on the fridge or family bulletin board.
- Hold a fire drill for your family once or twice a year. Vary the drills, to practice escaping from different fire sources.