

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (EP) **WEEK May 4-10/14**

EP Week is a Canada-wide initiative to increase awareness of individual and family preparedness. The Emergency Management Ontario website (<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/home.html>) contains excellent information in preparing for emergencies or visit the Municipal Office for free copies of the information.

ODRAP APPLICATIONS

Private home owners, small businesses, farms or non-profit organizations who experienced damage due to the September 2013 flood event may now submit an application for assistance under the private component of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP). **Submission deadline is March 31, 2014.** Applications are available on the Disaster Relief Information page of the Huron Shores website or at the Municipal Office. Queries and completed applications should be directed to the Twp. of MacDonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Add'l in Echo Bay (lead administrator for municipalities affected by the September storm). Phone: 705-248-2613, Mail: Central Algoma Joint Disaster Relief Committee Office, 208 Church Street, P.O. Box 10, Echo Bay, ON P0S 1C0. **Fundraising Events for Disaster Relief:** The Committee has planned a number of activities; tickets may be purchased and details are available at all participating municipal offices or by calling 705-842-3108 or 705-842-5622: **Silent Auction:** March 5th-20th, Northern Credit Union, Thessalon; **Pasta Supper & Progressive Auction:** Sunday, March 16th, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Echo Bay Community Hall; **Roast Beef Dinner:** Saturday, April 5th 4:30 - 7:00 p.m., Iron Bridge Lions Club Hall, Cash Bar available; **Spring Fun Fling & Comedy Night:** Saturday, April 26th,

Johnson Twp. Community Centre, Desbarats, watch for details. Please come out and support these community fundraising events! If you wish to donate money directly, all donations may be received at the Twp. of MacDonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Add'l municipal office.

SPRING 2014 ROAD CONDITIONS

Due to the fall flood, heavy precipitation and harsh winter (frost heaves have already appeared), it is anticipated that spring road conditions will be particularly soft. The travelling public is advised to take extra care and reduce speed when driving on municipal roads. Public Works is actively patrolling and identifying the areas of concern, please be alert for public works equipment, personnel, oncoming vehicles, traffic cones and barricades.

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.

BRDHC: NEW 3-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN: The Blind River District Health Centre's new 3-year Strategic Plan may be viewed on its website: <http://www.brdhc.on.ca/>. This is the first plan since integration with the Thessalon and Matthews Memorial Hospitals.

NURSE-PRACTITIONER LED CLINIC

If you are not registered with a Doctor or Family Health Team, you may register by calling this clinic at 705-842-9898, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or drop by in person, at 135 Dawson St., Thessalon

(entrance is indoors across from the Hospital in the former Algoma Manor building), serving residents from Echo Bay to Iron Bridge.

MAKING ONTARIO ACCESSIBLE

Please visit www.huronshores.ca to read the Municipality's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan & Policies 2014-2019. We welcome your input. Also, visit the government site: http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcass/progr_ams/accessibility/ to learn more about the Provincial requirements for businesses, organizations and communities.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY: MON., OCTOBER 27/14

Are you interested in running for Council? Information and Nomination Forms are available at the Municipal Office or at www.huronshores.ca. Deadline for Nominations is 2:00 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12/14. A nomination form must be filed with the Clerk/Administrator before spending or raising any money for campaign activities. The filing fee is \$200.00 for Head of Council; \$100.00 for Councillor.

Regular Meetings of Council are held:

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from January – June and September – November;
2nd Wednesday of the month in July and 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. **

The Corporation of the **Municipality of Huron Shores**

Interim 2014 Newsletter



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**This newsletter is available
in alternative formats,
upon request.**

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. **If your mailing address has changed please provide written notification to the Municipal Office IMMEDIATELY.** The taxpayer is responsible to ensure that payments are made in a timely manner, regardless of receipt of the tax notice. "Change of Address" Forms are available at the Municipal Office or on the Treasury Dept. webpage at www.huronshores.ca. **The installment due dates for the Interim Tax Bill are March 31/14 and May 30/14** (the last business day of each month).

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

E-Payments: On-line property tax payment is available at www.huronshores.ca. To remit payments via this secure service, simply click on the bright red button, login, and set up your account by following the step-by-step instructions. When paying please include your 19-digit roll number without any dashes (e.g. 5724000001135790000). Pay each tax bill individually. Allow two (2) business days to receive your account confirmation. **NOTE:** a fee will be charged by the provider for this service.

Canadian Financial Institution: Payment may be remitted via your local financial institution branch, by telephone or on-line.

In Person: Cash or cheques, in Canadian funds only, are accepted at the Municipal Office. **Interac/Debit Card service is not available.**

TAX RECEIPTS: Due to Canada Post rate increases, receipts will only be mailed if the intact installment page (not just the installment slip) is included with your

payment, if you have an outstanding balance, or, if specifically requested.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

The Municipality is seeking volunteers for various committees. If interested, please contact the Municipal Office for further information. Volunteerism drives our community; we **thank all** those presently serving for their time and dedication.

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 or visit www.huronshores.ca.

With Spring around the corner, please remember:

The Clean Yard By-law: When the snow starts to disappear, it 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.**

The Garage Sales By-law: 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.

911 Numbering/Civic Addressing: **Maintenance of 911 signs is the responsibility of property owners.** Please check the condition of your 911 sign as part of your spring yard cleanup. Visible, clear signage may be key to receiving timely emergency assistance for you or someone in your household.

RECYCLING - IMPORTANT NOTICE

ACCEPTED ITEMS: **All rigid plastic containers signed #1 through #6; Milk and juice cartons and juice boxes.** Rinse and flatten recyclable cartons and

juice boxes. **NOT ACCEPTED:** Styrofoam, plastic bags, motor oil containers or pails.

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.

RECYCLING BIN LOCATIONS:

Ward 1: Waste Site, 200 Highway 129, accessible during regular operating hours.

Ward 2: Waste Site, 473 Cullis Rd., accessible during regular operating hours.

Ward 3: Iron Bridge, between Village General Store and Arena.

Ward 4: Waste Site, 1035 Dean Lake Road, accessible during regular operating hours.

WASTE DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

Winter Hours – Nov. 1 to March 31

Monday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Summer Hours - April 1 to Oct. 31

Monday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 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, handled, and/or sorted at each site. Only debris generated from within the Municipality is permitted.

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

Tires may be brought to the Wards 1 and 3 Waste Sites during regular operating hours, **at no charge.**

ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL (E-Waste)

Electronic Waste (i.e. TV's, computer components, stereo equipment, etc.) may be deposited at the Wards 1 and 3 Waste Sites during regular operating hours, **at no charge.**

FAMILY PETS

Exotic Pets – A By-law has been implemented to regulate the possession, harboring and transport of certain types of exotic animals. Prior to acquiring any exotic pets, please consult with the Municipal Office respecting permitted species and licensing of same.

Dog tags are **required** annually, expiring December 31 of the year issued. Tags are \$5.00, or \$3.00 if spayed/neutered. Proof of rabies vaccination is also required. To report a dog running at large, please contact the Municipal Office at 705-843-2033. Pets defined as **Dangerous Dogs** must be registered at the Municipal Office.

OPEN AIR BURNING PERMITS

The Municipality has adopted a **year-round Open Air Burning Permit System**. The fee remains \$5.00 and the permittee **must call the Municipal Office during regular office hours to advise of his/her intention to burn**. Please visit the Fire Dept. page of the municipal website to view the new open air burning by-law, By-law #14-08, or drop by the office to pick up a copy.