

CENTRAL ALGOMA JOINT DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE

On September 9-10, 2013 a flood event occurred in the Central Algoma area which had devastating effects on numerous property owners, farmers and business owners. On December 11, 2014 Linda Jeffrey, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing declared the area a disaster area for the purpose of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) and committed 3.25 million dollars to disaster assistance for the public and private component.

Following this the municipalities that declared a disaster had to appoint members of their community to a Disaster Relief Committee in order to administer the private component of ODRAP. It was decided the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, Township of Laird, Township of Plummer Additional and the Municipality of Huron Shores would appoint a Joint Disaster Relief Committee rather than having individual ones dealing with the same event. At that time each municipality appointed two members to the committee as well as appointing the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional as the administering municipality. The Central Algoma Joint Disaster Relief Committee was created. Members of this committee from Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional are Nancy Chantigny & Sonya Spurway, Township of Laird-Jim Withers and Sally Kennedy, Township of Plummer Additional-Elzine Shuttleworth & Debbie Magee and the Municipality of Huron Shores-Norma Cochrane and Barbara Frasier. We would like to thank the volunteers for coming forward to fill these important roles.

The function of this committee is to accept applications from claimants within the area that experienced uninsured loss during the flood event as well as fund raise monies to pay out to the claimants once the qualifications and monetary amounts have been determined. Based on information previously collected the amount this committee has to raise is approximately \$80,000.00. With the Province matching these dollars at a 2:1 ratio their contribution would be \$160,000.00 making the total amount required \$240,000.00. Application forms are available at all municipal offices as well as on all websites. Once the application has been completed it must be sent or dropped off to the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional by March 31, 2014.

If you wish to make a monetary donation to this very worthy cause please make cheques payable to the Central Algoma Joint Disaster Relief Committee and drop off or mail to the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, 208 Church St. P.O. Box 10 Echo Bay, ON P0S 1C0. You will receive a taxable receipt for any donation over \$10.00.

Fundraising events are being planned with more information on the back of this newsletter. We are collecting items for auctions to be held at the fundraising events. We are also looking for volunteers to work at any of the events. If you have any questions relating to this committee, fundraising events, applications etc. please call 705-248-2613 or contact any of the committee members or any member of Council.

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS CALENDAR

PASTA SUPPER/PROGRESSIVE AUCTION

SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2014 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. ECHO BAY COMMUNITY HALL

ADULTS-\$10.00 CHILDREN UNDER 10 \$5.00

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUNICIPAL OFFICES OR FROM ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

AUCTION ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT THE ECHO BAY COMMUNITY HALL:

FRIDAY 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY 4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

SILENT AUCTION

MARCH 5-20, 2014 NORTHERN CREDIT UNION, THESSALON

DROP IN TO THE NORTHERN CREDIT UNION TO VIEW AND BID ON ITEMS

ROAST BEEF DINNER

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2014 4:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M. IRON BRIDGE LIONS CLUB HALL

ADULTS-\$20.00 CHILDREN UNDER 10 \$8.00

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUNICIPAL OFFICES OR FROM ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER

CASH BAR AVAILABLE

SPRING FUN FLING & COMEDY SHOW

SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2014 TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON ARENA

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M. DINNER AT 6:00 P.M. PULLED PORK & SALADS

DESSERT AUCTION AND BAR RIVER SPORTS CLUB COMEDY GROUP & BOOKER "D" TO FOLLOW

CASH BAR AVAILABLE-BRUCE MINES LEGION