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Canada Revenue Agency Outreach

Information table with factsheets, ask questions & "good to know" resources

Date: Tuesday January 23rd & Thursday January 25th, 2024 **Time:** Tuesday 9am – 12pm, Thursday 12pm – 4pm **Location:** Blake Community Hall

A representative from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will be in your community to assist with questions regarding income tax filing, benefits, credits and various initiatives administered by the Agency.

For additional information on how to contact the CRA and the various programs, please visit Canada.ca/taxes

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SERVICE CANADA IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Service Canada provides Canadians with a single point of access to a wide range of government services and benefits through the Internet, by telephone, in person or by mail.

Service Canada will be in your community to help you apply for the programs and services listed below.

What to Bring: Visit Canada.ca for a complete list of required documents.

| Programs and Services | Location | Date | Time |
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| Social Insurance Number (SIN) | Blake Community | Tuesday | Tuesday from |
| Old Age Security (OAS) | Hall 71 Blake Hall Rd, | January 23rd, 2024 and | 9am-12pm and Thursday from |
| Canada Pension Plan (CPP) | Neebing ON P7I 0B4 | Thursday January 25th, | 12pm-4pm |
| Employment Insurance (EI) | | 2024 | |
| My Service Canada Account (MSCA) | | | |

We have a WINNER!!!!

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Winner of the 50/50 Draw is Dania Pilot!



See into on the NEW 50/50 Draw and NFRA News on page 12 Neebing Recreation Committee Upcoming Events...see page 2!

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For a comprehensive list of Service Canada programs and services, please visit:

🔒 Canada.ca

🕻 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232)





Full-zip Neebing hoodies and lined toques are available at the Municipal Office starting Monday January 8th!





Recycling helps conserve Ontario's natural resources and protects our environment. Let's all do our part.



Learn more: https://www.neebing.org/recycle

Upcoming Events for Neebing Recreation Committee!

Crafternoons have returned in January - with a different theme. The Recreation Committee is going to offer classes of different crafts. There will be a nominal fee for some of the sessions. We are asking any local crafters if they would like to share their knowledge with others and volunteer to teach/demonstrate their craft for an afternoon. For more information please call Penny at 807:964-2270.

January 20th, 2024 - noon to 3 - chocolate making for Valentines. The fee for this will be \$20 (payable on the day of) and you will go home with an assortment of chocolate symbolic of Valentine's Day. This class will be limited to 10 people. Please call Edith to register at 807:628-6660 by January 15, 2024. Please bring a container.

February 10th, 2024 - noon to 3 - learn to cross stitch. The fee for this will be \$5 (payable on the day of). Please call Penny at 807:964-2270 to register.

March 9th, 2024 - noon to 3 - project TBA

BLAKE HALL 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

As many of you know, Blake Hall is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2024. Many activities are being planned by the Recreation Committee and we are hoping that we can get some extra volunteers to give of their time and expertise to both plan and help with these activities. The tentative event dates are September 13 and 14, 2024.

If anyone has any memorabilia they are willing to share for a couple of days, please call Penny at 964-2270. The next meeting of the Recreation Committee is February 12, 2024 at 6 pm at the Blake Hall. All are welcome.

THANK YOU....

Breakfast with Santa was a big hit and the event was a sell out! Great breakfast, great games and crafting fun, and topped off with a great visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you to Vanessa and Joel for all their hard work to make this event such a success. Extra special thank you to Raymond and Cheryl.

New Landfill Punch Cards 2024

The new punch card system for the landfill site came into effect in January. Watch for your punch cards to arrive in the mail early in the new year. The transition period will run until March 1, 2024, during which time resi-dents can use their bag tags if they have not received their punch cards. Please contact the municipal office if you have not received your punch cards by the end of February. Permanent residents will still be allowed 100 bags and



The Municipality of Neebing is accepting applications for a Truck Driver/Equipment Operator. This is a permanent full-time position. A valid DZ class driving licence and clean driving record are required. An AZ class driving licence is preferred. Grader and snow plowing experience is an asset. This position is covered by the Municipality's Collective Agreement.

More detail about this position is available on the Municipality's website at www.neebing.org/careers.

Applications for this position are being accepted until 5:00 pm on Friday, January 19, 2024.

The Municipality wishes to thank all those who take the time to apply, but only those who receive an interview will be contacted. Personal information collected will be utilized for recruitment and for no other purposes, in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

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seasonal residents will be allowed 50 bags. Free bag tags with recycling will no longer be issued after January 1, 2024.



Sign up for Neebing's Emergency Text Alert Service. This text alert service is used to notify our residents <u>via text message</u> 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 smartphone equipped to receive text messages to use this service as it does not work on land lines.

Sign up at <u>neebing.org/textalerts</u> or send us your name, Neebing address, and your textenabled cell phone number including area code to <u>neebing@neebing.org</u> or call us at 474-5331. Your personal information is kept strictly confidential.

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Neighbours Helping Neighbours Conmee Municipal Complex 19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls P0T1W0 807-285-0836 We sincerely thank all those that continue to support us. Your donations enable the food bank to remain open

Next Food Bank Wednesday, January 17th

Registration 9 am to 11 am Drive-Thru Pick-up

What's Been Happening at Council Meetings?

Since the December edition, there have been two regular meetings of Council on December 6 and 20, 2023. There was one special meeting of Council on December 6, 2023 for planning matters.

At the special Council meeting on December 6th, the Committee of the Whole reviewed an application for severance of a property at Jarvis Bay Road West and Highway 61. At the regular Council meeting on December 6th, the following matters were considered:

- Council heard a deputation from Neebing Fire Rescue Association. During their presentation they made a presentation of Appreciation to Chaschuk Enterprises for their contributions to the wood raffle.
- Council approved the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the severance application for the property at Jarvis Bay Road West and Highway 61.
- Council passed a resolution to request that the Federal Government reconsiders their definition of a small and rural community for eligibility for the Climate Action Incentive Payment Rural Supplement.
- Council approved a letter to the Ministry of Transportation requesting that they reconsider the request to allow snowmobile crossing at the Pigeon River Border Crossing.
- Council approved a letter of support for the Fort William Golf and Country Club's application to NOHFC.

At the regular Council meeting December 20th, the following matters were considered:

• Council heard a deputation from the Neebing Recreation Committee regarding the Blake Hall 100th Anniversary Celebration Event.

- Council heard a deputation from Neebing Emergency Services regarding a fire event on Boundary Drive.
- Council reviewed the maintenance program for Cottage Drive West.
- Council approved a budget for the Blake Hall 100th Anniversary Celebration Event
- Council approved the municipal insurance policy renewal proposal.
- Council directed staff to research possible projects related to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund.
- Council supported a resolution from the City of Sudbury requesting amendments to the Oc-

cupational Health and Safety Act. The next Council meeting will be held on January 17, 2024. There will be a Special Council meeting on January 24, 2024 to review the 2024 budget. 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 vou 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

Show Me the Money

It's Municipal Budget time again! Council reviews the annual budget more than once before it is approved. The first review of the 2024 Budget is scheduled for Wednesday January 24th beginning at 6 PM. This meeting can be joined online, or you are welcome to attend in person at the Municipal Office. Online meeting details will be available before the meeting at www.neebing.org or at the office.

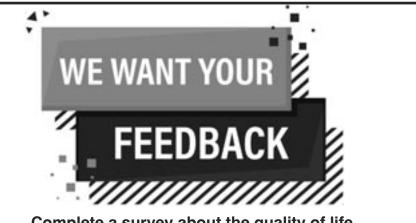
The first draft budget for 2024 will include:

- Projected revenue including grants
- Projected operating expenses such as the costs for services
- 2024 Capital Projects such as

Road Work Projects, Blake Hall Arena, and Alf Olsen Memorial Park Rink

Legislation requires that Municipalities must pass a balanced budget and the first budget meeting is to identify and prioritize expenses, with more work done in future meetings to balance revenues and expenses.

Past budgets and Financial Statements can be viewed on the Municipal website. A copy of the first draft budget and the open session report that Council will review on January 24th is available the Monday before the meeting on the Neebing website, or at the office.



Complete a survey about the quality of life within the Municipality of Neebing.

This survey can be done...

- Online through the Neebing website under www.Neebing.org/survey
- OR by paper copy available from the Municipal Office.

This survey highlights areas for improvement within Neebing. These areas can include future projects like upgrading or adding facilities (docks, playgrounds, batting cage, and soccer posts), holding events (fishing derbies, food tour, and farmers markets), and maintenance. The results of the survey will guide planning for future improvements within the Municipality.

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 1-647-627-0037.

Contact Us - Municipality of Neebing

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 carboard.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.

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 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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FOR SALE

Green leather recliner 6 foot Christmas tree with attached lights. Snow blower attachment - fits Craftsman riding mower

Sewing machine cabinet

Nordic Track Circuit Trainer, Model 4000

Water Pump **Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace** Call 807-964-2393





4-H NEWS

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the THUNDER BAY 4-H ASSOCIATION will be held on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024 at 7 p.m. **PINEGROVE UNITED CHURCH, Hwy 130** Rosslyn

All 4-H volunteers, present and past And those interested in the 4-H program are invited to attend this meeting The 4-H representative for Region One will be in attendance to answer any 4-H related questions. Contact Claire @ 807 475-5173 or Jean @ 807 935-2587 For more information

Interested in Promoting and Growing the Local Agriculture and Horticulture Community?

After hosting a very successful 2023 Murillo Fair the Oliver Agricultural Society plans to continue to build with new ideas. Interested in volunteering and participating in the society? Come find out what it's all about, the society will be having its Annual General Meeting on January 23rd, 2024, 7pm. Rural 60 Plus Centre, 5 Pineview Rd, Kakabeka Falls.



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Please come out and join us at Pinegrove United Church 100 - Hwy 130 Admission is free and all are welcome!

January 18 - Chili lunch 11:30 February 1 - Coffee and Cinnamon Buns 10 AM February 15 - Soup and Sandwich lunch 11:30 Hope to see you there!

Volunteers are also welcome (and needed) For more information about Cafe del Soul, please visit www.pinegroveuc.org/cafe-del-soul/



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Kakabeka Site

4785 ON-11 Unit B, Kakabeka Falls, ON POT 1WD G (807) 473-5528

PROGRAM INFO.

Call Shaun at (807) 472-5528 ext,1 to register for all progra

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Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Gro Meet at Legion Hall - Kakabeka 10am-11am





Lakehead Region **Conservation Authority**

Snow surveys conducted on January 2nd indicate that snow depth is approximately 23% of average for the beginning of the year ranging from 6-7.2 centimetres, compared to the average of 30 centimetres. As a result of the lack of precipitation, the LRCA has upgraded the Low Water Condition to a Level II Low Water Condition, based on the previous three months only receiving approximately 57% of the average precipitation. A Level II Low Water condition is declared when received precipitation ranges between 40-60% of average. A Level II Low Water Condition indicates minor supply problems with the potential for major supply problems. Area residents on wells are advised to monitor and adjust their usage accordingly.

The 2024 Explore Card Parking Pass is now on-sale! Explore Card Parking Passes permit day-use/parking at our ten Conservation Areas for one calendar year. Visit as often as you like. Enjoy one calendar year of recreation activities! For the low price of \$40.00 +HST, it's convenient for frequent users. All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas.

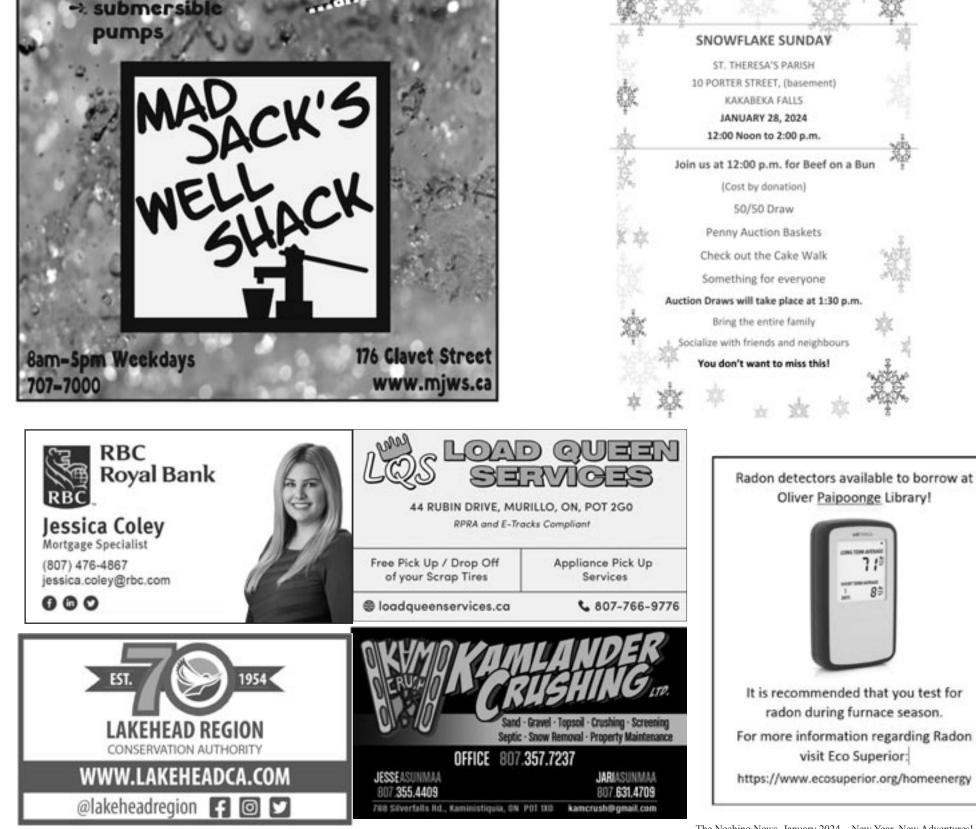
The Lakehead Conservation Founda-

submitted by LRCA Staff tion (LCF) and Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) are excited to once again hold our annual fundraising event, the 2024 Conservation Dinner & Auction! The event will be held on Friday, February 9, 2024 at The Da Vinci Centre on Waterloo Street in Thunder Bay. Proceeds from the Conservation Dinner & Auction will go towards the LRCA's Environmental Education Program. The event will feature a family-style meal, a silent auction, and a live auction. Tickets are \$75.00 each and can be purchased

www.store.lakeheadca.com. If you would like to make an in-kind or cash donation to the event, please contact us at info@lakeheadca.com.

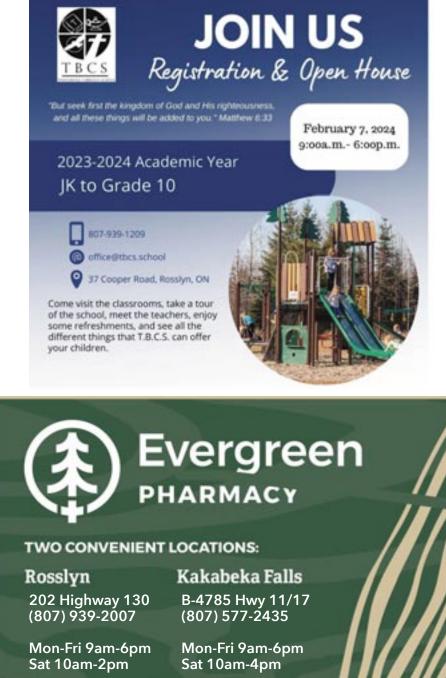
The LRCA Administrative Office located at 130 Conservation Road in Thunder Bay now has an electric vehicle charging station! Thanks to Plug-In Thunder Bay funding through the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission, electric vehicle owners can enjoy the convenience of charging their EVs while visiting our office or other local establishments.

Get out and Explore!



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New Location in Kakabeka **NOW OPEN**



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Hymers Fair News

Submitted by Erin Laforest

The Hymers Agricultural Society

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held

Saturday, January 20, 2024 1:00 p.m. at the

CLE Grounds, Cardinal Room

Elections for the 2024 Board of Directors will take place. Become involved! Contribute your great ideas to the Society and the Fair by becoming part of it.

We are always looking for people who are willing to serve as Directors and Committee members. Please be aware that this is a working Board, which means attendance at monthly meetings, being responsible for one Committee or Area, and participating on other Committees as needed.

Volunteers are always needed throughout the Spring/Summer to get the Grounds ready, and during Fair Weekend.

Don't want to commit to being a director? That's ok! Come join the AGM anyway. We would love to see you there. There are still opportunities to join as a Committee Lead or member, or as a Volunteer. Can't make the meeting?

Please visit our new website at https://hymersfair.ca and find our Volunteer Application Form under Volunteers.

Forms can be emailed to:

volunteers@hymersfair.com

or mailed to:

PO Box 196 Kakabeka Falls, ON, P0T 1W0

For full details on becoming a Director, Committee Lead or Volunteer, please email:

> Debbie Hoover at info@hymersfair.com or

Erin at hymersagsociety@gmail.com

CRIBBAGE

BEGINNERS WELCOME! EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M. ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER 3405 ROSSLYN ROAD



Thank you!

Rosslyn Cribbage Club just celebrated their 1st anniversary on Oct. 17th. Over the year we grew from 9 to 34 players with room for many more. So come and join the fun and friendship!

'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 'craftyminded' 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.*

| i ee | Monday 10 – 8:00 pm Wednesday 10 – 8:00 pm Saturday 9 – 12 pm 935-2729 | Email: oplibrary@tbaytel.net Website: http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca | Rosslyn Library Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm Saturday 1 – 4:00 pm 939-2312 |
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| a | | Indoor carpet bowling will now will held every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:00 at Rosslyn Library. | |
| | Storytime with Kelsea will resume on Thursday January 11 th at 11:00 am | | Thank you to Rosslyn Women's Institute for their annual gift of homemade cookies. Every Christmas they reach out to the various departments with this thoughtful show of appreciation. |
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RURAL 60 PLUS IS OPEN!

5 Pineview Road, Kakabeka Falls 475-5779, email rural60@tbaytel.net Website: www.rural60plus.ca

| Monday | - Carving - Disking | - 10 to 3 - 1 to 3 |
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| Tuesday | - Weaving - Knitting | - 10 to 3 - 10 to 3 |



- Good Company Choir - 10 to 3

- Wednesday Beginners Carving- 10 to 3
 - Quilting 10 to 3
 - Cribbage 1 to 3

Thursday

- Weaving - 10 to 3 - Knitting - 10 to 3

Craft Room open Monday to Friday 10 to 3

Yoga will start **Thursday February 1**st running until Thursday April 4th and drop-ins are welcome.

We have a Luncheon coming up in February.

We have our Annual General Meeting coming up and if anyone is interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors please submit your name and phone number to the current Board.

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NEEBING NEWS DELIVERED TO YOUR MAILBOX (unless you have NO FLYERS posted)

Deadline for the FEBRUARY issue of The Neebing News is January 22! Get it off your desk and onto MINE! :)

(BUT early submissions are always very welcome!) Submissions and photos of community events and articles of interest are welcome, and can be sent to Chris Vaclav at designhouse@tbaytel.net 628-7271



Book Your Next Event with Us! Blake Hall is available for rent by the hour, day or weekend. Blake Hall has a fully equipped kitchen for self-catered events and comfortable chairs and tables for your guests. We are also fully accessible with a ramp entrance and accessible washroom. Contact Us Phone: 807-474-5331 Email Us neebing@neebing.org





Child and Family Centre

"Learning Through Play, **Exploration & Inquiry**" **Connect with other Families!**

(for children 0-6 years)

Our Calendar of events can be viewed at: Centre https://www.keyon.ca/en/Events/ViewEvents

* EarlyON Child and Family Centre -Murillo (Pre-registration on KeyON is required)

> For more info. please: Email: ruralfrc@tbaytel.net or Private FB message us or Call: 935-3009

Play, sing, laugh and we will SEE YOU SOON!

| HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Mayor | MarkThibert | 474-1362 | mayor@neebing.org |
| Councillor for Blake | Katherine Hill | 631-1869 | blake@neebing.org |
| Councillor for Crooks/Deputy Mayor | Brian Wright | 964-2365 | crooks@neebing.org |
| Councillor for Pardee | Curtis Coulson | 577-2475 | pardee@neebng.org |
| Councillor for Pearson | Gary Gardner | 577-1963 | pearson@neebing.org |
| Councillor for Scoble | Brian Kurikka | 633-3735 | scoble@neebing.org |
| Councillor At-Large | Gordon Cuthbertson | 708-7548 | coucilatlarge@neebing.org |
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- → 4244- the number of hours emergency services volunteer spent; training, preparing for, following up on, and most importantly responding to residents of Neebing in their 'time of need.'
- **132** the number of paged emergency responses made by ∍ volunteers to assist Neebing residents when required.
- 35 the number of emergency volunteers trained to respond to ∍ emergency needs in Neebing.
- **911** the number to call for fire and medical emergency assistance 24/7 - 365 days of the year

A Special Thank You to all of the members of the Neebing Fire and Rescue Association and the many residents and 'extended Neebing family' living outside of Neebing for their ongoing support during the past year. And our pledge to continue to provide quality emergency services to meet the needs in Neebing during 2024.





Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas season! And now here we are already into 2024. I like this number. It feels calm and grounded, as even numbers do. I'm gonna take it as a good sign. I still see the New Year as a big clean slate and envision myself miraculously shedding all my bad habits and accomplishing many amazing things. Which I might. But probably won't. But I will embrace the good intentions until they fade into oblivion once again.

I did some deep cleaning before Christmas. I even cleaned our closets. We have way too many clothes. I purge from time to time, donate etc. Not sure why that matters but makes me feel less guilty somehow. Let's not pick on me right now. Let's pick on my husband. Because seriously he has more clothes than me. Most have seen better days. Now to be fair he works in the trades so lives in work pants and t-shirts. Most of his t-shirts should be in the garbage or rag-bag. The necks are stretched out of shape. Some have holes in them. But he hangs onto them for dear life and the only way to 'purge' his side of the closet is to wait till he's out of town. Even then I guarantee that anything that is put in a bag to go out the door is sorted through again with statements like "Hey this is my favorite shirt!' or 'No way, not this one!' or 'This one is in perfect shape!' I tried to keep a nice balance of comfy and semiworn-out work t-shirts and kept one bin with 'shirts I won't be embarrassed to be seen in public with him wearing' - sometimes referred to as 'church shirts'. They are t-shirts of course. Shirts with a collar or buttons are for 'special' occasions - weddings and funerals or when I threaten to leave him if he doesn't walk out of the bedroom wearing something other than a t-shirt.

Heaven knows I'm nobody to be giving fashion advice. Yet I keep TRYING to make him not look like a hobo when he leaves the house. Just for the fun of it this time I did a tally of the items as I cleaned and sorted. So just in case you think your hus-band has too much stuff, we thought ers! I don't think we can go wrong we might be able to provide some with that!



perspective. So here it is - 30 pairs of socks. Plus half a pkg of brand new ones. 15 pairs of boxer shorts. 14 tshirts acceptable for being in public. 46 work t-shirts, 16 pairs of work pants, 9 pairs of dress pants - all the same color. And about 15 shirts with collars. I'm no angel. I have a 'fat' wardrobe and a 'less fat' wardrobe, but again, we'll pick on me another time.

But wait, here is the funny part. Daughter and I went Christmas shopping BEFORE I cleaned the closets. Hubby is impossible to buy for. He has every tool known to man. He has every pair of work gloves. Every hat. Every gadget. You can only have so many Sudoku books and bags of wine gums. So what did we get him - some new t-shirts and new boxer shorts. I kid you not. Thank heavens I didn't get socks. Christmas morning I told him 'don't even unwrap it, just stick it under the bed and we'll open it another time.' I'll probably donate them.

He is good for clothes now for literally the rest of his life and probably longer. And I don't know what this has to do with New Years but I am determined to find a metaphor here so that I can justify outing his clothes hoarding habit. Let's just say that I suspect that if you (and by you I mean ME) take a good deep look at your life I can pretty much guarantee that you have everything you need to make the year ahead a happy, full and prosperous one. And in fact you (ME) have more than enough to share. So maybe that's a good New Year's Intention! Not a resolution, just sort of an overall 'theme' to embrace going into the New Year. Regular genuine daily gratitude for the provisions and blessings we have, and nurturing the desire to pay it forward to those who could use a bit of help - physically and emotionally. A sincere attempt at a spiritual deep cleaning. Open that closet of clothes, gifts and talents you've been saving and let it all pour out. Let's make 2024 the year of honesty, authenticity, sim-

Seniors Carpet Bowling

Rosslyn Community Centre

Sponsored by Rosslyn Library

Rosslyn Hall every Thursday Beginning January 11, 2024 1:30 -4:00 pm Call the library at 939-2312 for more information. Please bring indoor shoes!

Seniors! Enjoy a fun game of

carpet bowling!

Relaxed & gentle pace of exercise Free Socializing & Fun times Refreshments

Beginners welcome!!





Neebing has a local weather station that reports the current temperature, wind speed and direction, humidity, rainfall amounts and barometric pressure. **Click on the station name** to access information. **Station Name: East Oliver Lake Station location: 125 East Oliver** Lake Road

Every Tuesday: Bands and Balls Every Thursday Weights

At Rosslyn Hall from 11:30 to 12:00

No Registration necessary.

We still have room for anyone wishing to keep active and join others in fun, laughter and conversation.

These activities are open to anyone interested in getting out of the house and meeting new people.

Call Rosslyn Library for more information 807-939-2312



As the month of Christmas festivities comes to an end, I open my blinds to see the remanence of Christmas through colourful lights on the street. Soon, kids will be back to school, and that spare bedroom family

stayed in through the holidays will be empty once again. **January** is a month to relax after the Christmas holidays and slowly return to the regular routine of things. All routines except that of shoveling this year.

Although the lack of snow thus far has been somewhat of a blessing in disguise, it is important to keep an eye on your pipes as snow provides a natural insulation that is not present this year. Frozen pipes introduce a world of issues that can be somewhat difficult to resolve. The Neebing community in particular relies on wells and septic tanks which can present issues especially in the cold winter months. If freezing does occur, ensure to call a service to have the problem averted as it is essential to have running water for not only comfort but also fire safety in your home.

As we ring in the new year of 2024, lets welcome another year full of fire safety for our Neebing community. It is once again abundantly important to pay close attention to candle safety. Open flame proves time and time again to be the leading cause of house fires. Remember to never light a candle near anything flammable, and to never leave a candle unattended. Sticking to these simple

a- safety measures could very well as save you and your loved ones.

As Christmas is now behind us, the safe disposal of your holiday tree can often be overlooked. As your tree begins to dry out, the dried needles and branches introduce a potential fire hazard into your home, especially in being so close to an outlet and wrapped in lights. It is important to keep your tree watered until you are ready to dispose of it and to remove all decorations before disposing in the correct facility. Do not burn your tree in a woodstove or your tree once it is past its lifetime creates an unnecessary hazard in your home.

Ice fishing is an increasingly common sport but can be dangerous if not proceeded with caution. With a warm start to this winter, it is important to check ice thickness before walking or driving across any ice. Ice must be at least 4 inches in thickness before it is safe to walk across. Falling through the ice can quickly lead to hypothermia and eventually death. It is also important to know the body of water you are travelling on, and to never go alone.

Although we have been fortunate so far, snow is often seen to block vents on the exterior of your home. It is crucial to ensure all outdoor vents remain unblocked. A blocked vent can lead to carbon monoxide buildup in your home which can be life threatening. After any large snowfall, take a quick walk around your house as a preventative meas-

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JANUARY – HELPFUL TIPS FOR A FIRE SAFE 2024

by Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief

ure, as it could save your life. Once again, if you suspect any **fire** or **carbon monoxide** in your home, **exit your house immediately** and **dial 911**.

DO NOT RE-ENTER YOUR HOME.

Our team of highly trained fire fight-

SAFE HEATING CHECKLIST

- fireplace. Although pretty, keeping All furniture is at least 3 feet away from any heating appliance.
 - ► All heating appliances are up to code.
 - ➤ All filters have been checked and cleaned.
 - Any chimneys and vents have been checked and cleaned by a professional.
- mon sport but can be dangerous if → All electrical cords and shutoffs are in working condition.

ICE SAFETY CHECKLIST

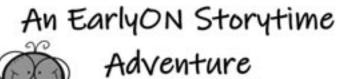
- The thickness of the ice is at least 4 inches.
- ➡ There are no visible gaps in the ice.
- You are familiar with the body of water.
- ► Travel in daylight so any gaps or holes remain visible.
- → Never travel alone



Story Time with Kelsea Every Thursday at 11:00 am

at Rosslyn Library

(resuming January 11th)



ers and first responders will be there to assist.

Cheers to 2024! Stay Safe

(This month's Neebing Fire/Rescue article is written by Skye Dusolt - team member since 2020.)



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The Rural Family Centre is taking storytime on the road to the **Murillo Library!** we will be meeting at the library to enjoy some engaging tales, free play and crafts!

All ages welcome, no pre-registration necessary!

Call the Rural Family Centre at 935-3009 or ask a staff member at the library for more information!



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JANUARY



Everyone at Neebing Fire/Rescue Association extends their sincere wishes to you and yours for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Together we can make a difference to our community through our support of Neebing Emergency Services.

2023 was a banner year for fundraising and our final numbers

will be revealed at our Annual General Meeting (Date TBA)



Neebing Fire/Rescue Association is pleased to announce that our first year of Rafflebox Raffles is now complete (Ontario Lottery licence # RAF1291114)

The 4th winner was selected by a random number generator on December 27th at 1:00pm

The winning ticket was C- 3692 and Dinia Pilot won \$6995!!!

We just began Raffle # 5 on January 1st with a new Lottery licence RAF1361809. The draws will once again be quarterly and we have made some great changes. Packages of tickets are the same price but you will earn more chances. Tickets are 5 for \$10; 30 for \$20; 150 for \$50, 400 for \$100. Opportunities to purchase tickets with cash will be promoted. Watch for announcements on Neebing News and on our Facebook page.

Thanks to your ongoing support in 2023, NFRA has profited over \$20,000 from the 5050. We still have \$13000 to contribute to new equipment. To play, scan this QR code or visit our website ,



neebingfirerescueassociation.com/events/draw

You will have a chance to win while helping us support Neebing Emergency Services.

The Holiday Cookie & Treat Sale was a great success and the place was packed! Thank you for coming out, for the weather being perfect and for all

the donations of baking and prizes! Here is breakdown of funds earned: Bake Sale – \$887.25 Penny Auction – 1058.00 Vendors – 40.00 Cookbooks sold – 135.00 Coffee donations <u>– 16.05</u> Total - \$2136.30 with a final profit of \$2023.50



We'd like to recognize and thank all of the donors for the Penny Auction and

door prizes: AJ's Trading Post Bean and Olive Bonzi Wuebben Canadian Tire Arthur St Cassee Veurink Chatters Clara Butikofer Copperfin Credit Union Delma Stajkowski Edith Tivendale Equipment World Kam River Fighting Walleye Forelinks Restaurant Group (Montanas/ Kelseys) Giant Tiger H & P Jams and Jellies Helena Laidler Home Depot Karen Davies Katherine Hill Linda Bedford Lisa Hipwell

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Presentation made to Chaschuk Enterprises at Neebing Council Meeting



On December 6th at the Neebing Municipality Council meeting, a presentation was made to Don Chaschuk, representing Chaschuk Enterprises Ltd thanking them for their 2023 contribution of 10 cords of seasoned, cut and split firewood to our 2023 raffle that profited \$14,837.32 !

> To date their contributions have totalled and astounding \$65,852. Thank you Chaschuk's!

Pictured in the photo from left to right: Roger Van Ballegooie - Acting Fire Chief, Mark Thibert – Mayor, Marlene Karila -Winner of 6 cords of firewood, Don Chaschuk representing Chaschuk Enterprises . Joy Harris - President of NFRA, Mikko Tarvudd - Winner of 4 cords of firewood, Clara Butikofer - Treasurer of NFRA



Neebing Fire/Rescue Association owes <u>all</u> of this success to <u>you</u>, our donors, residents and supporters.

You step up, show up, lend a hand and support us financially. Thank you. Thank you so very much.

Donations at the landfills have reached an all-time high, your support of our raffles is unprecedented and a wonderful surprise, and you are there when we've asked for help. Whichever way you are involved, please know it makes such a difference.

Your input is vital; our ability to support Neebing Emergency Services depends on you. And thanks to you, NES is being equipped with the tools to keep us all safe, to be there when we need them. What you contribute is priceless when you know that, in an emergency, help is on the way and they are highly trained and outfitted.

Thank you for your support in 2023 and for contributing what you are able in 2024. We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Be safe, be well and be kind.

Joy Harris NFRA – President

Clara Butikofer NFRA - Treasurer





The winners of the Penny Auction are listed below. Licence number 69054 Beautiful Prizes and happy winners!

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| 14 | 936249 | Karen Woods |
| 15 | 936241 | Barb Casson |
| 16 | 936100 | Janice Pytyck |
| 17 | 936112 | Debbie Fawcett |
| 18 | 1466491 | Linda Siddall |
| 19 | 936294 | Jacquie Wolniarski |
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