Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Visits Neebing

On Thursday April 24, 2025, we were pleased to welcome the Honourable Minister Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Deputy Minister Bernie Derible, Minister and Commissioner of Emergency Management to the Municipality of Neebing. The visit showcased the equipment that the Municipality of Neebing purchased through the 2023-2024 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG).

Neebing received \$47,538.65 through the CEPG. These funds were used for the purchase of two emergency generators which were installed in strategic locations within the Municipality. One generator was placed at Neebing Fire Hall #1, the primary responding fire hall, and the other at the Blake Community Hall, which serves as the primary evacuation and reception centre. The new units will provide uninterrupted hydro power at these two facilities, which will serve us well in the event of an emergency or disaster.

We would like to say thank you to the Minister and the Deputy Minister for visiting and for prioritizing the needs of Ontario municipalities when it comes to emergency preparedness. Grant opportunities like the CEPG, make a significant difference in how communities will be able to provide critical emergency services at a time when the community will need it the most.

Emergency Preparedness Week is May 4-10, 2025. Emergency Preparedness Starts with You. Know the risks. Make a plan. Get an emergency kit. For more information on Neebing's Emergency Response Plan visit www.neebing.org/beprepared.



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING **NOTICE: LOAD RESTRICTION**

Road users are requested to take notice that Load Restrictions were applied to all municipal roads within Neebing, effective Monday, March 24, 2025 at 12:01 a.m. and will continue until further notice. Check with the municipal office or check Neebing's website and Facebook page for updates. **Barry Livingston, Public Works Foreman**

The Recreation Committee was at it again!!

A few hundred children and parents attended our annual Good Friday Easter Egg hunt that took place at the new outdoor Pavillion at the Blake Hall. Lots of fun was had finding easter eggs, winning prizes, face painting, crafts, tattoos and special appearances by the Easter Bunny and Sparky the fire dog. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and to our Neebing Emergency services.

See page 6 for photos:



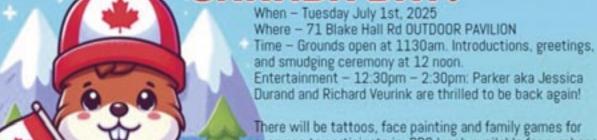


MAY-11- 2025 BLAKE HALL 1PM - 3PM \$5/PERSON DESSERT AND BEVERAGE KIDS UNDER 3 FREE ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Deadline for ticket purchases for

APRIL 21 (CASH ONLY) 807-474-5331 Mother's Day tea is Thursday May 8th!





everyone to participate in. BBQ lunch available for purchase (cash only please). Canada Day cake will be provided!!

NFRA will be onsite selling their 50/50 tickets.

Some on out and enjoy an afternoon of good food, family games, awesome local talent and enjoy the new outdoor Pavilion! Please bring a lawn chair so you can sit back, relax and enjoy the time!

When to Contact the OPP

When to Call 911

If someone's health, immediate safety or property is threatened, call 911. When calling 911, be specific about what services(s) you need, ie: Police, Fire and/or Ambulance and provide as much detail as possible.

When to Call the Non-Emergency Line

For non-emergency events or minor crimes you can either:

- Call the 24-hour toll-free number at 1-888-310-1122;
- Call the detachment at 807-683-4200; or
- File a report online at https://www.opp.ca/index.php?id=132

The following can be reported online:

- Theft Under \$5,000
- Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5,000
- Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Theft from Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Lost / Missing Property Under \$5,000 including a license plate(s) or validation sticker(s)
- Theft of any type of gasoline from a gas station
- **Driving Complaints**

The following should be reported in-person by calling the toll-free or detachment numbers:

- the occurrence happened outside of OPP jurisdiction
- there are any identifiable suspects
- someone was injured
- the occurrence involves a weapon
- the occurrence involves any damage to a motor vehicle due to an actual or apparent collision, including fail to remain collisions
- the occurrence involves a break and enter (e.g. unlawful entry and theft from a house, a building or a structure)
- the occurrence involves drugs or gambling (including lottery tickets)
- the occurrence involves a passport

The OPP use the data from calls to track patterns and create operational plans for patrolling and staffing. Residents are encouraged to report nonemergency events to help the detachment plan for where the resources are most needed.

How is the municipality billed for OPP Services?

The municipality is not billed on a per call basis. The majority of the cost for OPP services is based on the number of occupied properties within the municipality. There is an annual flat rate charge for each household and business. The rest of the cost is based on a percentage of municipal calls for service across the entire province and accounts for a small portion of the annual bill. If you would like more details about the cost for policing, please contact the municipal office.

2025 Neebing Burning Permits

Fire permits are required for all open-air burning in Neebing during the fire season beginning **April 1st through to October 31st. Permits are** available during the Fire Season 24 hours a day on our website:

www.neebing.org/fire permits

How to Contact the Neebing Municipal Office

Office hours: Monday - Friday (9:00am - 5:00pm) Phone: (807) 474 5331

Email: Neebing@neebing.org Website: www.neebing.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/neebing Instagram: www.instagram.com/municipalityofneebing/



Emergency Preparedness Week May 4-10, 2025 Be Prepared. Know your Risks

Natural hazards may be beyond our control, but there are ways to reduce the risk and the impact of whatever emergency we might face.

Emergency Preparedness Week (May 4-10, 2025) encourages people in Canada to take concrete actions to be better prepared to protect themselves and their household during emergencies. This special week is a national effort lead by Public Safety Canada, provincial and territorial emergency management organizations, Indigenous organizations, non-governmental organizations, and private sector.

By taking a few simple steps, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere. It is important to:

- Know the risks Although the consequences of disasters can be similar, knowing the risks specific to our community and our region can help you better prepare
- Make a plan It will help you and your family know what to do
- Get an emergency kit During an emergency, we will all need some basic supplies. We may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours in an emergency

Visit www.neebing.org/beprepared for more resources to help you and your family prepare for all types of emergencies.

During Emergency Preparedness Week, you are encouraged to take concrete actions to be better prepared. Please do your part! Experience has shown that individual preparedness goes a long way to help people cope better during a major disaster and recover faster after such an event. Know the risks. Make a plan. Get an emergency kit. www.neebing.org/beprepared

Contact Us - Municipality of Neebing

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 voice mailbox is monitored to help us act quickly when such emergency issues occur.

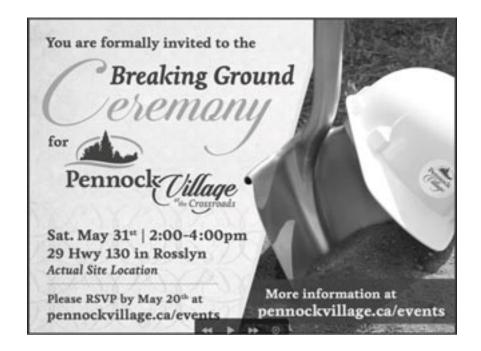
Municipal complaints or concerns posted on social media forums or website pages not maintained by the Municipality are not monitored or recorded. Please, contact the Municipal Office direct - we are here to help!





Sign up for Neebing's Emergency Text Alert Service. This text alert service is used to notify our residents via text message 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 neebing.org/textalerts or send us your name, Neebing address, and your text-enabled cell phone number including area code to neebing@neebing.org or call us at 474-5331. Your personal information is kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions, please feel free to



What's Been Happening at Council Meetings

Since the April edition, there have been two regular meetings of Council on April 2 and 16, 2025 and one special meeting of Council on March 16, 2025. At the regular Council meeting on April 2nd, the following matters were considered:

- Council passed a resolution requesting more support from the province for autism services.
- Council passed a Facility Rental Usage Policy.
- Council reviewed a request to amend the mandate for the Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee.

At the special Council meeting on April 16, 2025, Council reviewed an application for a validation certificate to correct a historic contravention of the Planning Act.

At the regular Council meeting on April 16th, the following matters were considered:

- Council approved an application for a validation certificate.
- Council reviewed a report regarding the proposed expansion of Strong Mayor Powers.
- Council approved the purchase of additional fire equipment through the Fire Protection Grant.
- Council passed a by-law to amend the mandate of the Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee.

The next Council meetings will be held on May 7 and 21, 2025. Regular Council meetings are normally scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month; however, there is only one meeting in January, July and August.

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 you 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.

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Emergency Management in Canada: How Does It Work?

In a country that borders on three oceans and spans six time zones, creating an emergency response system that works for every region is a huge challenge. That's why emergency management in Canada is a shared responsibility. That means everyone has an important role to play, including individuals, communities, governments, the private sector, and volunteer organizations.

In Canada, emergency response is handled first at the local level by fire departments, police, and other municipal resources. If local first responders need further assistance, they can request it from neighbouring municipalities or from their Province or Territory. When an emergency escalates beyond their response capabilities, Provincial or Territorial bodies issue a Request for Federal Assistance (RFA) from the Government of Canada, based on their specific requirements.

RFAs are managed through Public Safety Canada's Government Operations Centre (GOC), which is mandated, on behalf of the Government of Canada, to support preparedness for and lead the coordination of the integrated federal response to all-hazard events of national interest. The GOC receives the RFA and, through the implicated Public Safety Regional Office, works closely with the Provincial or Territorial Emergency Management Organization to coordinate the submission, approval, and execution of requests. Everyone responsible for Canada's emergency management system shares the common goal of preventing or managing disasters.

Know the risks. Make a plan. Get an emergency kit. www.neebing.org/beprepared



Emergency Preparedness Week May 4-10, 2025

Using Technology During a Disaster

We rely on technology more and more to keep in touch with our family, friends, and colleagues with a click of a button. But what happens in the event of a major emergency? Suddenly these tools can become vital in helping you and your family get in touch and stay informed. So here are some tips on the use of technology in an emergency:

- If possible, use non-voice channels like text messaging, email or social media. These use less bandwidth than voice communications and may work even when phone service doesn't
- If you must use a phone, **keep your conversation brief** and convey only vital information to emergency personnel and/or family. This will also conserve your phone's battery
- Unable to complete a call? **Wait 10 seconds before redialing** to help reduce network congestion
- Keep a charger for your mobile device in your emergency kit. Consider getting a solar-powered, crank, or vehicle phone charger. If you don't have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card in your emergency kit
- **Keep your contacts up to date** on your phone, email, and other channels. This will make it easier to reach important contacts, such as friends, family, neighbours, child's school, or insurance agent
- If you have a smartphone, **save your safe meeting location(s)** on its mapping application
- Conserve your smartphone's battery by reducing the screen's brightness, placing your phone in airplane mode, and closing apps you are not using. You never know how long a power outage will last!

Remember, in an emergency or to save a life, call 9-1-1 for help. You cannot currently text 9-1-1. If you are not experiencing an emergency, do not call 9-1-1. If your area offers 3-1-1 service or another information system, call that number for non-emergencies.

Playground Relocation and Fire Safety Bay Addition

Residents will see some changes around the municipal office this year. These include an addition to the municipal office and the relocation of the playground.

Playground Move and Expansion

The playground at the municipal office will be relocated to Blake Hall in June. The relocation will:

- allow for the expansion of the playground equipment to include accessible play elements;
- allow for refurbishment of existing playground equipment;
- locate the playground away from a busy highway; and
- allow for the construction of the Fire Safety Bay at the municipal office

Fire Safety Bay

This project has been in the works for many years. Originally, Council was looking at building a new fire department facility in another location which would include the fire administration office as well. But rather than duplicating administrative services, Council determined that locating decontamination facilities at the municipal office made more sense as the Fire Safety Bay could also be used for training purposes and would compliment the existing emergency services training classroom at the municipal office site.

The Fire Safety Bay is important for all residents, as it will allow emergency services to return vehicles and personnel to a state of response readiness more quickly after an event. It will improve the health and safety of our emergency services personnel by providing a modern facility which will allow the department to properly decontaminate people and equipment. The new Fire Safety Bay will provide heated mouse-proof storage for specialized gear and equipment.

Neebing has received a grant from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation for \$1,382,573 which is roughly ½ of the funds required for the project. Council has discussed funding the remaining expense through a variety of methods and will be making a final determination on the funding plan in the future.

The project is currently open to contractors for bidding and once that process is complete, the full costs of the project will be known. Council has scheduled a Special Council meeting on May 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm to discuss the results of the bidding process and recommendations from the Tender Review Committee regarding the contract to build a Fire Safety Bay at the municipal office.

Staying Safe During Wildfire Season: A Guide for Neebing Residents

By Meaghan Forneri, Deputy Chief of Medical Operations

Wildfire season is here, and whether a fire is nearby or far away, it can cause problems for people in Neebing. These problems might include health issues from smoke, damage to property, or the need for evacuation during a large local fire.

You've probably noticed smoke in the air or smelled the scent of fire. Sometimes, the Neebing Emergency Services get called about smoke, only to find out that it's coming from as far away as British Columbia. Wildfire smoke can travel thousands of kilometers, which means it can affect the air quality even if the fire is far away.

The Medical Effects of Wildfire Smoke

Wildfire smoke contains a mix of harmful particles, gases, and chemicals, including carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and fine particulate matter (PM2.5). These small particles can easily enter the lungs and even enter the bloodstream, making it hard for your body to get enough oxygen. This can lead to a range of health issues, especially for those with respiratory conditions or heart problems.

For people with breathing issues like asthma, chronic bronchitis, or COPD, even light smoke can be dangerous. The smoke can irritate the airways, leading to coughing, shortness of breath, wheezing, and a feeling of tightness in the chest. It can also make it harder for your body to fight off infections, causing flare-ups in pre-existing conditions.

Even for people who don't have chronic respiratory issues, smoke can still cause temporary symptoms like:

- Coughing
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Irritated eyes
- Headaches
- Fatigue



For vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, and pregnant women, smoke can have a more serious impact, leading to an increased risk of respiratory infections or complications. Long-term exposure to wildfire smoke has also been linked to increased risks of cardiovascular disease and lung cancer.

What to Do if There's Smoke in the Air

If there's smoke in the air, here's what you should do to protect your health:

- **Stay indoors** as much as possible, especially if you have a respiratory condition.
- Keep extra **inhalers or medications** with you and carry them even if you don't usually need them.
- **Avoid strenuous outdoor activities** like exercise, as this can make breathing more difficult.
- Drink plenty of water to help your body stay hydrated.
- **Rest** and avoid physical exertion.
- If you start feeling unwell or experience any breathing problems, **seek medical help immediately**.

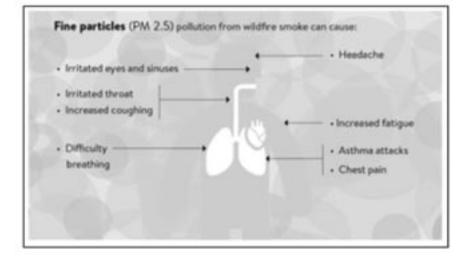
Preparing for a Wildfire Near Neebing

If a wildfire is close to Neebing, be ready for power outages, heavy smoke, road closures, and the possibility of an evacuation. Keep an eye on updates from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Neebing municipality websites for wildfire information. If evacuation is needed, it helps to be prepared.

How to Prepare:

- Have a "Go Bag" ready with clothes, medications, money, chargers, nonperishable food, water, juices, and a map.
- Plan with your family. If you're not together when an evacuation happens, know where to meet and how to stay in touch.

If an evacuation is ordered, stay calm. You'll be told what to do, where to go, and when to leave. Remember, evacuations can be scary, but your family's safety is the most important thing. Take only what you absolutely need—material items can be replaced, but your loved ones cannot.



Wildfire Prevention in Canada: Protecting our Communities and Forests

By Fawn Kellar, Public Information Officer

Wildfires are a natural part of Canada's ecosystem, but in recent years, they've become more frequent, more intense, and far more destructive. From British Columbia's interior to the boreal forests of Alberta, and even parts of Quebec and the Atlantic provinces, wildfires are threatening lives, wildlife, homes, and the air we breathe.

As our climate continues to warm, wildfire seasons are getting longer and more dangerous. But the good news? A lot of these fires can be prevented—with the right actions, education, and policies.

The Canadian Wildfire Crisis

Canada is home to 9% of the world's forests, and wildfires are a natural part of this vast landscape. However,

we are seeing record-breaking seasons. In 2023 alone, over **18.5 million hectares** of land burned—the largest area in Canadian history, and more than **seven times the national average**.

And while lightning causes around 40–50% of wildfires in Canada, human activity is responsible for the rest—about 50–60% of wildfires are started by things like campfires, cigarettes, off-road vehicles, and power equipment.

Why Wildfire Prevention Matters

- **Health:** Wildfire smoke contains harmful particles that can travel thousands of kilometers and affect millions. In 2023, Canadian wildfires caused air quality alerts in cities as far as New York and Chicago.
- Cost: Firefighting and recovery efforts cost governments and insurers billions of dollars. In 2021 alone, the federal government spent over \$500 million fighting wildfires.
- **Nature:** Fires destroy habitat for bears, moose, birds, and more. In many regions, entire ecosystems are disrupted for decades.

How Canada Can Prevent Wildfires

1. Be Smart Outdoors

Whether you are camping in Algonquin, hiking in Jasper, or just enjoying a backyard fire pit:

- Follow provincial & municipal fire bans and advisories.
- Fully extinguish campfires—soak, stir, and soak again.
- Never toss cigarette butts on the ground or out of car windows.
- Avoid using power tools or vehicles on dry grass during hot, windy days.

2. FireSmart Your Property

Canada's **FireSmartTM** program helps homeowners in wildfire-prone areas reduce risk:

- Clear dry vegetation, leaves, and pine needles within 1.5 meters of your home.
- Trim tree branches that hang over the roof.
- Use fire-resistant materials like metal roofing or composite decking.
- Keep woodpiles and propane tanks at least ten meters from your home.

4. Government and Industry Responsibility

- Forest management agencies can reduce wildfire risk through **prescribed burns**, **fuel thinning**, and **firebreaks**.
- Utility companies must inspect and maintain power lines to prevent sparks.
- Municipalities may develop and enforce wildfire resilience plans.

5. Stay Informed and Prepared

- Sign up for local emergency alerts through Alert Ready.
- Know your evacuation routes.
- Prepare a 72-hour emergency kit with essentials in case you need to leave quickly.

Technology and Research in Action

Canada is using satellite technology, drones, and AI to detect and monitor wildfires more quickly than ever. Research from Natural Resources Canada helps predict fire behaviour and improve response strategies.

Together, We Can Reduce the Risk

Wildfires are not going away—but with the right knowledge and action, we can reduce their impact. Whether

you are a weekend camper, a homeowner in the wildland-urban interface, or a policymaker, your actions matter.

Canada's forests are beautiful, vast, and vital—let's protect them, together.





Businesses in Neebing!

Borderlands Farm

Borderlands Farm wanted to make sure that their food was raised ethically and was of the highest quality. They decided that the best way to guarantee this was to do it themselves. After a period of transition and significant time spent updating the facilities

on the property, they started the farm in 2020 by purchasing their first sheep flock and planting garlic.

The first lamb sales were in the spring of 2022 through the Borderlands Farm website. This was also the year they joined the Thunder Bay Country Market as a vendor and began selling lamb through local retailers. They were able to offer some wool products, including raw fibre, dyed wool batts and fibre kits alongside garlic.

2023 was a significant year for Borderlands Farm as they opened a Wool Mill with the goal of process-

ing their own fibre from the sheep. With many ideas and no shortage of things to do as they get started farming here in Neebing!

Website: www.borderlandsfarm.ca Email: Contact@borderlandsfarm.ca



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Kakabeka Falls.





Oliver Lake Piano

Offering classical piano lessons in a private home within Neebing. For students as young as 4 to adults and seniors. Lessons are focussed on classical styles and place emphasis on learning rhythm and music theory from the very first lesson. The vision is to partner with students to develop their confidence, expression and enjoyment of classical music.

About the teacher

Michelle Chung is a solo and collaborative pianist who has been teaching piano for over 15 years. She began to learn piano at the age of 6 and it quickly became obvious that music would become a lifelong passion. Over the years she composed several of her own compositions and completed her ARCT diploma in piano performance at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Originally from Toronto, Michelle moved to the Thunder Bay District with her family in 2022. She enjoys her involvement in playing hymns at church and collaborating with a local choir in Kakabeka Falls.

Michelle lives at Oliver Lake and enjoys the peace and serenity of the country. Her hope is to share her passion for music and to help her students develop theirs.

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tact the Centre for more information.

"Raising Dementia Awareness"

- Learn about the 4 common types of Dementia
- Discuss the differences between normal ageing and dementia
- Share communication strategies to assist people living with a diagnosis
- Learn about the Alzheimer's Society programs and services









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

- 10 to 3

- 1 to 3

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- 1 to 2:30

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Craft Room open Monday to Friday - 10 - 3

The Rural Dementia Café is a monthly gathering for people im-

support families, care givers and friends to create a sense of be-

longing and community in a warm and safe welcoming environ-

Come out and enjoy music, games, and snacks in a relaxing at-

mosphere. There is no fee and no eligibility criteria to attend our

Time is 1-3 pm and the location is Rural 60 Plus 5 Pineview Road

Contact Shaun or Elaine for more information at 807-473-5528.

Rural 60 Plus will be holding its Annual General Meeting and Din-

ner on Friday May 30th at 5:00pm at the Kakabeka Legion. Con-

Dates are Friday May 28, Friday June 27 and Friday July 25.

pacted with a memory problem or dementia. Designed to help

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BEET JUICE TIRE BALLAST



DIY Sign Sunday June 1st, 1 to 3 pm Blake Hall

Let's spend some time together and enjoy this afternoon creating a 4 ft welcome sign. We provide all supplies needed for this class. Includes, one 10inch by 4 ft pine board, stencil of choice, paints, brushes, aprons and inspiration.

34 designs to choose from. Cost for this class will be \$65/person. Non refundable.

Class will also include snacks and refreshments. Book by May 19th, 2025.Limited seating available

Contact Pickled Pike Crafts, Katherine @ 807.631.1869 to choose your design and book your seat.



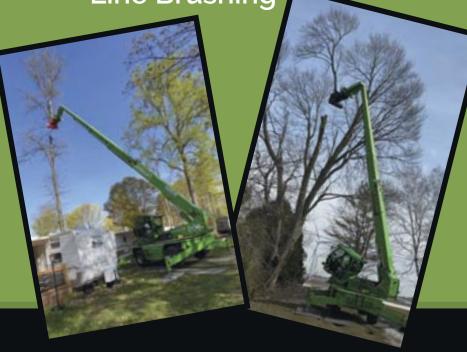
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Your donations enable the food bank to remain

Next Food Bank **WEDNESDAY MAY 21**

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

RURAL CUPBOARD FOODBANK **DROP OFF LOCATIONS**

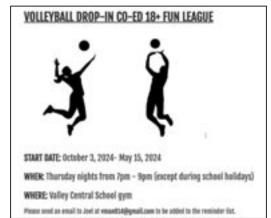
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Whitefish School (Sept to June) O'Connor: O'Connor Municipal Office

Whitefish School (Sept to June) Hoppers Variety

Neebing: Neebing Municipal Building

Note: Rural Cupboard Foodbank needs recyclable bags. If you would like to be a drop off for the Rural Cupboard Foodbank, please call Lorna at 807-577-1035











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PHONE: 767-3643 countryman@tbaytel.net

Neebing Neighbourhood Heroes

There are no words to express our gratitude for the courage, selflessness, and bravery of some of the incredible heroes of Neebing.

At the very start of March break there was a fire on our property while we were in town. If not for the quick actions of our neighbours, much more would have been lost. In the darkening evening, neighbours we barely get the chance to see, leapt into action, rushing to our place to call the fire department, to help evacuate or do what they could. Without any thought for themselves, they rushed to our aid. Neighbours up and down McCluskey came out to search for our dogs, who had been liberated, but took off into the forest. They helped care for and calm our children in the moment, spent hours calling for our dogs, walking up and down the road with flashlights, going down trails, and using the help of their own fur family members to help us locate ours. They have checked up on our injured pups and offered their support afterwards. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The volunteers of the Neebing Fire Department were on scene when we arrived; organised, professional, and so very compassionate. They are all incredible human beings who offered their time and dropped everything they were doing to help. They protected our home, extinguished the fire, kept us informed, bandaged one of our dogs and showed us such care on what was probably a relaxing Sunday evening for them prior. They are outstanding in every way, and we cannot thank them enough.

Finally, our hero, Mark Wiley, who saved our dogs from the fire. He heard their cries and rushed toward the sound without a moment's hesitation. Finding he needed bolt cutters for the fence on the dog run, he returned to his property to get some and then came back again to help the poor trapped dogs. He put his own life in jeopardy for them. He stood next to an inferno, and cut them out, despite the heat, danger and injury to his own body. He pulled them free. Because of him, our two furry family members are alive. Because of him, the children still have their best friends, adventure and snuggle buddies. There aren't enough words in the English language to express how grateful we are toward him. What he did was a true act of selfless heroism.

This was an event no one hopes for, however, it has shown us what a truly amazing community this is and how it is filled with the most amazing people. We are forever grateful.

The Moore Family





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

May 1 - coffee Cafe with a special treat 10

May 15 - Quiche for lunch

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

RURAL CUPBOARD FOODBANK 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH 5 PM TIL 11 PM

Doors open at 5 pm - Dinner at 6 pm Dinner & Dance tickets \$40.00

Cash Bar ~ Tickets available by calling Lorna at 807-577-1035

Or At the O'Conner Township Office 807-476-1451

Available until May 14th

Dance - doors open at 8 Dance only tickets \$10.00 (at the door)

Music by Ted Von



Neebing Fire/Rescue Association

NFRA News Respectfully submitted: Joy Hamis NFRA President



What a wonderful month! My snow is almost gone and I'm dreaming of gardening and outside projects. It may rain a lot, but we know that is good for the forest and helps prevent fires. So, I'll put on my rain boots and poncho and head outside anyway. 3%

While you are out cleaning your shed or garage this month, please remember: NFRA needs, and greatly appreciates, your donations of empty beer cans and bottles, liquor bottles and pop cans.

Where do your can donations go? At either landfill, look for the signs







Your donations are collected by our intrepid 'Tin Man', Kris. Brought to his property for volunteers (like you, join us!) to sort. We spend a pleasant 2 hours sorting, counting and bagging beer cans for return, separating liquor bottles for return, then sorting the rest for recycling.

Here are some community volunteers at a Can Sort last year. Their donation of time enables NFRA to fund more and more needs of



This pile of beer cans, from one sort, made \$100s of dollars for NFRA to purchase tools and training items for NES.





Thank you for your continued support.

Be safe, be well and be kind.

Joy Harris NFRA - President

Questions/Comments? Email us at nfraevents@gmail.com.





YOU MAKE THIS HAPPEN!! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Bagging your beer cans (and liquor, pop and metal cans) for NFRA's collection is an easy way to continue to donate to support your Emergency Services, especially in these uncertain financial times. By tossing a bag or two into our bins, you are doing your part, and we greatly appreciate your donations!



Speaking of money...Last month another NFRA 50/50 winner was drawn! Tracy Stewadson got that 'Oh Wow' feeling, winning \$3740!!



Our next winner will be drawn on June 25th! It could be you!

Buy your tickets to have your name in the draw for our NFRA 2025 Cash Raffle #2 Fundraiser.



Get your tickets now for our online 50/50 #2!

Draw date: June 25th, 2025

At this writing, the total is already over \$2000, with two months to go.

Check out the current total pot from a link from our webpage: https://www.neebingfirerescueassociation.com/events/draw and buy your tickets now.



Or scan this QR code:

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Remember:

50% OF THE PROCEEDS TO YOU,

50% TO SUPPORT



Don't miss your chance to win.

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Automotive Service Technician, Charles Clair 953 Candy Mountain Dr., 473-5456 708-5536

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Automotive repairs and tire sales 475 East Oliver Lake Road call or text John Mirabelli at 807-627-0784

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71 Blake Hall Road. Call the Municipal Office for reservations: 473-5331 or email neebing@neebing.org
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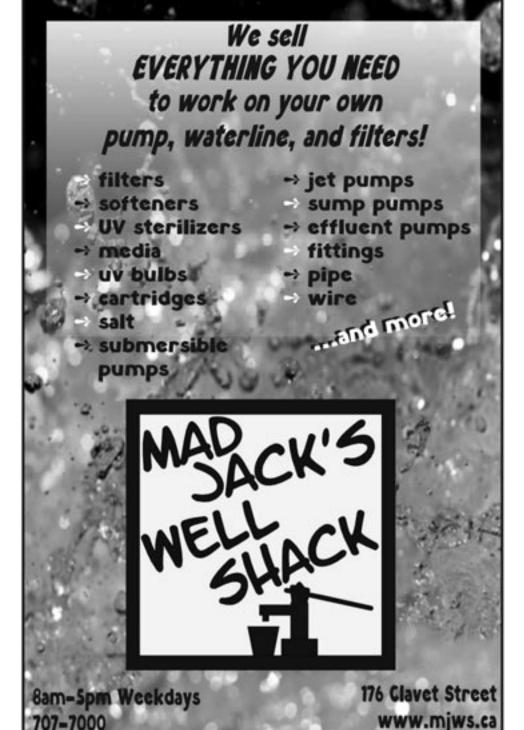
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RURAL 60 PLUS!

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

- Carving - 10 to 3 Monday

- Disking - 1 to 3

Tuesday - Weaving -10 to 3

Thursday

-10 to 3 - Knitting - Choir - 1 to 2:30

10 to 3 Wednesday - Beginners Carving

- 10 to 3 - Quilting

- Cribbage - 1 to 3

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

Craft Room open Monday to Friday - 10 - 3

The Rural Dementia Café is a monthly gathering for people impacted with a memory problem or dementia. Designed to help support families, care givers and friends to create a sense of belonging and community in a warm and safe welcoming environ-

Come out and enjoy music, games, and snacks in a relaxing atmosphere. There is no fee and no eligibility criteria to attend our

Dates are Friday May 28, Friday June 27 and Friday July 25. Time is 1-3 pm and the location is Rural 60 Plus 5 Pineview Road Kakabeka Falls.

Contact Shaun or Elaine for more information at 807-473-5528. Rural 60 Plus will be holding its Annual General Meeting and Dinner on Friday May 30th at 5:00pm at the Kakabeka Legion. Contact the Centre for more information.

Rural **Family** Centre

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: 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!**





3879 Hwy 11/17 hhimporters.ca



Kakabeka Legion **Events**



MAY EVENTS

For Hall bookings call Diane Harrison 807-577-6549

KAKABEKA FALLS LEGION BRANCH 225 EVENTS

Saturday, May10th Executive Meeting Saturday, May 10th General Meeting Sunday, May 11th Breakfast 8:30 to 11:30 am Friday, May 16th 7 pm - 10 pm Dance with Quest

Saturday, May 24th Rural Cupboard Foodbank

25th Anniversary

Celebration 5:30 pm - 11 pm

Sunday, May 25 Sunday Music 2 pm to 4 pm 7 pm to 10 pm Saturday, May 31 Dance with Quest

The Legion is still looking for more volunteers if you can give even 1 hour, that would be so appreciated. Many hands will make the projects much easier to complete.

To book an event please call Maureen at 807-473-8513

Spring Fever? The outdoor courts will be bare Oliver Paipoonge Library has tennis and pickleball equipment available for you to borrow using your library card!

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Murillo Library

Monday 10 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday 10 - 8:00 pm

Saturday 9 -12:00

935-2729

The Lakehead Region

their conservation

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Free exercise class for all ages and abilities.



Every Tuesday: Bands and Balls **Every Thursday Weights**

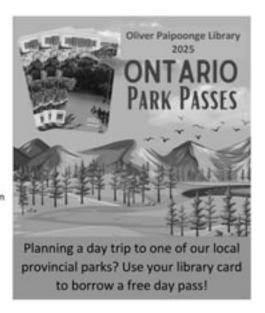
11:30 to 12:00

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 peopl

Call Rosslyn Library for more information 807-939-2312



CRIBBAGE

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M. ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER 3405 ROSSLYN ROAD



Come and join the fun and friendship!

Happy Spring, now that it's HERE!





MAY 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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Rosslyn Library Tuesday 10 - 8:00 pm

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Thanks to the Rosslyn Women's Institute for donating proceeds from their Valentine's Tea towards the library. This donation will help us purchase books by Canadian authors.



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

posted)

Deadline for the **JUNE 2025** issue of The Neebina News is MAY 20 Get your info off your desk and onto MINE!

(Early submissions are always very welcome!)

Submissions and photos of community events and articles of interest are welcome! Send to Chris Vaclav at

designhouse@tbaytel.net 807-628-7271



2025 CAMP SCHEDULE

July 11-13: Little Lambs Camp (ages 4-8) July 6-11: Children's Camp (ages 7-12) July 13-18: Youth Camp (ages 11-16)

BRING A FRIEND "BONUS" Bring a friend who has never been to Camp Aurora before and receive a 500 discount...mg/core before tune 1 and save snother \$250 (Net applicable to Utile Lambe)



CAMP RATES

Additional children from the same family: \$240 Little Lambs (1 child and 1 adult): \$100 Additional Little Lambs from same family: \$50

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FURTHER INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORMS Voicemail: (807) 767- 2420 E-mail: auroralutheranbibleca Website: www.auroralutheranbiblecamp.com

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10:00 AM Baptist Community Church Corner Mudlake & Oliver Rds.

CONTACT 807-577-5924

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10:15 AM Hope Christian Reform Church 1315 Crawford Ave.

Blake Community Hall 71 Blake Hall Road

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