



# The Neebing News

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## IT'S TIME TO GET SCREENED FOR CANCER



The Screen for Life Coach is visiting

**Neebing**

Location: Neebing Municipal Office

November 18, 2025

### Screening for Breast, Cervical, and Colon Cancer

#### Breast

Mammograms for people age 40 to 74

#### Cervical

Cervical screening for people with a cervix age 25 to 69

#### Colon

FIT kits for people age 50 to 74

To book your appointment call (807) 684-7777



Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre



[tbrhsc.net/screenforlife](http://tbrhsc.net/screenforlife)

## VOLLEYBALL DROP-IN CO-ED 18+ FUN LEAGUE

**When:** Thurs. Nights from 7 pm – 9pm

**Where:** Valley Central School Gym  
(enter through the side door)  
563 Candy Mountain Drive  
Slate River, ON

Play starts Thursday October 2, 2025 and runs every Thursday until May 14, 2026 (except during school holidays).

Send an email to Joel at [vman814@gmail.com](mailto:vman814@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list.

Neebing Rec Committee is happy to host:

*Breakfast with Santa*

Come dressed in your best UGLY SWEATER!

TICKETS ON SALE NOV 3RD - DEC 1ST AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE. CASH ONLY.

**December 6, 2025**

71 Blake Hall Rd  
Door open at 9:30am  
10 - 11am breakfast only  
11 - 12:30pm crafts, games, face painting, cookie decorating & pictures

Advance ticket sales only.  
All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Bring your own camera for pictures!  
Please call the Municipal office for more details  
807-474-5331

Neebing Rec Committee invites you to

# HARVEST DINNER

**SOLD OUT!**

Saturday Oct 4, 2025 Doors open at 5:45pm

At the Blake Hall, 71 Blake Hall Road

Dinner served 6 - 9 pm  
\$20/plate  
Live music by MOOD INDIGO JAZZ  
Tickets on sale Sep 2nd at the Municipal Office  
ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY!

**ADD A NEW OUTFIT TO YOUR WARDROBE.**

BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TODAY

**YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU.**

**WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL?**



## Staying Bear-Safe This September

*By Fawn Kellar, Public Information Officer*

As summer begins to wind down and the days grow shorter, Neebing Emergency Services is reminding all residents to remain vigilant and proactive when it comes to bear safety. September is a critical time of year, as local bear activity typically increases with the approach of winter hibernation. During this period, bears are actively foraging and can become bolder in their search for food. This is known as the hyperphagia phase, where bears consume large amounts of calories to prepare for the colder months ahead. As a result, sightings and encounters in both rural and semi-urban areas of Neebing are not uncommon.

**Bear Safety Tips for September:**

- Secure All Garbage**  
Store garbage in bear-resistant containers or keep it inside a secure building until collection day. Never leave food waste outside overnight.
- Remove Attractants**  
Do not leave pet food, birdseed, or ripe fruit from trees and gardens unattended outdoors. These are strong attractants for bears.
- Clean BBQs and Outdoor Cooking Equipment**  
Grease and food residue can lure bears from long distances. Always clean grills thoroughly after use.
- Use Motion-Activated Lights**  
Installing lighting around your property can deter bears during nighttime hours.
- Travel Smart**  
When hiking, make noise to avoid surprising a bear. Travel in groups and keep pets leashed at all times.
- Report Sightings Promptly**  
If you spot a bear near a home, school, or public area, report it to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Bear Wise line at 1-866-514-2327. In emergencies, call 911.

**Who to contact**  
Not every bear sighting is an emergency. Here is who to call if you encounter a bear.

**EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**  
Call 911 or your local police if a bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety and exhibits threatening or aggressive behaviour, such as:

- enters a school yard when school is in session
- stalks people and lingers at the site
- enters or tries to enter a residence
- wanders into a public gathering
- kills livestock/pets and lingers at the site

Police will respond first to an emergency situation but may request assistance from the ministry during daylight hours.

**NON-EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**  
Call the toll-free Bear Wise reporting line at 1-866-514-2327 or TTY 705-945-7641 if a bear:

- roams around or checks garbage cans
- breaks into a shed where garbage or food is stored
- is in a tree
- pulls down a bird feeder or knocks over a barbecue
- moves through a backyard or field but does not linger

**This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from April 1 to November 30.**

### EMERGENCY TEXT ALERT SERVICE for Neebing Residents



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 smart-phone equipped to receive text messages to use this service as it does not work on land lines.

Sign up at [neebing.org/textalerts](http://neebing.org/textalerts) or send us your name, Neebing address, and your text-enabled cell phone number including area code to [neebing@neebing.org](mailto: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 contact us at the office.

## Rural Cupboard Food Bank

# FOOD DRIVE

*is taking place at the ODENA, October 9,10,11*

## What’s Been Happening at Council Meetings

Since the September edition, there have been two regular meetings of Council on September 3 and 17, 2025.

At the regular Council meeting on September 3rd, the following matters were considered:

- Council heard deputations regarding a request for a speed bump on Sturgeon Bay Road and updates from the NorWest Community Health Centre and North Superior Workforce Planning Board.
- Council awarded a tender for gravel hauling on Cloud Lake Road.
- Council scheduled the holiday hours for the upcoming Christmas season.
- Council reviewed various resolutions from other municipalities.

At the regular Council meeting on September 17th, the following matters were considered:

- Council heard deputations regarding safety concerns at West Oliver Lake Park and from Smart Modular Canada.
- Council reviewed a proposal regarding a community-wide food waste diversion program.
- Council authorized Administration to apply for a FireSmart implementation grant.
- Council passed a by-law to create a Senior’s Development Steering Committee.
- Council passed a by-law to adopt an updated emergency response plan and program.
- Council passed a by-law to execute a Change Order from Circular Materials Ontario for the blue box recycling program.

The next Council meetings will be held on October 1 and 15, 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.**

## 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](http://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!

## 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](http://www.neebing.org/fire%20permits)**

## How to Contact the Neebing Municipal Office

Office hours: Monday – Friday (9:00am – 5:00pm)  
Phone: (807) 474 5331  
Email: [Neebing@neebing.org](mailto:Neebing@neebing.org) Website: [www.neebing.org](http://www.neebing.org)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/neebing](http://www.facebook.com/neebing)  
Instagram: [www.instagram.com/municipalityofneebing/](http://www.instagram.com/municipalityofneebing/)

## EMERGENCY SITUATIONS – WHAT TO DO WHEN... WILDLAND FIRES

While forest fires can be dangerous to people and property, being prepared in advance and knowing what actions to take can better protect you.

### Prepare Now

Take the following steps so you and your family are prepared in the event of a forest fire:

1. Review and discuss the safety tips with your entire household to make sure everyone understands what to do in a forest/ wildland fire.
2. Clearly mark all driveway entrances and display your address so that fire vehicles can easily find your home.
3. Practice evacuating your home. Teach all household members the technique of “stop, drop and roll” in case clothes catch on fire.
4. Install smoke detectors and sprinklers on every floor and by all sleeping areas.
5. Plan several escape routes away from your home by car and by foot.
6. Create a safety zone around your home. Modify or eliminate brush, trees and other vegetation that could spread fire.

**The best way to protect yourself and your family in case of a wildfire is to follow these steps:**

1. Stay informed: Monitor weather, listen to local authorities and prepare to evacuate.
2. Monitor local radio stations for up-to-date information on the fire and possible road closures.
3. Be prepared to evacuate at any time. If told to evacuate, do so.
4. Keep your vehicle fueled. Park your car, positioned forward out of the driveway. Keep car windows closed and have your Emergency Preparedness Kit in your car should you need to evacuate.
5. If you are on a farm/ ranch, leaving livestock unsheltered is preferable, or if time and personal safety permits, evacuation from the danger zone should be considered.
6. Move all combustibles away from the house, including firewood and lawn furniture. Move any propane barbecues into the open, away from structures.
7. Close all doors, garage doors and windows. If weather seal or doors have gaps, seal with duct tape.
8. Hook up your garden hose should the fire department need to use it.
9. If you do not evacuate, close all windows and doors in the house to reduce smoke and debris entering your home.

## 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 non-emergency 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.

## Be ‘Bear Wise’ and Prevent Bear Encounters

### WHO TO CONTACT

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#### Emergency situations

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  - o stalks people and lingers at the site
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  - o wanders into a public gathering
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- Police will respond first to an emergency situation, but may request assistance from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry during daylight hours.

#### Non-emergency encounters

- Call the toll-free Bear Wise reporting line at **1-866-514-2327 (TTY 705-945-7641 )** if a bear:
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  - o breaks into a shed where garbage or food is stored
  - o is in a tree
  - o pulls down a bird feeder or knocks over a barbecue
  - o moves through a backyard or field but does not linger
- This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from April 1 to November 30.

### IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BLACK BEAR

When bears are caught off guard, they are stressed, and usually just want to flee.

Stop. Do not panic. Remain calm. Generally, the noisier the bear is, the less dangerous it is, provided you do not approach. The noise is meant to “scare” you off and acts as a warning signal.

#### DO

- Slowly back away while keeping the bear in sight and wait for it to leave.
- If the bear does not leave, throw objects, wave your arms and make noise with a whistle or air horn.
- Prepare to use bear spray.
- If you are near a building or vehicle get inside as a precaution.
- Drop any food you may be carrying and slowly move away.
- If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Leave the area. The bear will come down when it feels safe.

#### DO NOT

- Run, climb a tree or swim.
- Kneel down.
- Make direct eye contact.
- Approach the bear to get a better look.
- Attempt to feed a bear.

### BEAR WARNING SIGNS

Black bear attacks are extremely rare. A threatened or predatory black bear will give off warning signs to let you know you are too close. A black bear standing on its hind legs is not a sign of aggressive behavior. The bear is trying to get a better look at you or catch your scent.

#### A defensive bear

A bear that feels threatened will:

- salivate excessively and exhale loudly
- make huffing, moaning, clacking and popping sounds with its mouth, teeth and jaws
- lower its head with its ears drawn back while facing you
- charge forward, and/ or swat the ground with its paws (known as a ‘bluff’ charge)

#### A predatory bear

The bear will approach silently, usually in rural or remote areas, and may continue to approach regardless of your attempts to deter them by yelling or throwing rocks. If the bear attacks:

- use bear spray
- fight back with everything you have
- do not play dead unless you are sure a mother bear is attacking in defense of her cubs

For more information on what to do about encountering bears, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise>



## Looking for Committee Members

*Council is seeking members of the public to join the newly created Senior’s Development Steering Committee.*

The mandate for the committee is as follows:

- Oversee the planning and design of a new senior’s living development;
- Ensure the design aligns with the municipality’s strategic plan and meets the needs of the community;
- Explore potential funding sources and strategies to support the development; and
- Explore possible facility operational management opportunities.

A regular meeting schedule will be established once the committee has been fully appointed.

General information about participating on volunteer committees is set out in By-law 2016-022, which includes a Volunteer Code of Conduct. Volunteers are paid an honorarium of \$25 for each regular meeting of the Committee which they attend.

To apply, please complete the application form at <https://www.neebing.org/committees>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer at 474-5331 or [clerk@neebing.org](mailto:clerk@neebing.org).

The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, October 29th at Midnight**. Council will review the applications and make appointments at the November 5th Council meeting.

## Please! Slow Down for Horses

Did you know that drivers must slow down for horses in Ontario as mandated by the Highway Traffic Act? The Act requires drivers to take reasonable precautions to prevent frightening the horse and ensure the safety of the rider. These precautions are crucial for the safety of both the horse and rider, as horses can be unpredictable and have a flight response.

What to do when you encounter a horse on the road:

- **Slow down:** Reduce your speed significantly to show caution and avoid startling the animal.
- **Give wide berth:** Pass the horse and rider slowly and wide, leaving at least 2 meters of space when safe to do so.
- **Avoid loud noises:** Do not honk your horn, rev your engine, or make any sudden noises that could spook the horse.
- **Pass on the left:** When it's safe, pass to the left of the horse.
- Be patient: Horses can be unpredictable; exercise patience and vigilance for everyone's safety.
- **Stop if necessary:** If the rider is having trouble controlling their horse, stop your vehicle in a safe location until they have regained control.

### Why this is important:

- **Horse safety:** Horses are sensitive animals that can be easily frightened by sudden movements, sounds, or large, fast-moving objects leading to a dangerous flight response.
- **Risk of accidents:** Collisions involving motor vehicles and horses often result in tragic outcomes for both the horse and the rider.

**The Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8 sets out the rules and regulations for driving, vehicles, and highways in Ontario. Section 167 of the Highway Traffic Act states:**

### Approaching ridden or driven horses, etc.

167 Every person having the control or charge of a motor vehicle or motor assisted bicycle on a highway, when approaching a horse or other animal that is drawing a vehicle or being driven, led or ridden, shall operate, manage and control the motor vehicle or motor assisted bicycle so as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of the horse or other animal and to ensure the safety and protection of any person driving, leading or riding upon the horse or other animal or being in any vehicle drawn by the horse or other animal. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 167.

*Please slow down when you see a horse and rider on Neebing roads.*

## BUILD AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

Every Neebing household should have an Emergency Preparedness Kit. This emergency survival kit should have everything you and your family would need to be safe and take care of yourselves for at least three days immediately following an emergency. Pack the contents of your kit in an easy-to-carry bag or a case on wheels. Store your kit in a place that is easy to reach and ensure that everyone in your family knows where it is. Check and refresh your kit twice a year swapping out expired items (food, batteries) with a fresh supply. The following list is broken down into the essentials, items you may need to meet your family’s unique needs, and items to have ready in case you must leave your home.

### Essentials

- Food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for 3 days) and a manual can opener
- Bottled water (4 litres per person for each day)
- Medication(s)
- Flashlight
- Radio (crank or battery-run)
- First-aid kit
- Candles and matches/lighter
- Hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
- Important papers (identification, contact lists, copies of prescriptions, etc.)
- Extra car keys and cash
- Whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- Zip-lock bags (to keep things dry)
- Garbage bags

### Special Considerations

- Items for babies and small children—diapers, formula, bottles, baby food, etc.
- Prescription medication
- Medical supplies and equipment
- Pet food and supplies

### Extra Supplies for Evacuation

- Clothes, shoes
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Personal items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, comb, other toiletries)
- Playing cards, travel games, other activities for children

### OTHER TIPS:

- Your kit does not have to be built overnight. Spread your shopping over a few weeks. Purchase a few items every time you go to the store.
- Your water supply is meant to cover what you would drink as well as what you might need for food preparation, hygiene and dish-washing.
- Keep your cell phones and mobile devices fully charged.





# Halloween is Almost Here

## – Let’s Keep it Safe!

# Avoid a Visit from Your Fire Department

## This Holiday Season

*By Meaghan Forneri, Deputy Chief of Medical Operations*

Halloween is creeping up fast, and that means it's time to haul out the eerie decorations, dig into the costume bins, and get ready for the annual sugar rush! For many kids, this is the most exciting night of the year. Who got the coolest treats? Who scored the biggest haul? And let’s be honest—who’s the best at hiding their candy stash until December? (Finding a forgotten chocolate bar around Christmas is a bonus treat all on its own!) While Halloween is full of fun, laughter, and spooky excitement, it's important that we also keep safety top of mind for all the little ghosts and goblins.

**Decorations**

Decorations can turn any home into a haunted masterpiece—complete with flashing lights, inflatable monsters, creepy animatronics, and DIY haunted houses. But these fun features can also bring risks if not properly secured. To avoid trips, slips, or costume mishaps, ensure all walkways are clear. If you need to run cords across paths, secure them with tape or mark them with well-lit signage. It only takes one loose wire to turn a fun night into a stressful one, so a few extra precautions go a long way.

**Costumes**

Choosing the perfect costume is a highlight of Halloween for kids (and adults, too!). Whether it's a classic ghost, a firefighter, a police officer, or a hilarious inflatable dinosaur, costumes are what bring the night to life. However, keep safety in mind—especially with blow-up suits or full-face masks, which can limit vision and mobility. If you're taking young children out, stay close behind to assist with steps or rough terrain. For really little ones, carrying them over tricky areas can save time—and possibly prevent a meltdown.

**Weather**

Living in northwestern Ontario means unpredictable weather is part of the Halloween experience. It might be sunny and warm one day, then drop to near freezing the next. We can’t rule out the chance of snow, sleet, or even freezing rain on the big night. Make sure walkways and stairs are clear of snow and ice, and plan costumes that can be worn over (or under) warm layers. Many of us remember the struggle of squeezing a costume over a snowsuit—but warmth and safety always come first.

**Candy**

Each year, there are concerning reports of harmful items being found in Halloween candy—everything from pins to razor blades and other sharp objects. While these incidents are more often reported in urban areas, they can happen anywhere. The best precaution is to stick to homes you know and trust. Once home, take a moment to inspect all treats before letting the kids dive in. Watch for open wrappers, tampered packaging, or anything that doesn’t look right. If something seems suspicious, throw it out. And if you come across something particularly concerning, contact your local police and avoid disturbing the evidence.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Halloween both spooky and safe for all the kids in our community. With a little extra care and attention, we can make sure the only thing scary about this holiday is the costumes—not the consequences.

*Written By Fawn Kellar, Public Information Officer*

As the leaves change and temperatures drop, fall marks the beginning of cozy gatherings, hearty meals, and holiday traditions. For many households, this includes the increasingly popular practice of deep-frying turkeys. While delicious, this method of cooking can pose significant fire and safety risks if not handled with care. With Thanksgiving and the holiday season just around the corner, Neebing Emergency Services is encouraging all residents to take extra precautions when using deep fryers this fall.

**Why Fall Deep Frying Can Be Risky:**

Outdoor Cooking in Cold Weather: Windy or damp fall weather increases the risk of fryer instability or flare-ups.

Frozen Turkeys from the Cold: Many people forget that even partially frozen birds will react violently in hot oil.

Flammable Yard Debris: Fallen leaves and dry grass can easily catch fire if a fryer tips or spills.

Combined with shorter days and the distractions of hosting, fall is a time when cooking safety can easily slip through the cracks.

**Top Deep Fryer Safety Tips for Fall Cooking:**

If you plan to deep fry your turkey this fall, follow these critical guidelines from Neebing Emergency Services:

- ❑ Only fry outdoors—never indoors, in a garage, or under a porch.
- ❑ Place the fryer on a flat, fire-resistant surface, far away from buildings, trees, leaves, and vehicles.
- ❑ Ensure your turkey is fully thawed and dry. Even a small amount of ice or water can cause the oil to splatter or overflow.
- ❑ Pre-measure oil by testing with water and the bird beforehand—then dry pot thoroughly before filling with oil.
- ❑ Use a fryer with a thermostat to control oil temperature.
- ❑ Keep a Class K fire extinguisher nearby—never use water to put out a grease fire.
- ❑ Keep kids and pets away from the fryer—at least 10 feet.
- ❑ Never leave your fryer unattended.

**What Not to Do:**

- ❑ Don’t use the fryer on wooden decks or near dry leaves and brush.
- ❑ Don’t fry during windy, snowy, or rainy weather.
- ❑ Don’t overfill the fryer with oil.
- ❑ Don’t guess—read and follow the manufacturer’s instructions.

From all of us at Neebing Emergency Services, we encourage you to make safety part of your seasonal traditions. Whether you're hosting Thanksgiving dinner, preparing a holiday feast, or simply enjoying time with family and friends, a few extra precautions can go a long way in protecting your home and loved ones.

Preventing fires doesn't have to be complicated—it just takes awareness, preparation, and the right tools. Our team is here to support the community with education, emergency response, and resources to help ensure every household in Neebing stays safe.

*Let’s work together to keep this fall festive, not fiery.*

To be notified of upcoming Sorts or other functions, and to join in the camaraderie, email [nfraevents@gmail.com](mailto:nfraevents@gmail.com). We'll let you know what's happening! No pressure, promise 😊



As I write this, the September 50/50 Cash Raffle #3 draw total is close to \$10,000! That means someone will walk away with almost \$5000!! We'll post the winner's name as soon as we know. Good Luck!

### December's 50/50 Cash Raffle #4 is now LIVE!



Are you in?

The next draw will be on **December 31st at 1pm**, make sure you have your tickets prior to that day. Tickets will be selling fast for this one. It's historically one of our biggest draws; many tickets being purchased for gifts. You could wrap up your shopping with one stop to our website!



Will we be calling you?  
Don't miss your chance to join our list of winners!

### Did you know?

You will be able to purchase NFRA 50/50 tickets at upcoming **NFRA** events with Cash, Debit or Credit. If you see us with our handheld machine, we'll help you get your tickets.

Stop by any NFRA table to purchase yours!



Ontario.ca/firesmarshal  
#StayPreparedWithFire

**TURKEY FRYING SAFETY TIPS:**

**Don't deep fry on your deck**

Stay Away from The House – Set up the turkey fryer more than 3 meters away from your home.



Emergency preparedness starts with you

# be prepared



make a plan



build a kit



stay informed

ontario.ca/beprepared







Neebing Fire/Rescue Association

## NFRA News

Respectfully submitted: Joy Harris NFRA President

# OCTOBER

Fall is here! Bringing some crisp days and, occasionally, the surprisingly warm day reminiscent of summer. For me, the first day of Fall is the warning bell to finish up outdoor projects and start tucking the yard into bed. A call to organize the shed, clear the garden and dump the flower pots. There is a beautiful energy that comes with the changing seasons. Yes, I may need to dress a little warmer but the air is so fresh that working outside is more comfortable. Enjoy the nice days of autumn, and may they stretch into November (one can hope!).



Were you at the **Fall Harvest Market** on September 13<sup>th</sup>? Under the outdoor pavilion at Blake Hall, the Neebing Recreation Committee hosted a wonderful open-air market. **NFRA** was there too! We sold a great number of our 50/50 tickets, boosting the total more than \$1000.

Thank you to all who stopped by.

Our table at the Market also featured information about the new **NFRA Storefront**, located on our website: [www.neebingfirerescueassociation.com](http://www.neebingfirerescueassociation.com)

With our table beside NES's table, we were able to obtain more information on what help NFRA can provide to make the new Decontamination Bay function. The result was a list of items, with a wide range of prices, that will be added to our Storefront shortly.

These items will be featured in the online **Store** to be 'purchased' for NES. You simply place an item in your basket, and check out. Before completing check out you will be asked to register on the site, this is a one-time thing, so we can keep your information secure.

After check out you will receive a **charity tax receipt** for totals of \$20 or more. No product will ship, purchases are donations to NFRA to fund the items needed.

It's a new and easy way to give back to our community. You can be part of this new, much-needed build by 'shopping' for Neebing Emergency Services!

NFRA will buy the items for NES to use in the Decontamination Bay.

Check it out! You can be part of this historic addition to Neebing Emergency Services ability to help us all.



So...**What** is this new Decontamination Bay for, you may ask?

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NFRA Can Sorts are going well. Kris keeps us very busy with his collecting at both landfills.

Be safe, be well and be kind.

Joy Harris

NFRA – President

Questions/Comments? Email us at [nfraevents@gmail.com](mailto:nfraevents@gmail.com).



Joy Harris on the left and Clara Butikofer hold an ACTUAL big ticket item! Carla Hagstrom Bissada won NFRA'S online cash 50/50 draw #3. She won \$4885 when her ticket was selected. While she lives in Scarborough, she was born and raised Thunder Bay. She likes to support local charities like ours.



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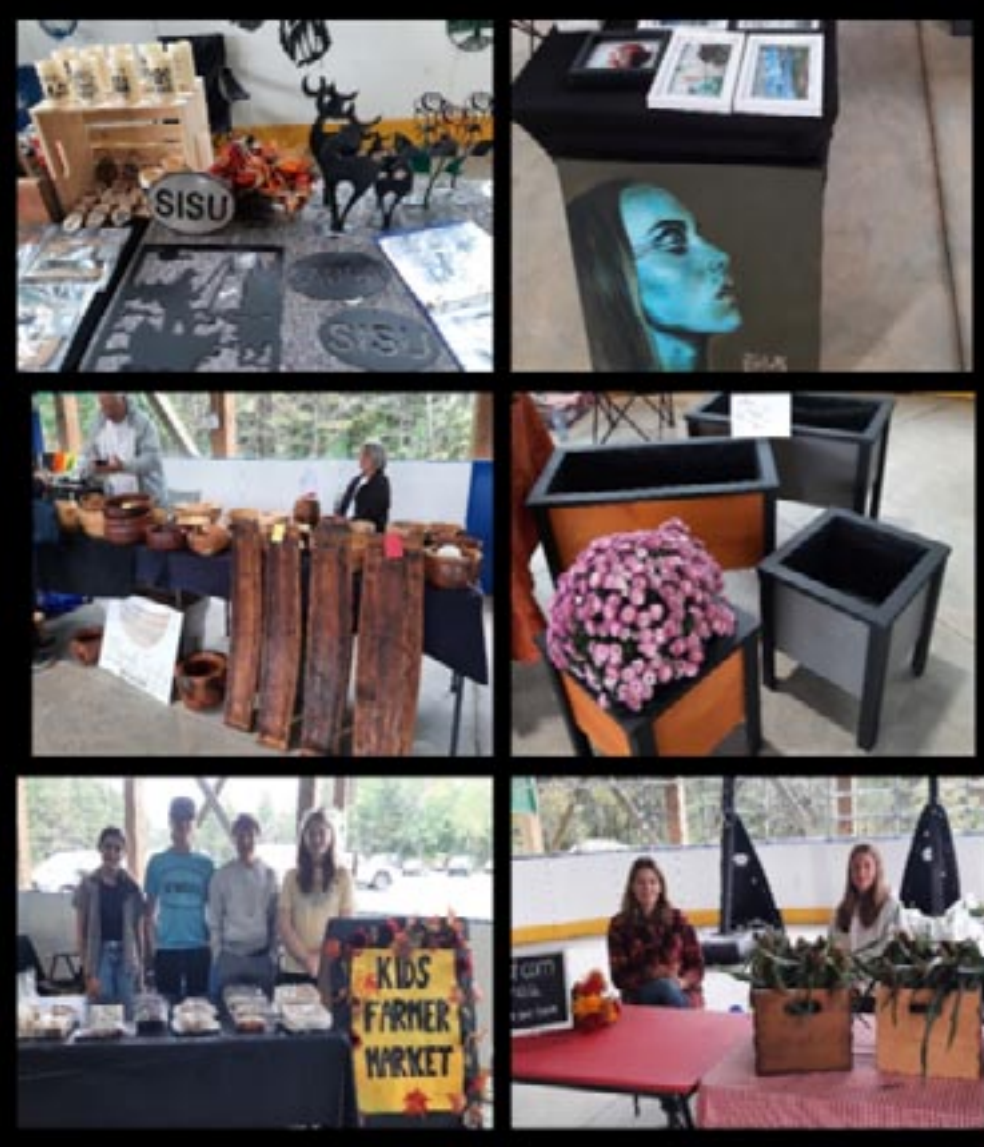
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A big thank you to all that attended this year's successful Harvest Market that was hosted by the Neebing Recreation Committee. It was a lovely afternoon with over 18 local vendors. The crowds came in and no one left empty handed. The winner of the door prize was Dawn I from Thunder Bay.



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**KAKABEKA FALLS LEGION BRANCH 225**

**OCTOBER EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday, Oct. 4th	Dance with Quest	7 pm - 10 pm
Saturday, Oct. 11th	Executive Meeting	2 pm - 3 pm
Saturday, Oct 11th	General Meeting	3 pm (all members welcome)
Sunday, Oct. 12th	Breakfast	8:30 - 11 am
Friday, Oct 17th	Dance with Quest	7 pm - 10 pm
Saturday, Oct 18th	Annual Legion Membership & Awards Dinner	4:30 pm Symposium 5:30 pm Dinner
Sunday, Oct 26st	Sunday Musical- JUST 4 YOU	2 pm to 4 pm

The Legion is still looking for more volunteers - if you can give even 1 hour, that would be so appreciated  
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To book an event please call Alice at 807-577-0418

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Call Rosslyn Library for more information 807-939-2312



Oliver Paipoonge Library  
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**The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority** has set our libraries up with parking passes for their conservation areas. These passes can be checked out using your library card for a 1 week duration.



**WANTED:**  
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Call: 935-3009

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

**RURAL CUPBOARD FOODBANK DROP OFF LOCATIONS**

Oliver Paipoonge: Murillo & Rosslyn Libraries (during open hours)

Nolalu: Hoppers Variety

Gillies: Whitefish School (Sept to June)

O'Connor: O'Connor Municipal Office

Neebing: Neebing Municipal Building

**Note: Rural Cupboard Foodbank needs recyclable bags.**

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**FOOD DRIVE** is taking place at the ODENA, October 9,10,11





The Dementia Cafe is a monthly gathering for individuals affected by memory problems or dementia, along with their families, caregivers and friends. Join us for music, games, and snacks in a safe and welcoming environment.

August 22, 2025  
September 26, 2025  
October 24, 2025  
November 28, 2025

1:00PM - 3:00PM

Rural 60+ in Kakabeka Falls (5 Pineview Road)  
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- Monday** - Carving 10 – 3  
- Disking 1-3 Beginning of October
- Tuesday** - Craft Room 10 -3  
- Weaving – 10 – 3  
- Knitting – 10 – 3  
- Good Company Choir – 1 – 2:30
- Wednesday** - Craft Room 10 -3  
- Beginners Carving – 10 – 3  
- Quilting – 10 – 3  
- Cribbage – 1 – 3
- Thursday** - Craft Room 10 – 3  
- Yoga 10-11  
- Weaving – 10 -3  
- Knitting – 10 – 3
- Friday** - Craft Room open – 10 -3

**Next Dementia Café is Friday October 24th**

Contact Shaun or Elaine for more information at 807-473-5528.  
Are you interested in learning to Carve, Rural 60 Plus will be holding an information session in the fall, watch for more information.  
Craft Sale Saturday November 15th from 10am to 1pm. Tables available at a cost of \$15.  
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		1  Walk-In Clinic 4:30pm - 7:30pm	2 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group  LifeLabs	3  NP available for those who do not have MD or NP
6 Good Food Box Order Deadline  Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 1pm-6pm	7  NP available for those who do not have MD or NP  Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 8:30am-1:30pm	8  Walk-In Clinic 4:30pm - 7:30pm	9 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group  LifeLabs	10
13  Closed for Thanksgiving Day	14 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	15 Good Food Box Pickup at KB Clinic  Walk-In Clinic 4:30pm - 7:30pm	16 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group  LifeLabs	17
20 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor & Kam C.C. @10:00 am	21 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	22  Walk-In Clinic 4:30pm - 7:30pm	23 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group  NP available for those who do not have MD or NP  Mobile Clinic - Upsala LifeLabs	24  *NEW Program* Rural Dementia Cafe 1-3pm
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