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VALLEY TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January & February 2020

New CAO in Bonnechere Valley

Bonnechere Valley Township is pleased to announce that Annette Gilchrist will be joining our team on January 6th, 2020 as the new Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk/Treasurer.

Ms. Gilchrist comes to the municipality from the Township of Admaston Bromley where she was the Clerk-Treasurer for seven years and the Treasurer-Deputy Clerk for three years. She is also a volunteer for the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Ontario for Zone 6.



At this time we would like to thank Sandra Barr for filling this role in the Interim and look forward to her continuing as the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer in the future.

Animal Welfare in Ontario

Ontario has passed legislation that will better protect animals from abuse and neglect by implementing a government-based animal welfare enforcement system. This legislation comes into force on the 1st of January 2020. As a result Ontario will have the strongest penalties in Canada for people who abuse or neglect animals.

This new law includes:

*Implementing a new enforcement agency including provincial inspectors to provide province-wide coverage, and inspectors with specialized expertise in livestock, zoos, aquariums and equines.

*Updating prohibitions and obligations, such as barring the return of dog fighting equipment to a person convicted of an offence as well as increasing penalties for offences.

*Enabling inspectors to enter motor vehicles to help pets in critical distress in extreme weather conditions.

*Establishing new oversight provisions of inspectors that offer increased transparency and accountability, as well as one-window complaints mechanism for the public.

Concerns about animals distress or abuse can now be reported to the Ontario Animal Protection Call Centre at 1.833.9-ANIMAL (264625).



Winter Tips

Here's how you can help!

*Be a good neighbour. Clear snow and ice from sidewalks as soon as possible after a snowfall to ensure that they are safe for all residents. Lend a hand to those who may not be physically able to shovel.

*Do not park on the street during a snow-storm while snow clearing operations are underway. Parked cars make plowing difficult, and sometimes impossible. If vehicles are not removed from Town streets during plowing, and are found to contravene the by-law, they will be towed. With your help winter maintenance crews can plow faster and more efficiently and you will reduce the chances of having to dig your car out of a snow drift.



*Please make sure that your car is parked within your driveway. Please do not let it extend onto the street or sidewalk.

*Snow plows have no place to push the snow except to the curb or shoulder of the road. Sometimes this happens just after you have finished shoveling. We appreciate that this can be frustrating; however, we ask your cooperation in clearing the snow without placing it on the roadway. It is illegal to push snow from your property onto the street. If you hire a private contractor to clear your driveway, make sure the contractor does not push snow into the travelled portion of the roadway or fill in sidewalks.

*Pile snow on the right side of your driveway (when facing the road) if possible when shoveling. This helps reduce the amount of snow created by the snow plow at the end of your driveway.

*Help prevent street flooding and icing by clearing snow away from storm sewer catch basins near your property.

*DO NOT place your garbage or recycle boxes on top of snow banks. Place them on your driveway near the edge of the road.

Calendar of Events



PUBLIC SKATING



Thurs. Jan. 2nd, 2020, 3-4:15 pm.

Sponsored by Limlaw Well Drilling

Fri. Jan. 3rd, 2020, 3-4:15 pm.

Sponsored by Northern Credit Union

Sun. Jan. 26th, 2020, 3-4:15 pm.

Sponsored by Country Style Auto Detailing

Fri. Jan. 31st, 2020, 3-4:15 pm. (P.A. Day)

Sponsored by Shawn McFarlane, Remax Realty Ltd.

Sun. Feb. 9th, 2020, 7-8:15 pm.

Sponsored by Eganville Baptist Church

Sun. Feb 16th, 2020, 3-4:15 pm.

Sponsored by Mayor Jennifer Murphy

Mon. Feb 17th, 2020, 2-3:15 pm.

(Family Day)

Sponsored by Eganville Foodland

Sun. Feb 23rd, 2020, 3-4:15 pm.

Sponsored by Parents Anonymous

January

Mindful Meditation Writing Workshops: Mondays in Jan at 1 pm at the Library. Come for the mediation, stay for the creative writing! FREE Workshops hosted by Bright Star.

Yarnia (Chronicles of): Jan 2nd, Jan 16th and Jan 30th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Library. It's a knitting, crocheting and yarn club for all skill levels. Bring your own hooks/needles. BUPL has tons of yarn.

Bid Euchre: Feb 5th & 19th at the Seniors Centre.

Eganville & Area Community Development Committee Meeting: The next meeting for the group is Jan 8th, noon. Location to be determined.

Diner's Club: Jan 8, 2020 at 12 noon at the Seniors Centre. Call 613.628.2354 to register.

Eganville Photography Club: Jan 16th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Library. A club for photography lovers, enthusiasts, and advocates. Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month. For all skill levels and interests! Free and no registration required. Spearheaded by Firefly Meadows co-owner Gregg Parsons.

BIAK Mobile Indigenous Cultural Teachings: Jan 17th at 10:30 am at the Library. Join Bonnechere Family Care Services for part one of their ongoing Indigenous teachings, crafting, language, drumming and more. Open to everyone. For more info call 613.628.2400.

Music Event: Jan 24th at 7 pm at Off the Grid Productions. Lynne Hanson with Blair Michael Hogan will be performing. Opening is Jon Park-Wheeler. For tickets or info contact www.offthegridproductions.ca

Eganville Alphabet Scavenger Hunt: Jan 25th from 10 am to 3 pm. Celebrate Family Literacy Week by getting out with your family and searching for a letter of the alphabet. Find a letter and bring it into BUPL to redeem a prize and get a hot chocolate. One letter per person.

Robbie Burns Celebration: Jan 26th from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Eganville Legion.

Dances of Universal Peace: Feb 23rd at 2 pm at the Seniors Centre.

Babysitting Course: Jan 31st, 9 am to 4 pm at the Eagle's Nest (178 Jane Street). The Babysitting Course teaches basic first aid and caregiving skills for 11-15 years old. Cost is \$50/participant. Call by Jan. 24th to 613.628.3101 ext. 226 or via email at danaj@eganville.com.

Blind Date with a Book: Uncover your next book affair! All month long, wrapped-up books will be available for choosing at BUPL.

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Youth Dance: Feb 7th from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at the Eganville Legion for Grades 5-8. Cost \$5 per person. Sponsored by the Douglas Lions Club.

Valentine's Day Bake Sale: Feb 12th from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Library. The BUPL Pre-Teens will be hosting a bake sale, just in time for Valentine's Day. All proceeds support youth programming. If you'd like to donate baking please contact bee@bonnechereupl.com

Yarnia (Chronicles of): Feb 13th and Feb 27th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Library.

Valentines Soup & Sandwich Luncheon: Feb 14th at the Seniors Centre.

Bonnechere Cup: Feb 14th to Feb 16th at the Sno Drifters Club (675 Snodrifters Road). Snowmobile Racing, Pro, Vintage and ATV's on ice.

Eganville Photography Club: Feb 20th from 6pm to 8 pm from at the Library.

Freedom to Read Week: Feb 23rd to Feb 29th. Come check out BUPL's challenged books displays, events and promotions all week long. Reaffirm your commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed to you under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

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RECREATIONAL PICKLEBALL

There is Adult Recreational Pickleball taking place at Eganville & District Public School every Thursday evening from 7 pm to 9 pm Cost is \$2 per person to participate. No experience necessary to participate.

Dates in January and February are:

- ◆ January 9th
- ◆ January 16th
- ◆ January 23rd
- ◆ January 30th
- ◆ February 6th
- ◆ February 13th
- ◆ February 20th
- ◆ February 27th



Walking Club is back at Opeongo High School starting January 7th-March 27th (Tuesdays and Thursdays) from 6-8 pm. No charge to participate. Please have indoor walking shoes.

After the Holiday Season, Village of Eganville Residents can take their Christmas Trees to be dropped off at the Township Garage (145 John Street) **ON or Before Sunday, January 12th** in the designated area or they can be taken to the Sand Road Landfill.



Wellness Clinic

January 30, 2020 from 10 am to 12 noon. Get your glucose and blood pressure checked. Please use Fairfiled's Entrance.

