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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Voters Have Had Their Say at the Polls

Ontario voters have had their say in the municipal elections across the province on October 22, 2018. In Bonnechere Valley we saw a voter turn out of 47.5% or 1972 ballots of 4,151 eligible voters. We would like to congratulate all candidates for putting their names forward to serve the wonderful residents in our community.

Acclaimed members Mayor Jennifer Murphy and Councillor Merv Buckwald will be joined around the table by newly elected members Brent Patrick, Jack Roesner and Tim Schison. This team will work together to continue to move the Township forward. Congratulations to all on running excellent races!

Election Results are as follows:

Jackie Agnew (Ward 1) - 219 votes
Brent Patrick (Ward 1) - 288 votes

Meredith Jamieson (Ward 2) - 356 votes
Tim Schison (Ward 2) - 402 votes

Val Collins (Ward 3) - 192 votes
Jack Roesner (Ward 3) - 277 votes



Council authorized the clerk who is responsible for conducting the 2018 election to place the following referendum on the ballot. "Are you in favour of The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley passing a by-law so that all councilors, including the Mayor, are elected by general vote instead of the current system of voting?"

Results on this question were **Yes - 948 votes and No - 570 votes**. However, we needed a voter turnout of 51% in order for the question to be Council binding. Since we only saw voter turn out of 47.5% this question is not Council binding.

The Do's and Do Not's of Cannabis

Recreational cannabis was legalized on October 17, 2018 by the Federal Government. Ontario's Government for the People has put rules in place to keep cannabis out the hands of children and youth, keep our roads safe and combat the illegal market. You must be 19 and older to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario.

The government has enacted the following rules for using cannabis, both medical and recreational. **Where you can smoke and vape cannabis:** Private residences - this does not include residences that are also workplaces (e.g. long-term care and/or retirement homes), Many outdoor public places (e.g. sidewalks, parks), Designated guest rooms in hotels, motels and inns, Residential vehicles and boats that meet certain criteria (e.g. have permanent sleeping accommodations and cooking facilities, and are parked or anchored), Controlled areas in: long-term care homes, certain retirement homes, residential hospices, provincially-funded supportive housing, designated psychiatric facilities or veterans' facilities.



You CANNOT smoke or vape cannabis in: indoor common areas in condos, apartment buildings and university/college residences, enclosed public places and enclosed work place, non-designated guest rooms in hotels, motels and inns, schools and places where children gather (this includes at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds, on children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds, in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided, in places here home child care is provided - even if children aren't present), within the 9m from the entrance of exit of hospitals (public/private), psychiatric facilities, long-term care home, independent health facilities. You cannot smoke or vape cannabis in publicly-owned sport fields (not including golf courses), nearby spectator and public area within 20m of these areas.

Ontario now has laws in place about how, where and who can buy and possess cannabis in the province. For more information visit www.ontario.ca/page/cannabis-legalization

Trending At Council



Council meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays. We start with a committee meeting at 1:30 pm and this is where most of

our discussions take place. All meetings are open and the public is encouraged to attend. This section is designed to let you know some of the topics that we are or will be discussing. Even if you can not attend a meeting we would love to hear your thoughts. Letters and emails are always circulated to all council members and read. We can do a better job with your help!

Celebration of Outdoor Rinks: Family Skate on Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in Eganville's Centennial Park. Free hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served.

What's Happening

Mid Mobility Exercise Class - Every Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 am at Golden Lake Community Hall Hwy 60. No registration. Free to attend.

Low Mobility Exercise Class - Every Monday and Friday, 1:00 pm at the Seniors Centre. No registration. Free to attend.

6-Hand Euchre - Every Tuesday, 1:30 pm at the Seniors Centre. No registration. Cost is \$3

4-Hand Euchre—Every Thursday, 1:30 pm at the Seniors Centre. No registration. Cost is \$3

Property Standards

For most people Property Standards is a touchy subject. You work hard to keep your property in good repair while others do not seem to care about what their property looks like.

The Township of Bonnechere Valley has a Property Standards Bylaw that is enforced by Municipal Bylaw Enforcement. Most property standards complaints are settled in a matter of days, however the complete process when dealing with a resident or property owner who does not want to comply can take months to resolve.

Once a property standards complaint has been made the timeline is as follows:

- Bylaw Enforcement Visits Property in question, assess the situation and take pictures;
- Bylaw speaks to the resident or owner of the property (If available, otherwise a letter is sent) (Most times a good old-fashioned conversation solves the issue). A visit is followed up with a letter outlining what needs to be done and a timeline for completion);
- Property is cleaned up – no further action is required;
- If the Property is not cleaned up within agreed time;
 - ◆ Formal warning is issued to resident or property owner with specified time for the property to be cleaned-up.
- Property not cleaned up within specified time;
 - ◆ Resident or Property Owner charged under Property Standards Bylaw: or
 - ◆ Property issues may be addressed by the Municipality and billed to the resident or owner



If you have any questions regarding the above process please contact Steve Fiegen at 613.281.1001 or stevef@eganville.com

Babysitting Course



The Township of Bonnechere Valley with the assistance of Ottawa Valley First Aid will deliver a Red Cross Babysitting Course on **Friday, February 1, 2019** from **9 am to 4 pm** at the Eagle's Nest. This course geared for children aged 10 to 15 years will provide information in the areas of: Child Care, First Aid, Injury Prevention, Leadership and Business Skills. Cost is \$50.

To register please contact danaj@eganville.com and deadline is **January 25, 2019**.

HEARTS ARE WILD

CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019

8:00 PM - MIDNIGHT, AT THE EAGLE'S NEST, EGANVILLE ARENA

COST: \$45/PERSON OR \$75/COUPLE

Includes \$200 in poker chips, appetizers, complimentary drink ticket

Black and Red theme dress code



EGANVILLE

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Parade will start from
Eganville District Public School
At 1:00 pm on December 9, 2018

Theme: "Rocking Around The Christmas Tree"

Please call 613.628.2802

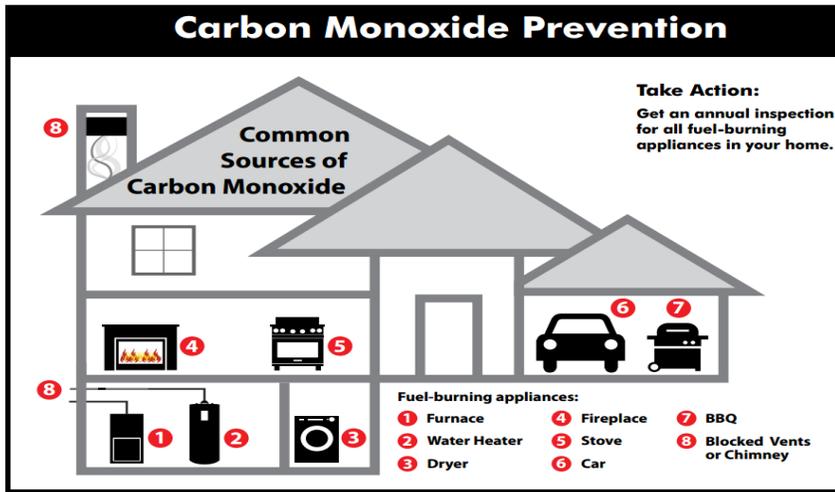
to register your float.

Please note that animals are NOT permitted on school property.



Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

As we wrap up another Carbon Monoxide awareness week (November 1-7), it is still of great concern to us that some residents do not have CO alarms in their homes. Not only is it the law, CO alarms WILL save the life of you and your family. Known as the silent killer, Carbon Monoxide is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. Your blood has an affinity to absorb CO up 4 times faster than oxygen, meaning people are overcome sometimes without warning. If you burn fuels of any kind, and/or have an attached garage at your residence, you must install CO alarms. If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the fire department.



Community Champions Shanon & Crystal Edwards

Community Champions are leaders in our community who deeply care about where they live and play. This speaks true of Shanon & Crystal Edwards who are this edition's Community Champions.

At the Bonnechere Valley Youth Dances and the Family Fun Halloween Party, Shanon is in the background spinning the tunes and entertaining the children. On the other side there is Crystal, who was the original organizer for the Bonnechere Babes Ladies event. Crystal has also been involved with Splash Pad Committee and Mudder Committee. Most recently Mrs. Edwards has been active in raising funds for the Kidney Foundation through her High Tea Fundraisers.

Both Shanon and Crystal embrace community involvement and are teaching this to their children Brandon and Ian in the process.



Christmas Tree Lighting

The Township of Bonnechere Valley is pleased to announce that the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Friday, November 30, 2018 at Eganville's Tourist Information Booth at 5:30 pm.

Refreshments will be provided. Come out a help light up our Village!



NOTICE: Residents of the Village of Eganville



After the Holiday Season Christmas Trees can be dropped off at the Township Garage (145 John Street) **ON or Before Sunday, January 6th** in the designated area or they can be taken to the Sand Road Landfill Site.

News Briefs

Youth Dances: The 2019 dates for the Youth Dances for Grades 5-8 have will be held on Friday January 26th, Friday March 1st, Friday May 3rd and Friday June 14th. We are always looking for chaperones to assist with these dances. If you can donate a couple hours of your time with any of the above dates please let us know. Contact danaj@eganville.com.

BV Fire Department: A fundraising effort by a member and their spouse of the has enabled the department to purchase two Stihl battery powered chainsaws. This latest technology will be utilized for many things including interior work where a gas saw may not be appropriate.

Service Recognition Awards: The BV Fire Department handed out service recognition awards. Congratulations to the following people: Dave Loader - 10 years, Felix Fernades - 10 years, Tom Kadditz - 10 years, Calvin Schroeder - 20 years, Kevin Martin - 10 years and Sid Martel - 10 years.

Angel Tree Help a family in need this holiday season! Grab a star from BUPL's Angel Tree, purchase a gift (you choose the amount you wish to spend. Deadline to have the unwrapped gifts to the library is Friday, December 14th at noon. Please attach the star to the gift!



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Calendar of Events

JANUARY



PUBLIC SKATING



December 2, 2018, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by **Kelvin Murray, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones**.

December 9, 2018, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Bonnechere Caves**.

December 16, 2018, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Eganville Country Store**.

December 23, 2018, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by **Eganville Foodland**.

December 26, 2018 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by **Eganville Home Hardware**.

December 27, 2018, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Ledger Lady**.

December 28, 2018, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Lavern Heideman & Sons**.

December 30, 2018, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Wash Factory, Country Style & Jay's Ice Cream**.

January 2, 2019, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by **St. John's Anglican Church**.

January 3, 2019, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Eganville Rotary Club**.

January 4, 2019, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Eganville Legion**.

January 13, 2019 7-8:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Eganville Country Store**.

January 20, 2019, 7-8:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Riverside Dental**.

January 27, 2019, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Eganville Leader**.

February 1, 2019, 2-3:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Eganville Baptist Church**.

February 3, 2019, 7-8:15 pm. Sponsored by **Mayor Jennifer Murphy**.

February 10, 2019, 7-8:15 pm. Sponsored by **B.M.R.**

February 17, 2019, 3-4:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Donaven Welk**.

February 18, 2019, 2-3:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Eganville Baptist Church**.

February 24, 2019, 7-8:15 pm. Sponsored by the **Wash Factory, Country Style & Jay's**



Renfrew and Beachburg - Dec 1st at 5:30 pm.
Westmeath: Dec 2nd at 5:00 pm.
Killaloe: and Barry's Bay: Dec 8th
Palmer Rapids Dec 8th at 6:00 pm.
Eganville: Dec 9th at 1:00 pm

DECEMBER

Christmas Bake & Craft Sale: December 1st from 9 am to 2 pm at the Eganville Legion. Canteen will be open.

EDPS Christmas Bake & Craft Sale: December 1st, from 10 am to 2 pm at Eganville District Public School. There will be vendors, crafts, baked goods, hot food, coffee and get your picture taken with Santa.

Eganville & Area Community Development Committee Meeting: The next meeting for the group is December 5th, noon at the Eagle's Nest. New members are always welcome.

Hanukkah Party: December 5th, 6:00 pm at the Library. Learn about and celebrate the Jewish holiday Hanukkah! Family friendly and open to everyone.

Letters to Santa: December 6th at 6:00 pm at the Library. Get your letter to the guy in the red suit and learn how to address an envelope! It's a win-win. The man himself might even be there! And, yes, hot chocolate and cookies will be served.



\$2 Holiday Maker Days: December 7th, 14th & 21st, 10:00 am at the Library. \$2 per maker day, owed upon registration. For all ages. Call, email or Facebook now. 7th - Make a Stocking Day, 14th - Make an Ornament Day, 21st - Make a Holiday Card.

Bid Euchre: December 8th at the Seniors Centre. Starts at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 to participate.

Memory Café: December 12th at 10:30 am at the Seniors Centre Support group for people living with dementia. No registration and no fee to participate.

Footcare Clinic: December 14th at the Seniors Centre. Booking times start at 10:30 am. Must register and Cost starting at \$25.

Community Christmas Choir: December 15th, 2:00 pm at the Seniors Centre. No registration required and no fee to participate.

Pre-Teen/Teen Carolling: December 19th, 5 pm at the Library. The kids and Miss Bee will be going door to door carolling. Dress for the weather.

PJ & Holiday Films: December 27th and 28th, noon at the Library. They will be watching *Elf* on the 27th and *Home Alone* on the 28th.

New Years Eve Dinner and Dance: December 31st from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am at the Eganville Legion. Happy Hour from 6:00-7:00 pm, Dinner from 7:00-8:30 pm and Dance from 8:30 pm to 1:00 am.



Past, Present, Future Book Club "Generation A" by Douglas Coupland: BUPL will be meeting in early January (Thursday the 3rd) at 7:00 pm to discuss *Generation A* by Douglas Coupland. Ask for your copy now!

Homeschool Program: Join the Homeschool Relief Program at the Library. Deadline to register is January 4th at noon. This 8-week semester will focus on the Stone Age. Email bee@bonnechereupl.com for more info and to register. Classes start January 11th.

Bid Euchre: January 6th and 20th at the Seniors Centre. Starts at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 to participate.



Footcare Clinic: January 11th and February 8th at the Seniors Centre. Booking times start at 10:30 am. Must register and Cost starting at \$25.

Memory Café: January 16th and February 13th at 10:30 am at the Seniors Centre Support group for people living with dementia. No registration and no fee to participate.

Old Time Dance: January 20th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Eganville Legion. Entertainment by Ian Hamilton & Friends.

Youth Dance: For Grades 5-8 on January 25th from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm at the Eganville Legion. Admission is \$5 per person. Music by DJ Shanon.

Fundraising 6-Hand Euchre: January 25th and February 22nd at the Seniors Centre. Starts at 1:30 pm. No registration. Cost is \$3.00 to participate.

Family Literacy Day Alphabet Hunt: January 26th from 10 am to 3 pm. Scour Eganville for a letter of the alphabet, bring it to the library between 10 am and 3 pm, and earn a prize in honour of Family Literacy Day!



Bid Euchre: February 3rd and 17th, 1:30 pm at the Seniors Centre. Cost is \$5.00 to participate.

Ottawa Heart Fundraiser Dance: February 10th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Eganville Legion. Entertainment by the Legion Jam Band.



Fundraiser Valentine Soup & Sandwich: February 15th at 2:00 pm at the Seniors Centre. Cost is \$8.