

DECEMBER 2021

The SHORELINE

TOWNSHIP OF THE NORTH SHORE

THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSING AT 12PM ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2021
AND WILL RE-OPEN AT 9AM ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH 2022

**STAY SAFE AND
HAPPY HOLIDAYS.
*SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!***

**This will be our last issue of The
Shoreline!**

**A new Newsletter will be
published twice a year and will be
sent directly to residents with
their tax bills.**

**We will continue to post updates
about news, events, local
attractions, pertinent
information and updates on our
website and social media sites.**

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COMMUNITY SPARKLE FESTIVAL 2021

Recognized participants in alphabetical order by village:

Algoma Mills

Booker, Corrine and Leslie

Folco, Brent and Diane

Folz, Doug and Sally

Spragge

Daub, Mark

Lowes, Mark and Deborah

Roy, Andre and Gisele

Serpent River

Campbell, Allan

Guimond, Dennis

Olmstead, Daniel

WHAT IS A WETT INSPECTION? WHEN DO I NEED A WETT INSPECTION?

A Wood Energy Technology Transfer inspection is a thorough inspection of your wood burning appliance by a certified technician.

What is included in a WETT inspection?

A WETT inspection includes:

- A detailed look at the chimney
- An evaluation of the liner and flue
- Smoke chamber check
- Inspection of the damper
- A close appraisal of the firebox
- A superficial and structural look at the hearth or floor around the appliance
- A general inspection of the surrounding area

2022 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT VALUE:

The Minister of Finance announced the Province's decision to once again postpone a province-wide property assessment update due to the pandemic.

Property assessments for the 2022 property tax year will continue to be based on January 1, 2016 current values. This means your property assessment remains the same as it was for the 2021 tax year, unless there have been changes to your property, for example:

- A change to your property including an addition, new construction, or renovation;
- A structure on your property was assessed for the first time;
- A change to your property's classification;
- All or part of your property no longer qualifies to be tax exempt.

As a result of the static assessment base for 2022, it is anticipated that the municipal tax rate for 2022 will increase at a rate that is similar to the current Consumer Price Index.

General Contact Information

Algoma Public Health

Blind River - 9 Lawton St.

Tel: 705-356-2551 Toll Free: 1-888-356-2551 Fax: 705-356-2494

Elliot Lake - 302-31 Nova Scotia Walk (ELNOS Building)

Tel: 405-848-2314 Toll Free: 1-877-748-2314 Fax: 705-848-1911

Ontario Works (Social Services)

Blind River - 15 Hanes Ave.

Tel: 705-356-2263 Fax: 705-843-0482

Elliot Lake - 2 Elizabeth Walk

Tel: 705-848-7153 Fax: 705-848-0482

Other Contact Info

Algoma Family Service: 705-848-0790 Crisis: 705-759-3398

Alcoholics Anonymous: 705-461-3150

Assaulted Women's Helpline: 1-866-863-0511

Camillus Centre: 705-848-7182

Counselling Centre of East Algoma: 705-848-2585

After Hours: 1-800-721-0077

East Algoma Mental Health: 705-848-9131

Larry's Place, Men's Shelter: 705-461-9868

North Shore Legal Clinic: 705-461-3935

Service Canada (OAS, CPP, GIS) 1-800-277-9914

Trillium Benefits & Drug Program 1-800-575-5386

Diabetic Foot Care 705-356-1666

Oaks Detox & Withdrawal Program 705-461-4508

Fraud Protection 1-888-495-8501

Senior's Drug Benefit 1-888-405-0405

Veteran's Affairs 1-866-522-2122

Caregiver Help Line 1-833-416-2273

Telehealth 1-866-797-0000

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT REFERENCES

Carol Hughes, MP

Constituency Office:

289-A Hillside Dr. S., Elliot Lake, ON P5A 1N7

Tel: 705-848-8080 Toll Free: 1-855-297-4200

Email: Hughes.c@parl.gc.ca

Michael Mantha, MPP

Constituency Office: **NEW ADDRESS March 1, 2020**

14 George Walk, Elliot Lake, ON P5A 2A4

Tel: 705-461-9710 Toll Free: 1-800-831-1899

Email: mmantha-co@ndp.on.ca

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

1-866-296-6722

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

1-416-461-1193

TAX PAYMENTS ONLINE

Electronic bill payments for township property taxes and water are available through the following banks:

- Toronto Dominion
- Bank of Montreal
- CIBC
- Scotia
- Credit Union
- Royal Bank

Please notify your branch in order to set up your accounts. Your online account # for tax purposes must begin with the number 5740. For water payments, Serpent River Water accounts start with 001 and Pronto East Water accounts start with 002.

January 12, 26	February 2, 16	March 2, 16	April 6, 20
May 4, 18	June 1, 15	July 13	August 10
September 7, 21	October 5, 19	November 2, 16	December 14

2022 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Watch township bulletin boards for agendas.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

The landfill site will be open to the public on:

Winter Hours: October 1 to April 30

Wednesdays: 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Summer Hours: May 1 to September 30

Wednesdays: 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

TOWNSHIP OF THE NORTH SHORE EMERGENCY PLAN

A copy of the Emergency Plan for the Township of The North Shore may be requested in writing from the Clerk at a cost of \$7.75

Librarian's Report ~ December 2021

STATISTICS: Library Users: November total is 495 patrons.

LIBBY (e-books, audio books): November had 423 items checked out.

WEBSITE USERS: We are over 1400 hits this month!

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DEC 25TH 2021– JAN 2ND 2022

Library Website: <https://blindriver.olsn.ca> Get up to date library information, open hours, online catalogue and more!

NEW EMAIL: blindriverlibrary@gmail.com

BINGO!! Pick up your bingo card at the library, then walk around Main Street businesses to fill your Bingo card. Bring your full card back to the Library to enter a draw. Fun for all ages!

Help! Do you need help with your electronic device? Can't figure out how to email your family, get those pictures saved, video chat with family? Call the Library to register for an electronic device workshop. Partnering with the Blind River Learning Centre.

Fred Francouer Photography: Mr. Francouer has made a photograph exhibit in the Library with some of the proceeds to the Library. All photographs taken in Blind River. Come and take a look for a unique Christmas gift!

Photocopying and laminating available: We can do your photocopying! \$0.25 per page for black and white and \$1.00 per page for colour. Laminating is \$5.00 per page.

Do you need your QR code? We will print for free but laminating cost \$5/card. Please bring your health card with you when you come!

FREE Ontario Parks Day Pass until December 31st: Get your free pass at the Library! Free until December 31, 2021. Call or email for more information!

Ancestry Library Edition is FREE until December 31, 2021 to anyone that has an active library card. Please note: This Ancestry link does not work on most mobile devices.

Township of The North Shore Business Directory

SERPENT RIVER CAMPGROUND

Homemade pizza now available for pick-up. All pizzas are large only (16") and require 45 min prep time.
Pepperoni and Cheese - \$19.49 + HST Deluxe - \$23.89 + HST



Visit our General Store for Cold Drinks, Munchies, Milk, Bread, Ice, House wares, Camping, Gifts, Tackle, Worms and a whole lot more!

Open May to October from 9am to 10 pm everyday. Last order for pizza is 9:15 pm Let us know if you have any other questions

Debbie and Gerry
Tel: (705) 849-2210

DUMP TRAILER FOR HIRE

- Dump Runs
- Clean up building material
- Shingles
- Garage clean outs

PRICES ARE NEGOTIABLE, SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Call **WAYNE BARTON** 705-849-2754

YOUR BUSINESS COULD BE ADVERTISED IN THIS SPOT FOR
A SMALL FEE OF \$20.00 + HST
FOR A TOTAL OF \$22.60 PER YEAR.
TO PLACE YOUR AD TODAY
CALL THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE AT 705-849-2213.

BUY, SELL OR TRADE
PLACE YOUR AD HERE CALL 849-2213 or 461-1821

Items will be listed free of charge for residents of the Township of The North Shore. To list an item, fax it to (705)849-2428, mail it to Township of The North Shore, P.O. Box 108, Algoma Mills, ON., P0R 1A0, or email it to admin@townshipofthenorthshore.ca or drop it off at the township office at 1385 Hwy 17 West, Algoma Mills.

FOR SALE

60" Loader mount blade for Kubota Tractor
\$2300.00 or Best Offer
Call Wayne 705-849-2754

FOR SALE

60" Snow Blade for 4 Wheelers
\$400 or Best Offer
Call Wayne 705-849-2754

FOR SALE

Base board vinyl covered MDF board 8 ft lengths, 64 ft/bx \$32.00. 8 ft 1/4 round to match, 40 ft \$10.00. Wood grain of cherry, pine, walnut, ebony, maple & cream colors and patterns.

Kidde CO2 detectors, hard wire & battery back up. \$29.50.

Phone: 705-321-4822

FOR SALE

Cast Iron Stove and Oil Tank
Phone: 705-604-0216

FOR SALE

Kitchen Size Gas Stove. 4 Burner with oven, black glass door, clean.
Asking \$100.00

Phone: 705-849-2781

FOR SALE

BOXFLEX EXTREME

In perfect condition. All attachments included. Fully assembled and ready to use.

Cost \$600

Call (705) 849-6187 for more info

'Tis the Season to be Careful



ENJOY A FIRE SAFE HOLIDAY

WHAT'S THE RISK?

Smoking and cooking are the **top 2 causes of fatal fires** during the holidays (Nov, Dec, Jan).

Injuries caused by smoking account for **1 in 10 home** fire injuries during the holidays.

Smoking accounts for **30%** of all home fire deaths during the holidays.

Cooking fires account for **19%** of all home fires during the holidays.

27% of all home fire injuries occur in cooking fires during the holidays.

**Alcohol is a factor in many fatal fires involving smoking and cooking.
DRINK RESPONSIBLY!**

How do I protect my family during the holidays?

- ❖ Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- ❖ Keep an eye on any drinkers in your household and make sure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and the stove is off before going to bed.
- ❖ Cigarettes can smoulder among upholstered items for hours before igniting. Check sofas and chairs for cigarettes that may have fallen between the cushions.
- ❖ Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers.
- ❖ Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

ARE YOU PROTECTED BY SMOKE AND CO ALARMS?

- ❖ In 34% of fatal home fires there is no smoke alarm warning.
- ❖ Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- ❖ CO alarms are required outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.



Holiday Fire Safety

Q1. Why is fire safety a concern during the holidays?

A1. Statistics show that one in three fire deaths occur during the months of November, December and January.

Q2. Why are there so many fire fatalities during those three months?

A2. Typically fires happen when people get preoccupied or distracted from what we are doing, or we let our guard down.

And with the busyness of the holidays, it can be very easy to get distracted or let our guard down.

Add to that the likelihood that we might have a drink or two – or more - during the holidays and it becomes very easy to forget about the cooking pot on the stove or let a burning cigarette fall onto the couch.

That's when a tragedy can happen.

Q3. What are some of the leading causes of fires during the holidays and what can people do to prevent them?

A3. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires - people who leave their cooking unattended.

So it is really important to stay in the kitchen while you are cooking.

If you have to leave for any reason, turn off the stove.

- Another leading cause is careless smoking. A typical scenario is a person will sit down on the couch with a drink and a cigarette. They may be tired at the end of the day or they get caught up with what's on TV. It doesn't take much of a distraction for burning ashes to fall unnoticed on the couch or behind a pillow. And very quickly a fire can occur.

So if you know someone who smokes encourage them to smoke outside. Make sure they use large deep ashtrays. Empty ashes into a metal container – not in the garbage – and put it outside. And people should never smoke in bed.

- Cooking and smoking are activities that require careful attention. When you add alcohol to the mix, the combination can lead to disastrous and often fatal results. Many fire deaths are caused by people attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol.

If you drink, drink responsibly and keep an eye on others in your household who are drinking.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**THE SERPENT RIVER
LANDFILL SITE**

WILL BE CLOSED ON

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER
25, 2021**



SPRAGGE RINK

**The Spragge Rink,
located on
Old Hydro Road in Spragge,
will soon be ready to have
water added to it to form ice
*WEATHER PERMITTING***

**Thank you for your patience
Township of The North Shore**



An Introduction to Habitat

how you can get involved in helping us build a world where everyone has a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home

Who We Are

Founded in 2002, Habitat for Humanity Sault Ste. Marie & Area (HFHSSMA) is a non-profit charitable housing organization that believes everyone deserves a decent place to live.

What We Do

We mobilize and partner with communities in the Algoma District to help low-income families build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership.

Our Affordable Homeownership Program

We don't give away free homes; rather, our Affordable Homeownership Program bridges a gap for families unable to afford a traditional mortgage by providing them with the opportunity to purchase their own home.

Families who apply and are accepted to become Habitat Homeowners finance their home through a interest-free Habitat mortgage, with no down-payment, geared to their income and contribute at least 500 volunteer hours to Habitat.

Once they move in, Habitat homeowners are responsible for maintaining their own home. We help families and individuals prepare for homeownership by providing homeowner education classes, ranging from financial literacy and budgeting to home-repair and maintenance.

Our path to homeownership requires hard work, time, and dedication, but this helps ensure the long-term success of the families we partner with.

Why We Do What We Do

Caught in cycles of unpredictable rent increases, inadequate living conditions, or lack of access to affordable financing, many families live with a constant burden of uncertainty, instability, and stress.

Habitat homeownership provides families with more than just equity – it instills them with a renewed sense of stability, pride, and responsibility.

The impact is immediate and the effects are lasting. Research has shown that Habitat Homeowners are happier, healthier and more financially stable. This can allow them to return to school, learn a new trade, or upgrade their job skills. Their children are more confident, do better in school, and are more likely to attend postsecondary school.

The benefits of Habitat Homes go far beyond the build. Through reduced reliance on social housing and food banks, better education, improved employment outcomes, and enhanced health, every Habitat home built helps to create \$175,000 worth of benefits for the local community.

How We Do It

Partnerships

We are supported by multiple levels of government, local and national businesses, volunteers, Habitat Homeowners, donors, and more!

The ReStore

We operate a social enterprise called the ReStore. Habitat ReStores are home and building supply stores that receive donations of quality new and used building supplies, home furnishings, appliances, and décor and sell them to the community at a fraction of retail value.

Who benefits from Habitat ReStores?

- *Families* - Funds generated by Habitat ReStores go towards building even more homes for local families
- *Community members* - The ReStore is a place to donate their used items whilst benefiting a good cause
- *Volunteers* - We build social capital through skill development, networking, and mentoring opportunities
- *Customers* - ReStores provide access to affordable products
- *Environment* - For every \$1 of product sold at a ReStore, -1.3 lbs of waste are diverted from local landfills
- *Retailers* - We provide businesses with a solution for returned and end-of-line merchandise

Habitat Chapters

A HFHSSMA Chapter is a group of active, service-oriented volunteers who agree to champion the construction of a Habitat Home (or homes!) in communities outside of Sault Ste. Marie. The delivery of Habitat for Humanity services in local communities relies on partnership with community leaders, corporate sponsors, donors, and Habitat Homeowners and/or tenants-to-be who band together to build safe, decent, and affordable homes and to select and support the residents who will move in. The group of community leaders who commit to complete Habitat projects and take up essential volunteer roles are called the "Chapter".

Chapters do exciting work: championing a Habitat for Humanity home (or homes!). This includes raising the money to finance the construction of safe, decent, and affordable home(s) and working with Habitat for Humanity to build the home(s) in partnership with the family who will buy it. It is a project that is both challenging and rewarding. Most importantly, it is a project that will make a life-changing, long-lasting, and far-reaching positive impact in your community.

Chapters are key elements of HFHSSMA's expansion into the rest of the Algoma District. They do not hold independent legal status and do not have the authority to act outside of HFHSSMA leadership, policy, and procedure. They are, however, considered a critical component of the HFHSSMA team and, as such, are afforded every reasonable support from the affiliate office to ensure project success.

Get Involved!

Are you interested in making a life-changing, long-lasting, and far-reaching positive impact in your community?

Contact us:

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111 Elgin Street, Suite 303
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
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info@habitatsault.ca