

OCTOBER 2021

# The SHORELINE

TOWNSHIP OF THE NORTH SHORE

THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TO THE  
PUBLIC STARTING OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 2021  
**FOR PAYMENTS ONLY.**

ALL OTHER ENQUIRIES WILL REQUIRE  
**AN APPOINTMENT**

If you have questions please call  
705-849-2213

Serpent River Residents can phone  
705-461-1821



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## **MESSAGE FROM MAYOR TONY MOOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

On behalf of Council, I would like to share our collective thoughts and goals. Au nom du Conseil, j'aimerais partager nos réflexions et nos objectifs collectifs.

Our Municipality has experienced a great many changes this past year. Today is a new day, where council will focus on co-operation and mutual respect; which are key elements to effective municipal governance and the provision of municipal services. Our efforts are focused on three (3) key principals:

**Accountability**  
**Transparency**  
**Inclusivity**

We cannot change the past; we can merely learn from it and move forward.

We have revisited past practice and policy. We have redesigned the administrative operational structure. We are improving existing or adopting new policy to reflect the transition.

We are focused on creating an environment where members of Council, officers/employees, as well as ratepayers are treated with respect.

Our vision statement, our willingness to listen and our harmonious work ethic will continue to increase the Township's vitality. We are not perfect!

We will not always agree! We will continuously strive to improve how we govern, how the officers and employees deliver services to our constituents and how we engage our community.

Council and staff look forward to working together to better serve the Township. We appreciate your support and input!

*....With Respect / Respectueusement, Maire Tony Moor, Mayor*

## 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.

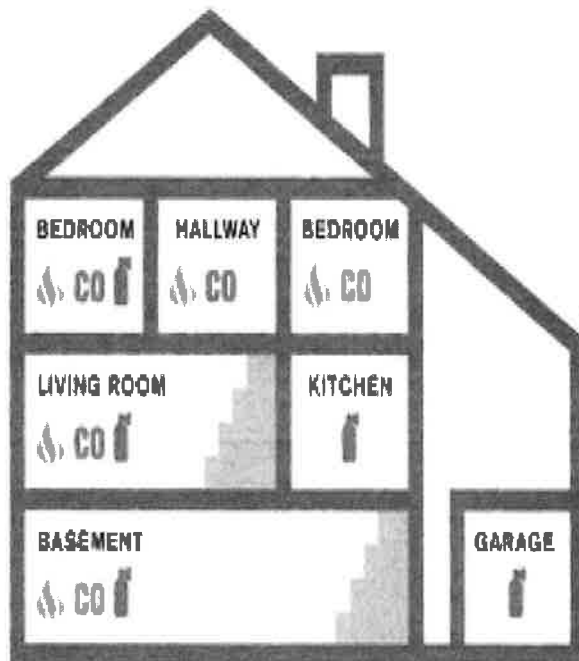
### What is included in a WETT inspection?

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

### OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!

TAKE TIME THIS MONTH TO ENSURE YOUR HOME IS OUTFITTED WITH WORKING FIRE AND CO<sub>2</sub> ALARMS, AS WELL AS FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



-  **Smoke Alarm**  
One on every level and in every bedroom
-  **Carbon Monoxide Alarm**  
One on every level and in every bedroom
-  **Fire Extinguisher**  
One on every level, plus kitchen and garage

**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 13,27	February 3,17	March 3,17	April 7,21
May 5,19	June 2,16	July 14	August 11
September 1,15	October 6,20	November 3,17	December 1,15

**2021 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 ~ October 2021

**STATISTICS: Library User:** September total is 523 patrons.

**LIBBY (e-books, audio books):** September has 457 items checked out.

**WEBSITE USERS:** We are averaging over 1200 hits a month!!

**OCTOBER 18-24<sup>TH</sup> IS ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK (OPLW)!**

**One card, one million possibilities!**

**Daily draws! Come visit the library to enter!**

**Tech Social:** The BR Learning Centre and BRPL are partnering together to bring you Tech Social. Call to book a time slot and come to the Library to learn how to use your device! Call to book your appointment today!

**Fall Colouring Contest:** Visit our website to download and print or come to the Library to get your picture to colour and enter our contest. Email your finished picture by October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 1pm!

**Costume Swap:** Don't have a costume? Visit the library to swap or purchase a Halloween costume October 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>!

**BOOK BAG SALE:** Fill a bag of books from our book sale for \$5.00!

**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.

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

**FREE Ontario Parks Day Pass:** Get your free pass at the Library! Call or email for more information!

**TACKLESHARE:** Do you need a rod and tackle to hit your favourite fishing spot? Get one to borrow for FREE at the Library! Call or email for details.

**NORDIC WALKING POLES:** Available for FREE to checkout at the Library.

**Virtual Genealogy Workshop with Jeremy!** If interested, call the Library to sign-up! 705-356-7616.

Remember **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 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](mailto: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**



## Fire Prevention Month 2021



October is **Fire Prevention Month!** The goal of Fire Prevention Month (and week October 3rd – 9th) is to raise fire safety awareness, and help ensure your home and family is protected. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Today, we celebrate Fire Prevention Week and Month by raising fire safety awareness and educating families, students and communities across the United States. During this month, fire departments provide education to their communities, and encourage parents and loved ones to practice fire prevention and whole home safety.

The NFPA's 2021 campaign for Fire Safety Month is "Learn The Sounds of Fire Safety." At First Alert, we are proud to support their mission and this year's theme. For Fire Safety Month this year, First Alert is urging families to protect your whole home with "Safety You Can Trust." First Alert is the #1 brand in fire safety by providing homeowners fire safety products that have been trusted by generations. Help protect and keep your home safe today by installing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, as well as having fire extinguishers at home. First Alert is dedicated to helping protect what matters most because a home emergency can happen at any time.

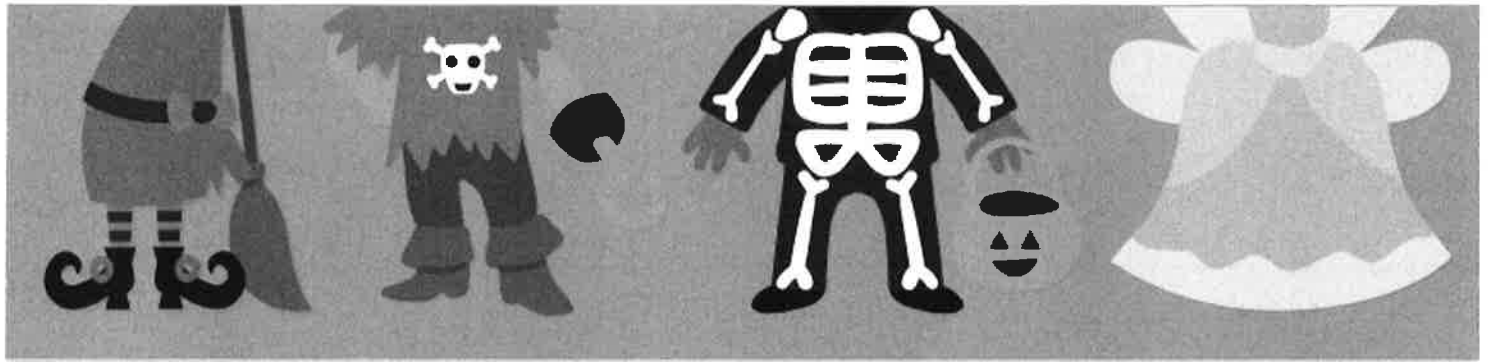
### Did You Know?

Fire Prevention week is the perfect time to educate and talk with your whole family about fire safety – include testing alarms, [changing the batteries](#) or upgrading to 10-year sealed battery alarms, [how to use a fire extinguisher](#) and escape route planning.

- **3 of every 5** home fire deaths resulted from fires with no working smoke alarms
- Less than **50%** of homeowners have an escape plan
- Carbon monoxide (CO) is the **#1** cause of accidental poisoning in the US
- **60%** of consumers do not test their smoke and CO alarms monthly\*
- Only **47%** of people report having CO alarms in their home
- Just **43%** of homeowners have an escape plan\*
- Unattended cooking is the **#1** cause of home fires

### Help Protect Your Whole Home

First Alert has been educating and protecting homes and families since 1958. We urge you to practice whole home safety, so you and your family are prepared not only during Fire Prevention Week and Month, but throughout the entire year. Having functioning alarms installed throughout your home is the first line of defense for fire prevention. They work around the clock to provide your family an early alert in the event of an emergency, providing you time to safely escape. [Smoke and CO alarms](#) should be placed on every level of the home, including the basement, as well as inside and outside each bedroom to keep your home and family safe. Fire extinguishers should also be placed on every level of the home, especially in the kitchen and garage.



# **Blind River Public Library Halloween Costume Swap**

Many costumes, masks, accessories, and more for all ages available for SWAP OR PURCHASE !!

**Oct. 1 - 30**

## **Échange de costumes d'Halloween au Bibliothèque publique de Blind River**

De nombreux costumes, masques, accessoires, et plus pour tous les âges disponibles pour ÉCHANGE OU ACHAT !!



**Blind River Public Library**

8 Woodward Ave

Blind River, Ontario P0R 1B0 | 705-356-7616

[www.olsn.ca/blindrivervlibrary/](http://www.olsn.ca/blindrivervlibrary/)



## **Property Taxes Due**

A friendly reminder that the 2<sup>nd</sup> property tax installment for your 2021 **final** property tax bill is due on Friday, **October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

The **2022 interim** property tax bills are scheduled to be issued by the end of February, 2022.

## **Penalty and Interest for Late Payment**

Please be advised that a penalty of 1.25% will get applied to your property tax account if your payment is not received in full by the Township by the installment due date. An interest charge of 1.25% will also be applied to your property tax account on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month thereafter for as long as the installment remains unpaid

## **Tax Arrears Notice**

If you have property taxes that are **past due**, please note that the full balance is now due along with all late payment charges.

**Please note that properties that are two (2) or more years in property tax arrears are eligible to be registered for tax sale. In order to avoid incurring collection costs and in order to avoid jeopardizing the ownership of your property, it is highly recommended that you pay your property tax arrears in full.**

Please contact the Treasurer if you need to make payment arrangements:

treasurer@townshipofthenorthshore.ca

(705) 849-2213 Ext. 23

## **Property Tax Bills**

Please contact the Municipal Office if:

- you have not received a tax bill;
- your mailing address has changed;
- you would like your account balance;
- you have received a tax bill, but no longer own the property;
- you would like to inquire about payment options;
- you have received a reminder notice for an account you thought was paid.

## **Supplementary/Omitted Tax Billings**

The Township issues supplementary/omitted tax bills for the following reasons:

- a change to your property, such as an addition, new construction or renovation;
- MPAC assessed a structure on your property for the first time;
- there was a change to your property's classification.

Property tax dollars associated with any changes are retroactive to the "effective date" provided by MPAC, which may be the date of occupancy or the date when the renovation or alterations were completed. The Township can assist in setting you up with a payment plan to help minimize the impact.

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN 2021

*Federal health officials have ok'd participating in Halloween events this year, but it's important to stay vigilant about COVID-19 safety.*

Federal health officials have deemed trick-or-treating and participating in Halloween events low-risk this year, but it's still important to exercise caution and stay vigilant about safety

With Halloween just weeks away, health officials are offering COVID-19 guidance for how to celebrate safely.

Medical officer of health Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang said anyone heading out to trick-or-treat on Halloween should follow public health protocols.

## FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS:

- Stay home if sick
- Follow an outdoor route
- Wait for others to leave a home before approaching
- Wear a face covering

Dr. Wang said a costume mask is not a suitable replacement for a face covering. She also recommends trick-or-treaters avoid wearing both a costume mask and a face covering.

## IF GIVING OUT CANDY:

- Wash hands before giving out candy
- Only hand out purchased and packaged treats
- Wear a face mask
- Don't ask trick-or-treaters to shout or sing

For those planning to host a Halloween party, Dr. Wang said gathering limits must be followed. Indoor gatherings are currently capped at 25 people and outdoor gatherings are restricted to 100 people.



Blind River  
Moonlight  
Madness  
2021

**Merchant Information Package**

The Blind River and District Chamber of Commerce is pleased to invite you to participate in our annual Moonlight Madness event for 2021. Let's work together – when the business community pulls together, everyone wins! This is a participation based event, participation is critical for the event to succeed.

**When:** Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Saturday, November 20<sup>st</sup> 2021

For the annual Moonlight Madness event, we have taken into consideration the impact of COVID-19 on our local merchants and community. As it was a great success last year, we are running the event over the span of two days to give customers the opportunity to shop on their preferred day. This means that there will be less crowding in stores and will promote health and safety in our community.

**Time:** Moonlight Madness hours are at the discretion of the merchant.

**Passport:** We are continuing the 'Online Passport' that was held last year to ensure the safety of our community.

The online passport will be available to all customer who participate in the Moonlight Madness event. Participating customers will be required to post a photo of their purchase (could be the product and/or the bag from the store) and 'tag' the business as well as #moonlightmadnessblindriver2021.

There will be a dedicated area on the Blind River Chamber Facebook event page where customers will upload their photos. This not only promotes the purchase of products during the Moonlight Madness event, but also serves as a marketing strategy for the merchants.

One post per store (i.e. someone cannot purchase several items from one store and upload each photo individually) posts will be randomly selected to be chosen as the winner. This also ensure our values of shopping local.

Passport prize is made possible by our local merchants.

**COVID-19 Safety Precautions:** All participating merchants must adhere to current COVID-19 regulations at the time of the moonlight madness event.

**Window Display Contest:** We are inviting merchants to participate in a window display contest where they decorate their front window/entrance in a holiday theme. Entrances must be completed by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Participating businesses are responsible for sending their own photo of their window display to [info@brchamber.ca](mailto:info@brchamber.ca) by end of day November 18<sup>th</sup>. Photos of participating merchant's displays will be uploaded on the Chamber Facebook page and our community members will vote by 'liking' the photo of their favourite display. This will be another online marketing tool.

**Marketing:** This year we are focusing heavily on our marketing strategy to ensure all community members are made aware of our event. New posters will be given to all participating merchants.

Premade social media images (Instagram/Facebook) will be available for participating merchants to utilize as they wish on their social media platforms.

**Cost:** \$30 for Chamber members \$60 for non-Chamber members. Fees may be paid by cheque (made payable to Blind River and District Chamber of Commerce) or E-Transfer to [info@brchamber.ca](mailto:info@brchamber.ca). Deadline for payment is November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Participating businesses are required to make a donation in the form of a prize or gift certificate with a minimum \$30 value which will be in our gift basket for the passport winner.

Please visit the Blind River Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and join and share our event with your customers on all of your social media platforms.

## Moonlight Madness Merchant Participant Form

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be participating in the window display contest?  Yes  No

Business Facebook page (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Instagram name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Fee paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*By participating in Moonlight Madness you are authorizing the Chamber of Commerce to use your business name and logo on marketing materials.*