



NEWSLETTER December 2024

TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSURE

The Prince Township Office will close on Monday, December 23rd, 2024, at 4:30 pm and will reopen Thursday, January 2nd, 2025, at 8:30 am.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE

Dec 4th, 11th, 18th, 26th and Jan 2nd

Garbage collection will be delayed one day because of the Christmas Day and New Year's Day holiday. Please have your cart out at the end of your driveway by 7 a.m.

BAG TAGS:

Please remember to use bag tags when you have more than two bags of refuse to be collected. Each bag tag is \$2. Tags can be purchased at Airways General Store or at the Municipal Office.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks. Dec 5th, 19th and Jan 3rd – delayed one day because of the New Year's day holiday. Please have your cart out **at the end of your driveway** by 7 a.m.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to our Prince Township Volunteer Fire Department, Prince Township Women's Institute, Prince Twp. Library, Friends of the Library, Museum, Heritage, Recreation Committees, Rink and all our volunteers for their dedication and support throughout 2024.



The Council and staff of the Township of Prince wish you a very happy and peaceful holiday season. Enjoy time with family and friends and stay protected, stay safe and stay healthy.

See you in the New Year!

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS AND UPDATES:

Hall/Bar Repair: The water damage to the hall/bar was significant, requiring extensive repairs. As a result, the repairs had to be put out for tender. The tender details are available for viewing on our website as well as on the Bids and Tenders website. We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

Gagnon Road Bridge:

Open House Mon, Dec 16th, 4-7pm in the Museum as part of the EA process.

Consultants will be available to discuss the condition of the existing bridge, review the alternate solutions and to get input from the public and regulatory agencies. The full notice can be found on our website.

MPP Michael Mantha Constituency Clinic: Mon, Dec 16th, 11-12pm

MPP Michael Mantha is holding a Constituency Clinic at the Township office to meet with him. To book an appointment, call or email the constituency office. Toll Free: 1-800-831-1899 Mmantha-co@ola.org

RINK:

Rink Season is almost here! Come out and enjoy some fresh air and skating!

Hours, rules, events and rentals calendar will all be available on our website under Recreation and Rentals. The rink will be available for private event rentals at \$60/hr. For rental inquiries, please contact the office at 705-779-2992 Ext. 2 or email adminassist@princetwp.ca.

Please be sure to put guards on your skates before entering the washrooms.



REC COMMITTEE:

Hey Prince Township Residents-

The Recreation Committee puts on events for the township throughout the year. We are going to make a special effort to get the events in the monthly newsletter to help all residents aware what is happening for the month. As always, the Prince Twp Recreation Committee Facebook page will also be a venue to communicate events!

At times, we will be looking for volunteers to help make the event successful. If you are willing to volunteer, please let one of the committee members know by providing your contact information






The committee's goal is to help make Prince Township a stronger community and have some fun. We hope residents participate in the events! Here we go!

Event for December

Come cheer on the Recreation Committee float and enjoy the Gros Cap Christmas Parade taking place in Gros Cap **Friday, December 6, starting at 6:00 pm**. The parade will start at the Gros Cap park and travel to the turnaround and then back to the park.

Help celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season!

Special Thanks to Katie and Adam Lyons for putting this on for our community.

  **It's beginning to look a lot like**
Christmas   



Prince Township 2025 Dog Licence

All residents who own a dog are required to register their dog(s) and purchase an annual dog license under By-law 2024-04. Dog licenses are due by **March 1, 2025**.

You can complete the registration at the Municipal Office or online via our website at princetownship.ca under Services – Dog Tags. Documented proof of rabies vaccination is required.

Fees:

- **\$10.00** for spayed or neutered dogs
- **\$20.00** for intact dogs
- **\$15.00** late fee

If you no longer have your dog, or if you have any questions, please contact the Township Office at 705-779-2992 ext. 2 or adminassist@princetwp.ca.

Purchasing an annual dog license will ensure that your dog is returned quickly should he/she ever stray. We know how important they are!

ANIMAL CONTROL: Dogs and Cats ONLY*

Barbie Rudnicki Ph:705-255-0419
Rates: Spayed/neutered: \$10/yr, Unaltered:
\$20/yr, Late renewal: \$15

Animal control by law is 2024-04 for reference

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER: WINTER PARKING

Motorists are reminded that there is no parking of vehicles on Township streets between Nov. 1st and April 30th, during the winter months.

All parking should be done in accordance with by-law 2020-33



Pushing snow across roads and streets is not only a safety hazard; it is also against the law. The Ontario Traffic Act states:
No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 181

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Tues Dec 10th, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Museum.

Agendas are posted to the website, and packages are available at the meeting.

Councillors

Eugene Caputo (705)989-4309
ecaputo@princetwp.ca

Melanie Mageran (705)989-4346
mmick@princetwp.ca

Margaret Christenson (705)989-4361
mchristenson@princetwp.ca

Jane Weir (705)989-4356
jweir@princetwp.ca

Reminder:

Complaints/concerns are to be directed to the office. Completing and submitting a complaint form is the best way to ensure a timely resolution.

Residents are also reminded that all communication is to be done with respect.



EARLYON CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE

Prince Township EarlyON Child and Family Centre is open for in-person programming! All program and event information can be found at www.keyon.ca as well as on our Facebook page. Please call 705-779-3627 for more information.

Monday	9:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am – 12:00pm*
Wednesday	9:00am – 2:00pm
Thursday	2:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 2:00pm

Find us on Facebook: EarlyOn Child and Family Centre Prince, SSM & Sault North.

	Prince Township	H.M. Robbins	Mountain View
Monday	9:00am-2:00pm	2:00pm-7:00pm	9:00am-10:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am-12:00pm	9:00am-1:30pm	9:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am-2:00pm	9:00am-1:30pm	9:00am-10:00pm
Thursday	2:00pm-7:00pm	9:00am-12:00pm	9:00am-10:00pm
Friday	9:00am-2:00pm	9:00am-1:30pm	9:00am-10:00pm
Saturday	9:00am-2:00pm		

All programming and event information can be found at www.KEYON.ca
 Pre-registration is required for special events only.



LIBRARY NEWS:

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: Friday December 13 at 9:30 a.m. to be followed by our Christmas decorating and social.

LIBRARY WINTER HOURS:
Monday:-----10:00am-12:00pm
2:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday:-----1:00pm-3:00pm

Wednesday:---10:00am-12:00pm
1:00pm-2:30pm

Thursday:-----1:00pm-3:00pm
5:30pm-7:00pm

Friday:-----10:00am-2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in helping us, we are looking for a Library volunteer in for Friday. This would be either 10:00 a.m. to noon OR 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. SOME computer skills needed. Please call Rita at the Library 705-779-2992-ext.5 and leave a message.

BOOK CLUB: You are welcome to join us at 1:00 p.m. in the library on the third Wednesday of the month, restarting in January 2025. We will have a list of the books that will be available for discussion, in the next newsletter, and in the library.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS:

We have received 20 Large Print Books from Ontario Library Service. This is a three-year pool that the library paid to join. We have the books for three months and then they are sent on to another library. We then get a new shipment. They are in the bookcase at the back of the room with the new arrivals. There are all types of books, western, non-fiction, thriller, and romance.

“NEW” TO US BOOKS: These hard cover and paper back are on the brown table near the circulation desk. They are donations or purchased with funds from the Friends of the Library or the Library and are recently published.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS: These are from our McNaughton selection found on the back bookcase. Some authors are new to us, but the genre is what our patrons enjoy.

THE LIFE IMPOSSIBLE by Matt Haig. Grace Winters a retired math teacher is left a rundown house on a Mediterranean Island. She arrives in Ibiza with a one-way ticket, no guidebook, and no plan. Grace searches for answers about her friend's life and how it ended. What she uncovers is stranger than she could have dreamed...

THE MORE THE TERRIER by David Rosenfelt. An Andy Carpenter mystery. When Andy returns home, there is an extra dog waiting for him. He recognizes him and finds out that the owner B.J. Bremer has been arrested for the murder of one of his professors and proving his innocence will be a Christmas miracle.

FRAMED: Astonishing True Stories

of Wrongful Convictions by John Grisham and Jim McCloskey. This is non-fiction and offers an inside look at the many injustices in our criminal justice system.

WE SOLVE MURDERS by Richard Osman. Solving murders is a family business. Steve Wheeler is enjoying his retirement. His daughter-in-law thinks adrenaline is good for the soul. She's now on a remote island working private security for an author, but when a dead body and a bag of money turn up in paradise, she sends an SOS to the only person she can trust...

BOOK SALE: We have many good reads for you on the table and in the bookcase in the library. Hard cover books are \$1.00 Paper backs are \$.50 each and children's books are 5 for \$1.00, Puzzles are \$2.00.

LIBRARY SURVEY: We are looking to improve our services to support you better. We have put out a survey asking for what enhanced library services you would like. Please fill out a survey and drop it off in the mailbox at the office or the library, or send by email to createprincetwp@gmail.com



FRIENDS OF THE PRINCE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Prince Township Library took place in the library on Nov. 14, where we reviewed the financial statements, chose our executive for the 2024-2025 year, and planned future fundraising activities.

The new executive isn't exactly new, as **President Dorothy Macnaughton**, Secretary Marguerite La Haye, and Treasurer Brittany Agliani were acclaimed in their present positions.

Who We Are: Our Friends group is a registered charitable organization launched in 1999 by Lucy Konkin, our first president. Our purpose is to raise funds to purchase the goods and services our library needs but cannot always afford.

The Friends group also applies to Canada Summer Jobs each year for funding to hire a summer student librarian for the months of July and August.

In the past year alone, the Friends' contributions to the library totalled \$5,748.

Since 1999, our small but determined group has contributed goods and services to the library

valued at \$199,888. Besides sponsoring the summer student, the group has also purchased books and magazines, furniture, and computers for the convenience of the library's patrons.

Memberships: Our Friends group welcomes new volunteers to help us plan our fundraising activities. The annual membership fee is \$5/individual or \$10/family. To get in touch with us, send us an email at friendsofptpl@gmail.com.

Book Sales: We offer a variety of gently-used books for sale in the library during open hours. Prices are \$2/each or lower. We also have a shelf of individually priced collectible books that we hope to sell locally to avoid shipping costs.

Finally, we at the Friends of the Prince Township Library wish all residents and library patrons a safe and joyous Christmas holiday season. **For parents looking for gift ideas, remember that a book lovingly placed on a child's bed on Christmas Eve may become a lifetime treasure.**



Vulnerable Citizens

In the event of an extended power disruption or disruption to 911 service, volunteers will attend the homes of vulnerable citizens to ensure their safety. You must fill out a registration form to be put on the vulnerable list. You can drop by the Municipal Office, phone 705-779-2992 or email deputyclerk@princetwp.ca to get the form.

SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS:



As winter is upon us, we want to share with everyone the reminder for preventing slips, trips and falls. As you race through the door seconds before work starts, your foot slips in an area of melted snow inside the entrance. Flat on your back, you wonder what happened. A puddle on the floor, or snow on the sidewalk can put you down. **Use extra caution to stay on your feet this winter.** Weather conditions may change quickly so please use extra caution to avoid a fall or accident.

GAS METER SAFETY

It's important to keep your natural gas meter and exhaust vents free of ice and snow in winter, and clear of storage boxes, garden tools and vegetation in summer. This helps ensure that gas-fired equipment functions safely and efficiently and allows Union Gas easy access for accurate meter readings or emergency response.

Indoor heating equipment – your furnace, water heater and thermostat – needs to be accessible too. Please ensure that storage boxes and household supplies are kept well away from indoor appliances so Union Gas or your heating contractor can get at them for emergency service or repairs.

Be sure your pets are secured and not blocking access to your gas meter or equipment during meter reading and service calls. A visiting Union Gas representative can surprise even the friendliest dog and lead to aggressive behavior and bites.

Gas Meter Safety



Preparing for a Winter Storm

During extremely cold weather or winter storms, staying warm and safe can be a challenge. Winter storms can bring cold temperatures, power failures, loss of communication services, and icy roads. To keep yourself and your loved ones safe, you should know how to prepare your home and your car before a winter storm hits.

Make a Plan

Be prepared before a winter storm hits by planning ahead. If you are in an area prone to winter weather, be sure to **create a communication and disaster plan** for your family ahead of time.

Prepare Your Home and Car

Weatherproof your home.

- Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so your water supply will be less likely to freeze.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Insulate walls and attic.
- Install storm or thermal-pane windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- Repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on your home or other structure during a storm.

Have your chimney or flue inspected each year.

If you plan to use a fireplace or wood stove for emergency heating, have your chimney or flue inspected each year. Ask your local fire department to recommend an inspector or find one online.

Install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector.

- If you will be using a fireplace, wood stove, or kerosene heater, install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector near the area to be heated. Test them monthly and replace batteries twice a year.
- Keep a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher nearby.
- All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside.
- Each winter season have your furnace system and vent checked by a qualified technician to ensure they are functioning properly.

For older adults, keep an easy-to-read thermometer inside your home.

If you or a loved one are over 65 years old, place an easy-to-read thermometer in an indoor location where you will see it frequently. Our ability to feel a change in temperature decreases with age. Older adults are more susceptible to health problems caused by cold. Check the temperature of your home often during the winter months.

Create an emergency car kit.

It is best to avoid traveling, but if travel is necessary to keep the following in your car.

- Cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries
- Items to stay warm such as extra hats, coats, mittens, and blankets
- Windshield scraper
- Shovel
- Battery-powered radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Water and snack food
- First aid kit with any necessary medications and a pocketknife
- Tow chains or rope
- Tire chains
- Canned compressed air with sealant for emergency tire repair

- Cat litter or sand to help tires get traction, or road salt to melt ice

- Booster cables with fully charged battery or jumper cables
- Hazard or other reflectors
- Bright colored flag or help signs, emergency distress flag, and/or emergency flares
- Road maps
- Waterproof matches and a can to melt snow for water

Steps to Take Before the Storm Hits

Listen to weather forecasts and check your supplies.

Listen to weather forecasts regularly and check your **emergency supplies**, including your **emergency food and water supply**, whenever you are expecting a winter storm or extreme cold. Even though we can't always predict extreme cold in advance, weather forecasts can sometimes give you several days of notice to prepare.

Bring your pets indoors.

If you have pets, bring them indoors. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they have access to unfrozen water.

Get your car ready.

Have maintenance service on your vehicle as often as the manufacturer recommends. In addition, every fall, do the following:

- Have the radiator system serviced or check the antifreeze level yourself with an antifreeze tester. Add antifreeze as needed.

- Replace windshield-wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture.
- Make sure the tires on your car have adequate tread and air pressure. Replace any worn tires and fill low tires with air to the proper pressure recommended for your car (typically between 30-35 psi).
- Keep the gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Keep your car in good working order. Be sure to check the following: heater, defroster, brakes, brake fluid, ignition, emergency flashers, exhaust, oil, and battery.
- **Plan your trip according to the weather**

ONTARIO'S 511 APP:

The [Ontario 511 app](#) is now available to all drivers and includes these features:

- Track My Plow which will allow drivers to track the location of snowplows and salt trucks on provincial highways in Ontario
- Information on winter road conditions so drivers can see which roads are bare or covered with snow
- Weather warnings from Environment Canada to alert drivers of upcoming storms
- Up-to-date information on rest areas across the province

The app also provides images from over 600 cameras and includes up-to-date highway information on construction, collisions and road closures. The Ontario 511 app is available for free on the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

The winter driving features on the Ontario 511 app build on the province's actions to improve winter maintenance, including an additional 24

Road Weather Information Stations that provide forecasts to help winter maintenance crews prepare for a storm, and improving and expanding rest area infrastructure in Northern Ontario.

EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Check out some local events. Everything listed below is either FREE or by donation.

- Gros Cap Christmas Parade: Friday, Dec 6th, starting at 6:00 pm. The parade will start at the Gros Cap park and travel to the turnaround and then back to the park. Come cheer on the Recreation Committee float!

-14th Annual Blues for Food Soup Kitchen & St. Vincent Fundraiser: Friday Dec 6th & Saturday Dec 7th, 8-11pm.

At Soo Blasters, join for some blues music courtesy of Sault Blues Society. All proceeds of cash or non-perishable goods go to The Soup Kitchen & St. Vincent's Place.

-Drop-In Community Artmaking with Thinking Rock Community Arts:

Friday, Dec 13th 2-4pm at -Ermatinger-Clergue Historic Site (800 Bay St)

Friday, Dec 20th 2-4pm at Northern Community Centre (556 Goulais Ave)

Thinking Rock Community Arts will be sharing their work through hands-on inter-generational artmaking!


No experience is needed and everyone is welcome to join this free drop-in session!

**NOW OPEN
ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS
LOCATED IN GROS CAP**

Back to Health Clinic
4619 Second Line W., Prince Township, ON P6A 6K4
Tel. 705-779-3300
ctavormina@sympatico.ca

Dr. Alfonso Tavormina, D.C.
Chiropractor

Auto and Sports Injuries
Extremities ~ Full Spine
Soft Tissue Work ~ Laser Therapy
Electric Stim ~ Ultrasound



HERITAGE COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR A CARPENTER

The Prince Township Heritage Committee is looking to hire a carpenter to shorten pews. If you are interested, please phone (705) 989-4361 OR send an email to mchristenson@princetwp.ca

**Two Senior Families
NEED To hire Snow Removers
On Town Line**

Jane
(705)779-2546

Elizabeth
(705)779-3523
(705)971-3937

HOW CAN THE PRINCE TWP PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVE YOU BETTER?

The library board seeks your input to improve our service to you. A resident recently donated enough money to the library that we can now offer you enhanced library services. We currently offer: Internet, Overdrive, OPAC, Ancestry.ca, audio books, large print books, Inter-Library loans, book club, accessible entrance, delivery for shut-ins, a warm meeting room for groups, oh, and some good books to borrow; ALL FREE. And, gently used books for sale.

Please check what YOU would like added to our library service

Print and take to the office or email to Mary at createprincetwp@gmail.com

<u>Regularly</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Check</u>
Kids' Time, 6 to 14 years	homework help, crafts, games, yoga	Sat am	_____
Technology Help	phone, pads, one on one help	Daytime	_____
Adult Crafts	knit, crochet, other + social time	Daytime	_____
<u>One Time</u>	<u>Check</u>	<u>One Time</u>	<u>Check</u>
Make greeting cards	_____	Adult/Kids Yoga	_____
History of Prince	_____	Astronomy session	_____
Photography tips	_____	Scrapbooking	_____
Food - ethnic, canning, soup, baking, cake decoration, other			_____

Anything else you want us to try?

Anything you would like to help the library to provide?

To set up your library card, may we have your contact info? And email for upcoming activities?

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____