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NEWSLETTER December 2019

TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Prince Township Office will be closed Monday, December 23, 2019 through Wednesday January 1, 2020. We are open again on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE

Garbage and recycling collection will be delayed one day as a result of the Christmas Holiday.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

Please have your cart out by 7:30 a.m.
Your recycling will be picked up every two weeks.
Dec 12, 27 and Jan 9

BAG TAG LOCATIONS

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.

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 Lorraine at lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca to get the form.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

Please remember under the Highway Traffic Act, Section 181, that pushing snow either onto or across roadways when cleaning driveways, is not permitted. This may result in charges to the property owner. Your cooperation is appreciated.

RINK

Mayor Ken Lamming and Bruce Gregoire will be getting the rink ready soon, depending on the weather.
When the rink is open, we will post it on our sign in front of the Municipal building.
New this year, are two public washrooms at the Pavilion.
Although the rink will be open for public skating, you can rent the ice @ $50/hour for private events or practice.
For rental arrangements, contact the office @ 705-779-2992 Ext. 1. or email lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca .

ATTENTION: THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

In an effort to save time and expense, the December 2019 newsletter will be the last newsletter that will be delivered to your home. Effective January 2020, the newsletters will be posted to the website @ https://www.princetownship.ca/newsletters.html. You can also register your email address with Lorraine (lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca) and she will add you to the email list to have the newsletter send directly to your account.
If you do not have access to a computer, you have 2 options:
1. Pick up a copy at the township office
2. Pick up a copy at the Airways General Store

JOY-Full Socks... and so much more.

Please bring your donation by November 28, 2019 to the Prince Township Office at 3042 Second Line West or call Leslie (705) 779-2836 for pick up.

SHRINERS CHRISTMAS CAKES

Box of 3 cakes $20.00 or 1 cake for $7.00
Short Bread Cookies $9.00/box
Call Ken Lamming at (705)7971-3663 for pick up or delivery.

911 SIGNS

Residents are requested to make sure that 911 civic number signs are clear of trees, snow etc. The sign should be visible by emergency personnel from 100 ft.

PRINCE TOWNSHIP DOG LICENCE

Under by-law 2001-03, all residents who own a dog or dogs must register them by purchasing an annual dog licence. Dog licences are due **Jan. 2nd, 2020** and will be available at the Munciipal Office.

To avoid a $15.00 late fee penalty, all dog licenses must be renewed annually before **February 15th.**
Remember to bring in conformation of last rabies shot date to purchase a tag.
The cost is $7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs and $15.00 otherwise.

If you cannot make it in during office hours, please contact the Township Office at 705-779-2992 ext. 1 or lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca .
If you no longer have your dog, please contact the office.

Purchasing an annual dog license will ensure that your dog is returned quickly should he/she ever stray and assists us in providing animal control services in our community.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Appointments to Boards & Committees will be made at the council meeting January 14, 2020.

Library Board
Museum Board
Recreation Committee

Interested parties are requested to submit an application. We would like to encourage everyone including youth/students to apply.

Applications are available from the Township Office or if you would like one emailed please call (705) 779-2992 Ext. 1 or email lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca

CAO REPORT

Thank you to our staff, volunteers and council for all you have done in 2019. Wishing each of you and **all** the residents of Prince Township a healthy and happy holiday season as 2019 draws to a close. Where has the time gone?

Work continues on the Walls Road ditching and culvert project.

Although the projects along Hwy 550 and 565 were Provincial Projects, I want to take this opportunity to thank the public for your patience during the process.

Thanks to the continued efforts of our Mayor, Ken Lamming, the washrooms for the Pavilion are almost completed and will be available in time for the skaters and hockey players this winter. **Please be sure to put guards on your skates before entering the washrooms**

Rental rates are $50.00/hour and can be arranged through the office at 705-779-2992 Ext. 1.
The rink will be reserved for free public skating, daily between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Cameras have now been installed in various locations at the Pavilion and the back of the office to monitor the buildings and yard. We hope this will help to minimize or eliminate any vandalism or misuse of the facilities.

Just a reminder that the Provincial Laws do not permit smoking **anywhere** on the municipal property.

We have been approved for an intern to work as an Assistant Township Clerk. We are hoping to have the successful candidate start in January 2020. Thank you to NOHFC for their generous support.

Just a reminder that the Township Office will be closing at **4:30 pm on December 20th** and will reopen at **8:30 am on January 2nd**. If there is an emergency, please contact one of your council members.

Again, thanks to all our staff, Council, Prince Township Volunteer Fire Department, Prince Township Women's Institute, Friends of the Library and **all** our volunteers for their dedication and support throughout 2019.

Wishing you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Respectfully
Peggy Greco

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Municipal Office, or any member of Council:

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COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday December 10th, 2019
6:45 p.m.

Agendas are posted on the website the day before the meeting. If you require a copy, please call ahead so it can be printed for pickup on Monday.
A fee of $0.25/page applies.

Early ON
Child and Family Centre

Christmas Celebration
Join us on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 from 10:00am to 12:00pm for games, crafts, goodies and singing carols to ring the holidays! We will also have a special guest appear for pictures! Please note that we are asking all families to bring a canned good for donation to our local food bank. Registration is required. Please call 705-779-3627.

Christmas Craft Corner
Our Christmas Craft Corner is filled with easy creative Christmas crafts so cute that you could give them as gifts to someone special. Come join us and make some of these fun and inexpensive crafts. Begins Saturday November 30, 2019 at 11:00am for four weeks.

Community Christmas for Kids
Join us for various activities during the whole month of December to celebrate Community Christmas for Kids. Special guests, arts & crafts, ornaments, PJs, stories, and much, much more! Pre-registration is required for some activities. Please see calendar for more information or call 705-779-3627.

Pete the Cat Holiday Song & Story
Pete the Cat will be making a special appearance on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 11:00am. We will be reading stories and singing songs!

Cat in the Hat Holiday Song & Story
Cat in the Hat will be making a special appearance on Friday, December 20, 2019 at 11:00am. We will be reading a special story and singing a song!

PJ Party & Decorating Christmas Cookies
Join us on Friday, December 6, 2019 and Tuesday, December 17, 2019 from 9:00am - 1:00pm dressed in your favourite PJ's to decorate Christmas cookies!

One to One Primary Care Triple P
This Triple P Program includes brief one to one sessions that assist parents to develop parenting plans to manage behavioural issues (such as tantrums, fighting, going shopping) and skill development issues (such as eating independently, toilet training, staying in bed at night). For appointments, please call 705-779-3627.

Nipissing District Developmental Screen
Early supports through the use of the Nipissing District Developmental Screen provide parents with the opportunity to follow their child's growth and development examining the thirteen key developmental stages. Based on screening results, we initiate registration or refer to specialized services through the local access mechanism. For appointments, please call 705-779-3627.

Please note special hours for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 open from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Please note we will be closed from Tuesday, December 24, 2019 to Wednesday, January 1, 2020. We will re-open Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Winter Hours

Monday	9am -1pm
Tuesday	9am -1pm
Wednesday	9am -1pm
Thursday	1pm -7pm
Friday	9am -1pm
Saturday	10am -1pm
Sunday Open 4th Sunday	10am -1pm

*Please note that hours are subject to change with little notice. Thank You!

Visit us on Facebook: EarlyOn Child and Family Centre "Prince Township"
Or Google: EarlyOn Child and Family Centre "Prince Township" if you do not have Facebook
Email: earlyoncentreprincetwp@gmail.com

Thanks to all who donated and participated in the 2019 Alzheimer's Coffee Break. We collected $78.75. Our total now is $765.90 for all the previous years collected.
Sincere Regards Sandy Fulcher

Prince TOWNSHIP Public Library

LIBRARY NEWS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the Library Volunteers.

BOARD MEETING: Thursday December 5 at 9:15 a.m. To be followed by the Christmas Social to present the Joyce Kasch Award to a volunteer of the Library or the Friends of the Library.

BOOK CLUB: Our December meeting will be at Bev's home and we are reading our choice of a Classic.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS: We have received some excellent donations and they are found either on the brown table near the desk or on the filing cabinet if it is a non fiction. These are from the McNaughton selection.

BLUE MOON by Lee Child. Reacher sits in the back of a Greyhound bus watching an old man asleep in his seat, a fat envelope of money about to slip out of his pocket. But once in a blue moon, things turn out just right in a nameless city.

THE WHISPERER by Karin Fossum. A psychological thriller. Time shifts between Inspector Sejer's interrogation of the accused Ragna Reigel, and the shocking events that led up to her arrest. How did this lovely quiet woman come to kill a man or did she?

REMEMBER: We have Large print from our OLS-N pool. You can also order books from Inter Library service if we don't have them.

DROP OFF BOX: Please put your items in tied plastic bag. It protects the items and makes it easier for us to grab them.

PRINCE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

We had a wonderful 110th birthday at Gliss, on Oct. 28th

Next gathering is a joint meeting on Wednesday Dec. 11 at 11:30 a.m. for our Christmas social. Remember to bring 3 wrapped $2.00 gifts for our game.

An exchange gift (**OPTIONAL**) $6.00 value.

**** Bring an extra gift for the District Gift Basket.

FRIENDS OF THE PRINCE TWP. LIBRARY

The Friends of the Prince Township Library's Annual General Meeting this month brought a few changes to the executive.

Long-time member Margaret Christenson was acclaimed as our group's president, succeeding Dorothy Macnaughton, who has held the office since 2009.

Lucy Konkin, who founded the Prince Friends in 1998, takes on the role of vice-president.

Brittany Agliani returns as treasurer and Marguerite La Haye as secretary.

The Friends and the Library Board thank Dorothy for her leadership over the past 10 years. We are especially grateful for the hours she and her husband, Richard, spend organizing the annual Mammoth Book Sale at the Station Mall. In recent years, the revenue from those sales ranged from $3,600 to $4,400.

Dorothy also encouraged the Friends to try new fundraising activities, including the online sale of rare and collectible books that we received as donations. She began teaching volunteers to assess the value of out-of-print books by searching Alibris and other online book stores. To our surprise, some of those searches turned up titles worth over $100.

It was also Dorothy's idea to register the Friends for the annual November Holiday Bake Sale and Bazaar in the Station Mall, where we and other not-for-profit organizations sold homemade Christmas baked goods. We benefited handsomely from Dorothy's baking skills and her ability to predict which goodies customers would crave the most (date squares and butter tarts, anyone?).

The good news for us is that, as past-president Dorothy will continue to share her fundraising ideas with our group and list collectible book collection for sale on Alibris.

And if good things come in pairs, the best news of all is that Dorothy and Richard will still volunteer at the library on Fridays, when Richard takes the morning shift at the circulation desk. He'll also help sort through donated books for more collectible gems.

Fundraising History: The Friends of the Prince Township Library's purpose is to raise funds for the purchase of furniture, equipment, reading material, and services that our small, rural library would otherwise be unable to afford.

Since 1999, the value of goods and services donated by the Friends has reached $100,000.

Nearly New Books for Sale: The Friends have an assortment of gently-used books for sale that would make excellent Christmas gifts. (They're NOT cancelled library books.) Check out the shelf by the library entrance. The collection includes Christmas-themed books and CDs for children.

Holiday Wishes: At this festive season, we wish all Prince residents a joyous, peaceful Christmas and a New Year filled with good health and happiness.

Safe travels to all those who will take to the road or the air to spend time with distant loved ones.

Our Prince Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. use green flashing lights in their personal vehicles when they are responding to the fire hall for an emergency. If you see a vehicle with a green flashing light please yield the right of way. Thanks for your co-operation!

Prince Township Volunteer Fire Department

Keep fire safety in mind as temperatures drop!

Prince Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. is urging everyone to keep fire safety in mind as the temperatures turn colder.

There are more home fires during the winter months due to heating equipment and appliances. People need to pay close attention to potential fire hazards such as fireplaces, furnaces, chimneys and vents, and space heaters.

There are some simple things people can do to stay fire safe during the colder months:

- Have all fuel-burning appliances inspected annually by a registered fuel contractor. Go to COSafety.ca to find a contractor near you.
- Keep chimneys and intake/exhaust vents for furnaces and heating appliances free of debris, ice and snow accumulations to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) build-up from inefficient combustion.
- Burn dry, well-seasoned wood in fireplaces and woodstoves to reduce the risk of excessive creosote build-up in chimneys.
- Allow ashes from your fireplace or woodstove to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Keep the container outside.
- Keep space heaters at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn, including curtains, upholstery and clothing.
- Replace worn or damaged electrical wires and connections on vehicles and extension cords and use the proper gauge extension cord for vehicle block heaters.
- Consider using approved timers for vehicle block heaters rather than leaving heaters on all night.
- Ensure that vehicles are not left running inside any garage or building.
- Ensure there is a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of your home.
- Install CO alarms to alert you to the presence of this deadly gas.

Prince Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. reminds everyone that the Ontario Fire Code requires smoke alarms to be installed on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide alarms are required outside all sleeping areas if the home has a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage.

EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR EXTREME COLD WEATHER

Prepare Your Home and Car for Winter

At Home:

- Have alternate means of heating with sufficient fuel, such as a wood or propane furnace, or a kerosene heater. Ensure alternative source of heat is approved for indoor use
- Generator with several days' worth of fuel (Caution: generators produce toxic gases such as carbon monoxide. These should only be used outdoors where fumes may be vented safely.)
- Electric space heaters with automatic shut-off and non-glowing elements(to reduce the risk of fire)
- Blankets

In the Car:

- Travel with a mobile phone
- Blankets and other warm clothing (gloves, toques, jacket) – never rely on a car for heat since it may break down
- First aid kit
- Signaling device, such as road flares
- Booster cables
- Toolkit
- Bag of sand (to pour on ice or snow for added traction)
- Tow rope
- Collapsible shovel
- Flash light and spare batteries

Candles and matches

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- Brightly colored clothes
- Container of water and high energy bars

Windshield scraper

Slips, Trips and Falls

As winter is upon us we want to share with everyone the reminders 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.

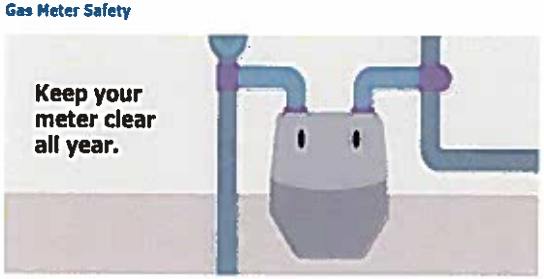
Here are some tips and friendly reminders that will help reduce the possibility of a slip, trip or fall.

- Don't hurry when conditions are likely to be slippery. Give yourself plenty of time.
- Wear slip-resistant footwear with flat heels. Leather soled shoes for me and high heeled shoes for women are especially dangerous.
- Check the bottom of your feet every time you enter a building, and clean off the accumulated ice and snow.
- Anticipate hazards as you are walking. When you come to a corner, slow down. If you think a surface might be slippery, bend your knees and take short steps instead of long strides. This will increase your ability to react to a change in traction.
- Essentially, walk like a penguin with your core engaged, especially when getting out of your vehicle.
- When walking always plant your feet firmly,
- Streets, sidewalks and parking lots that have been cleared of snow and ice still need to be approached with caution. Look for "Black Ice". Dew, fog or water vapour can freeze on cold surfaces and form an extra-thin, nearly invisible layer of ice that can look like a wet spot on the pavement. It often shows up early in the morning or in areas that are shaded from the sun.
- Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles – use the vehicle for support.
- Report any observed slippery conditions to Julie so they can be rectified, or minimized.
    - Examples include: un-sanded walkways, puddles, uneven ice or snow buildup on walkways.

Winter Driving:

- Drive according to the road and weather conditions.
- Have an ice scraper or snow brush in your vehicle to keep your windows, signals, and lights clear
- Top up your windshield washer reservoir and keep an extra one handy
- Leave extra spaces between vehicles – Stopping distances should be at least doubled on snow roads and even longer on icy roads.

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

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Are You Feeding Wildlife?

Issues of residents feeding wildlife have been reported to the Municipal Office. We do take this very seriously.

You may be doing more harm than good.

People who feed wildlife usually do so with the best intentions. However, feeding wild animals almost always results in negative consequences for both humans and wildlife involved.

What are the consequences of feeding wildlife?

Threats to wildlife

- Animals can become dependent on artificial food sources.
- Animals can lose their natural fear of humans and pets, becoming more prone to conflict.
- Artificial feed is not healthy for wildlife.
- Wildlife can congregate in unnaturally high densities at feeders. This spreads parasites and disease (such as Chronic Wasting Disease, bovine tuberculosis, and brain worm) and can cause destruction of natural habitat.
- Feeding animals near roads increases their risk of being hit by vehicles.

Threats to people

- Feeding wildlife may attract "unwanted" animals to your property.
- Animals will learn to associate humans with food, and can become a problem to neighbours.
- Habituated animals can become aggressive.
- Feeding animals near roads increases the risk of motor vehicle accidents, resulting in property damage, injury or death.

Do

✓ Appreciate wildlife from a distance.
✓ Keep household waste, compost and pet food out-of-reach from wild animals.
✓ Attract wildlife to your property by improving natural habitat.
✓ Work together in your neighbourhood to help keep wild animals wild.

Don't

✗ Do not put out food to attract wildlife.
✗ Do not try to approach or touch wild animals.
✗ Do not feed pets outdoors or allow pets to roam free.
✗ Do not put garbage out until the morning of collection.

For more information, please contact the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources at 1-800-667-1940.

Wishing you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!