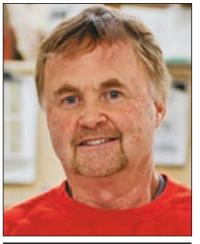
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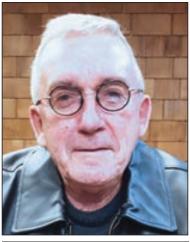
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DISTRICT — A new year brings new hope and new promises of things to come.

"Plans have changed" may have been the motto for 2020, but looking forward, perhaps the New Year's motto for 2021 is "Bring it on."

Maybe there is something particular we are looking forward to - a new baby, a special anniversary, a graduation, a new job or a milestone birthday.

Everyone has hopes and dreams and after we have finally left 2020 behind, the coming year is stacked with new opportunities and fresh starts.

Humanity shows its strengths through difficulty and certainly the people in the Temiskaming region have exemplified all of this and more.

Let us learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for a better tomorrow.

The following people generously shared their thoughts with us.

BARRY PHIPPEN

Bikers Reunion lead organizer Barry Phippen relates his hopes from his own personal perspective to that of his family, friends, the Community Cancer Care program and the greater community.

"As I put 2020 behind me and stare into the face of 2021, I feel grateful.

"Despite being diagnosed with what the doctors said was an advanced cancer, you realize that this is life and you make the best of the situation and see how things play out. Always trying to keep positive is very important.

"My family has a history with cancer

as many of you know. My daughter Justina was given a zero chance of surviving her childhood cancer, she is alive and well today and we are enjoying our wonderful grandchildren.

"I am grateful for my wife Cindy's support and my daughter Justina each and every day through my cancer battle.

"My mother and brother were lost to the disease, both diagnosed in the same week. My mother was my rock and she always had my back. I certainly miss her and Terry.

"But cancer has only one job, that is to destroy us regardless of age, colour, nationality or religion.

"Enter the Bikers Reunion-backed Community Cancer Care program, created to support people in this region who are facing a cancer diagnosis.

"We have the incredible Marg Arthur and Lesley Simms keeping the Community Cancer Care program going during the COVID-19 crisis, providing the financial assistance and compassion care required to make the program the success it has been.

"Over the years I've surrounded myself with the very best committee members anyone could ask for and it is this committee who deserves so much appreciation and thanks.

"I feel fortunate to have such good nurses and doctors looking after me.

"My appreciation also goes out to the City of Temiskaming Shores Mayor Carman Kidd and council who have been supportive and easy to work with.

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DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our January 6 edition...

- The Temiskaming region saw a surge in COVID-19 cases in December and it is hoped there isn't another wave coming in the New
- The Larose Bridge, connecting Coleman Township and the Town of Cobalt, has been closed and is undergoing replacement.
- Visiting restrictions are being ramped up at the Temiskaming Hospital following a surge in the region's COVID-19 cases.
- Armstrong Township is looking forward to a renewed year with more community-based recreation activities taking place.
- The James Township reeve, Dave Mullin, says the municipality fared well during the past year and has a major infrastructure project announcement in the near future.
 - · Camp owners on Lake Temagami are not happy with the fact they are being denied COVID-19 insurance coverage and have asked the municipality to intervene.
 - Charlton-Dack's past year involved shared services while roadwork looks to be in the cards for the upcoming year.
 - The future of hockey for the U-18 New Liskeard Cubs is unclear as pandemic protocols have benched Triple A-level hockey across the north.
 - Despite COVID-19 restrictions, cross-country skiing is a go at the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club in Coleman Township.



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Future

unclear

THU declares COVID-19 outbreak at Kirkland Lake **Extendicare**

KIRKLAND LAKE (Special) - A positive COVID-19 test for a staff member at Kirkland Lake Extendicare has resulted in an outbreak declaration for the facility.

The Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) made the announcement

Ministry direction requires an outbreak be declared when a single case is confirmed in a resident or staff member. One staff member has tested positive.

The case is currently under investigation and the person is self-isolating. Contact tracing is underway and those who have been identified as close contacts have been, or are in the process of

The Timiskaming Health Unit, along with the Blanche River Health, Kirkland Lake location, the Ontario Ministry of Long Term Care, and Ontario Health - North, is working closely with the facility to ensure that all measures are in place to protect residents and staff.

"Risk to staff and residents is deemed low at this time," said Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health and CEO for the Timiskaming Health Unit.

"It's important for everyone to keep their guards up regarding COVID-19 by continuing to follow all public health measures."

The province of Ontario is currently in lockdown. District residents need to stay home except for essential travel and especially need to avoid social gatherings.

The Health Unit cautions everyone to continue to follow public health measures. District residents are reminded to:

- Continue practicing physical distancing
- Wear a mask or face covering in public indoor spaces
- Wash hands with warm water or use alcohol-based sanitizers and do not touch your face
 - Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Avoid gatherings with people outside of your household, they are prohibited under lockdown
- Avoid non-essential travel within and outside of our district, especially to high transmission areas
- Stay home if unwell and contact your local Assessment Centre to schedule an appointment for testing
- Respect public health and any additional safety measures businesses have put in place
- Reach out to vulnerable people in your community who may

For more information on COVID-19, visit www.timiskaminghu. com and the Ontario Coronavirus website.

Cobalt mayor looking forward to 2021

Darlene Wroe

Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt Mayor George Othmer says that "2020 has been an unprecedented time. Who would have ever thought we would have been stuck in a worldwide pandemic? It's definitely affected the operations of everything. We're putting it behind us and we're looking forward to 2021."

Othmer expressed confidence in a telephone interview that 2021 will be a better year.

"I think we're going to get through this if people can just start playing by the rules."

While the town does not have any large capital expenses planned for 2021, it will be finishing its water tower, he

Sealing is required for the tower and warmer weather is needed to carry that out, he explained, so the project will be put off until later in the year.

The town's public works department, with assistance from the Ontario Clean Water Agency, will be preparing a new maintenance schedule for the water treatment plant, he

The town has been working on reaching compliance from the Ontario Ministry of Environment for its sewage lagoon wetlands.

"The sewage lagoon seems to be coming along. We haven't heard from the Ministry of Environment lately. We're doing what they required," he said, explaining that the ministry had been looking for some answers to questions about the lagoon.

"We've been cooperating with them. We seem to be moving forward on that one too."

The wetland system of cattails, which naturally processes the town's sewage with the assistance of minimal technical elements, is unique, and Othmer expressed confidence that it works well, and noted that other people also believes the system works well.

STREET REPAIRS

Othmer expressed hope that the town will be able to repair a couple of the smaller streets in the town this year. He commented that interim clerk-treasurer John Hodgson has been searching for grant possibilities for funding to get some of that work done.

The Paul Penna Library this year, said Othmer.

The town also has the goal of doing some work around the Drummond Cairn near the library to make it more aesthetically pleasing, he added.

TOURISM

Last year saw three plaques installed in different locations that indicate places that members of the famed Group of Seven artists sat to paint scenes in Cobalt early in the twentieth century.

A Temiskaming area project spearheaded by the City of Temiskaming Shores identified sites where members of the Group of Seven had painted in the district. In Cobalt plaques were erected in the Dr. Pollard Poetry Park; one near St. Patrick School; and another on the Major Edward J. Holland VC Memorial Park in downtown Cobalt.

Othmer expressed appreciation for the work of City of Temiskaming Shores economic development assistant Anne-Marie Loranger in the project.



GEORGE OTHMER

There is renewed interest in refurbishing the Ragged Chutes Model which was formerly located in the Classic Theatre building, he said. The model depicts a unique and inexpensive system used during the Cobalt silver boom to bring power to needs some maintenance work the mines. Othmer said there is interest in determining if the model can be refurbished and put back on display at some location.

> "I think it's a major tourism attraction for us," he commented.

> The town is also aware that the building depicting a headframe, and used as a tourism and office area across from the town hall, is in need of some repairs. The legs which help hold up a portion of the structure are falling apart, he said.

> Another site which needs repairs is the building which houses artifacts from the Northern Ontario Firefighters Museum, and also the food bank.

> "We've got to try to save the building at least," said Othmer, adding that he is very worried about the building, and repairs are needed soon.

> Othmer expressed satisfaction with work that has been done in the town under the property standards plan.

> "We've been really pleased with the way that has been working out," he said. "We got some properties cleaned up that were very bad eyesores."

PANDEMIC CLOSURE

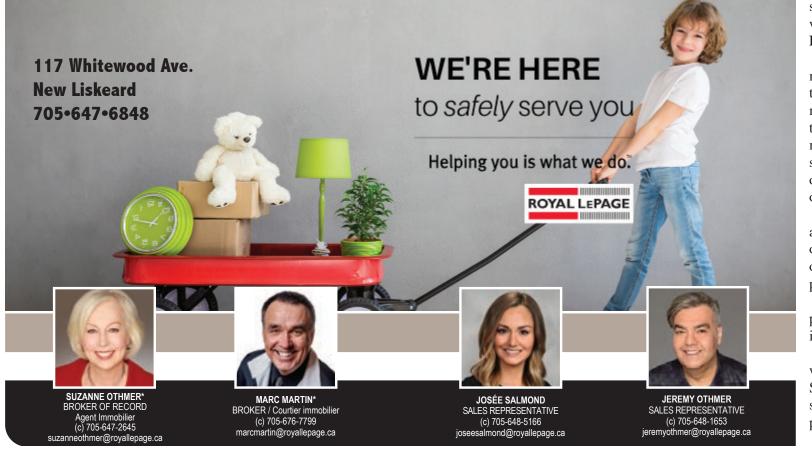
Due to the pandemic the town made the decision to close the town office to the public. Othmer explained that because of the office's physical arrangement, there are concerns that staff would be exposed if anyone with COVID-19 entered the office area.

"We only have a small staff and we can't afford to lose one of them," he said. "If we lose one, we might lose more," he pointed out.

In spite of being closed to the public, work has been continuing, he said.

"Bills have been going out, water bills, tax bills, and so on." Staff have also managed to answer most complaints as well as possible, he said.

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Lions seeking new members

Diane Johnston

Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES -The New Liskeard Lions' pride has recently grown by one.

Pat Smits recently became the club's newest member and the first to join in a couple of years.

A wish "to serve the community" sparked his interest in the Lions, Smits said.

A new member is "quite significant, because membership has been dropping drastically in most service clubs due to age," said long-time Lion Alf O'Reilly.

O'Reilly, a former president of the New Liskeard club and a former district governor, has been a member of the Lions for more than half a century.

The New Liskeard club marked the 75th anniversary of its founding in 2020, and estimates it has raised more than \$3 million over the years.

It recently recognized six members who together have recorded more than two centuries with the organization.

Lions Clubs International Chevrons were presented to Ron Sutton, 65 years; Gordon Spencer, 50 years; Keith Windsor, 45 years; Archie Brazeau, 40 years; and Rory Moore and Ron Prestage, each with 20 years of membership.

It currently has about 20 members, of whom 12 to 15 are

But the landscape for service clubs has changed.

In New Liskeard, O'Reilly said the level of activity in the



The New Liskeard Lions recently recognized long-serving members. Pictured above are Rory Moore, at left, with 20 years' service and Archie Brazeau, with 40 years. Not present for the photo were Ron Sutton, 65 years; Gordon Spencer, 50 years; Keith Windsor, 45 years; and Ron Prestage, 20 years. (Supplied Photo)

community has grown, and young families are now committed to other interests.

At the same time, he said, the organizations that the club once helped, such as sports groups, are now undertaking their own fundraising, aided by social health care devices, such as media.

"All of these clubs now have organized themselves to a point where they're fundraising for themselves," he said.

That too has had an impact on the events that the Lions would run to raise money, he said.

Together, he said the factors have combined to see interest in general service clubs like the Lions drop.

If the Lions were to disappear, he said some organizations would continue on their own.

But other supports would be

In terms of high-profile projects, the New Liskeard Lions have supported the new splash pad park on the waterfront and uals in need. regularly donate to the Temiskaming Hospital Foundation.

But O'Reilly said the public doesn't see much of the Lions'

For example it stocks home hospital beds, wheelchairs and canes, that are lent to individ-

If a senior can't afford to purchase needed glasses or dentures, he said health care providers often refer the individual to the Lions Club.

He couldn't see other interest-specific organizations stepping in to meet such needs.

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Pat Smits, at left, was recently inducted as the newest member of the New Liskeard Lions by past president and sponsor Alf O'Reilly. (Supplied Photo)

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Making 2021 a Better Year for You!

This year, it's time to put you first.

Cook one new thing each week: Choose an easy dinner recipe you've never tried before at least once a week.

Read more books: January is the perfect time to snuggle up with a new

Drink less alcohol: Doing so could improve your mood, sleep, skin, and immune system. Plus, it'll also help you save money.

Quit smoking: Smoking is extremely harmful for your health, particularly your lungs — but tobacco products in general (including vapes) pose a serious threat. If you're interested in quitting and are a patient of the Temagami FHT, give us a call to enquire about our STOP program. The program includes free nicotine replacement therapy and individual consultation with our respiratory therapist to help you achieve your goal.

Eat vegetables regularly: Whether you're slimming down or just want to be healthy, vegetables are your friends.

Take the stairs: Take 10 minutes to run up the stairs at your office or home.

Become a plant owner: Just the presence of indoor plants can lower human stress levels.

Sanitize your phone weekly: Phones carry a lot of bacteria. Use a non bleach disinfectant wipe that kills viruses and bacteria.

Play upbeat music: Research shows that blasting any happy-making tune can work multiple mind-body wonders including reducing pain during exercise, elevating mood, and lowering stress.

Take more walks: Keep yourself moving on a simple walk around the neighbourhood. Spend as much time moving each day as possible.

Get as much sunlight as you can: Even when the weather becomes frigid, sunlight is crucial to regulate your mood throughout the day.

Add more citrus to your grocery cart: Citrus fruits are rich in multiple nutrients such as vitamin C, flavonoids, and fiber which can reduce inflammation, improve gastrointestinal function and health, and play an important role in preventing conditions like diabetes, cancer, neurological

Happy new year, happy new you!!

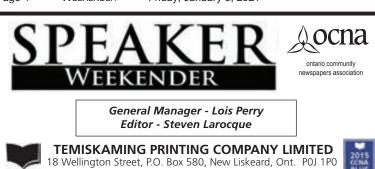
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EDITORIAL

Healing power of the outdoors

It's been a real treat to see so many people enjoying activities on Lake Temiskaming during the COVID-19 pandemic.

When earlier lockdown measures took effect back in the spring people were seen boating, swimming and fishing on the lake in great numbers.

Now that winter has arrived people are skating, ice fishing, snowmobiling and skiing on the lake.

It seems like the pandemic has brought home to people the realization of how fortunate we are to live near such a beautiful body of water and to live in such a wild and beautiful place as the Temiskaming district.

The lockdown may have prevented us from doing a lot of things we like, but outside the home, many recreation-based activities have continued.

Some people claim being outdoors is an escape while others say it feels like an essential part of their mental and physical health regime.

There's a lot to offer people in this region in terms of the outdoors and perhaps it has taken a pandemic for us to fully realize it.

Besides, being outdoors is good for our mental health and experts in mental health are saying there are really two pandemics - COVID-19 and a wave of mental health issues affecting many of us.

We need to ask ourselves what can be taught, learned and developed by us to foster resilience and bolster our psychological strength during the pandemic.

Enjoy and stay safe!

Hubris and hypocrisy

"Your beliefs don't make you a better person, your behavior does."

Unknown

And just like that it's 2021.

On paper, both the federal and the provincial government of Ontario were looking pretty good coming into the New Year in terms of their COVID-19 management.

But as we all know, life isn't lived on paper.

Government officials had been asking average Canadians to refrain from international travel, maybe because we might bump into them at the airports and take their seats? Ha, ha.

What a farce, the politicians who preach to us about staying in our regions, while they do the complete opposite.

Of course there were several elected officials who exhibited hubris and hypocrisy when they flew the coop to vacation in southern destina-

Hence, the slap in the face to those of us who have avoided out-of-country travel let alone leaving our own district during the pandemic.

Premier Doug Ford's Minister of Finance, Rod Phillips, resigned after he was found to have flown to a Caribbean island.

And Ford knew about it and was too chicken to demand he get his butt back to Ontario.

Sometimes we just want to shout at those politicians like Cher did to Nicholas Cage in the movie Moonstruck and say, "Snap out of it!"

Having spent a decade in municipal politics, I was surprised one day when I arrived home to find a turkey had been delivered to my home from my municipality.

When I phoned the CAO to find out why I had received a turkey and my neighbour hadn't, he said staff are getting turkeys as per usual this Christmas and so would councillors.

My reply, "if all the people in my town aren't getting turkeys then I'm not either," and I marched into his office and plopped that bird down on his desk.

As if.

politicians and one for the people. Politicians and their bad behaviours are a mockery for those struggling to cope in these difficult times.

I feel for the small business owners who have



Sue Nielsen

been stretched to the breaking point from government-imposed lockdowns.

Let me tip my hat to all our business owners who innovate, meet payroll, manage inventory and staff and have an online presence abiding by pandemic regulations.

You know the ones that support our hockey teams, community food banks, hospital fundraising campaigns and on and

Sadly, restaurants and bars would have missed out on the most lucrative times of the year, There can never be two sets of rules, one for Boxing Day and New Year's

> And finally, smile, it's likely the only thing not under lockdown.

Safe Restart support for local municipalities

DISTRICT (Special) - In response to continuing pressure on municipalities across Canada due to the pandemic, the federal government and Ontario government have made additional funding packages available for those that qualify for the support.

In South Temiskaming, the City of Temiskaming Shores has received \$49,000. Funding allocations of \$20,000 each have been made to the towns of Cobalt and Latchford and the Municipality of Temagami.

In announcing the additional funding, the federal government stated in a press release that municipalities "are at the front line of the pandemic response, as they need to put in place precautions to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and manage public spaces and services.

"The federal government recognized the important role played by municipalities in keeping Canadians healthy and safe and chose to support them in these difficult times through the Safe Restart Agreement."

Nipissing-Timiskaming MP Anthony Rota commented in the press release, "We must remain vigilant as we are not done with this pandemic, however this funding will help protect constituents from a future outbreak, support the capacity of our health care systems and assist with obtaining more personal protective equipment for our essential workers."

Looking back Cobalt mayor looking forward to 2021 at 2020



END OF SEASON

Dymond Township resident Claude Forget had no trouble removing his ice hut from Lake Temiskaming on Sunday, March 29, a couple of days before the March 31 deadline. He placed the hut on the lake during the first week of January. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

FROM THE APRIL 3 EDITION:

Hospital calling for PPE donations

TEMISKAMING SHORES — Do you have any medical-grade gowns, gloves, face shields and masks to spare?

Temiskaming Hospital is calling for donations of personal protective equipment as it prepares for COVID-19 patients.

In a March 31 request, the hospital said it would need "an adequate stock of gowns, gloves, masks, eye protection and N95 masks but due to unprecedented use and global supply chain instability, we are struggling to secure stock in appropriate volumes."

It's calling for donations from anyone, such as veterinarians, dentists, other health care professionals or industry— with unused or new personal protective equipment.

Take transit when necessary: committee

TEMISKAMING SHORES — Free use of the Temiskaming transit buses is still slated to continue through the month of April.

But the Temiskaming Transit Committee is also advising the public that buses are to be used for necessary trips, to get to and from work, for example, or to shop for groceries or to go to medical appointments.

It has heard of reports of passengers simply taking the bus for something to do or behaving inappropriately while on board, said Mike McArthur, a Temiskaming Shores councilor and committee chair.

Changes to Ontario's moose hunt

DISTRICT — Ontario is changing its approach to moose harvest management to ensure a sustainable moose population.

Lions seeking new members

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He himself has turned 80. While he said he's looking forward "to putting my feet up," he'll stay involved with the Lions.

"It's something that's in my blood. If I wasn't doing that, I'd be doing something else."

The club is always open to new members.

To anyone considering joining, "I would tell them it's a chance to get to meet people, to work with people on activities that will bolster the community and individuals needing serious help."

At the same time, he said the club stages fun events - in pre-COVID times - such as Christmas parties and summer barbe-

For the individual, he said involvement in the Lions also offers the opportunity to develop public speaking skills and build self-confidence.

New members frequently find the scope of the club's work an eye-opener, he said.

"They get a great deal of pride working for it," he said.

forward to 2021

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"I know some are still not happy with what we have done, but I think it was a very wise move of council to keep the office closed, and with this new upsurge of COVID it may remain that way for

To help people avoid the cost of mailing payments, a drop box is being set up outside the door of the town office. Bill payments or letters to the town can be placed in the drop box, he said.

Former chief administrative officer John Hodgson has returned to assist the town under the title of interim clerk-treasurer. "He's working diligently at keeping us on track," said Othmer. He also expressed strong satisfaction with the work of deputy clerk-treasurer Dale Taylor and the remainder of the office staff members as well as the public works department staff.

DRUG PROBLEMS

Council has initiated efforts to address the drug problem that is being seen in the community.

"It's not just in Cobalt, it's everywhere," said Othmer. "Unfortunately some people are turning their backs on it. We're very disappointed in the way the judicial system is operating. There's no one to blame in particular." But he said a person can be arrested for drugs on one day, brought into custody, and released on the same

"They're dealing with dangerous goods," he commented of the drugs they are selling.

"This council is adamant they want to try to stop this, or ask the government to create programs to assist these people. They're not all bad people. Some of them need help and I'm sure they have nowhere to go to get it."

Othmer said the drug problem can be seen more in Cobalt because it is a small community.

"Everybody sees it and everybody talks about it."

He said he has spoken to municipal leaders in other communities and they have the same problem. Major centres are also under the same pressure, he added.



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Hopes for 2021

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"Trying to get ahead of cancer is like running a marathon, but all the strength and brave people I have come to know through the Bikers Reunion keeps me hopeful and thankful.

"Twenty-twenty has been quite a year for all of us, with COVID ... but my hope is that we can keep focused and try to do our part in getting through this. Maybe we can get back to a near normal life someday."

MELISSA LA PORTE

Melissa La Porte is the curator at the Temiskaming Art Gallery. She has plans for a creative year in 2021.

"Twenty-twenty has brought me some challenges, but many more gifts. I've spent the last year or so reconnecting with friends and family and considering what things are truly essential (my kids, my husband, my dogs, my family, my friends, check -- toilet paper, less so). In 2021, I hope to keep my connections strong and continue to count my blessings with a keen perspective on my priorities. More time with my family, more time in nature, and more adventure are all on the hori-

"In 2020 at the Temiskaming Art Gallery (TAG) we've had to rethink how we fulfill our mission to connect our community to art and what that looks like. Our staff has worked hard to pivot their projects onto virtual platforms since March. They have shown real creativ-

ity in redesigning nearly every aspect of our usual programming to make sure we are still reaching people and enriching Temiskaming through art. Our hopes for 2021 are to keep seeing new faces at our programs and exhibitions, to welcome back old friends, and to continue inspiring creative endeavours in our region. We hope to expand our offerings for workshops at the Open Studio Libre and promote more local artists at TAG in 2021.

"My biggest wish for the new year is that everyone who has been meaning to stop in to see what TAG and the Open Studio Libre are all about, get the chance to do so in 2021 as we all stay closer to home for a while longer."

GEORGE LEFEBVRE

Long-time mayor of Latchford and local historian George Lefebvre hopes the coming year will see less of the COVID-19 pandemic, more time spent with grandchildren and travel in the coming months

"I can honestly say that never in my life have I looked forward to a new year as much as I look forward to 2021. I can even venture as far as to say that I think everyone that I know shares those very same feelings and I think it extends far beyond the small number of people that I know. I could go so far as to say that most of the world is hoping for a better year in 2021 than we just experienced in 2020.

"I sincerely hope, and believe, that 2021 will see this pandemic brought under control and all our lives once more return to a degree of normalcy that we have always enjoyed. My hope for 2021 is that the health of all will be such that the freedom to travel will be restored and a return to our traditional activities will resume. While I think we all recognize that there will be an extended period of time before our social activities return to normal, we would all hope to get back as close to that point as soon as possible.

"Personally, I hope to once more play with my great-grandchildren and kibitz with my grandchildren for the sheer joy we all get from it. While phone calls, Face Time and Zoom allow you to watch and hear their progress in life and see how they grow, there is nothing like the hug of a small child to warm the heart of this old guy and I know many others share this feeling. My wife and I have a number of grandchildren and our great-grandchildren living in the USA and have not been able to see them since mid-2019. This is proving to be too long a time apart. We miss them terribly and I hope that 2021 allows us to once more visit. I also hope that 2021 brings everyone what they were denied in 2020 and that is the feeling of being comfortable around all others."

SHARREN RIEL

Sharren Riel wears a couple of different hats these days. She is a library clerk at the Temiskaming Shores Public Library and is also the Business Improvement Area (BIA) coordinator. Her hopes revolve around the COVID-19 pandemic, the outdoors and, no surprise, literature.

"So many things have changed, yet so many things have stayed the same. COVID-19 has had an undeniable impact on our community with masks indoors, social distancing, and small gatherings of people in your bubble. It is difficult but we have pulled together to help each

other, support our local small businesses and services, and keep our community as safe as possible. I would like to give a huge thank you to all the individuals who have shown grace under such pressures.

"The huge health crisis helps us see how interconnected the world is now and how our decisions and choices have a global and local impact. In the coming years I would love to see a Universal Basic Income program. The pandemic has made it obvious how much of a barrier it can be to access services without access to computers and internet and more free Wi-Fi hubs and a lending program for tablets and/or small laptops is essential.

"I love the access to the outdoors and the beautiful scenery our area affords us. One of the huge positive benefits of the COVID-19 restrictions has been a resurgence in people getting outdoors. I saw so many families out bike riding and walking this summer. Many schools are really encouraging outdoor time for classes, people have taken up gardening again, and pet adoptions have been high. It would be wonderful to see a huge skating loop and snowshoe trails close to downtown. I have always though it would be so cool if there were a few ice fishing huts available for the public to book just off the waterfront.

"I have always appreciated our town's charms. The beautiful old brick downtown core with all the varied shops and services, and a great swimming beach just a few blocks from downtown! We are blessed to live in a small town where we can help to look after each other.

"I hope that in the coming year with new vaccines and new hope, we think about what matters and try to keep our footprints local. I hope we camp more in our own province and play in our own backyards. I hope we read more books, take more walks with happy dogs, and remember how important simple pleasures can be.

"I feel blessed to live in such a great little town and be surrounded by such great people, both my friends and family, and my working connections. I really do love living here and hope to see our area rebound and thrive in the coming year."

HUGO RIVET

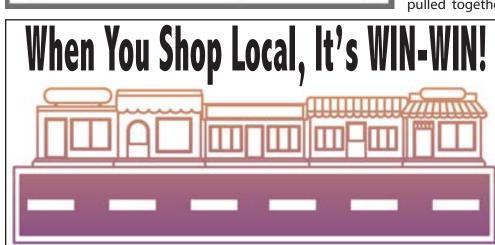
Hugo Rivet is a driving force in the region as a member of the North on Tap volunteer organizing committee who has tapped into an amazing fundraising concept each July with their Craft Beer Festival. He is also a Haileybury businessman and a director with the Frog's Breath Foundation.

"My hope is that 2021 will be an awesome vear! I am trulv amazed at how our community adapted and found innovative ways to offer social and physical activities and also continued support for our needy over the pandemic. The amount of people that volunteer in our community is simply amazing and will continue in 2021. We certainly plan to host the fourth edition of North on Tap in 2021, as long as we are able to do so in a safe manner.

"I also look forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Haileybury Golf Club. The club was established in 1921 by Cobalt mining executives and is one of the oldest and most challenging golf clubs in Northern Ontario. Events are planned throughout the summer along with a banquet in August. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the past 100 years and host current and past members of the HGC.

"I am truly proud of the community's charitable generosity in terms of fundraising and donating funds to enhance the quality of life in south Temiskaming and I expect that this will continue in 2021. We live in the best region in the north with numerous opportunities and life is simply fantastic in south Temiskaming. Best of luck to all of our community groups in 2021."







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"We're taking a smarter approach to moose harvest management to deliver on our commitment to make moose hunting fairer and more accessible while our moose population," said Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry John Yak- Rock. abuski in a press release.

FROM THE APRIL 10 **EDITION:**

Walking the walk means no walkathon

TEMISKAMING SHORES -The 51st annual Walkathon will not be taking place this spring.

Community Living Temiskaming South human resources manager Andrea Steis said the decision has been made to "cancel the Walkathon altogether this year."

Steis explained that the focus at this time is on ensuring the clients and staff remains safe and cared for during this time, and resources are directed in monds, varying in colour, have that area.

"Our main priority is the individuals we support," she said in a telephone interview.

City closing trails paths and walkways

TEMISKAMING SHORES

— The city has extended the closure of park facilities, and playgrounds to municipal trails, walkways and parks them-

selves.

The move, announced April 7, is intended to reduce potential exposure to the COVID-19

Now closed are the New ensuring the sustainability of Liskeard board walk, walkways around the Spur line, and trails at Pete's Dam Park and Devil's

> The City subsequently clarified the portions of the STATO trail that are closed—in Haileybury, between City hall and Browning Street, and in New Liskeard, between Beach Boulevard and Wellington Street

Search for legendary yellow diamond site

LORRAIN VALLEY — RJK Explorations announced that it has discovered at least 18 natural diamonds from a 22.4-kilogram core sample from Paradis Pond in Lorrain Valley east of Goodwin Lake.

"At least 18 natural diabeen recovered," the company announced in a press release

"Four of the stones that appear natural are -0.212-0.150 millimeters (mm) in size," they

"The remaining 45 stones are described as tiny, clear, yellow chips, but the tiny size limits determining whether or not



CLEAN VIEW

City of Temiskaming Shores employee Kelly Carter was cleaning the windows of the city's Temiskaming Transit bus shelter near the New Liskeard post office on March 16. Many people may have thought this was due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but as Carter said, "It is just regular maintenance." (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

these are synthetic stones from DISTRICT — Medical student care professionals do not have the drill bits used to recover the tested core, or alternately chips from natural stones."

From the April 17 edition: **Students collecting** equipment for medical workers

Emma Goddard is volunteering adequate access to personal her time to a campaign aimed at collecting personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care N95 respirators," said Goddard, professionals across Northern a second year student at North-Ontario.

"Many of our frontline health

protective equipment such as face masks, gowns, gloves and ern Ontario School of Medicine

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Looking back at 2020

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"The current shortage is placing our health care providers at greater risk of contracting COVID-19 and spreading it amongst themselves and to patients," she said in an email interview with The Speaker.

Coleman enacts COVID-19 measures

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP -Essential services in Coleman EDITION: will run as usual as the township takes traditional steps to operations during COVID-19 prevent potential spread of the ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP COVID-19 virus.

said its municipal emergency and essential services related to road safety, fire response, waste collection and water treatment before. and distribution "will continue to operate as normal."

to the public and may be reached by phone or email. It has requested that payments be made by interact banking through the individual's financial institution or by mailing cheques.

Latchford wants reduced payment demands

LATCHFORD — Latchford is **Englehart installing rapid** calling on area agencies to delay calling on municipalities for ENGLEHART — In a time of levy fees due now.

Municipalities pay levy fees to organizations such as the District of Social Services Administration Board, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, the Timiskaming Health Unit and the Ontario Provincial Police as well as school boards.

The major share of taxes collected by municipalities are used for payments to these agencies.

FROM THE MAY 1

Armstrong assesses

 There is money in and mon-In a news release, the township ey out in the day to day business of operating a municipality, but control group has been activated in these unprecedented times, administrators are observing a different flow of numbers than

Now entering the spring under the shutdowns caused by Its office, however, is closed COVID-19, Armstrong Township is looking at lost revenue opportunities and also at reduced costs.

> Clerk-Treasurer Amy Menard presented a summary of what she observed to date of a different flow of money in and out of the township.

alert system

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VERDA'S BIRTHDAY

With social distancing in mind, Pat Willard-Inglis (left) decorated a large bright cardboard birthday cake and placed it outside the home of her aunt, Verda Peckover, on May Street in New Liskeard April 24. Peckover, 85, worked for Northern Telephone for 41 years, retiring in 1995. Her niece says she is a beehive of activity volunteering for Rising Stars, Grumbling Grannies and the Hudson Township Library. "She takes full enjoyment out of life and is known to liven up parties," said Willard-Inglis. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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- 6. Carve
- 10. Motorist's aid
- 15. Nettle's cousin
- 16. Rub hard
- 17. Jiffy
- 18. Limber
- 19. Mild cigar
- 20. Extend (a subscription)
- 21. Dole out
- 22. Sheep's stomach. to a chef
- 23. Make like Greg Lemond
- Soak, as a tea bag 24.
- 26. Type of jacket
- 27. Nile menace
- 30. Sniggler's quarry
- 33. Turns left
- 34. Pose
- 35. Carpenter's curve
- 36. Stringed instrument
- "Peter, Peter, pumpkin 38. ______..."
- 40. Penny, e.g.
- 41. Word for Gatsby
- 42. Disposition
- 44. Fountainhead
- 46. Bombard with current
- 47. Daisy color
- 51. Stages
- Cotton cloth 53.
- 54. **Besides**
- 57. beef
- 59. Reach
- 60. Evening frock
- 61. Nothing
- 62. Do a yard chore
- 64. Straight stick
- 65. Chopping tool
- 66. Coagulate
- In flames 67.
- 69. Bear necessity?
- 71. Kiddie cart
- 73. Blow one's cool
- 77. Aquarium denizen
- 79. Barry Levinson film
- 80. Arctic shelter
- 81. Groom
- 82. Positive electrode
- 83. Clan emblem
- 84. Measure of gold
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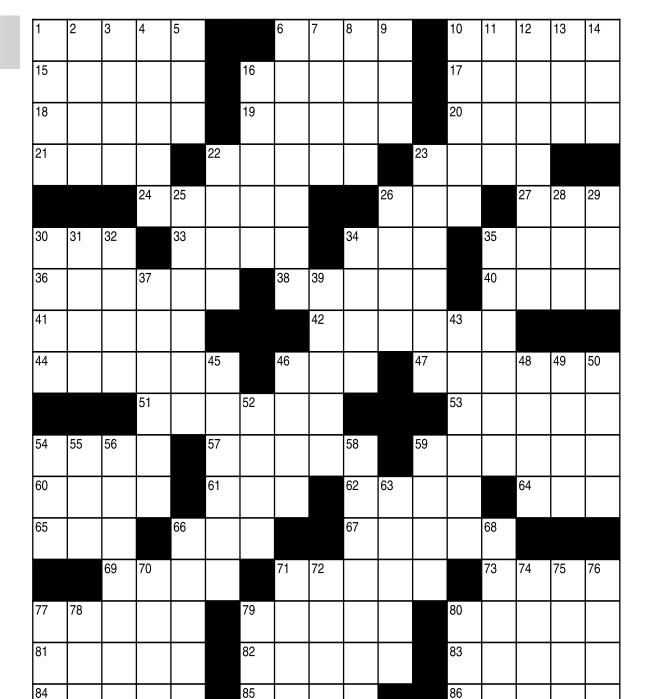
- 1. Prepare for a test
- 2. Fly off the handle
- Fail to include 3.
- 4. Tricks
- 5. Previously known as
- 6. Overshadow
- 7. Catch
- 8. Remedy
- 9. Cable channel
- 10. Heart chambers
- Journey 11.
- 12. Genealogy 13. Perfect tennis serve
- 14. Embroider
- 16. Nail's cousin
- 22. Slice
- 23. Double-cross
- 25. Roofing straw
- 26. Dock
- 28. Yen component
- 29. Goldfish, e.g.
- 30. Fowl balls?
- 31. Continental currency
- 32. Stead
- 34. Call it quits
- 35. Wildcat
- 37. Sport fish
- 39. Bring together
- 43. Pen pal's product
- 45. Breadwinner
- 46. Passion 48. Con man
- 49. Melange
- 50. Go along 52. Farmer's concern
- 54. Eastern title
- 55. Bagel topper
- 56. Suffer from heat
- 58. Disaster
- 59. Alike
- 63. Prior to, in Dogpatch
- 66. Jack's foe
- 68. Rye fungus
- 70. Region
- 71. Champagne or sherry 72.
- **Immediately** 74.
- Certain choir member
- 75. December air
- 76. Big book 77. Major hwy.
- 78. Period of time
- 79. Family member
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TAURUS

After a disagreement,

you'll head off on an

exciting new adventure

rather than stick around

feel a strong sense of

also have a lot of fun.

to needlessly bicker. You'll

being in the right place at

the right time, and you'll

VIRGO

You'll accomplish a task

spotlight. You might not

always feel comfortable

but fortunately, this will

help you overcome your

that puts you in the

being on a pedestal,

shyness.

AOUARIUS

As you worry about your to make things better. In to cure an ailment.



career path going forward, you'll suddenly realize how terms of your health, you'll finally find the right remedy



You'll feel sensitive, and it'll seem like nothing's going your way. This is simply a it's time to make some necessary changes in your life.



sign from the universe that



LIBRA

You'll invest yourself in finding a new place to live. You might also take on a renovation or redecorating project. Additionally, your family will demand a lot of your energy.



PISCES At work, you'll be

overwhelmed by a large group of clients. At home, there'll be just as much going on and plenty of family activities to organize. You'll be the person everyone relies on to keep things running smoothly.



It's important to take some time to weigh the pros and cons before you make a decision. There'll also be an occasion, such as a business dinner, that'll require you to dress to the nines.



CANCER

There's a lot of work coming up and plenty of details that can't be overlooked. You'll need to pay extra attention during a speech or conversation in which crucial information

will be revealed.

ARIES

Having rested, you'll

return to work with an

incredible amount of

energy and efficiency,

attractive promotion.

In fact, it'll be nothing

less than the boss' chair,

or you'll start your own

business

and you'll be offered an



SCORPIO

You won't keep your thoughts to yourself, especially if someone tries to silence you. Plus, being outspoken could help get you out of a complicated financial situation and give you a shot at affluence.



SAGITTARIUS

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Looking back at 2020

Continued from 9 change, the importance of im- face of COVID-19 proved technology has become COBALT - Cobalt council is even more obvious.

Meeting in a teleconference setting using the Zoom app Wednesday, April 8, Englehart council approved plans to move ahead with its modernization plan for office computer systems.

The council heard about, and gave their approval to, making use of a website researched by deputy clerk Malorie Robinson to facilitate better and more rapid communications with residents and other service users in the Englehart area.

The website, called *Connect*, would enable the town to send out instant alerts to residents when there is a change in one of the services that they should be aware of.

Pandemic worries sink Splash **Pad for 2020**

SHORES TEMISKAMING - Kid's won't be playing in a new splash pad park on the New Liskeard waterfront this summer.

Temiskaming Shores council will consider a formal resolution next week to formally defer the project to 2021.

The municipality is reviewing spending plans in light of the local economic toll taken by efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19.

It was also recently informed that the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund turned down its application for a grant.

"The proposed project did not demonstrate sufficient economic benefits to support the investment," wrote Heritage Fund executive director Melanie Muncaster.

WEEK OF MAY 7, 2020 Charlton's Canada Day fireworks sputtering

CHARLTON-DACK — The annual Canada Day fireworks display at the Charlton waterfront will not be happening this year.

The decision not to push forward with it was made at the regular council meeting of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack on Tuesday, May 5.

The meeting was held via a Zoom teleconference.

Deputy-reeve Debbie Veerman chaired the meeting while Reeve Merrill Bond participated in the meeting but did not chair it because he is out of the country.

Chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault commented to council that the fundraising from local businesses to support the fireworks display would ordinarily begin in May.

The municipality has already made a deposit to the company which provides the display.

Thibeault advised that the company has stated it is willing to defer the agreement to 2021.

Cobalt wants Plan B in the

considering what kind of Plan B it wants to put in place in case four or more of its council members were to end up in an intensive care unit at the same time, and an emergency decision was needed for the town.

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the council thinks it would be wise to think about the scenario and how matters would be handled if that were to happen.

Without a quorum present, no decisions could be legally made.

After a lengthy discussion, it was concluded that more thought needs to be put into it before a policy is set.

Evanturel testing the waters with Englehart

EVANTUREL/ENGLEHART

 Evanturel Township is continuing to work on its goal of getting a water agreement with the Town of Englehart.

In an email to The Speaker, Evanturel Reeve Derek Mundle commented that the goal of a water agreement between the township and Englehart "has been a long-standing issue and both sides would benefit greatly from a resolution to the matter. We had an engineering firm complete a study in 2018, but with staff turnover, elections, the fire (at the township's municipal buildings) and now COVID-19, it unfortunately keeps getting pushed

Mundle said the report provided the township with the idea of costs and how to fund the project, and informed council and residents of options, as well as answering a number of technical questions, including water capac-

Student sells vintage wear to help with tuition fees

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP — Do you love vintage clothing and want to help an aspiring student enroll in her dream university program?

Coleman Township resident Madie Jolliffe, a Timiskaming District Secondary School graduate, has been selected to study in a Masters degree program in London, England.

The program is called MA in Theatre Directing at Royal Halloway University of London.

Jolliffe is a graduate of Concordia University finishing a degree in Performance Creation.

"However, there is little funding available through the university for Canadian students, and tuition for the one year program is more expensive than my entire undergraduate program," said Jolliffe in an email inter-



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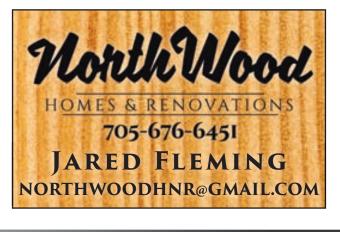
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What municipal buildings are closed to the public?

- City Hall 325 Farr Drive CLOSED (phone calls only)
- Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena CLOSED
- Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena CLOSED
- Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre CLOSED
- 200 Lakeshore Public Works Office CLOSED
- Dymond Fire Hall Administrative Office CLOSED
- Riverside Place CLOSED
- New Liskeard Community Hall CLOSED
- Dymond Community Hall CLOSED

When is City Hall open for phone calls? Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Is the Library open?

The library is closed to the public during the provincial shut down, except for booked curbside pickup times. Please call the library at 705-647-4215 or check our Facebook page or website at www.temisklibrary.com for more information.

Library Hours
January 5, 6, 7: 12-6—By appointment
January 8, 9: 10-4—By appointment

How long will buildings/facilities remain closed? Currently, all facilities are tentatively scheduled to reopen on January 9th, 2021 pending Provincial direction.

Where can I get a bus pass?

You can purchase a bus pass online at www.temiskamingtransit.ca or make an appointment at the Library by calling 705-647-4215.

Can I get a refund for cancelled hall or facility bookings? Yes, we will be providing full refunds for all rentals affected by the closures. Please contact Patti at phughes@temiskamingshores.

I have a membership to the Pool and Fitness Centre, will it be extended?

Yes, we will be extending all memberships at the Pool and Fitness Centre by the duration of the closure. Please contact pfc@temiskamingshores.ca if you have any questions.

Is public transit still operating? Yes, the buses are still operating.

Will my garbage and recycling still be picked up? Yes, garbage and recycling curb side pick-up is still operating.

Is the landfill still open?

The Haileybury Landfill will be open to the public with normal hours of operations (Tuesday – Saturday, 8:30am – 4:30pm).

The City requests that all residents that utilize the landfill practice physical distancing and attempt to bring the appropriate payment to mitigate the exchange of cash. To assist in calculating payment please visit the City's website for the most up to date Tipping Fee Schedule. Note: 1 half ton truck load is approximately equal to 2 cubic yards.

How can I pay my taxes?

Payments by cheque for taxes and other items can be dropped off in the drop box located to the left of the front doors at City Hall (325 Farr Drive) or at the Pool & Fitness Centre (77 Wellington Street).

Tax Payments can be made utilizing interac banking. Your property tax roll number is your account number. The account number will be 15 digits starting with 010, 020 or 030 depending on where your property is located, example 010009123450000, do not include any spaces or decimals.

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Pre-authorized payment plans, monthly or installment, are also available. Please email finance@temiskamingshores.ca for more information.

If you any other questions regarding payments, please email finance@temiskamingshores.ca.

Are there still POA Court dates?

Should you require assistance call our office at 705-672-3221 or

email $\underline{\textbf{poa@temiskamingshores.ca}}.$ Our staff is available to assist you.

If you wish to pay your fines an online payment portal is available at www.temiskamingshores.ca. Select Online Payments and follow the directions for the Provincial Offences Office Speeding/ Traffic/Infractions.

Payments can also be dropped off into the drop box at the building's front entrance at City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury, Ontario. At this time, we are not accepting cash payments.

If you currently have a suspended driver's license, your fine can be paid at Service Ontario located at 280 Armstrong Street, New Liskeard, Ontario or 10 Government Road East, Kirkland Lake, Ontario or pay online at serviceontario.ca

If you are dropping off Extension of Time to Pay forms or Reopening documents, these can be left in our drop box located at city hall or emailed to poa@temiskamingshores.ca. There is an Order made by the Chief Justice pursuant to

s. 85 extending timelines for applying for reopenings (s.11), when a fine is due (s. 66) and when a fine goes into default (s. 69). The extension is granted until February 25, 2021. Unless your matters went into default prior to March 16, 2020, the applications are not considered urgent.

Courts are cancelled until further notice. You will be advised of your next court date in writing.

Council and Committee MEETINGS

Police Services Board

Monday, January 18, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m. (May be postponed due to COVID-19)

Public Works Committee

Thursday, January 21, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. (To be determined - Virtual or In-Person at 325 Farr Drive)

Recreation Committee

Monday, January 11, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. (Tentative/Virtual, may be postponed due to COVID-19)
For further information contact Kelly Conlin
705-672-3363 Ext. 4116 or kconlin@temiskamingshores.ca

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. - Virtual Meeting

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. – 325 Farr Drive January Council meetings will be held electronically. Residents are encouraged to watch the live-streamed meeting on the City's Facebook page. In addition, the open portion of the meetings, will be recorded and available for public viewing on the City's webpage following the meeting.

For further information, contact Logan Belanger 705-672-3363 Ext. 4136 or lbelanger@temiskamingshores.ca

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Curbside Book Pickup Service

Our Curbside Book Pickup Service is in full swing! Call the library at 705-647-4215, email us at newliskeard@temisklibrary.com or use our online catalogue at www.temisklibrary.com to order your books. When they are ready for pickup a staff member will arrange a time for you to pick up your books in the lobby of the library. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! All returned items will be quarantined before being put back on the shelf. Remember that it is still mandatory to wear a face mask when entering the lobby to pick up your books.

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Find these resources and more at www.temisklibrary.com.

- The Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre will be closed until January 9th. All memberships have been extended to account for the closure. All pool rentals will be rescheduled or refunded. Swimming lessons that were scheduled to start on January 5th or 7th will start the following week.
- All Age Friendly programming has been paused and will return on the week of January 11th. All participants signed up to participate in Age Friendly programming beginning the week of January 4th will be contacted.
- All municipal halls are closed until January 9th. All rentals will be contacted to rescheduling or refund their booking.
- Both the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena and the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena are closed from December 24th until January 9th. All rentals during this time will either be refunded or rescheduled.
- Outdoor rinks and the skating path at the Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre will be open weather dependent. No team sports shall be played at any outdoor recreation facility as per provincial mandate.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Provincial Offences Office is now open to the public.

Note: Courts remain cancelled until <u>January 22, 2021</u>. You will be advised of your next court date in writing. Please do not attend City Hall or Northern College in Kirkland Lake for your court dates. We now offer online payments at <u>www.temiskamingshores.ca/poa</u>. Payments will also continue to be accepted by telephone at 705-672-3221, email at <u>poa@temiskamingshores.ca</u> or by fax to 705-672-3200 or can be left in the drop box at the front entrance of City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury. If you currently have a suspended driver's license, your fine can

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An Order made by the Chief Justice pursuant to s. 85 extending timelines for applying for reopenings (s.11), when a fine is due (s. 66) and when a fine goes into default (s. 69) is in effect until February 26th, 2021. If you do not respond by February 26th, 2021 you may be deemed not to dispute the charge and a justice may enter a conviction for the offence.

You may verify the status of your ticket at: https://www.justiceservices.jus.gov.on.ca/POA/screens/poa/POASC001.xhtml

NOTICE PET OWNERS

PET TAG LICENCE RENEWAL FOR 2021

Effective 2019, the City changed its Pet Licencing program to a permanent tag that is renewed annually. The fee for tag renewal is \$10 if paid by December 31, 2020. After this date, the renewal fee increases to \$20. If your pet has a tag that has a year identified (2018 and prior), then you need to get a new permanent tag, for a fee of \$20.

New or replacement tags are available at the following locations: Pet Valu, Temiskaming Animal Hospital, Temiskaming Vet Clinic, K-9 Doggy Daycare, Animals First or City Hall.

Please be advised that Tag Renewals can only be done at City Hall.

NOTICE – OVERNIGHT PARKING Effective November 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021

By-law No. 2008-069 prohibits the parking of vehicles on municipal streets or City-owned parking lots between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

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For further information contact the By-law Officer at (705) 672-3363.

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de Timmins se réjouit grandement de l'annonce faite par le Premier ministre de l'Ontario sur l'ouverture des églises le 12 juin prochain. Les prêtres et le personnel des paroisses ont reçu à cet égard un Protocole diocésain qui vise à assurer un environnement sécuritaire pour les fidèles, à respecter la dignité des célébrations liturgiques. Les messes dominicales reprendront les 20 et 21 juin. Les fidèles peuvent s'adresser à leur paroisse pour connaître les modalités d'accès à l'église. Press Release June 11, 2020 The Roman Catholic Diocese of Timmins is very pleased with the announcement by the Premier of Ontario regarding the reopening of churches beginning on June 12. Priests and parish staff have received in this regard the approved Diocesan Protocol which aims to ensure a safe environment for the faithful as well as the respectful celebration of the liturgy. Sunday masses will begin on June 20-21. The faithful can contact their parish for the timetable of the celebrations.

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PARISH WEBSITE: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish has updated its parish website. It contains information about the Parish, the weekly bulletin and a host of other useful information and links. Check out the website at www. ourmotherofperpetualhelp.ca.

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