

TOWN HALL NEWSLETTER

August 2013

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are open to the public, and held the second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.

All individuals or groups requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to Council must do so in writing, a copy of the subject matter should be included and submitted to the Clerk not later than 12:00 noon on the Wednesday preceding regular meetings of Council.

Full Council meeting agendas are posted on the municipal website Monday preceding regular meetings of Council by noon. www.espanola.ca

ASSESSMENT APPEAL UPDATE

The Town has filed a motion to appeal the recent ARB decision. A decision is expected over the next several months on whether this appeal will be successful which could result in a new hearing. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the AMO annual conference and met with Ministry representatives on this and other issues. We continue to work with our municipal partners and the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for long term solutions which would prevent this situation from reoccurring in the future.

CONNECTING LINK

Mayor Lehoux continues to pursue funding for the Highway 6 project. The province announced that the Connecting Links program would be discontinued after the application window had passed for the MIII program, which was later named its successor to the Connecting Links. The Connecting Link funding would have funded a significant portion of the project. The Mayor has stated that the timing of this was unfair and it is unfair to transfer the burden of provincial highways to our residents.

LOCAL MNR OFFICE

The local MNR provides a vital service to the Town and surrounding areas in supporting angling, hunting and tourism, which are integral to our local economy.

In mid August, the municipality was advised by Minister Oraziotti that the local MNR office would be reducing nine positions through a combination of relocations, surpluses and decisions made by employees to leave the workforce.

Mayor Lehoux has written to the Minister explaining that although the municipality recognizes the financial challenges faced by all levels of government during these tough economic times, it is imperative that the significant economic loss to both our community and those surrounding Espanola be reconsidered.

PUMPKIN POWER CELEBRATION & FIBRE ARTS FESTIVAL

Promote your business or organization during the PUMPKIN POWER CELEBRATION & FIBRE ARTS FESTIVAL

Growing this successful event will attract regional tourists & guest artists who contribute to the economic wealth of our community

- *Decorate your storefront or home by Oct 1st
- *Offer pumpkin or fibre arts themed promos, store or menu items
- *Create a representational scarecrow by Oct 1st
- *Donate corn stalks for Town decorating, drop off at 175 Avery Dr
- *Host or sponsor a Pumpkin Power Celebration or Fibre Arts event

*Donate a prize for the pumpkin weigh-in

For more information contact ckennelly@espanola.ca

Visit <http://www.espanola.ca/index.php/community-events/icalrepeat.detail/2013/10/19/336/-/pumpkin-power-fibre-arts-festival>

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GEARS UP FOR WINTER WEATHER

Winter is on the horizon and the Public Works department has been busy getting ready for the cooler months ahead. There are many tasks to complete before the snowy season is upon us, including street sweeping to collect fallen leaves, a review of culverts to ensure that they're clear and marked, helping to locate them during the spring thaw as well as topping up the sand dome. Even in the cooler temperature parks & playgrounds need inspections and maintenance, including some trimming and winterizing of sprinklers and washrooms.

Fall also permits the department to commence its ditching operations to improve drainage. Good drainage reduces the amount of water a roadway will absorb and is key to protecting our roads from deteriorating as a result of the freeze thaw cycle.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FLUSHING ON THE HORIZON

The distribution system flushing is anticipated to start around the week of October 15th. Please like us on Facebook to receive daily updates and notices of the program. This program permits the department to conduct hydrant inspections and to ensure they are properly marked for snow removal in the winter.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Bio-Solids Study is nearing completion and is anticipated to be presented to Council in the month of September.

The **Ontario Power Authority** is funding a feasibility study to potentially reduce the energy consumption of the blowers at the Water Pollution Control Plant by 35%. These pumps are run continuously and are the largest portion of our hydro costs.

The **Hwy 6 project** tender will close early September. This project is a three part project: a culvert replacement, asphalt resurfacing and improvements to the Al Second Fitness Trail Boardwalk. Construction cannot commence until Oct 1st, this is the result of the potential habitat of the Blanding's Turtle. It is anticipated that the project will commence on that date and be completed late fall of 2013.

SEPTEMBER FITNESS CLASSES @ THE ESPANOLA COMPLEX

Register early to ensure your class meets the minimum required to run!

ALL CLASSES DESIGNED TO WELCOME BEGINNERS! WORK AT YOUR OWN LEVEL & PACE!

Classes with insufficient registration for September will be offered again in October, pending instructor availability.

ZOODLES DANCE 'N FITNESS begins September 11th

Instructor: Theresa Laurenti

A crazy-cool dance-fitness workout for kids ages 4-9 set to hip hop, salsa, reggaeton & more!
Wednesdays September 11-25, 5:00-5:45pm \$15

NEW

WARRIOR TRAINING begins September 3rd

For those who just don't know where to start, this class is a great introduction to personal fitness that will help you develop your endurance, gain flexibility, build strength and lose fat. Tues & Thurs 5:00-6:00pm Sept 3-26

\$113 includes HST payable cheque or cash to The Basement

*Package promo: Take Warrior Training/Core & Power Stretch for \$169.50 includes HST

NEW

CORE begins September 3rd

Tuesdays 6:00-6:45pm September 3-24 \$56.50 includes HST payable to The Basement

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NEW**POWER STRETCH with The Basement**

Thursdays 6:00-6:45pm September 5 – 26 \$56.50 includes HST payable to The Basement

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BUTTS & GUTS September 16th – 30th

Instructor: Renee Desjardins

Mondays & Wednesdays 5:00-5:45pm. \$37.57 (price includes HST)

NEW**YOGA LEAN** September 16th – 30th

Instructor: Renee Desjardins

This is a progressive class – class requires 5 registered participants to run. Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm \$37.57 (price includes HST). Bring your own yoga mat & small blanket or towel for cover during relaxation.

NEW**FLIRTY GIRL** September 14th – 28th

Instructor: Renee Desjardins

A flirty and fabulous, fitness program with a strength driven purpose. A fun effective way to condition your entire body.

Saturdays September 14-28 10:00-10:45am \$22.54 (price includes HST).

SPINNERVALS September 4th – 30th

No experience necessary! New spinners welcome!

LIMITED BIKES! Class requires a minimum of 5 registered participants to run. Swipe card holders are welcome to use their card balance towards a registration. Card holders are welcome to the class once the class is secured by registrations. Mondays & Wednesdays 6:10 am – 6:55 am. \$60.12 (price includes HST) Drop-ins not available in September

ZUMBA begins September 16th – 30th

Min age 13. Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm / \$37.57 (includes HST)

BEGINNERS LINE DANCE begins September 12th

Instructor: Lyn Morin

Thursday September 12 & 19 (no class September 26^h) 1-2pm/\$4.00 drop-in (includes HST)**INTERMEDIATE LINE DANCE** begins September 11th

Instructor: Lyn Morin

Wednesdays September 11 & 18 (no class September 25th) 1-3pm/\$4.00 drop-in (includes HST)**ZUMBA GOLD** begins September 10

Instructor: Lyn Morin

Tuesday September 10 & 17 (no class September 24th) 1:00-2:00pm

A low impact Zumba class gives you all the moves!

Tuesdays \$4.00 (includes HST) drop-in

STAND UP September 10 - November 28, 2013

A 12 week group exercise program run by certified trainers. Registration Free - Offered in partnership from the Stay on Your Feet Sudbury Manitoulin Fall Prevention Coalition and the Town of Espanola. Care van available to the Rec Complex call 705-862-0244. Tuesdays 1:00-2:00pm & Thursdays 1:00-2:30pm

To register or for more information call the Sudbury & District Health Unit 705-222-9202 ext. 537

CLASSES IN THE POOL**AQUAFIT**

Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30-9:30am & Tues/Thurs 10:00-11:00am & Mon/Wed 6:00-7:00pm

Aquafit Senior (10 passes with a 4 month expiry) \$52.55 Aquafit and Diaperfit Adult (10 passes with a 4 month expiry) \$56.22 Aquafit drop-in \$8.19

DIAPER FIT

Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30-9:30am & Tues & Thurs 10:00-11:00am Aquafit Senior (10 passes with a 4 month expiry) \$52.55 Aquafit and Diaperfit Adult (10 passes with a 4 month expiry) \$56.22

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LOW IMPACT AQUA

Tues & Thurs 11:00am -12:00pm Aquafit Senior (10 passes with a 4 month expiry) \$52.55
Aquafit and Diaperfit Adult (10 passes with a 4 month expiry) \$56.22 Aquafit drop-in \$8.19

FALL SWIM REGISTRATION

Monday Sept 9, 2013 @ 8:30 am. Online Registration available at www.espanola.ca – No processing fee.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 6 – 12, 2013

Fire Prevention Week runs October 6 – 12, 2013. This year's theme is "**Prevent Kitchen Fires and Get Cooking with Fire Safety!**"

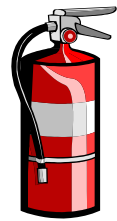
Cooking is the #1 cause of residential fires in Ontario.

Many fire injuries and deaths are caused by:

- Unattended cooking and distractions
- Loose clothing and articles near the stove
- Children playing near the stove
- Attempting to extinguish a grease fire with water
- Attempting to cook while under the influence of alcohol

Always make sure to:

- Stay in the kitchen and pay attention when cooking
- Drink responsibly when cooking
- If a fire occurs, get out **immediately** and call 911



OFFICE HOURS EFFECTIVE SEPT 3, 2013

Espanola Recreation Complex Hours

Mon-Fri 6am-10pm
Sat 9am-8pm
Sun 10am-8pm

Municipal Office

Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30pm
Public Works
Mon-Fri 8:00-4:00pm

Espanola Public Library

Mon-Thurs 9am – 8pm
Fri 9 am – 5pm
Sat 10 am – 2pm
Sunday - Closed

STORYTIME REGISTRATION AT THE ESPANOLA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Registration will begin Sept 10 @ 9:00 am English story hour, Tuesdays 10 a.m.; L'Heure du conte, Mercredi 10h00. Must be 3 years old by Dec. 31.

SAVE MONEY & EARN INCENTIVES WITH ENERGY CAMPAIGN

Residents of Espanola can learn ways to save money and earn incentives through the Save on Energy program. Visit erhydro.saveonenergy.ca to learn how.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECT

Looking for Volunteers!!

Community Improvement Plan Project Advisory Committee

The Town of Espanola is beginning the process to prepare a CIP that will promote the enhancement and revitalization of the downtown and Hwy 6 commercial sector and impact on residential development and in turn, strengthen the entire community. By seeking tangible participation of Espanola's commercial drivers in the downtown core and Highway 6 commercial sector, the CIP process provides a great opportunity to ensure real growth at the entrepreneurial level where sustainable development results are derived.

Application Form and Terms of Reference for the CIP Project Advisory Committee are available at the Municipal Office, or can be downloaded from the website at www.espanola.ca. **Deadline is September 3, 2013 at 4:00 pm.** Please submit applications at the Municipal office or email them to town@espanola.ca.