



TOWNSHIP FALL NEWSLETTER

Townships of Head, Clara & Maria



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Townships On-line

Visit us online at www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca to find information about:

- our community;
- the services we offer;
- updated fee schedules;
- updated disposal site hours; and
- much more.

Hydro Sponsors Christmas Light Exchange

We are participating in Hydro One's Seasonal Energy Efficient Light Exchange Program.

On **Saturday, November 25** we will be hosting a Christmas Light Exchange from 12:30–3:00 in the Stonecliffe Community Centre.

Each resident family can bring in up to six sets of old, inefficient Christmas lights and receive up to three new sets of energy efficient LEDs. The new lights are 12 foot strings of 36 multi-coloured LEDs perfect for indoor or outdoor use which result in up to 95% energy savings.

Hydro One is providing this exchange as a component of its "Conservation and Demand Management program designed to acquaint Ontario residents with seasonal LED lights that literally consume only a small fraction of the electricity of old fashioned incandescent lights."

The old lights that you return to us will be recycled either locally or by returning to Hydro One.

So do your part to conserve energy and come out on Saturday, November 25, 2006 and get your free LEDs during our exchange.

Due to the limited number of lights we have received we will be operating the exchange as follows:

Two sets of old lights for one new LED with a limit of 3 new sets per family on a first come first served basis.

Should you have additional lights you would like to exchange, we will keep a ledger and contact you should we end up with extra lights—again on a first come first served basis.

Thank you to Hydro One for the lights and the program designed to help us all conserve energy.

Election Results 2006

As most of you are likely aware—we did not require a municipal election this year. Our new Council (all acclaimed) will attend its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 and will govern for a 4 year term.

Our new Council

Reeve

Tammy Lea Sonnenburg

Councillors

Jean Charron

Dave Foote

Jim Gibson

Robert Reid

Congratulations.

Welcome to all and thank you for your interest in our community. We look forward to working with you during the next term.

We offer best wishes to former Reeve William Croshaw who has decided not to return to public office for another term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your years of dedication, hard work and leadership within our community. Your accomplishments both within the community and in the county are numerous. You should be proud. Thank you and good luck in your retirement Bill.



Another New Face

Some of you have already met him, but we would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce our new Chief Building Inspector. Mr. Robert (Bob) Labre of Laurentian Hills has signed on as our building inspector. Bob is new to the CBO scene but not building as he has a solid background in construction. Bob will be in the Township office every Monday (in case of holiday—the following Tuesday) to answer your questions about building. Please call his direct line at 613-586-1950 to arrange an appointment. Leave a message – he will get back to you.

Welcome aboard Bob.



Watch for the owl—he'll show you where to find financial \$\$\$\$ information. \$\$\$\$



The Municipal Performance Measurement Program Statements are Available for Viewing on our Web Page.

Fire Volunteers Needed!!!

Our volunteer wildfire service has completed another successful fire season. We responded to ten brush fires this year and all were under control and extinguished within hours of being reported.

The wildfire service trains to the MNR S-103 standard. Training takes place on the third Wednesday of every month and consists of class-

room training during the winter months and hands on practice drills during the summer months. Supplementary training is done on an as needed basis and this summer volunteers were trained on emergency traffic control by the Municipal Health and Safety Association.

The wildfire service is always in need of new members so

we would encourage people to volunteer - especially if you are from Bissett Creek or Deux Rivieres as we have no one from those locations now.

If you are interested in volunteering please call the office at 613-586-2526

or Jim Gibson at
613-586-2761

Grant for Township Web Maintenance Course www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca

We are pleased to announce that we have now successfully completed requisite training to allow us to regularly update our township website.

Through a Skills Development Fund grant obtained through the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation a web site maintenance course was completed by the Clerk and Treasurer through association with Algonquin College.

This training will allow us to complete regular updates to our website and cut down on costs of contracting that service out.

Watch our website regularly for changes and updates that are important to you. As a new feature, we are planning to post council minutes, by-laws and policies on our webpage so that you can know what is going on in your com-

munity.



Thank you to The Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation and FedNor for this opportunity.



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We would also like to thank Serge van derLingen of Lutting Enterprises Ltd. for his excellent tutelage.

Other grants applied for and received by the Townships for 2006:

- A JEPP grant for emergency management (see story on page 3)

- A Special Assistance Grant from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to assist us with the cost of clean-up after the July 17 wind storm
- A Bear-wise program grant from the Ministry of Natural Resources to provide electric fencing for our disposal sites
- The library also received a grant through Renfrew County's Community Future Development Corporation for computer training for the history project.

Some proof of the Ontario government working for us and giving some back.

JEPP Program Grant

The Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria would like to thank the Federal Government who through Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada and the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) assisted with valuable funding to provide us with equipment to assist our residents during emergencies.

The JEPP program, administered by Emergency Management Ontario provides funding which assists communities in preparing Canadians for emergencies. The JEPP funding allowed us to purchase a generator to be used for backup power for our Emergency Operations Centre in the event of an emergency

within the Townships.

Once again, thanks to the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada, Emergency Management Ontario and the JEPP program for funding received. The purchase of our generator would not have taken place without their support and contributions.

The funds received from the JEPP program were used to purchase a diesel generator that will be used to power the Township Hall. The Township Hall is the building that is designated as an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in the event of a widespread emergency within the Townships.

Because our water supply is located in another building (the

Township garage) we needed a second power supply. We cannot operate an EOC without water. The older model generator that we own will now be used to power the pump in the garage.

For more information about our Emergency Plan or to become a member of our Emergency Management Committee call the Township Office or visit our website.

Remember, in the event of an emergency, you are responsible for your family for the first 72 hours.

Be safe this holiday season.

Disposal Site Hours

As the seasons change and dusk occurs earlier and earlier, we have had to change our disposal site hours for the winter. As stated in the mail out in early September, we will change the hours twice a year—the 15th of May and the 15th of September.

Winter hours (Sept 16–May 14): Bissett Creek Site—Daily from 1:30–2:30 pm and Stonecliffe—Daily from 3:00–4:00 pm.

Summer Hours (May 15–Sept 15): Bissett Creek—Daily 6:00–7:00 pm and Stonecliffe—Daily 7:30–8:30 pm

Deux Rivieres will continue to be open Tuesday mornings from 9:00–10:00 am for construction waste only.

Please make a note that the

disposal sites **will not** be open on the following days:

- Thanksgiving Monday
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- New Year's Day
- Good Friday
- Easter Sunday.

Further, should garbage pickup be scheduled for any of these days, it will take place on the next regular business day.

Pickup times remain the same:

- Deux Rivieres—Tuesday 10:00–11:00 am;
- Bissett Creek—Tuesday 11:30–12:00;
- Stonecliffe—Thursday—11:00 - 12:00;
- Mackey—Thursday 9:00–11:00

Euchre Schedule

Once again, the Township is hosting Sunday night cards. The group meets at 6:00 pm every second Sunday evening.

The schedule is as follows:

November 12 & 26;

December 10;

January 7 & 21;

February 4 & 18;

March 4 & 18;

April 1, 15 & 29.

Admission is \$2 per person and a light lunch is provided.

Thank you to Brenda Desjardins for organizing.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Many of you have asked about recycling in our Townships. Starting in 2007 (January we hope) we will be offering curbside pickup of recyclable materials. We are currently negotiating a contract with a small firm from Swisha to provide the service for us. More details will follow along with a specific list of pickup dates and a material listing. Most types of recyclable materials will be collected if they are cleaned and packaged in clear plastic bags. Sorting will be completed by the contractor. Materials to recycle:

All types of paper; plastic containers, bottles and bags; glass bottles and jars; tin; aluminum; Styrofoam; Milk and juice boxes and cartons; egg cartons; electronics; small appliances and more.

Full details to follow.

Help Save our Landfill!

Recycle—It Helps us All!





TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD CLARA & MARIA

Should you require information?
Have a question? Concern?
Complaint? Contact us at...

Melinda Reith—Clerk
Ruth Morin—Treasurer
Wilfred Lamure—Road Superintendent
Carol Larocque—Disposal Site Attendant
Robert Labre—CBO—613-586-1950

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Stonecliffe, Ontario
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www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca



Although not quite that time of year, this will be the last newsletter for 2006 so...

On behalf of Staff and Council we would like to extend to each of you warm wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Season's Greetings to you and yours!



A reminder—when you are plowing or shoveling this winter! Please keep your snow off Municipal Roads

Under the *Highway Traffic Act*, Section 181, no person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without the permission to do so from the authority responsible for maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1990 c.

Winter Weather is On the Way! Are you Ready?

2006 has been a rough year for severe weather, power outages and fallen trees. Unfortunately, 2006 is not over yet and with winter just starting—we should be prepared for more of the same. With the province-wide severe weather storms this past summer and the unbelievable huge areas affected by the storms, Hydro One has not had time to perform a lot of its routine maintenance and/or effectively clean up after these events as well as they might like. If you have called Hydro One you have been advised of unusually long wait times.

With the impending season upon us—perhaps we should take extra cautions this year in preparing for winter storms. It is likely that a heavy snow fall will bring down many more trees and cause future power outages. Make sure your emergency kit is stocked.

In light of the weather that we have been experiencing, many of our home-owners have purchased generators to generate power for their own homes and possibly for friends and neighbours. Here are a few tips from Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada—Selfhelp Advice—Winter Power Failures.

“Home generators are handy for backup electricity in case of an outage, but there are hazards to keep in mind. Serious accidents can result when a home generator is connected to an existing electrical

circuit. If the electricity produced by the home generator follows the electrical lines back to the transformers, and the current is transformed to a higher voltage, the lives of any utility employees working on the lines nearby are endangered. Anyone touching equipment powered by the generator is also in danger. Also, when the main electric power comes back on, a generator connected to the existing electrical circuit will result in an explosion and fire.

Direct installation of a generator to an existing electrical system should only be done by a qualified technician and approved by your electric supply authority. To operate a generator safely:

Follow the manufacturers instructions. Always ensure that the generator operates outdoors in well-ventilated conditions, well away from doors or windows, to prevent exhaust gases from entering the house. Connect lights and appliances directly to the generator. If extension cords must be used, ensure they are property rated, CSA-approved cords.”

(This and other Emergency Preparedness pamphlets are available free of charge at the Township Office—Just drop by.)