



The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Community Newsletter

January 2019

EMO THRIFT STORE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIPS



The Emo Thrift Store seeks to serve our community by providing quality items at affordable prices, and through donating our profits to community needs both locally and further abroad. We are excited to announce the creation of two **Emo Thrift Store Community Volunteer Scholarships** valued at \$250 which will be offered each year to graduating students of Fort Frances High School. The scholarships will be awarded to two students residing in the Central District area from Lavellee to Chapple, north to Nestor Falls, including First Nations who have demonstrated a willingness to invest in their community through volunteering. The Thrift Store Board encourages Gr. 12 students to get out and volunteer, record your hours and apply for this scholarship through FFHS when scholarships are announced.

Sioux Narrows Arts Council 2019

The Sioux Narrows Arts Council supports the arts and art education in the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls. The Council welcomes inquiries and requests from artists and participants for support to hold arts activities and workshops in 2019. Please email snartscouncil@gmail.com with any proposals. Every effort will be made to represent all age and interest groups with our available resources.

ANNUAL CURLING BONSPIEL

Nestor Falls Curling Club & Nestor Falls Recreation Committee welcomes all curlers to our 62nd Annual Bonspiel January 25-27th 2019. Saturday night roast beef dinner: tickets available at the door and featuring the Nighthawk Band with North Air taxi service 11:30-1:30. Entry fee for Bonspiel \$200 per team contact Glen & Joleen Helliar 484-2420 /276-6696 or Dave Bonke 272-0034



MPAC ASSESSMENTS & INTERIM TAX BILLS

As another New Year begins it is time to review the Tax Cycle for the upcoming year and remind everyone of the important dates to keep in mind to avoid incurring penalty & interest on your property taxes.

Interim Bill - The Interim Bill represents approximately 1/3 of a property owner's annual taxes. The Interim bill is based on 35 % of the previous year's taxes. So, for example if your previous year's taxes totalled \$1,000.00, your current year's Interim Bill would be \$350.00. This is the first of two bills that are sent out, usually in early January of each year. The **Due Date** for the Interim Bill is **March 31st**. On your Interim Bill, it will say **First Installment**. This simply means that your Interim Bill can only be paid in one payment and must be received by the due date to avoid incurring any penalty & interest.

Final Bill - Once the Annual Budget has been approved and the Municipal Tax rate has been set for that year, the Final Bill is prepared and sent out. This usually occurs by early May of each year. The Final Bill is the second of two bills to be sent out and represents approximately 2/3 of the property owner's annual taxes. The Final Bill can either be paid all at once, or it can be paid in two Installments. The **Due Date** for the Final Bill **First Installment** is **June 30th**. The **Due Date** for the Final Bill **Second Installment** is **September 30th**.

Payment Methods - There are several methods of payment for your property taxes. By cheque or cash; by Visa or Mastercard (either in person at the Township office, or over the telephone); Using a Debit Card (in person only); by electronic bill payment through your bank using your Roll number as your account number; by email e-transfer payment sending to the Treasurer at mhanson@snnf.ca (both electronic payment methods require that you have a Canadian bank account). Just a final note on payment methods. We are not allowed to keep credit card numbers on file to automatically make tax payments. We are also not allowed to automatically withdraw funds from anyone's bank account to make tax payments. Making these payments while keeping due dates in mind, is the responsibility of the property owner.

One other reminder to all property owners. If you are **moving**, please remember to call the Township office and let us know to update your address on your property tax bill. This ensures that your tax bill will arrive on time and avoid the possibility of incurring penalty & interest.

If anyone has questions at any time regarding the billing or payment process for property taxes, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
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In Touch

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Every driver has a responsibility to direct their entire attention to driving safely.

Distracted driving refers to all forms of distracted or inattentive driving, such as adjusting a vehicle's entertainment or GPS unit or stereo, eating and drinking, using a hand-held device, self-grooming or tending to children in the backseat, etc. Drivers need to remember that the true danger to public safety lies in the distraction, not the device.

Collision fatalities in which driver inattention was a factor have surpassed alcohol-related fatalities since distracted driving laws came into effect in 2009.

The OPP and other police services have been enforcing distracted driving legislation since the beginning of 2010. Distracted Driving continues to be a serious issue.

DISTRACTED DRIVING PENALTIES INCREASING IN 2019

If the dangers of distracted driving haven't been enough to prevent some drivers from using their cell phones while operating a motor vehicle, beginning January 1st, 2019, distracted driving penalties are increasing substantially once again.

The set fine for a first offence will be \$615, including surcharges and costs, and upon conviction it will include 3 demerit points and a 3-day license suspension.

There will also be escalating sanctions with the conviction of a second offence resulting in a fine up to \$2000 with 6 demerit points and a 7-day license suspension. For a third or subsequent distracted driving offence a conviction will result in a fine up to \$3000 with 6 demerit points and a 30 day license suspension.

Ontario Police Services will be aggressively enforcing these offences to continue to make our roadways as safe as possible. The public is reminded that simply holding a cell phone while operating your motor vehicle on the road is an offence and a conviction will result in the penalties stated above.

The answer is simple. Put your phone away where it is not easily accessible while you are operating your motor vehicle.

Pineridge Cemetery Ice Candles

In loving memory of family and friends that we spent past Christmas' and life with, ice candles were placed on the grave sites in the Pineridge Cemetery in Sioux Narrows. The candles were lit on Christmas Eve. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this happen. Thank you to the Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee for donating the votive candles. This is truly a wonderful tradition.



Wishing Everyone a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year

Gerry Race

Nursing Station

DR. KERRY ANDERSON

Monday, January 7th , 1:30 pm—4:30 pm
Wednesday, January 9th, 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 16th, 2:00 pm—5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 23rd, 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
Friday, January 25th, 1:30 pm—4:30 pm
Monday, January 28th, 1:30 pm—4:30 pm
Wednesday, January 30th, 2:00 pm—5 pm

DR. KRILL SCHROTH, DENTIST

Friday, January 25th, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

SUSAN MCLEOD, FOOT SPECIALIST

Wednesday, January 16th, 9:00 am—3:00 pm

**Please call 807-226-1081 for appointments and leave your name and phone number.
You will receive a call back with your scheduled appointment date.
AMBULANCE, FIRE AND POLICE—CALL 911**