



The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Community Newsletter

January 2020



In Touch

Ice Safety

Every year the OPP responds to numerous calls for service where vehicles and/or people fall through the ice. So...know the dangers of ice, and always carry ice picks on your person.

Many factors affect ice thickness including: type of water, location, the time of year and other environmental factors such as: water depth and size of body of water, currents, tides and other moving water, chemicals including salt, fluctuations in water levels, logs, rocks and docks absorbing heat from the sun, changing air temperature, shock waves from vehicles traveling on the ice and ice colour. The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is strongest. White opaque or snow ice is half as strong as blue ice. Opaque ice is formed by wet snow freezing on the ice. Grey ice is unsafe. The grayness indicates the presence of water.

Check with local guides or authorities before heading out and avoid going out on ice at night.

If you get into trouble on ice and you're by yourself:

Call for help.

Resist the immediate urge to climb back out where you fell in. The ice is weak in this area. Use the air trapped in your clothing to get into a floating position on your stomach. Reach forward onto the broken ice without pushing down. Kick your legs to push your torso on the ice.

When you are back on the ice, crawl on your stomach or roll away from the open area with your arms and legs spread out as far as possible to evenly distribute your body weight. Do not stand up! Look for shore and make sure you are going in the right direction.

When you are with others on ice:

Rescuing another person from ice can be dangerous. The safest way to perform a rescue is from shore. Call for help. Consider whether you can quickly get help from trained professionals (police, fire fighters or ambulance) or bystanders. Check if you can reach the person using a long pole or branch from shore – if so, lie down and extend the pole to the person. If you go onto ice, wear a PFD and carry a long pole or branch to test the ice in front of you. Bring something to reach or throw to the person (e.g. pole, weighted rope, line or tree branch). When near the break, lie down to distribute your weight and slowly crawl toward the hole. Remaining low, extend or throw your emergency rescue device (pole, rope, line or branch) to the person. Have the person kick while you pull them out. Move the person to a safe position on shore or where you are sure the ice is thick. Signal for help.

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,

Maureen Hanson, Treasurer

807-226-5241 ext. 202 or email at mhanson@snnf.ca



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Nestor Falls 62nd Annual Curling Bonspiel

January 24-26 2020. Everyone Welcome! Dinner & NightHawk Band on Saturday 25th.
Dinner & Dance tickets available at the door. Advance tickets at Dalsegs Grocery Store .
Contact Glen Helliard 484-2420 or Dave Bonke 271-0034 by January 20th.



Experience Fishing is a Northern Ontario industry-led initiative that provides participating operators with the tools and resources needed to offer a standardized, safe, and unique fishing experience at their operations to non-angler visitors who are new to the experience of fishing. The program is ideal for Northern Ontario tourism operators who are looking to offer a unique Canadian fishing experience to new clientele and experience growth through new revenue opportunities.

As a participating operator, you will receive the following benefits:

- *Access to new emerging markets and new revenue streams
- *Program assistance and support through the Program Coordinator
- *Basic fishing equipment kits for adults and children
- *Experience Fishing marketing collateral, resources and step-by-step support to help you implement the program effectively and attract new markets to your business
- *Training and educational resources for you and your staff through our exclusive interactive training program
- *Increased marketing exposure for your business through program promotion



If you want to increase awareness about your business, register today and offer Experience Fishing at your establishment! For more information visit:

<https://destinationnorthernontario.ca/experience-fishing/> or email: experiencefishing@destinationnorthernontario.ca

SIoux NARROWS-NEStOR FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARIES—JANUARY 2020



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Agent Running in the Field-Le Carre	SIoux NARROWS	Beyond the Trees-Adam Shoalts
The Nanny – Gilly Macmillian	Meant to be Yours-Sue Mallery	A Dog's Promise – W. B. Cameron
Blue Moon – Lee Child	Guardians – John Grisham	Chilka's Journey-Heather Morris
Night Fire – Michael Connelly	Giver of Stars – Jojo Moyes	What Happens in Paradise- E. Hilderbrand
Secret of Cold Hill-Peter James	Bloody Genius-John Sandford	Stealth – Stuart Woods
Book Charmer – Karen Hawkins	A Bitter Feast – D. Crombie	6 New Christmas Novels
Search what's available online at snf.ca/	Rain Watcher-Tatiana de Rosnay	
Lager Queen of Minnesota-Stradal	NEStOR FALLS	What Rose Forgot – Nevada Barr
Three Days at the Brink-Bret Baier	Liberation of Paris-J. E. Smith	Night Fire – M. Connelly
Delayed Rays of a Star-Amanda Lee Koe	Body Leaping Backwards- M. Stanton	Guardians – John Grisham
Forgotten Bones – Vivian Barz	City of Windows-Robert Pobi	Book of Bones-John Connolly
Disaster's Children-Emma Sloely	29 Seconds – T. M. Logan	Stealth – Stuart Woods
DVD Billions Season 1	DVD The Good Place 2&3	Fifth Column – Andrew Gross

Nursing Station

DR. KERRY ANDERSON

Tuesday, January 7th 9:00 am—12:00 pm
 Thursday, January 9th 9:00 am—12:00 pm
 Tuesday, January 14th 9:00 am—12:00 pm
 Thursday, January 16th 9:00 am—12:00 pm
 Tuesday, January 21st 9:00 am—12:00 pm
 Thursday, January 23rd 9:00 am—12:00 pm

DR. DEAN KOZAK, DENTIST

Monday, January 13th 9:00 am—4:00 pm
 Monday, February 10th 9:00 am—4:00 pm

CAITLIN CAMPBELL, RN

SUSAN MCLEOD, FOOT SPECIALIST

**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**