



**Prince
TOWNSHIP**

Simply Beautiful, Naturally Prince

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

A reminder that the Township Office will be closed February 20th 2012 for Family Day.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE & RECYCLING

As a result of the February 20th Family Day Holiday, garbage and recycling pick up will be on Thursday February 23rd instead of the usual Wednesday.

BLUE BOX COLLECTION

Town Line to 4185 Second Line West
Feb. 1 st
Feb. 15 th
Feb. 29 th
Marshall Drive to end of Gros Cap
Feb. 8 th
Feb. 23 rd
Mar. 7 th

COMMUNAL GARBAGE LOCATIONS

If you use a communal garbage location, please cooperate by taking your turn to pick up garbage which has been strewn by crows/animals. Placing your garbage in a container which you retrieve after garbage pick up or spreading a sheet or blanket over the garbage are great ideas too!

NEWSLETTER February 2012

FIRST INTERIM INSTALMENT OF TAXES

The first interim instalment of taxes is due **February 15th, 2012**. Remember we are set up for telephone and Internet banking for your convenience.

DOG TAGS

Dog Licences are now available at the Municipal Office. The cost is \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs or \$15.00 otherwise. **Please bring in conformation of last rabies shot date.** A licence must be purchased by **March 1st 2012**, after which there is a \$15.00 penalty – per dog. If you cannot make the deadline please contact the Township Office at 705-779-2992 or lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca and we will be pleased to accommodate you.

SNOW REMOVAL

Snow removal crews have advised that many residents have been pushing snow either onto or across roadways when cleaning driveways. This is not permitted and may result in charges to the property owner. Your cooperation is appreciated.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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*Guess who is 115
on February 19th?*



The Women's Institute, that's who. The Women's Institute was organized on February 19, 1897 at the Erland Lee Home in Stoney Creek, Ontario. To celebrate, the Prince Branch of the Women's Institute invites you to come and have some tea/coffee and dessert at the Library at 2 o'clock on Thursday, **February 9**.



These are the ladies that brought you...

- *pasteurized milk
- *regulations re dimming car lights
- *4H Homemaking Clubs
- *poison containers clearly marked
- ...and more.

Fire Department Reminder

Flashing Green Lights and Four Way

Flashers

Vehicles in the township that are seen driving with green flashing lights and flashing four way hazard lights belong to members of the local fire department who are responding to either a medical emergency or a fire call. Please be courteous and give these vehicles the right of way so that fire fighters can respond to emergency calls in a timely and safe manner.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated by the men and women of the Prince Township Volunteer Fire Service.

POSTAL DELIVERY/911 SIGNS

Property owners are reminded to keep mail boxes (including green boxes) clear of snow and other obstacles in order to receive uninterrupted mail delivery. In addition, 911 numbers should be kept clear of snow so that they are visible be emergency vehicles.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Please call MPAC or visit

AboutMyProperty on their website for any questions you may have and if you are filing a ***Request for Reconsideration*** the new dead line is April 2, 2012.

Visit www.mpac.ca to download a Request for Reconsideration form or file online through AboutMyProperty.

1 (866) 296-MPAC (6722) or
1 (877) 889-MPAC (6722) TTY

BEST START HUB NEWS

Early Learning Circle

Early learning circle provides children with an opportunity to learn and explore through discussion of experiences and individuality. We will include a variety of fun, interactive and hands-on activities for children, reinforcing listening and socialization skills. Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:00am.

Tiny Tot Gym Time

This gross motor activity will work on you and your child's balance, coordination and cardio, while playing fun games and singing

songs. Begins Friday, January 13, 2012 at 10:30am for six weeks. Come on out and get some fun exercise!

Literacy Day/123 to Literacy

Literacy Day/123 to Literacy is an eight week program that has fun, educational activities that promote children's language and early literacy skills. This program will begin on Thursday January 12, 2012 from 1:00pm - 2:30 pm.

Family Music

Our get up and go family music program will provide children with opportunities to: explore rhythm and movement, listen to and identify sounds and engage in group. These parent/child interactive sessions will lead families through a variety of music and movement activities. Begins Saturday February 25, 2012 at 11:00am for six weeks.

Mother Goose Time and Story Time

Come on out and enjoy Mother Goose! We will be having interactive stories and songs with all materials we use to take home to keep. Begins at 10:30am Thursday January 12, 2012 for six weeks. Come on out and enjoy some singing and a story!

Alternative Stories

Children love to see the shapes, colours and textures of materials, while experiencing stories, songs and rhymes. We will be using a variety of techniques to stimulate involvement, stretch and get rid of the wiggles. Thursday evenings beginning January 12, 2012 at 6:30pm for six weeks.

ELR Consultant Visit

The Early Learning Resource Consultants work with parents and community agencies to provide a circle of care for children with special needs. An Early Learning Resource Consultant will be available on the Wednesday, February 1, 2012 and Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 10:00am to 11:00am. Topic discussions will begin at 10:30 am, followed by opportunities for information sharing and question/answer sessions.

Please note that Prince Township Best Start Hub will be closed Saturday, February 18, 2012 and Monday, February 20, 2012.

Hours

Monday to Friday	9:00-3:00pm
Thursday, also	6:00-8:00pm
Saturday	10:00-3:00pm

Visit us on Facebook: Parent/Child Resource Centre "Best Start Hub"
Or Google: Parent/Child Resource Centre "Best Start Hub" if you do not have Facebook

Email:

prince.beststarthub@hotmail.com

LIBRARY NEWS

Look on the New Book Shelf for...

1. Death Benefit by Robin Cook looks at the new science of creating replacement organs for critically-ill patients. Pia Grazdani, an exceptional, but aloof medical student is working at Columbia University Medical Center with molecular geneticist Dr. Tobias Rothman and his team on the cutting edge of this research that could revolutionize health care. Tragedy strikes at this supposedly secure bio-safety lab. Soon the multi-trillion dollar insurance industry is involved seeing an opportunity to make another killing. Is someone attempting to manipulate private insurance information to allow investors to benefit from the deaths of others?

2. Down the Darkest Road by Tami Hoag tells the story of Lauren Lawton who had the perfect life in her Santa Barbara home. Then her sixteen-year-old daughter disappeared and the fairy tale ended. In the aftermath her perfect husband took his own life. Her perfect younger daughter searches for the childhood she missed out on. Lauren knows who took her oldest child, but she has not a shred of evidence to prove it and he is still stalking her family. She is powerless to stop him and the local police are handcuffed by the very laws they are sworn to uphold. She moves to a quiet town with her second daughter Leah, who is about to turn sixteen, and the stalker shows up there. The local Sheriff is trying to protect her and the other young women in the town, but the waters are murky. Will history repeat itself?

3. Sleepwalker by Karen Robards is a romantic thriller where a sexy cop falls for a hunky cat

burglar. The fun starts when Mick, licking her wounds from a cheating boyfriend, escapes to her Uncle Nicco's empty mansion on Lake Michigan. The place is burgled. She stumbles into the robbery where the crooks are loading up unmarked millions, and soon it becomes clear to her that good old Uncle Nicco was a mob boss and a murderer. How could she not know this? Mick and Jason flee on a freezing New Year's night. They get to know each other a whole lot better. Then they board his plane and head for Grand Caymen. They Bond on the way. That's James Bond. LOL !!!



I Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 23 at 7 p.m. to discuss Michael Ondaatje's latest book, "**The Cat's Table**". Read up and join us for some lively discussion. All welcome.



FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

to Celebrate & Enjoy

The romance novel is a literary genre developed in Western culture, mainly in English-speaking countries. Novels in this genre place their primary focus on the relationship and romantic love

between two people, and must have an "emotionally satisfying and optimistic ending." Through the late 20th and early 21st centuries, these novels are commercially in two main varieties: category romances, which are shorter books with a one-month shelf-life, and single-title romances, which are generally longer with a longer shelf-life. Separate from their type, a romance novel can exist within one of many subgenres, including contemporary, historical, science fiction and paranormal.

One of the earliest romance novels was Samuel Richardson's popular 1740 novel Pamela, or Virtue Rewarded, which was revolutionary on two counts: it focused almost entirely on courtship and did so entirely from the perspective of a female protagonist. In the next century, Jane Austen expanded the genre, and her Pride and Prejudice is often considered the epitome of the genre. Austen inspired Georgette Heyer, who introduced historical romances in 1921. A decade later, British company Mills and Boon began releasing the first category romance novels. Their books were resold in North America by Harlequin Enterprises Ltd, which began direct marketing to readers and allowing mass-market merchandisers to carry the books.

Some of today's most popular Romance Writers are...

1. Nora Roberts/ J.D. Robb
2. Linda Howard
3. Susan Elizabeth Phillips
4. Julie Garwood
5. Georgette Heyer
6. Jayne Ann Krentz/Amanda Quick
7. Judith McNaught
8. LaVyle Spencer
9. Jude Deveraux

10. Mary Jo Putney
11. Diana Gabaldon
12. Kathleen Woodiwiss
13. Laura Kinsale
14. Mary Balogh
15. Sandra Brown
16. Loretta Chase
17. Jo Beverley
18. Roberta Gellis
19. Elizabeth Lowell/Ann Maxwell
20. Johanna Lindsey

Big Book Sale

Our major fundraiser will be a mammoth book sale at the Station Mall on March 1 – 2 – 3. We need volunteers to help set up on Thursday evening and to sell on Friday and Saturday. We will take down the sale around 4 to 5 o'clock on Saturday. If you can help out call the Library at 705-779-3653 or Marg at 705-779-3996.



Hey! It's finally winter and the rink is up. Get out and have some fun! When you are done skating or just need to warm up come into the Library for a hot chocolate and look at a book. We are open

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings
from 6 to 8 and
Saturday mornings from 10 to 12.

Library Hours

Sunday:	Closed
Monday:	Closed.
Tuesday:	6 - 8
Wednesday:	2 - 4, 6 - 8
Thursday:	10 - 12, 2 - 4, 6 - 8
Friday:	10 - 12, 2 - 4
Saturday:	10 - 12



The Library Board meets in the Library on Wednesday, February 8 at 10 a.m.



And all interested parties are invited to come to a planning meeting for our Mammoth Book Sale and celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Library on Thursday, February 2 at 7 p.m. in the Library.



We are on facebook.

ADMINISTRATOR NEWS

I hope you all had a blessed and peaceful Christmas season. Winter has officially arrived and January has flown by.

The interim tax bills were mailed out on January 20th. Installments are due on February 15th and May 15th. We had an issue with tax bills in July immediately following the postal strike, so if you do not receive your bill, please contact the office.

Council has appointed Ed Haley as Fire Chief. We wish him all the best in his new position.

The Financial Statements for 2009 have been completed and approved by Council. 2010 statements are progressing well and should be finalized within a few weeks.

David Yanni took his oath of office to assume the appointment to Council in early January. Council and staff welcome him and thank him for stepping up to take the seat of the late Roberta Williamson.

The ice rink at the Municipal Office property is now open and ready for use. Lace up those skates and come and enjoy the brisk weather.

At the meeting of January 17th, council passed a resolution to have a petition at the office and Airways General Store for Union Gas to run services in the township. We are waiting on a representative from Union Gas to provide us with the information they need for the petition to be considered. The petitions should be in place by early February.

Council has decided to hold their closed session, when necessary, at the beginning of their meetings. They will convene at 6:45 p.m. and the open session will begin immediately upon the adjournment of the closed session.

Keep safe and stay warm!

Respectfully,

Peggy Greco

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Municipal Office, or any member of Council:

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COUNCIL MEETING **SCHEDULE**

Regular Council Meetings
Tuesday February 14th , 2012
6:45 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment
Consent Application 2012-1
6:30 p.m

Agendas can be picked up at the municipal office after 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before.

EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR EXTREME COLD WEATHER

Prepare Your Home and Car for Winter

At Home:

- Have alternate means of heating with sufficient fuel, such as a wood or propane furnace, or a kerosene heater. Ensure alternative source of heat is approved for indoor use
- Generator with several days' worth of fuel (Caution: generators produce toxic gases such as carbon monoxide. These should only be used outdoors where fumes may be vented safely.)
- Electric space heaters with

- automatic shut-off and non-glowing elements(to reduce the risk of fire)
- Blankets

In the Car:

- Travel with a mobile phone
- Blankets and other warm clothing (gloves, toques, jacket) – never rely on a car for heat since it may break down
- First aid kit
- Signalling device, such as road flares
- Booster cables
- Toolkit
- Bag of sand (to pour on ice or snow for added traction)
- Tow rope
- Collapsible shovel
- Flash light and spare batteries
- Candles and matches
- Brightly coloured clothes
- Container of water and high energy bars
- Windshield scraper

TIPS FOR DEALING WITH WINTER STORMS

Winter storms can be treacherous and damaging if you are unprepared. They can disrupt power supply and transportation and create home and personal safety issues. Bitter cold and winter storms kill more people than the number of Canadians killed by tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, floods and hurricanes combined. Being prepared can literally save your life.

When winter storms are expected, Emergency Management Ontario advises the public to follow these safety tips.

Personal Preparedness

If you are indoors

- Listen to the radio and/or television for weather reports and emergency information.
- Ensure you have a well-stocked emergency kit, including a good supply of food.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.
- Stay indoors. If you must go outside, dress for the weather to avoid serious cold-related injuries.

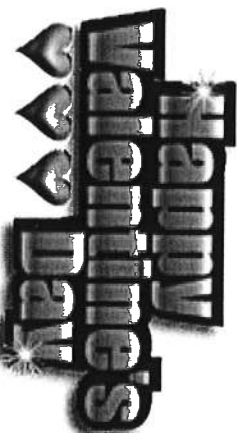
If you are outdoors

- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. If you must shovel snow, ensure you take frequent breaks so as not to over-stress your body.
- Dress in several layers of lightweight clothing, wear mittens and a hat (preferably one that covers your ears).
- Wear waterproof, insulated boots to keep your feet warm and dry and to maintain your footing in ice and snow.
- Cover your mouth. Protect your lungs from extremely cold air by covering your mouth when outdoors.
- Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- It is important to regularly check for frostbite, indicators include numbness or white areas on your face and extremities (ears, nose, cheeks, hands and feet in particular).

Home Preparedness

Getting your home ready

- Cover windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.
- Run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent pipes from freezing.
- If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
- Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.



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The bins at the back of the Community Centre are ONLY for recycling

Please do not leave garbage(dry wall, shingles etc. or any extra garbage bags of household waste) These items MUST be taken to the local dump.



Sault College Cougars set to host Mega Hoops Clinic

Join us **Saturday, February 4, 2012**, from 2 to 4:30 for Mega Hoops – Sault College, hosted in partnership with the Sault College Cougars and the OCAA.

Mega Hoops is an Ontario Basketball program which delivers clinics and programs to schools, community centres, after-school programs and summer camps throughout the province for **children aged eight (8) to thirteen (13)**.

Mega Hoops – Sault College is a two hour, fun filled, action-packed skill session. Participants will be led through progressive activities as they learn the proper execution of basketball's fundamental skills, as instructed by Sault College coaches and athletes.

All participants will receive a ticket to Saturday night's OCAA basketball games featuring the Sault College Cougars, a Mega Hoops t-shirt, a basketball and a post clinic pizza party.

The cost per participant for the event is \$15.

To register:

Visit the Ontario Basketball Website: www.basketball.on.ca/events

Or contact:

Sault College Athletics
(705) 759-2554 x 2709
athletics@saultcollege.ca

