

NEWSLETTER February 2013

Please note that garbage and recycling pick up has changed from Wednesday to Tuesday. This change started Tuesday January 15, 2013.

A reminder that the Township Office will be closed February 18th 2013 for Family Day.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE & RECYCLING

As a result of the February 18th Family Day Holiday, garbage and recycling pick up will be on Wednesday February 20th instead of the usual Tuesday.

BLUE BOX COLLECTION

Town Line to 4185 Second Line West
Feb. 12 th
Feb. 26 th
Mar. 5 th
Marshall Drive to end of Gros Cap
Feb. 5 th
Feb. 20 th
Mar. 12 th



FIRST INTERIM INSTALMENT OF TAXES

The first interim instalment of taxes is due **February 15th, 2013.**

Remember we are set up for telephone and Internet banking for your convenience.

DOG TAGS

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ATTENTION: SNOWMACHINE AND ATV RIDERS

Increasing complaints have been received with regard to snow machines and ATVs trespassing over private property. Snowmachine and ATV riders – please respect the property of others.

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THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS***

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.

REMINDER TO ALL 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!

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 to emergency vehicles.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS

If you feel your assessed value as of the legislated valuation date or property classification is not correct, MPAC will review it free of charge.

Please call MPAC 1-866-296-MPAC (6722) 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 1, 2013**.

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 18, 2013 at 10:30am for six weeks. Come on out and get some fun exercise!

Outdoor Adventures

Join us outside for various physical and learning activities that will spark your child's interest in the natural world and help build their imagination. Explore the seasons through activities such as ice skating, sliding, scavenger hunts, bubbles, water play and much more. Thursdays beginning January 31, 2013 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm for six weeks.

School Readiness Program

This program is designed for children ages 3-5 years old. It is a six week learning readiness course, providing age appropriate and developmentally appropriate instruction to children, which will enhance their entry into kindergarten or other structured environments. Begins Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at RM Moore Public School from 1-2pm and 2-

3pm. Registration is required. Please call 705-779-3627.

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 27, 2013 from 10:00am to 11:00am. Topic discussions will begin at 10:30 am, followed by opportunities for information sharing and question/answer sessions.

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 10:45am Thursday February 28, 2013 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 17, 2013 at 6:30pm for six weeks.

Cooking with Kids

Make cooking with kids fun! These recipes are perfect for young chefs. Beginning Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 11:00am for four weeks.

How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk

This workshop can offer you ways to solve such common problems as how to listen to and understand your child's concerns; how to have cooperation in your family without nagging; how you and your child can deal with feelings; how to find alternatives to punishment; and how to help your child attain a positive self-image. Wednesdays, beginning January 16, 2013 from 10:30am - 11:30am for six weeks. Registration is required and child minding is available upon request. Please call 705-779-3627.

Please note that Prince Township Best Start Hub will be closed Friday, February 1, 2013, Saturday, February 16, 2013 and Monday, February 18, 2013.

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.beststarhub@hotmail.com

LIBRARY NEWS



Br-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r-r!!!

It sure is cold out there. It's perfect weather to curl up with a good book

and a hot drink.



In the Library we have "**Kinsey and Me: Stories**" by Sue Grafton and Bill Pronzini. Thirty years ago Ms. Grafton introduced us to Kinsey Millhone. Now to celebrate the anniversary of this character the author reveals to us Kinsey's origins and some of her own past.

This book is in two parts: the nine Kinsey stories (1986-93) and the And Me stories written a decade after Grafton's mother died. They show how much of Kinsey is from the creator's past and reveal a child who, free of parental interventions, read everything and roamed everywhere. The dark side of such freedom is parental distance.

The same unique voice and witty insights readers fell in love with in "A Is for Alibi" permeate the Kinsey stories. The stories of "And Me" trace a remarkable voyage from anger to understanding, from pain to forgiveness. Each family is dysfunctional in its own way, but Grafton tells her family's story in a sensitive, delicate and loving way, enriching the way we see Kinsey and get to know Sue, and maybe helping us see our own childhood from a different perspective. Enjoy.



2. "**Bughouse Affair**" by Marcia Muller is the first of a new series of lighthearted historical mysteries set in 1890s San Francisco with former Pinkerton operative Sabina Carpenter and her partner, ex-Secret Service agent John Quincannon. They take on what seems to be two unrelated investigations.

Sabrina is looking into a case involving a "lady" who relieves her victims of their valuables at Chutes Amusement Park and other crowded places. Quincannon is after a housebreaker who targets the homes of the wealthy in the Barbary Coast area. This leads him to a parlor house known as Fiddle Dee Dee.

The two cases eventually connect, but not before two murders and assorted other crimes complicate matters. What fun!



3. "**Notorious Nineteen**" by Janet Evanovich is another irresistible Stephanie Plum novel

Stephanie is certain of three truths: People don't just vanish into thin air. Never anger old people. And don't do what Tiki tells you to do.

After a slow summer, Stephanie finally lands an assignment that could put her back in the black. It involves a client accused of embezzling millions from an assisted-living facility. He has disappeared from the hospital after an emergency appendectomy and she must track him down. Nobody's talking and since it is difficult for Stephanie to blend in to an assisted living facility, she enlists the help of Grandma Mazur. Then a second felon goes missing from the same hospital. She calls in Trenton's hottest cop, Joe Morelli to help her crack the case. Unfortunately she also has to take on a second job to "pay the rent" and finds that she has more trouble than she needs. A good read.



You might also want to read "**Pope Joan**" by Donna Woolfolk Cross and join us on Thursday, February 28 at 7 p.m. for discussion.

"For 1,200 years her existence has been denied. She is the legend that will not die--the woman who disguised herself as a man and sat for two years on the papal throne.

In this stirring international bestseller, Donna Woolfolk Cross brings the Dark Ages to life in all their brutal splendor, and shares the dramatic story of a woman whose courage makes her a heroine for every age."

The Prince Township Library's



is coming up on April 3, 4, 5 and 6 at the Station Mall.

We can always use some extra help. If you are able to help transport books or work at the tables for a couple hours let me know.

Call Margaret at 705-779-3996.

Our other major fund raiser is the sale of the Community Calendar.

Thank you to all our loyal customers. Congratulations go out to Teresa (Terry) Shier who was the winner of the contest that is on the front page of the calendar each year. Both she and the Library will receive \$250.00. Happy Valentine's Day Sweetheart!



Groundhog Day

Old Groundhog stretched in his leafy bed.

**He turned over slowly and then he said,
"I wonder if spring is on the way,
I'll go and check the weather today.
If I see my shadow between eleven and noon,**

**I then will know that I'm out too soon.
I'll crawl back in bed for six weeks more,
Pull up the warm covers and snore and snore.**

**But if no shadow gives me a scare,
I know that spring is in the air,
I'll wake my friends and wish them cheer,
With glorious news that spring is here."**

We are on



Our regular hours are **Sunday:**

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Closed

Closed.

6 - 8

2 - 4

10 - 12, 2 - 4, 6 - 8

10 - 12, 2 - 4

10 - 12



We have a big basket of Romance novels for sale in the Library. Come in and stock up.

There are also some lap top cases, Wii items, hardcover books and paperbacks and childrens books of all kinds.

ADMINISTRATOR NEWS

Happy Valentine's Day!

Just a reminder that the garbage and recycling pick up is now on Tuesdays. The two week schedule still applies for recycling and both will be delayed by one day when there is a holiday.

Anthony Rossi, of Calam Rossi Accounting, presented the 2011 draft financial statements to council at the January meeting. The township financial statements are now up to date. As previously explained, the back up occurred due to a combination of events, including the mandate of the PSAB (Public Sector Accounting Board) change in our accounting practices, the introduction of Asset Management, that accompanied the PSAB changes, our new integrated (and complicated) accounting software, as well as a change of 3 Administrators during this time frame. As anticipated, the financial records are now in good shape and there were no discrepancies found in any area.

The Strategic Plan committee has been meeting regularly and the update is coming along. Keep watching for the date for the public open house to see what is being proposed in the plan. It is anticipated it will be within the next month.

The Fire Chief proposed some amendments to the Open Air Burning By-Law. His main concern was large brush burning in the off season, from November 1st to March 31st. Council passed the amended by-law and

will have further discussions regarding the cost for the permits. The Fire Chief and I suggested that a seasonal permit for the April 1 to October 31 time frame would be \$10.00. A winter permit would be \$5.00. This user fee is yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by:
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 12th, 2013
6:45 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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Working Smoke Alarms: It's the Law



