

#### **EASTER HOLIDAY**

A reminder to everyone that the Municipal Office will be closed Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 for the Easter Holiday.

#### **HOLIDAY GARBAGE**

Garbage collection will be delayed one day as a result of the Easter Holiday. Put garbage out ON garbage day by 7:30 am, not the day or night before.

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

## **BLUE BOX COLLECTION**

Town Line to 4185 Second Line West
Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>
Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup>
April 9 <sup>th</sup>
Marshall Drive to end of
Gros Cap
Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup>
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>

# NEWSLETTER March 2013



#### **UNLICENSED DOGS**

Dog licenses are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. If obtaining a license for your dog has slipped your mind, please come into the Municipal Office, call 705-779-2992 ext. 100 or email lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca as soon as possible to avoid prosecution. The cost is \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs or \$15.00 otherwise. A licence must be purchased by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2013, after which there is a \$15.00 penalty – per dog.



## **Internet Service**

Installation of the Internet Repeater Station has now been completed. All of Douglas Drive, Ironside Drive, Oakridge Lane and Second Line West from Marshall Drive to the Water as well as Sunny side Beach are now able to be served.

For more information please call: Carmine Biasucci WirelessCom.Ca Inc Phone 705-949-1200

Email: Carmine@WirelessCom.Ca Website: www.WirelessCom.Ca

## **Strategic Plan Open House**

The Prince Township Strategic Plan Review Committee is seeking public feedback on the Draft Strategic Plan 2013-2018. An Open House will be held on **Saturday March 2**<sup>nd</sup>, **2013** at the Prince Township Museum, located in the Community Centre at 3042 Second Line West, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

Everyone is encouraged to attend to learn more about the Draft Strategic Plan and provide comments on it. If you have any questions please call Laura at the Municipal Office at (705) 779-2992 ext.102. Hope to see everyone there!

## R.M. MOORE SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## You're invited to a community pancake breakfast.



#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hosted by RM Moore PTA

Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 1pm

## at the Prince Township Hall

Pancakes, sausage, maple syrup, coffee, tea or juice

Adults \$8, Students and Seniors \$6, Children (3-5) \$5, Children under 2 FREE

Tickets available at the door. 1 Pint of Maple syrup included in the Door Prize!

We hope to see you there!

## A BIG THANK YOU TO THE

Prince Township
Fire Department
(watering the rink),
Reeve Lamming
(cleaning the rink),
and all the volunteers who set
up the rink boards.
If not for volunteers there
would not be a rink at the
community centre.

## CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, you set your clock forward one hour. When you change your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke alarms too!

Test your smoke alarms every month and change the batteries at least once a year or whenever the low-battery warning chirps. Don't remove the batteries for any other reason.

Smoke Alarms: No Battery, No Chance! MPP Mike Mantha is holding a constituency clinic.
March 15, 2013
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Prince Township Community Centre.
Everyone welcome.

#### **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 on any roads under the highway traffic act and may result in charges to the property owner. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## 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 1, 2013**.

Visit <a href="www.mpac.ca">www.mpac.ca</a> to download a Request for Reconsideration form or file online through AboutMyPropery.

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.

#### **Math Activities**

Beginning Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 6:30pm, we will be having six weeks of math activities. Each week you and your child will participate in interactive math activities, that will challenge a new math concept.

## **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. Thursdays, beginning January 31, 2013 from 1-2:30pm.

## **Mother Goose 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!

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

## **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, March 22, 2013 at 10:30am for six weeks. Come on out and get some fun exercise!

## **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, March 19, 2013 at RM Moore Public School from 1-2pm and 2-3pm. Registration is required. Please call 705-779-3627.

## **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. Saturdays, beginning March 2, 2013 at 11:00am for six weeks.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Calling all Easter Egg Hunters!!! Come on out on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 10:30am to hunt for some Easter Eggs. Everyone will get a treat bag when they trade in their found eggs! Please note that we are asking all families to bring one canned good for donation to our food bank. Registration is required. Please call 705-779-3627 or sign up at the parent table.

## **COPEing with Toddler Behaviour**

COPEing with Toddler Behaviour is a program designed to help children and their caregivers overcome challenging behaviours. Parents learn about child development and helping children learn to behave successfully. Wednesdays, beginning March 20, 2013 from 10:00am-12:00pm for eight 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 Saturday, March 9, 2013, Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 6-8pm only and Saturday, March 16, 2013. We will also be closed Friday, March 29, 2013, Saturday March 30, 2013 and Monday, April 1, 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.beststarthub@hotmail.com



#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

## Our Library hours are:

Sunday – closed Monday – closed Tuesday 6 – 8 Wednesday 2 – 4

Thurs. 10-12, 2-4, 6-8

Friday 10-12, 2-4

Saturday 10 – 12

However, if it is a long weekend, we also close on Saturday.



## **New Books**

Just in case you haven't had enough of winter yet, we have "AWeek in Winter" – Maeve Binchey's last book. Maeve Binchey was born in Dublin, Ireland on May 28, 1940 and she passed away on July 30, 2012 at the age of 72 after a brief illness. After

teaching for a while and writing for the Irish Times, she began writing in earnest in 1979, first plays, then television scripts and short stories. Her first novel, "Light a Penny Candle" was published in 1982. She wrote more than 20 books and several were made into feature films. This, her last, is a gentle tale of real people with real lives and real problems who all, for one reason or another meet on a wintery week at an inn on the west coast of Ireland. This is a perfect read for March, both Irish and wintery. Enjoy.

Next we have "That Night on Thistle Lane" by Carla Neggers. This is a second in the Swift River Valley series following Secrets of the Lost Summer, Librarian Phoebe O'Dunn deals in stories. She has a passion for history but she has learned that happy endings are rare. In a hidden room she discovers a cache of vintage clothing, including a spectacular gown perfect for a gala masquerade in Boston. There she meets Noah Kendrick, also in disguise. They meet again as their true selves and together face an unexpected threat. It takes courage to live out a modern day fairy tale. Finally, we have "Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult. Sage Singer is a baker who works through the night preparing breads and pastries for the next day and fighting loneliness and bad memories as a result of

her mother's death. Josef Weber, an elderly man in her grief support group stops by the bakery and they strike up an unlikely friendship. Despite their differences they become great companions. Things change when Josef confesses a shameful secret and asks Sage for a favour. Sage must now all the assumptions and auestion expectations she has made for her whole life about her own identity and her family. When does a moral choice become a moral imperative? And where does one draw the line between punishment and justice, forgiveness and mercy? In this painfully honest novel. Picoult explores the lengths to which we will go to protect our families and to keep the past from dictating the future. It leaves us lots to think about.

March Break is coming up. Pie Day is March 14th. Have a big warm slice of your favourite and grab a book.

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Bring the kids to the library to get something to read. We just got a whole slew of little Scholastic books in a donation.

We have...

Games
Homes in the Ground
Counting Penguins
Snakes and Lizards
Thank You
Sea Creatures
Baby Animals Learn
Weather
Frogs
The Beak Book
Look, Listen, and Learn

Rainforest Colors
All Kinds of Books
Science Outside
In a Painting
Evergreens Are Green
What Do Artist Use?
Who Lives in a Tree?
Ant Cities
The Northern Lights
Oink! Moo! How Do You Do?
Who Beats the Heat?
....and more.



Also look for these new titles from Smart Apple.
Princess Kim and Too Much Truth Miss Fox's Class Goes Green Monsters Mind Your Manners Summer Wonders The Really Groovy Story of the Tortoise and the Hare Squirrel's New Year Smelly Bill Love Stinks What's Looking At You Kid and Hens Don't Crow.

More good news.

March will be Library Amnesty month. If you have some books at home that belong to the Prince Public Library and they are woefully overdue, bring them in. Your fine will be forgiven.



The Friends of the Prince Township Public Library will be holding our major fundraiser – the Mammoth Book Sale - at the Station Mall from Wednesday, April 3rd to Saturday, April 6th.

Some of you have already called to offer to help. Thank you for that. We can use more hands to cart books from storage to the mall and to sell books. Call Margaret at 705-779-3996.



The ladies of the Prince Women's Institute will meet on Monday, March 18 at 1 p.m. in the Library. There will be a knitting demonstration, open to the public from 2:30 to 3:30. Drop in. Happy Easter to you all.

Enjoy some time with family and friends



#### **COUNCIL & COMMUNITY NEWS**

March already! Happy St. Patrick's Day

and Happy Easter! Yes, it is early this year...March 31<sup>st</sup>.

High Speed internet is now available in the Hamlet to most residents. WirelessCom.Ca Inc. will come and perform a site check to see if you are within their range. Call 705-949-1200, if you are interested in obtaining this service.

Prince Lake residents have built a bin for their communal garbage. This bin is locked and is for **Prince Lake** communal garbage **only**. There have been issues with garbage being left outside the bin by people not authorized to use this location. Garbage that is left at improper locations is being reported to or brought to the office. This will be treated as littering and fines shall be applied.

Union Gas has received all the documentation needed for a franchise agreement and should be presenting something to Council in the near future. At this point we have no information on where they intend to provide service or how soon this may become available, but we will keep you posted.

The open house for the draft Strategic Plan will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Prince Township Community Centre at 3042 Second Line West in the Museum. This is your opportunity to see what is being proposed

and give your comments and/or suggestions. The committee has been working on the plan since September 2012 and is excited to share their ideas with you.

See you there!

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Greco CAO/Administrator

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

#### **Committee of Adjustment**

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 6:30 pm

## **Regular Council Meetings**

Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 6:45 p.m.

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

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

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## **ATTENTION BOATERS**

Need your Pleasure Craft Operator Card? Take a safe boating course before summer

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 10:00 am – 2:00 pm John Rhodes community centre Sault Ste. Marie, ON \$65.00 per person + taxes (ages 8 and over)

Includes a manual, a lesson, the test and the Pleasure Craft Operator card. Good for life.

Email <a href="mailto:boatingal@gmail.com">boatingal@gmail.com</a> to register your seat, payment accepted at door. Door prizes to be won.

All boat operators in Canada must NOW have the card or they risk expensive fines.

