

A reminder that the Township Office will be closed February 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 for Family Day.



#### **HOLIDAY GARBAGE & RECYCLING**

As a result of the February 16<sup>th</sup> Family Day Holiday, garbage and recycling pick up will be on Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup> instead of the usual Tuesday.

#### **BLUE BOX COLLECTION**

Town Line to 4185 Second Line
West
Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>
Feb. 24 <sup>TH</sup>
Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup>
Marshall Drive to end of
Gros Cap
Feb. 3 <sup>th</sup>
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>
Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>

#### **BAG TAG LOCATIONS**

Please remember to use bag tags when you have more than two bags of refuse to be collected. Each bag tag is \$2. Tags can be purchased at Airways General Store or the Municipal Office.

## **NEWSLETTER** February 2015



## UNION GAS PUBLIC MEETING

Wed Feb. 25, 2015 @ 7 pm. at the Community Centre Hall We can not stress how important this meeting is. Union Gas will be sending representatives from Sudbury. We need to show how serious we are about obtaining natural gas in Prince Township. If you have not already signed a support form, please come into the office to do so.

Please do not miss this meeting.

## THE RINK IS READY FOR SKATING

There is a warming shack provided by the Recreation Committee and Council. Volunteers are invited to help maintain the rink. Shovels are provided to shovel the snow off. Please remove the nets, off the rink after use.

Be safe and have fun!

## FIRST INTERIM INSTALMENT OF TAXES

The first interim instalment of taxes is due February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Remember we are set up for telephone and Internet banking for your convenience. We are not set up for debt, MasterCard or Visa.

Cash or cheque only.

#### ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

You must register your dog(s) by March 1<sup>st</sup> to comply with the Township By-law 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, 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.

## Assisted Living Centre Committee Members Needed

Any Prince Township resident, interested in sitting on a committee tasked with studying, then preparing a report for council on the feasibility of an "Assisted Living Centre" in Prince, please leave your name and contact info with Councillor Mike Matthews by phone 705-779-2893 or email mmatthews@princetwp.ca.



#### "HERE TO SERVE YOU"

My Neighbours - Our Community
If you are between the ages of 18-21
I would like to meet with you to listen / discuss your thoughts, ideas or concerns. You are our future! This session is designated for you.
February 3d - 5:30-7:00 - Prince Township Hall

#### 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 March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

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



#### 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 February 26, 2015 at 6:30pm for six weeks.

#### **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.

#### **Learning Corner**

Using fun games and activities, we will be learning about colours, shapes, numbers and letters. Tuesdays, beginning January 6, 2015 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm for six weeks.

#### **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 21, 2015 at 11:00am 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 25, 2015 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 26, 2015 for six weeks. Come out and enjoy some singing and a story.

#### **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, February 27, 2015 at 10:30am for six weeks. Come on out and get some fun exercise!

#### **Baby and Me Fitness**

Using a variety of techniques, (including Yoga, stretching, Pilates, aerobics, and weight training), parents and caregivers can learn how to implement exercises at home with their baby. Come on out and enjoy some fun, physical fitness with your baby! Registration is required. Wednesdays, beginning February 11, 2015 from 10:30am-11:15am for six weeks.

Please note that Prince Township Best Start Hub will be closed Friday, February 6, 2015, Saturday, February 14, 2015, and Monday, February 16, 2015.

#### 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**

#### **NEW SERVICE TO OUR LIBRARY PATRONS**

OVERDRIVE: You will be able to download to your personal device- e books at NO COST, if you have your five digit barcode from Prince Township Library. We are able to offer this service as we qualified for funding from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport. We are hoping that you the residents will take advantage of this service.

**PRINT DISABILITY:** We are working on providing further assistance to you also at no cost. We will let you know as we progress.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING: Wednesday Feb. 04 at 7:00 p.m. Note change of time.

**BOOK CLUB:** ROAD ENDS by Mary Lawson to be held on March 05 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

LARGE PRINT POOL: We have received 12 new titles from Ontario Library Service North for a three month lending period.

**RECOMMENDED BOOKS**: From

McNaughton- THE GIRL NEXT DOOR by Ruth Rendell. A group of children discover earthen tunnels in their neighbourhood outside London and play in their "secret gardens" – until one father forbids it. Sixty years later, construction workers uncover a tin box containing two

skeletal hands, one male and one female. The friends come together once again to recall their days in the tunnels for the detective investigating the case... YOU KNOW WHO KILLED ME an Amos Walker novel by Loren D. Estleman. Amos has just been released from a rehab clinic and has to marshall his energies to help solve a murder in Iroquois Heights, his least favourite town. In our Non fiction section we have JUDY. THE UNFORGETTABLE STORY OF THE DOG WHO WENT TO WAR AND BECAME A TRUE HERO. This is written by Damien Lewis. Judy was the first dog to receive the Dickin Medal for outstanding animal bravery.

We received a large shipment of your favourite authors and their latest books. David Baldacci- THE ESCAPE, Lisa Scottoline- BETRAYED, Tess Gerritsen- a Rizzoli & Isles novel- DIE AGAIN, and Anita Diamant- THE BOSTON GIRL.

**BOOK SALE:** This is ongoing in the library during library hours. February we will feature ROMANCE GENRE.

LIBRARY HOURS: Tuesday 6-8 p.m. Wednesday 2-4p.m. Thursday 10:00-Noon, 2-4-p.m. 6-8p.m. Friday 10:00 – Noon, 2-4p.m. Saturday 10:00 – Noon.

CLOSED SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

**RETURN BOX:** PLEASE PUT YOUR BOOKS IN A TIED PLASTIC BAG. This way they won't get ruined.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR NEWS**



Happy Valentine's Day



Council is hosting its Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on February 21. Watch for your invitation to arrive soon. If you are a volunteer and do not receive an invitation, please contact the municipal office no later than February 17, 2015. We don't want to miss anyone.

Anthony Rossi, of Calam Ross Accounting, presented the 2013 draft financial statements to council at the November meeting. The Township remains in a healthy financial position. Mr. Rossi congratulated Council on their efforts to budget for the replacement of assets.

\*\*Just a reminder: Our Fire Emergency Vehicles are equipped with a **GREEN** flashing light. As with other emergency vehicles, please be alert and pull over to allow for safe passage.\*\*

The Reeve will be attending the Ontario FIT and Renewable Energy Forum in March. The following items will be part of the Round Table in which he has been asked to participate.

- Insight from local leaders on the sentiment towards renewables in our region
- Views on the Ontario government's new emphasis on local support and input for project approvals

- What concerns do local residents have about renewables and how is that impacting project development
- By contrast, what do local proponents think of renewables and what is the appetite for more green energy in our region
- What can project developers do better when engaging local residents for project support
- How would regional political leaders like to see project siting and approvals handled - is it a matter of giving back local control?

If you would like to express your ideas or have input in the Reeve's comments, please email Reeve Ken Lamming at klamming@princetwp.ca with your comments. Please put Ontario FIT conference in the subject line.

Those interested in the status of Union Gas in the municipality are invited to attend a meeting at the Community Centre on February 25th, 2015, at 7 p.m. It is important to have a good attendance to show support in numbers to see this project advance.

## Regarding Airport Road / Base Line Intersection:

"SSM City Councillors for ward 6 propose to bring forth a motion to have a traffic study done on the intersection of Airport Road and Base Line. Prompting the motion was a call from residents of both Sault Ste. Marie and Prince to have the recently removed four way overhead flashing light returned to this intersection. I believe there may be more Prince residents who would wish to send their email support to the

motion, indeed any motion that would see the return of this very important safety feature to where it had been for the last approximately 25 years. Any response need not be lengthy, important though to include your full name and address and forward your thoughts to Mr. Larry Girardi, he is the Sault's Commissioner Public Works and Transportation and his email is, L.Girardi@cityssm.on.ca

February 16<sup>th</sup> marks the 8th annual Family Day! Enjoy time with your families. We will be, as the office is closed that day! © And please remember, garbage and recycling pick up will be delayed by one day.

Respectfully, Peggy Greco

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

#### Reeve

Ken Lamming 705 - 779-2875 Cell 705 - 971-3663 klamming@princetwp.ca

#### **Councillors**

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Michael Matthews 705–779-2893
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## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meetings Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 6:45 p.m.

Agendas are posted on the website the day before the meeting. If you require a copy, please call ahead so it can be printed for pickup on Monday.

#### BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Dave Harnish Home: 705-779-9927

If you are unable to contact Dave Harnish, please direct complaints to **Lou Salvalaggio**. He is the alternate By-Law Enforcement Officer for Prince Township.

Lou Salvalaggio

Home: 705-949-2067 Cottage: 705-779-2234 Cell: 705-255-0043

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Barbie Rudnicki (705)779-3100

#### **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 by emergency vehicles. The sign should be visible by emergency personnel from 100ft.

## 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 rick 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 damaging if you and 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 tornadoes, by 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.



## Working Smoke Alarms: It's the Law

## Ontario's CO Alarm Law ONTARIO'S NEW CO ALARM LAW – WHAT EVERY HOMEOWNER NEEDS TO KNOW ...

The passage of the new Carbon Monoxide (CO) law in Ontario underscores the need for every householder to consider carbon monoxide risks. The worst case scenario is homes with no CO alarms. Homes with CO alarms that are past their optimal life span may also put occupants at risk.

Research shows that the majority of consumers are generally unaware of the dangers associated with CO. Alarm purchases are typically associated with an incident, whether it be a tragic loss or close call.

The opportunity for the new law to make homeowners more aware of the risks, and to take a pre-emptive approach to protecting their household, are key benefits associated with the new legislation.

Homeowners that have existing CO alarms may be unknowingly relying on alarms that are past their suggested replacement date. What is little understood by many homeowners, is that CO alarms, like smoke alarms, do not last forever whether they are battery powered or hardwired.

CO alarm lifespans are rated by the CSA, ranging from as few as five years to as long as 10 years. All Kidde carbon monoxide alarms are rated for a 10-year life. Combination alarms are also an excellent option. They contain both smoke and carbon monoxide sensors in a single unit, and some 'talking models' feature bilingual voice warnings.

While the new law calls for one working CO alarm in homes at risk of the presence of carbon monoxide, installing alarms on each level of a multi-level home offers advantages. Experts recommends one alarm for every level of the home. Check local CO bylaws.

Always ensure CO alarms are at least 15 feet away from cooking or heating appliances to prevent false alarms, and be sure not to cover or obstruct the unit. If the home has only one CO alarm, install it in the main bedroom or in the hallway outside of the sleeping area.

#### Kidde Canada CO Alarms

CO alarms can be powered in a number of ways depending on the model. This includes a standard wall-plug outlet, hardwired or battery power. Homeowners should also look for models with battery backup protection which provide uninterrupted protection during power outages.

Homeowners that are unclear of the age of their CO alarm, are advised to err on the safe side and replace the unit with a new model to benefit from the latest technology and be sure to take time to read the Manual that comes with each alarm.



#### **Creature Comforts**

Help make a sheltered animal's day better by supporting our furry friends at the Sault Ste. Marie Humane Society. The Humane Society is in need of toys for dogs, cats, gerbils, hamsters. and rabbits. They also are in need of blankets. pet beds, cat houses, stuffed toys, wood shavings (for small critter cages), treats, and canned pet food. Any old pillows, towels, or blankets you may have are also very valuable to the animals, and can make them significantly more comfortable. Any gift, large or small, for the animals at the Humane Society would make a huge difference. In order to make it convenient, Melissa Reed has placed a donation box by the front entrance of the Prince Township Office at 3042 Second Line West for donations, or you can call Melissa at (705)779-2736 for pick up. The donations will periodically be dropped off at the Humane Society.



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# Free draws!

WHERE? Near Walmart at the Station Mall WHEN? Friday, February 6, 2015

(One day only)

Any time between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. TIME?







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West End Daycare located on Walls Side Road is now accepting children! Daycare program is semi-structured and set-up similar to a Pre-school. Arts & crafts, finger painting, educational play, music and circle time are some of the activities your children will be experiencing daily. I also teach the children using the Jolly Phonics Program helping them to prepare for JK! Hot homemade lunches and healthy snacks are provided. Large back yard for lots of outdoor fun! Receipts & References Available. I'm an active member of the PTA at RM Moore School, where my 2 amazing boys attend. I'm CPR Certified and provide a smoke free environment. I accept children 12 months and up. Please call me I'd love to meet you.

Christine Johnson 705 255-1668

christine24iohnson@me.com





#### STAXABLE INCOME TAX SERVICE



2903 Second Line West Prince Township, ON P6A 6K4

- Personal Income Tax
- Small Business Income Tax
- New Home / Renovation HST rebate

#### Jessica O'Donnell

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