



A reminder that the Township Office will be closed February 15th 2016 for Family Day.



HOLIDAY GARBAGE & RECYCLING

As a result of the February 15th Family Day Holiday, garbage and recycling pick up will be on Wednesday February 17th instead of the usual Tuesday.

BLUE BOX COLLECTION

Town Line to 4185 Second Line West
Feb 9 th
Feb. 23 rd
Mar. 8 th
Marshall Drive to end of Gros Cap
Feb. 2 nd
Feb. 17 th
Mar. 1 st

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 2016



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 clean the rink. Please remove the nets off the rink, after use and please put shovels back in shed.

Be safe and have fun!

Reminder: Smoking is NOT permitted on Municipal Property

FIRST INTERIM INSTALMENT OF TAXES

The first interim instalment of taxes is due **February 15th, 2016**. Remember we are set up for telephone and Internet banking for your convenience. We are not set up for debit, MasterCard or Visa. Cash or cheque only.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

You must register your dog(s) by **March 1st** 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 1st 2016**, 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. **If you no longer have your dog, please contact the office.**



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 deadline is **March 31st**.

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



ABC, You & Me!

ABC, You & Me provides children with an opportunity to learn and explore in a group setting. We will include a variety of fun, interactive and hands-on activities for children, reinforcing literacy, numeracy, listening, and socialization skills. Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:00am.

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 20, 2016 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 24, 2016 from 10:00am to 11:00am. Topic discussions will begin at 10:30 am, followed by opportunities for information sharing and question/answer sessions.

Prince Picassos

See, touch, taste, smell & play! This program is designed for babies to use their senses during exploration of various materials. Using different textures, fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and creativity your child will be able to create a masterpiece while having messy fun! At the end of the program, you will be given a wonderful portfolio of your child's creations.

Registration is required. Begins Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 10:00am for six weeks. Please call 705-779-3627.

Math Activities

Beginning Thursday, January 7, 2016 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.

Nipissing District Developmental Screen

Early supports through the use of the Nipissing District Developmental Screen provide parents with the opportunity to follow their child's growth and development examining the thirteen key developmental stages. Based on screening results, we initiate registration or refer to specialized services through the local access mechanism. For appointments, please call 705-779-3627.

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 25, 2016 for six weeks. Come on out and enjoy some singing and a story!

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 12, 2016 at RM Moore Public School from 1-2pm and 2-3pm. Registration is required. Please call 705-779-3627.

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 26, 2016 at 10:30am for six weeks. Come on out and get some fun exercise!

Tummy Time

Tummy Time includes a variety of activities, positions, songs, and routines to keep your infant spending a significant amount of time on their tummies while promoting neck and core strength which will eventually prepare them for crawling. This six-week program is designed for infants from 0 - 9 months old. Wednesdays, beginning January 13, 2016 at 10:00am. Registration is required, please call 705-779-3627 for more information.

One to One Primary Care Triple P

This Triple P Program includes brief one to one sessions that assist parents to develop parenting plans to manage behavioral issues (such as tantrums, fighting, going shopping) and skill development issues (such as eating independently, toilet training, staying in bed at night). For appointments, please call 705-779-3627.

Please note that Prince Township Best Start Hub will be closed Saturday, February 13, 2016, and Monday, February 15, 2016.

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



WORKSHOPS: Are you looking to learn, refresh, or simply update your technical/computer knowledge and skills? We are offering FREE workshops during February and March 2016. Gary Wills and Robin Dose will be our presenters.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY:

February 2/16: 6-8 pm,
Introduction to Windows 10 - Wills
February 3/16: 2-4pm,
Introduction to Windows 10 - Wills
February 4/16: 6-8pm,
Introduction to Windows 10 – Dose
February 5/16: 2-4pm,
Introduction to Windows 10 – Dose

CALL THE LIBRARY 779-2992 Ext. 4 or come in to SIGN UP and get a COMPLETE SCHEDULE and more information.

Feel free to bring your own laptop and follow along. The library has five public computers.

BOOK CLUB: February 25 at 7pm, in the library **THE NINE LIVES OF CHARLOTTE TAYLOR:** The first woman settler on the Miramichi. This is a creative non-fiction written by her great, great granddaughter, Sally Armstrong.

RECOMMENDED READS: These are from our leased McNaughton Books: Tami Hoag's **THE BITTER SEASON**, "explores a murder from the past, a murder from the present, and a life that was never meant to be" This was a real page turner! **THE GUEST ROOM** "a spell binding tale of a party gone horribly wrong: two men lie dead in a suburban living room, two women on the run from police, and a marriage is ripping apart at the seams" by Chris Bohjalian

LARGE PRINT POOL: These are from Ontario Library Service North and we have them for three months and then a new shipment comes in.

E-RESOURCES: The provincial government has cut our funding in this area. We have purchased the following for the public to access: CAREER CRUISING, EBSCO (Consumer Health Complete(includes Multilingual Health-French)) Grey House Publishing (**History of Canada**) and Proquest (**Ancestry Library Edition**) We have OverDrive for those who wish to download books to their e readers, etc. In order to do this at no charge to you, your five digit bar code number from Prince Township Library is required.

AUDIO BOOKS: We have some newly catalogued items for your listening pleasure. Come check them out.

MOTHER GOOSE STORY TIME: Thursday at 10:45 a.m. This is in partnership with the Best Start Hub.

LIBRARY WINTER HOURS

Tuesday: 6 - 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 2 - 4 p.m.
Thursday : 10 a.m.-noon, 2 – 4 p.m. and 6 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m.-noon, 2 – 4 p.m.
Saturday: 10 to noon EXCEPT ON A HOLIDAY WEEKENDS
Closed: Sunday and Monday

Please put all items in a plastic bag before you place them in the drop off box, so that they won't get wet or damaged.

Friends of the Prince Township Library

ANNUAL MAMMOTH BOOK SALE – Apr. 6 to Apr. 9: Plan to visit this year's Mammoth Book Sale in the Station Mall, where most books are still priced at \$1.00 each for hardcovers and .50 each for paperbacks.

The sale begins Wed. Apr. 6 after 5:00 p.m. and continues Thurs. Apr. 7 through Sat. Apr. 9 during business hours.

We welcome donations of gently-used books (no text books or encyclopedias, please), magazines, CDs, DVDs and puzzles, which may be dropped off at the library. We can always use plastic grocery bags too, so here's a chance

to donate the ones stashed away in your kitchen drawers.

We also welcome your help in transporting sale items to and from the Station Mall and/or selling books. If you have two or three hours to spare, please call Marguerite La Haye at [705-779-3907](tel:705-779-3907) or Dorothy Macnaughton at [705-759-0733](tel:705-759-0733).

MEMO TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: The Mammoth Book Sale provides an excellent opportunity to earn those volunteer hours needed for graduation.

PRINCE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

**Celebrating Prince Women's Institute
107 years.**

Tea & Dessert in the Prince Library
Monday, February 22, 2016
2 to 4 pm

1. Information re Prince Women's Institute.
2. Demonstration on making a fascinator (a fancy hair ornament) and make on if you wish.

Visit Socialize Enjoy



CAO/TREASURER REPORT



Happy Valentine's Day!



Council is hosting its Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Friday, February 26th. 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 19, 2016. We don't want to miss anyone.

**** 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. ****

We have been informed that the Ontario Energy Board has put the Union Gas Prince Township project on hold for the time being. At this point, we do not have an actual time frame, but we will be lobbying for a quick review and decision. We will keep you posted on any updates we receive.

We are still looking to fill the **one-year position of youth intern**, working in the municipal office, learning all aspects of the municipal world. This includes preparing agendas, minutes, cash receipts, accounting, bank reconciliations, customer service and much more. Contact myself or Lorraine, 705-779-2992 ext. 2 or 1 respectively, for more information on the qualifications.

We began 'rolling' out the **new recycling carts** over the past month. You may or may not have noticed the yellow note attached to the carts telling you not to implement their use until further notice. We are still negotiating the contract with 'Green For Life' (GFL) for the collection.

Once the carts are in use, you are to place them at the end of your driveway with the arrow pointing out towards the road. You should only be putting them out when they are at least half full. They do not have to be put out each recycling day. Heavier, corrugated cardboard boxes should be broken down and bundled in 2' x 2' x 1' bundles, as is the current practice. Putting this material in the bins will cause bridging and prevent the paper and light cardboard items from exiting the cart.

Once the carts are put into use, we will no longer be picking up any recycling that is placed in the blue or yellow boxes. The new carts are the property of the municipality and a serial number on each cart has been assigned to the corresponding household. There will still be recycling containers at the back of the municipal office for those who do not have recycling pick up.

February 15th marks the 9th annual Family Day! The office will be closed for the holiday. Garbage pick-up and recycling 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:

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mmathews@princtwp.ca

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meetings
Tuesday February 9th, 2016
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 (705)-779-9927

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.

DO YOU KNOW?

Volunteer Fire Departments Use **Green Flashing Lights**
When Responding to the Fire Hall



Please yield the right of way. We could be going to your house.

Prince Township Volunteer Fire Department

Tips for keeping your property and neighborhood safe

Lock it

Lock your garage, your vehicles and your home - even when you are home. It may sound obvious, but many criminals will check to see if doors are unlocked, giving them an easy opportunity to strike. Also, whether or not you have a security system or a dog, put up signs warning people about both. If everything is locked up and criminals are faced with the prospect of additional deterrents, most will move on.

Secure it

Install additional security locks on exterior doors and windows and don't forget about surveillance! When possible, install devices that permit sight to the other side, such as chain link fences, and keep shrubs and bushes trimmed below ground level windows and trees pruned above eye level to eliminate areas of potential concealment. Consider installing a security system as an additional deterrent.

Light it

Turn on your lights! Use timers on your lights when you're away from your home or business so they appear occupied. At night, use outdoor lighting to enhance illumination in dark areas around your property where an intruder might hide, such as stairwells, alleys and hallways. Install motion lights and/or cameras at all entrances and turn your porch lights on at night.

Hide it

Install and use blinds and curtains to prevent people from seeing inside your home, especially at night. Protect yourself, your belongings and your privacy with good quality window coverings. Consider frosted treatments on garage windows, which will still allow in natural light, but prevent people from seeing inside your garage. And don't "hide" spare keys under a doormat or in a planter; keep them with a trusted neighbor or nearby business.

Remove it

Never leave valuables in your vehicle, especially a wallet or purse. Take any electronics, such as cell phones, tablets and laptops inside with you, including your remote garage door opener. In many cases, criminals will enter a vehicle for the sole purpose of stealing your garage door opener in hopes of gaining access to your garage and, subsequently, your home.

Also be cautious about placing boxes from big ticket items, such as a new television, out for recycling as this can be an invitation to thieves who now know exactly what's in your home.

Share it

Introduce yourself to your neighbor's, as neighbor's who know each other watch out for one another. Get to know other people who live on your street. Consider setting up (or joining!) a page on social media for your subdivision as a way to communicate and share information with one another. But keep in mind you need to be cautious about what you share on social media sites - even if it's considered a friendly or helpful group. Divulging too much personal information can potentially put you and your property at risk, as there is no way to know or control the intentions of other social media group members.

Do not share or discuss personal information, such as upcoming vacations or when you, or other family members, will be away from your home, on social media. Advertising when you are going to be away from your property for an extended period of time is like hanging a "come on in" sign on your door for thieves. Personal information like this should only be shared with a trusted neighbor, friend or family member who can keep an eye on your property while you're away.

Report it

See something suspicious? If it's an emergency or crime in progress, call 9-1-1.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who attended our 90th Birthday party. It was so nice to visit with so many of our friends & relatives. Thank you for all of the beautiful cards and the Birthday wishes.

Wesley & Evelyn Hill



Looking for New Baby Falcons!
JK registration has begun at St. Francis French Immersion Catholic School.

Please call to arrange a time for your child to enter into a New Adventure in French Immersion here at St. Francis F.I. Catholic School. (for students residing West of Pim Street)
We look forward to welcoming New Falcon Frosh and to answer any questions you may have.
147 Brookfield Ave.
Please call (705)945-5525 or email us at stfrancis@hscdsb.on.ca

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