

Fall 2023 Newsletter

TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

"REMEMBERING THE PAST, PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE"

General Information:

Final tax bills for 2023 are due in two installments, the first half is due on September 28th, the second half is due on October 27th. A fee of \$46 will be charged for any cheque returned from a financial institution. We offer a preauthorized payment plan with several options. We now accept E-transfers! If you would like to pay with this option, please contact the township office. Credit card payments are accepted through Plastiq and can be accessed ONLY through our website, fees apply. Arrears of taxes accrue interest at a rate of **1.25%** per month.

Prepayment Information:

We offer payment plan options that allow you the benefit of settling your tax bill by making monthly payments or paying installments on the due dates indicated on the tax bills. Join today! See our website for additional details. www.armourtownship.ca

Burk's Falls and District Historical Society:

The Burk's Falls and District Historical Society has two Heritage Centres: Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre, **827 Chetwynd Road** in Armour Township and Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Heritage Centre, **112 Midlothian Road** in Ryerson Township. The Historical Society in partnership with the Township of Armour celebrated Heritage Festival on Saturday, July 8th at the Fairgrounds in Burk's Falls. The celebration included the annual Firefighter Challenge, a Vendors' Market, Classic Car Show, and much more. As part of the opening ceremonies there was a dedication of a sign "The Knight Bros. Park", which includes the baseball diamond and skateboard area, in honour of the Knight Bros. Factory. A display on the Knight Bros. can be viewed at the Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre. We would like to thank all who attended and supported the event. The Historical Society would also like to thank the many people who made donations to the Society. Words cannot express how much the Society appreciates the donations. These donations will assist the Historical Society with their day-to-day operations as well as the preservation of many artifacts. Everyone is welcome to come visit the two Heritage Centres: **Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre is open Thursday to Monday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse is open on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse may be open other days by chance. Both Centres are open through to Saturday, September 2nd, 2023. You can also visit us at the **Burk's Falls Agricultural Fair on Monday, September 4th, 2023.** Volunteers and new members always welcome.

Please visit our website www.burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com for more information. You can also send us an email at info@burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com or follow us on Facebook.

Hazmat Day: HAZMAT is scheduled for **August 26th** at the Strong Township Landfill #1 – Access through Inlet Creek Road.

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please like and follow them on Facebook;

Almaquin Recycling Initiative

Landfill – 141 Chetwynd Road: Taking a few extra minutes to sort and prepare your recyclables properly can make a big difference, think of it as an investment in the health of our environment and the benefits will last generations. Please keep your Landfill cards as they will be automatically topped up at the end of the year with an amount predetermined by Council. Lost or stolen cards can be deactivated and the remaining value can be reloaded to a replacement card. A fee of \$11+ HST applies. **CLEAR BAGS FOR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE**

**** ABSOLUTELY NO BLACK OR DARK GREEN BAGS ****



CONTACT

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COUNCIL

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Council Meetings

If there are any issues or suggestions that you would like to see discussed with Council, please contact the office to have your concerns placed on the agenda. Council welcomes your attendance at our regular meetings held the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of each month, beginning at **7:00 p.m.** Agendas and minutes may be viewed on our website.

Katrine Community Centre

The Katrine Community Centre is gearing up for its Fall/Winter renovations. Keep up-to-date on our Facebook page at [Katrine Community Centre](#) for our re-opening party and 2024 events we have planned.

Roads Department

The Roads Department is gearing up for another busy season. Please slow down when approaching crews that are working on the road. Remember that plowing or shovelling snow onto or across municipal roads is prohibited under the Ontario Traffic Act.

Please also remember, no road side parking from November 1st to April 15th.

Civic Address Signs

Please keep your sign clear of snow, branches and other obstructions. If you have existing solar or wind turbine power, contact our office to obtain an alternative energy sign.

Community Development:

Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) is currently working with local businesses and regional partners to roll out and strengthen the Almaguin Regional Brand Strategy. ACED is welcoming new 'Brand Ambassadors' who are willing to help promote the region through partnership efforts. The ACED team continues to reach out to businesses to update the regional business directory, schedule business support interviews, and provide information on available support programs. For more information about ACED, please visit www.explorealmaquin.ca or email director@explorealmaquin.ca.

Library:

All residents of Armour are entitled to a library card that will lead to a vast variety of loanable materials, innovative programming, electronic resources and community information. The Library offers many public services such as printing, faxing and laminating, as well as public access to Wi-Fi, computers and technology support. Seasonal programs and workshops are available for patrons of all ages, including the Youth Lounge, Seed Library Exchange, Library Book Club, Sewing Club and so much more! Visit today and explore what your library has to offer, no matter your age. Stay updated through www.burksfallslibrary.com and on our Facebook and Instagram pages: @burksfallslibrary

Burk's Falls & District Fire Department:

Be aware of fire ratings and outdoor burning regulations.

**NO DAYTIME BURNING IS PERMITTED BETWEEN
10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. April 1st to October 31st**

Knowing what to do should a fire occur is very important. Have a fire safety plan for your home, cottage, trailer, and your workplace, and practice it. The whole family can take part. If everyone knows what to do in the event of a fire, they will be calmer and will be able to move to a safe place more quickly; this includes children. Check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms monthly. It is recommended to change the batteries in your CO and SMOKE alarms when you change your clocks in the spring and fall.

LOW	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed Starting at 6pm and completely out by 10am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned.
MODERATE	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed starting at 6pm and completely out by 10am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned.
HIGH	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED - Including Incinerators. NO OPEN BURNING – NO FIREWORKS Only Enclosed Camp Fires for cooking and warmth. Enclosed fire, surrounding by brick / stones or in metal burn container / ring no bigger than 2 feet / 24 inches.
EXTREME	COMPLETE FIRE BAN NO BURNING ALLOWED at any time. NO FIREWORKS

No accelerants are permitted. At a minimum, you are required to have a garden hose attached to a water source or 2 large pails of water, shovels, and anything that can assist in containing or extinguishing the fire should it spread from its origin. All fires must be under constant supervision and control from time of lighting until it is totally extinguished. Use plenty of water to extinguish the fire.

Do not hesitate to contact us:

Fire Prevention Officer: Cameron Haffner, (705) 788-4676
chaffner.bffd@gmail.com

Fire Chief: David McNay, (705) 382-4010
chiefbffd@gmail.com

Building Department

Friendly Reminder: All Building Permits expire after one year of issuance. Please contact our Chief Building Official at (705) 382-3332 ext. 104 to arrange for a Final Inspection. To renew your building permit for another year, please contact our Building Administrative Assistant at buildingadmin@armourtownship.ca

211 Ontario

Don't Worry! You don't need to stay up to date on government benefits and supports because 211 will do this for you! Give them a call and they will assist you.



Public Skating

The Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Memorial Arena is hosting public skating every
Friday - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
&
Sunday - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CodeRED

CodeRED Alert is a free emergency notification service offered by the Township. We can notify residents and businesses by telephone or cellular phone about local emergency situations. Visit our website for more information.

Website & Facebook

Keep up to date and locate information by visiting our website and Facebook page. Visit us at www.armourtownship.ca and give us a like on Facebook.

OPP

Non-emergency Number:
1-888-310-1122

By-Law Enforcement

Dog and Trailer licences:

Your annual dog and trailer licences can be purchased at the township office or by contacting our By-Law Officer, Jason Newman at bylaw@armourtownship.ca

Please Note: Trailer License by-laws have changed. Please visit our website for updates.