

# Fall 2022 Newsletter

## Township of Armour

### COUNCIL

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### General Information:

**Final tax bills for 2022 are due in two installments, the first half is due on September 23, the second half is due on October 28. 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-Mail money 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.

### Preauthorized Payments:

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.

### Municipal Elections:

Monday, October 24 is municipal Election Day in Ontario. If you'd like to throw your hat in the ring for a position on council, you may do so by 2:00 p.m. on August 19. Nomination forms are available at the municipal office. The nomination fee is \$100 for Councillor and \$200 for Mayor. The 2022 Election will be conducted via vote by mail. For ongoing updates, please refer to our website or contact the municipal office. If you are unsure if you are on the voters list, visit [www.voterlookup.ca](http://www.voterlookup.ca). Voter kits will be mailed to you starting September 26. You may return your completed ballot by mail as soon as you receive it or bring it to the municipal office. In both cases, follow the instructions and use the envelope provided. You must mail your ballot by October 14 to ensure timely delivery. If you or someone you know requires assistance to place their vote, please contact the municipal office.

### Building Department:

Building permits allow the municipality to protect the interests of both individuals and the community. Applications are available on our website or at the municipal office. Site plan control may also apply. Paul Schaefer, Chief Building Official can be reached at 705-382-3332 or [cbo@armourtownship.ca](mailto:cbo@armourtownship.ca)

### Community Development:

The Almaguin Community Economic Development Team is excited to announce the launch of the ExploreAlmaguin.ca website. The team is working towards building it to be a one-stop-shop for tourism, lifestyle, and development related information. The team is also in the process of meeting with businesses across the region during the 2022 Almaguin Business retention and expansion study. Through this study, businesses can learn about various supports and grants that may be available to them. For more information, check out the new website or email [director@explorealmaguin.ca](mailto:director@explorealmaguin.ca).

### Library

All residents of Armour are entitled to a library card that will lead to a vast variety of books, magazines, DVDs and many electronic resources and community information. The Library provides innovative programming, events and workshops for patrons of all ages, including the TD Summer Reading Program running throughout the summer, the Seed Library Exchange, Library Book Club and so much more! Explore what your Library has to offer, no matter your age. Public access to WIFI, Computers and Tech Support is available during operating hours.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Agendas and minutes may be viewed on our website.

### Katrine Community Centre

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

The Katrine Community Centre is a great space for any of your rental needs! There is space indoors and outdoors along with a bar and kitchen available for rent! The KCC has had a few upgrades this past year;

- New Stove/hood Range
- Big Screen TV
- Highspeed Internet

The KCC is proud to announce the following the community events!

<b>Sept. 9th</b>	<b>Paint Night</b>
<b>Oct. 15</b>	<b>Jamboree</b>
<b>Nov. 12</b>	<b>Jamboree</b>
<b>Nov. 26</b>	<b>Christmas Vendor's &amp; Craft Market</b>
<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Party</b>
<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>Jamboree</b>

Please keep up to date on our events by following us on Facebook or on our events calendar on the Township of Armour's Website under Katrine Community Centre.

For any rental inquiries please contact [admin@armourtownship.ca](mailto:admin@armourtownship.ca) or 705-382-3332

Rental fees can be found on the Township of Armour's Website under Katrine Community Centre.

#### BECOME A VOLUNTEER!!!

The KCC meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month! Come out and have a say on what events happen in your Township!

#### KATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE



**Hazmat Days:**

HAZMAT is scheduled for August 27, 2022 at the Strong Township Landfill #1 – Access through Inlet Creek Road. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please like and follow them on Facebook; [Almaguin Recycling Initiative](#)

**Landfill – 141 Chetwynd Road:**

\*\*\*CLEAR BAGS ONLY\*\*\*

Just 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 – because some of the products we use will sit for hundreds of years in a landfill. **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 \$10+ HST applies to a replacement card.

**By-Law Enforcement:**

**Dog licences:** Your annual licenses may be purchased at the Township Office or by contacting our By-law Officer, Jason Newman at [bylaw@armourtownship.ca](mailto:bylaw@armourtownship.ca)

**Trailer licences:** Your annual trailer licences can be purchased at the township office or by e-mailing By-Law. *Please note: Trailer License by-laws have changed – Please see our website for updates.*

**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, 112 Midlothian Road in Ryerson Township. The Historical Society recently celebrated Heritage Day on July 9 at the Watt Century Farm House. The celebration included the annual Firefighter Challenge and new this year a Mini Challenge. There was also Live Music, a Vendors Market, various displays and much more. Betty Caldwell, one of our founding members, was dedicated the front bedroom in honour of her 90th birthday. The bed is from four generations of the Caldwell family and in the 1950s Betty acquired the side table and dresser. The weather was great and there were many people in attendance. The Historical Society would like to thank all who attended the event and for supporting the many vendors and local organizations. Come visit us at the Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre. We are open Thursday to Monday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through to Saturday, September 3, 2022. The Wiseman’s Corner Schoolhouse Heritage Centre is closed for repair work this year, but we look forward to opening the Schoolhouse next year. You can also visit with us at the Burk’s Falls Fall Fair on Monday, September 5, 2022. In 2023, we look forward to having the Heritage Centres open from mid-May through to mid-September with the annual Heritage Day being planned for Saturday, July 8, 2023. Volunteers and new members welcome. For more information check the website at [www.burksfallsdistrichistoricalsociety.com](http://www.burksfallsdistrichistoricalsociety.com) or send us an email [info@burksfallsdistrichistorical.com](mailto:info@burksfallsdistrichistorical.com) or you can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**A New Literacy Program for The Children of Almaguin:**

The Katrine Community Centre (KCC) recently launched Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library in Almaguin. Registration is now open for a limited number of children 0-5 years of age. The program provides children with a free, age-appropriate book that is mailed to their homes each month. Parents (Guardians) can complete a registration form at the *Township of Armour office, the Burk’s Falls Library, or the Katrine General Store.* Building a foundation for learning through reading is one of the most important gifts we can provide our children. Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading. The success of this program depends on sponsorship and donations from local businesses, organizations, and private citizens. To learn more about Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library in Almaguin, the levels of sponsorship or how you can contribute, contact [tammy.ward@optimity.ca](mailto:tammy.ward@optimity.ca) or visit our website at [www.flcalmaguin.vpweb.com](http://www.flcalmaguin.vpweb.com). **DONATE NOW:** please e-transfer to [info@armourtownship.ca](mailto:info@armourtownship.ca) you MUST put “BOOKS FOR KIDS” in the message box. Include your name, business, or organization.



**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.

**OPP:**

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

**Civic Address Signs:**

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.

**Support Services:**

A wheelchair accessible van is available for seniors aged 65+ living in the area to provide transportation for medical appointments at a user fee of \$0.25 per km. 1-888-521-0000

**New Council:**

Term of Office starts November 15, 2022

**Public Skating:**

The Burk’s Falls, Armour & Ryerson Memorial Arena is hosting public skating every Friday from 7pm – 9pm and Sunday from 1pm – 3pm

**MNRF Magnetawan River Watershed presentation - Doe Lake Meeting:**

Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom the Township of Armour would like to invite you join in on this meeting. To obtain the ZOOM link, please call the Township of Armour 705-382-3332.

**Fire Department:**

Time is everything when a smoke alarm activates; get out, stay out and call 911. Review your escape plan. Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors regularly. Contact Cameron Haffner, Fire Prevention Office 705-788-4676.

**Roads Department:**

The Roads Department is gearing up for another busy season. Please slow down when approaching crews working on the road. **Remember that plowing or shoving snow onto or across municipal roads is prohibited under the Ontario Traffic Act.** Please also remember, no road side parking from November 1 to April 15.