



NEWSLETTER

"A PERFECT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY!"



MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

Summer has arrived, and with it the kind of summer weather most of us look forward to. It has been great to return to the in-person summer activities we all enjoy: The official opening of the expanded Library and Technology Centre, Swimming at the Dunchurch beach, sports nights at the Dundome, our Canada Day celebrations, the Legion's pork roast, annual meetings of our lake associations, and more to come - like the Agricultural Society's Fall Fair on August 19th and 20th. Most of the usual activities offered through our Recreation Committee have restarted - with some new ones added such as games nights, pickleball, and yoga.

We have also returned to face-to-face Council meetings at the Community Centre, while retaining the option to participate remotely via Zoom. Eventually, all participants in these meetings will be able to both hear and see everything whether they attend remotely or in person - clearly the way of the future.

Council's agenda of late has been dominated by public concerns over some proposed land use developments within the Municipality. Council and staff are preoccupied with ensuring that development is environmentally sound and will remain so in the future. At the same time, we must treat all applications fairly within the legal constraints of Ontario's land use planning system in order to avoid having decisions taken out of our hands on appeal. We also anticipate renewed economic activity in Whitestone, and will need to prepare proactively for future growth opportunities. Our land use planning requirements, processes, and protocols are evolving, and hopefully will be reflected in a review of Whitestone's Official Plan in the next Council term, with extensive public input.

Please accept our best wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing summer season. Continue to look after one another, and stay safe - the pandemic is not over yet!

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DUNCHURCH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



The Dunchurch Agricultural Society looks forward to seeing you at the Dunchurch Fall Fair, August 19-20, 2022 at the Dunchurch Community Centre and grounds! You can now check out our fair theme: "There's No Time Like Fair Time" on our Facebook page - Dunchurch Fall Fair.

The Dunchurch Fall Fair agenda is available on-line. Download our exhibitor entry form to add your talents to the competition for a chance to win first place and bragging rights! See all information and details on our website at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/dunchurchagriculturalsociety/>



GRASSROOTS GROWTH INITIATIVE - Community Gardens and Educational Seminars

The Dunchurch Agricultural Society has partnered with the Whitestone Library and Technology Centre and completed the construction of 9 raised beds at the Library grounds, with help from community volunteers and donations from local businesses. These gardens were made possible by funding through Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). The Medicinal herb garden and the vegetable gardens are planted and beginning to grow and bloom.

The Seed Library provides seeds to members of the library. Members can request up to five packets of seeds per household, or more if they donate seeds back to the library. Take your seeds home, grow them, and when it comes time to harvest, save the new seeds. Return your newly saved seeds to the library to keep the cycle going!

Our mandate for this project has been **LEARN, GROW, SHARE, SUSTAIN**. Watch for future seminar offerings.

Acknowledgement Ceremonies coming soon.



WHITESTONE NURSE PRACTITIONER LED CLINIC

THANK YOU from the Whitestone and Area Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic.

As you may have noticed, the construction of our building expansion is well underway. Our dream of a larger NPLC building is becoming a reality!

What better time to thank our community for its support! Thank you to our many volunteers who helped us organize the yard sales, bake sales, online auction and Canada Day concessions. Thank you to the local artisans, individuals and businesses who donated prizes for our raffles and to the many local businesses who sponsored and supported fundraising events. Thank you to every single cottager, cottage association, business and service club from across our three communities of McKellar, Magnetawan and Whitestone who made a donation - and to our anonymous donor who doubled your contributions!

We couldn't have done it without all of you!!

For those of you who are wondering, the tree that was planted in 2013 dedicated to Betty Brillon is still standing. You can find it just inside the construction fencing, well away from the crew and equipment.



BLUE GREEN ALGAE

Sunny summers and warm weather, are the conditions that may support the growth of blue green algae blooms. Learn to recognize the signs and risks.

For more information visit:

Blue-green Algae Know it and report it | FOCA.



ROAD GRANTS

Just a reminder that the Road Grant application deadline for 2022 funding is September 30, 2022. Council has approved a 3.5% increase for 2022 Road Grant allocations. Applications are available on the Municipal website or if you have questions or need more information, please email treasurer@whitestone.ca.



WHITESTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE and RECREATION COMMITTEE

The TD Summer Reading Club is back! All summer long the Library will be hosting a variety of activities and challenges for participants of all ages. The recreation committee continues to run board game night and Minecraft + STEM.

New this summer, we will be running activity days on Wednesday along with storytime every Saturday morning! Also, be sure to check out the latest StoryWalk at the playground.

We have partnered with TackleShare to provide fishing rods and tackle from the library. Fishing equipment is available to anyone, even those who are not a member of the library. Visit the library for more information.

The annual book sale is making its triumphant return! The book sale will be held on July 30th & 31st at the Dunchurch Community Centre. We hope to see you all there!

MAPLE ISLAND THRIFT SHOP

As of July 1st, the Thrift Shop will be open on Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

The Maple Island Thrift Shop is having another successful year thanks to the generous donations from the community and the hard work of its volunteers. We look forward to your visit!

Register to vote in the 2022 Ontario Municipal and School Board Elections

For information on the Election such as: **Important Dates, Candidates Information, Important Forms and Voting Methods**, please visit the Whitestone website at <https://www.whitestone.ca/p/2022-municipal-election>



WHITESTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

SEASONAL FIRE PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE!

Download your fire permit anytime and it's FREE!

Seasonal Fire Permits are required under Open Air Burning By-law No. 37-2020.

Please visit the municipal's website for the fire rating or contact Fire Chief Bob Whitman at 705-774-1967.



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Summer Hours: May Long Weekend – Thanksgiving Weekend

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday & Holiday Mondays 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

We would like to remind residents that you must show Landfill Access Permit card when accessing the York Street and Aulds Road landfill sites.



WHITESTONE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Fishing is a treasured pastime in this region. Whether you're a seasoned pro or brand new to the hobby, it is important that you understand how to fish responsibly in our rivers and lakes.

June's State of the Bay blog by Georgian Bay Biosphere takes a look at some of the basics when it comes to license requirements, live bait regulations, and catch-and-release.

<https://www.stateofthebay.ca/what-you-need-to-know-about-fishing-in-the-biosphere/>



BY-LAW

Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers look into complaints and answer questions from the public regarding Municipal By-laws.

By-law enforcement is used to:

- increase public awareness of the Municipality's By-laws
- educate residents of their responsibilities and rights as property owners or tenants
- reach compliance with the Municipal By-laws to preserve the quality of community living which everyone is entitled to

For information or to report the contravention of any By-laws, please leave a detailed message including name and phone number for By-law Enforcement Officer Paul Rossiter, 705-389-2466, Ext.145. All phone calls are kept confidential.