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~ MONTAGUE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PIT BARBEQUE ~



Saturday, September 9, 2017 @

Rosedale Centennial Hall

657 Rosedale Road South, Montague

BBQ Beef & Pork Dinner Served Between 5 and 7 p.m.

For delivery orders, call 613-283-7478

by 4 p.m. Friday, September 8

The Montague Volunteer Fire Department is once again hosting its famous Pit Barbeque. This has been a major fundraiser for our department for several decades. Tickets will be on sale in advance at the Montague Township Office or from any Montague Volunteer Firefighter. Tickets will also be available at the door.

RACE THE RUNWAY!



AUGUST 12, 2017

RUSS BEACH SMITHS FALLS—
MONTAGUE AIRPORT

- 80 high-performance cars running radar-clocked half-mile runs
- More than 100 cars on static display
- All proceeds given to charity
- Montague firefighters will be serving up their delicious BBQ menu .
- General admission is just \$7 at the gate. Kids under 12 are free.
- For more information, visit: racetherunway.com

****WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ****

Your property taxes are calculated by multiplying the assessed value of your property with the combined municipal and education rates. Property assessments are conducted by MPAC. This year is the first year of the four-year phase-in of property assessment increases based on the valuation date of January 01, 2016. An increase in your assessment may cause an increase in your property tax. The deadline for Requests for Reconsideration of Assessment is March 31 each year. You may contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722, or visit their website at www.mpac.ca.

Montague Township sends two tax bills a year to its residents. The **interim** billing is mailed at the beginning of March and is half of the prior year's final tax amount. There are two installment dates with this billing—one due by the last business day of March and the second due by the last business day of June. The **final** billing reflects any changes in your assessment and the tax rate. This billing is mailed out the first week of August and also has two installment dates—the last business days of August and October.

Tax bills are sent to **all** property owners, regardless of how the taxes are paid.

Tax bills may be paid at most chartered banks, by mail, by telephone/Internet banking. Payments can also be made in person at the Township Office by cash, Interac or cheque - no credit cards. A drop box is located at the main door for those who cannot make it to the office during regular hours - please do not leave cash.

When paying your tax bill by Internet or telephone banking, you must use an eight-digit portion of your 19-digit roll number located at the top left-hand corner of your tax bill. Please use the following EXAMPLE to guide you: 0901 000 (_ _ _ _ _) 0000 . All eight digits located in the brackets must be used in order to ensure that your account will be properly credited.

Unless paying in person, allow 3-5 business days for your payment to reach us.

FINAL TAX NOTICES: PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU RETAIN YOUR 2017 FINAL TAX NOTICE FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES, IF REQUIRED. SHOULD YOU REQUIRE A REPRINT OF THE TAX NOTICE, A \$15 CHARGE WILL APPLY. WE DO NOT PROVIDE CONFIRMATION BY TELEPHONE.

Change of Address: Montague Township mails all tax notices to the last known address provided by the property owner. It is the responsibility of the owner to provide the Township with any change to their mailing address.

DOG LICENCES / KENNEL LICENCES: PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU GO TO THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO PAY FOR DOG LICENCES / KENNEL LICENCES. THESE LICENCES WILL NO LONGER BE ADDED TO TAX ACCOUNTS.

TAX SALES LEGISLATION CHANGE

Our Provincial Government has made a few changes to the *Municipal Act*.

One change was to reduce the length of time that taxes are in arrears before proceeding with the tax sale process. Currently, tax sale procedures can be undertaken if taxes have been in arrears for three years. Effective May 30, 2017, if property taxes are **2 years in arrears**, tax sale procedures can proceed.

Montague will begin following this new time line starting January 1, 2018.

SPECIAL NEEDS - If you are a resident of Montague Township with special needs, who would be affected by a lack of hydro, heat or water supply, please notify the Fire Department of your situation. Should an event arise in which these services are cut off to your home, emergency services may assist you. Also, for safety in the event of a fire, the Fire Department should be made aware if you have oxygen tanks in your residence. To advise Fire Chief Miles Greer of your situation, please call him at 613-283-7478.



You do your best to keep your pet safe, but sometimes things happen.

- ◆ Find a dog? Contact MLEO Laura Lowson. She'll check for a Township licence, a tattoo or microchip and help contact its family.
- ◆ Lost a dog? Contact MLEO Laura Lowson. She'll tell you if it has been impounded or found, and help with a safe return.

Make sure your dog always wears its identification.

MLEO Lowson can be reached at 613-812-5609.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICES

WASTE COLLECTION



Each residence in Montague is allotted 90 tags, which can be picked up at the Township Office any time during the calendar year. Additional tags may be purchased for \$1 per tag. Waste collection days are Wednesdays or Fridays, depending on your location. Place garbage roadside by 7 a.m.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

Blue box collection takes place the same day as garbage pick-up. Blue boxes can be purchased at the Township Office for \$8.



NOTE: During the 2017 Christmas holidays, the waste collection schedule will move forward a day—Wednesday to Thursday, Friday to Saturday. Recycling collection days remain the same—Wednesday and Friday.

WARNING: Garbage cans and blue boxes should not be placed on the shoulder of the roads where they can be damaged, cause damage to the Township vehicles or, worse, injure drivers. Please ensure that your bins and bags are placed in your driveway, near your mailbox or on your property on collection day.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT

The Township partners with other municipalities in Lanark County for a Household Hazardous Waste Depot. Household hazardous waste includes: paint, batteries, oil, cleaners, aerosol cans, anti-freeze, etc. There is also a paint exchange at the Depot. In addition, the Depot is now accepting fluorescent tubes (4 ft. max.) and CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs).

The Depot at Carleton Place is open Saturdays from May 20 - September 2, 8 to noon.

Directions: At the intersection of Hwy 15 and Hwy 7, turn right (going east on Hwy 7). Turn left at the first set of lights – McNeely Avenue. Turn left onto Patterson Crescent and follow the signs from there.

LARGE ITEM DROP-OFF DAY

When: Saturday, October 21, 2017, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Montague Township Municipal Backyard

Acceptable Items: white metals, furniture, scrap metal, propane tanks, air-conditioners, fridges etc.

Please note: Trash tags or equivalent monetary value is required as per By-Law 2258-95. There will be a \$50 cash charge for fridges, freezers, and air conditioners containing Freon.

Brush: Residents may drop off brush, less than 2" diameter, for chipping at the Township yard on this day only.

Visit the Township website (www.township.montague.on.ca) or call 613-283-7478.

WINTER PARKING & SNOW REMOVAL NOTICE

During the period from November 15, 2017, to March 30, 2018, it is an offense to:

- Park any vehicle upon any highway or boulevard under the jurisdiction of the Township of Montague between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m.
- Park or stand a vehicle in such a manner as to impede the clearing of snow from Township roadways

Any vehicle parked in contravention of this Bylaw will be towed away at the owner's expense and the owner shall be subject, upon summary conviction, to a fine.

Pursuant to the *Highway Traffic Act*, it is an offense to:

- Plow or shovel snow from private driveways across or onto Township roadways

Homeowners will be charged for violation of this act.

Protect your mailbox. Often, when a mailbox is damaged, it is because plowed snow accumulates in front of it, causing increasing weight and pressure against it over the course of the winter. It is your responsibility to keep the area around your mailbox clear of snow. The Township of Montague is not responsible for damage to mailboxes, newspaper boxes or parked vehicles that may interfere with the snowplowing of Township roads.



Missed Large Item Drop-Off Day? Items that cannot go out with the regular household waste/recycling may be taken to Glenview Iron and Metal on Highway 43 for disposal. Contact 283-5230 for possible tipping fees.

ILLEGAL ROADSIDE DUMPING costs everyone! Tax dollars are unnecessarily being spent on cleaning up illegally dumped waste. If you see illegal roadside dumping taking place, please write down the vehicle licence plate number, vehicle description, location of the offence and contact the OPP @ 613-267-2626 or the Township's Bylaw Officer, Laura Lawson @ 613-812-5609. This is considered a criminal offence, and the perpetrator will be fined.

WATER TESTING - The Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Unit encourages property owners to have their water tested three times a year. Sample bottles can be picked up at the Township Office or the Health Unit (25 Johnston St. Smiths Falls) during regular business hours.



WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

Montague Township has adopted the provincial Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways Reg.298/02 as the standard for year-round Township road maintenance. These benchmarks were adopted under the *Municipal Act* to standardize levels of service for various classes of roads throughout the province. They also specify reasonable response times to maintain or correct deficiencies on the roadways, depending upon their class. Provincial, county and municipal roads are classified differently within these standards based on posted or statutory speed limit and annual average daily traffic.

Winter maintenance activities and priorities are based on the roadway classification and the associated level of service, as well as legislated hours of work, manpower and the municipal budget.

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES ON WHEELS (CROW) has a very high need for home child care providers in Montague Township who will offer nurturing, stimulating, quality home child care. This is a terrific self-employment opportunity that offers you the advantage of working in your own home while carrying out satisfying work that makes a difference in the lives of children and families in your community. You will receive payment for your services directly from CROW; have access to government grants to supplement provider income; have start-up supplies; receive regular visits from a Home Child Care Visitor; and have assistance with the placement of children and follow-up support for your child care business. Consider joining CROW today. You can apply online at: <http://crowlanark.com/childcare/provider-page/> or call Janice at 613-283-0095 ext 306 for more information.



MUNICIPAL CONTACT

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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Deputy Reeve K. Van Der Meer	613-284-6662
Councillor Ian Straight	613-285-6086
Councillor Jim Abbass	613-283-0994
Councillor Vince Carroll	613-812-0911

MUNICIPAL STAFF

Richard Bennett	Acting Administrator/Treasurer	Ext 210
Jasmin Ralph	Clerk/Deputy Administrator	Ext 250
Shirley Szulhan	Administrative Assistant	Ext 290
Jennifer Crane	Receptionist/Accounting	Ext 230
Jim Hunter	Chief Building Official	Ext 270
Laura Lawson	Municipal Law Enforcement	Ext 240 Cell: 613-812-5609
Brian Pountney	Acting Roads Superintendent	Ext 280
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