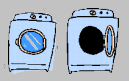


LARGE-ITEM DROP-OFF DAY



Country Living at Its Best!

MARCH 2017

P.O. Box 755
6547 Roger Stevens Dr.
Smiths Falls, ON
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TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE

MONTAGUE MESSENGER

The Annual Spring Large-Item Drop-Off Day will be on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Township Municipal Backyard from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Visit the Township website or call 613-283-7478 for more info.

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

Please Note: Trash tags or equivalent monetary value are required for the above items, as per By-Law 2258-95.

There will be a \$50 cash charge for fridges, freezers, and air conditioners containing Freon.

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

E-Waste (i.e. computers, televisions, printers, radios) is not accepted on this day. E-Waste is accepted at the Real Deal in Smiths Falls. Visit their website realaction.ca or call 613-283-7999 for details.

DOG TAGS—NOT JUST ANOTHER TAX

Dog Tags provide dog owners across Montague with a form of 'cheap insurance' for your pet. When a dog is found running at large, the first action of the municipality is to check for a tag. A license allows animal control to refer to our database and directly contact the owner with the location of their lost pet. Often, returning a dog with a tag can take as little as a few hours. However, if a loose dog is not tagged, the owner will have to pay pound fees and fines, and ultimately have to purchase a license to retrieve the dog from the pound. This process can often take a few days for the owner to reconnect with their pet. Purchase peace of mind with your dog license today!

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



Protect your mailbox When mailboxes get damaged, it is often because plowed snow accumulates in front of them, causing increasing weight and pressure against them 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 snow-plowing of Township roads.

RESTRICTED ACCESS - Stay Safe!! Please be advised that the Township property located through the gates at the rear of the Municipal complex is **NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. The Township and contractors operate heavy machinery in this area and members of the public are at risk of injury if they access this portion of the property without authorization.

USER FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW As of January 1, 2017, an updated User Fees and Charges Bylaw was adopted by the Council of the Township of Montague. This Bylaw has increased a number of fees, including confirmation of tax receipts. Additionally, the Bylaw has updated policies related to entrance applications in the Township. Please make sure that you keep your tax bills in a safe place to avoid the increased fees for tax receipts! For more information, contact Jasmin Ralph, Clerk Deputy Administrator.

LIBRARY USE



Residents of Montague Township have access to all of the programs and resources at both the Merrickville and the Smiths Falls Public libraries.

Merrickville Public Library

Mon.,Wed., Thurs. - 2 to 5 p.m. & 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday - 10 a.m. to noon & 2 to 5 p.m.
Friday - 2 to 5 p.m.
Saturday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

** There is also a story-time on Fridays at 10 a.m.

Smiths Falls Public Library

Monday to Thursday - 1 to 8 p.m.
Friday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday - 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PROCEDURE FOR DELEGATIONS



Persons or groups wishing to address Council shall submit a form to the Clerk no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the meeting of Council. This form requires the name, address and telephone number of the individual designated as spokesperson, the subject matter for discussion and sufficient information to allow for a response or decision to be made by Council. This form is available on the Township's website or upon request.

Delegates shall be limited to speaking for not more than ten minutes.

Delegates shall be limited to one appearance, per subject, unless presenting new information.

For more information about Procedure By-Law 3527-2016, please call the Township Office or visit the Township website.

BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR:

- *Any free-standing structure over 108 sq. ft., including farm structures
- *Any additions to existing structures of any size, including farm structures
- *Both residential and commercial renovations /alterations
- *Plumbing or alterations to plumbing
- * Decks
- *Swimming pools
- *Solid fuel-burning appliances
- *Demolitions



If you are thinking about a construction project, we recommend that you contact our office early in your planning, so that we can help identify the steps and rules you will need to consider to avoid costly delays down the road.

The Township Office has information packages for various types of building projects with required information and application forms, which are available upon request or online at the Township website.

New Home? An **entrance permit** must be in place either from the Province, the County of Lanark or the Township of Montague Public Works Department prior to the issuance of a building permit. Final inspection of the entrance must be completed before occupancy is permitted in new construction projects.

Also, the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit (www.healthunit.org/landcontrol or 1-800-660-5853) must be contacted to determine the septic requirements for all new single-family dwellings and most additions to existing dwellings.

Garbage & Recycling Services



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. The facility is located in Carleton Place and is permitted to be open 16 weeks in accordance with its environmental approval. This year the depot will be open Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon, from May 20 to September 2.

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 (Tim Hortons' is on the left). Turn left onto Patterson Crescent and follow the signs from there.

Websites to Bookmark

For online information about where to bring items (ex. furniture, clothing, HHW, books, eye-glasses) for recycling or disposal, visit:

www.makethedrop.ca

www.regeneration.ca

www.reaction.ca

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 either Wednesdays or Fridays. Garbage is to be placed roadside by 7 a.m. **Note: Friday, April 14, pick-up has moved to Saturday, April 15.**

Recycling Collection

Blue-box collection takes place on the same day as garbage pick-up. Additional/replacement blue boxes can be purchased at the Township Office for \$8. **NOTE: There will be pick-up on Good Friday, April 14.**



Septic Tank Maintenance is Your Responsibility

- If you have not had your septic tank pumped out within the past 3—5 years, please act responsibly and hire a licensed septic-tank hauler to pump out your tank. Routine pumping will provide you with the peace of mind of knowing that your septic tank is in good working order.

2017 Tax Billing

Tax bills may be paid at most chartered banks, by mail, by telephone/Internet banking or in person at the Township Office, located at 6547 Roger Stevens Drive. Payments can 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 to ensure your account will be properly credited.

Unless paying in person, allow 3-5 business days for your payment to reach us. Note: There is a \$15 fee for a reprint of a tax bill. Keep your final tax bill for income tax purposes.

Dog Tag Fees—Save \$15

SAVE \$15 ON DOG TAG RENEWALS UNTIL MARCH 31!

The dog tag fees for 2017 are as follows:

Until March 31\$15.00 per dog

After March 31.....\$30.00

Replacement fee for lost tags\$ 5.00

Kennel licence :

Until March 31\$75.00

After March 31 \$125.00

Guide dog tags and replacements... no charge

All dogs in Montague Township must be registered and wear a numbered metal tag when outdoors. Tags expire on December 31 and must be renewed annually. Renewal fees double after March 31. Tagging a dog increases the chance of that dog being returned to its owner, without penalty, should it stray. An untagged dog-at-large costs!



BURN PERMITS are required for all open-air fires within the Township of Montague, except for the subdivisions of Atironto and Woods , where outdoor burning is not permitted. There is no cost for the permit and it is good for the calendar year. Residents are able to renew their permits each year by phone provided they have retained the original paper copy. If the paper permit has been lost, then a new one needs to be obtained at the Township Office.

If you are going to be burning, it is necessary to contact the Township Office either by phone (613-283-7478) during regular business hours, or **by email to mgreer@township.montague.on.ca** Please provide the following information in your email: Fire permit number, name of permit holder, civic address and date with time of burn.

Chief Greer advises that if you have any burning to be done, now is a good time while the snow is on the ground.

COMMUNITY HOME SUPPORT LANARK COUNTY currently needs volunteers. They are looking for people in the Smiths Falls area who can share a couple of hours a week for the following: delivering hot meals weekly; delivering frozen meals weekly; phoning or visiting a senior weekly; helping at the weekly dinner club and monthly coffee club. Also needed: escorted transportation drivers for medical appointments and paid home helpers to help people with household tasks. *Please contact 613-283-6745 for more information.*



WATER TESTING: The Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Unit encourages property owners to have their water tested three times per year. Sample bottles can be picked up at the Township Office or the Health Unit (25 Johnston St.) during regular business hours. Please contact the Health Unit for information on how to take a sample and when samples can be dropped off at the Health Unit.

Municipal Contact Information

Phone: 613-283-7478 Fax: 613-283-3112

Email: info@township.montague.on.ca

www.township.montague.on.ca

MUNICIPAL STAFF

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Jennifer Crane	Accounting Clerk/Receptionist	Ext 230
Jasmin Ralph	Clerk/Deputy Administrator	Ext 250
Shirley Szulhan	Administrative Assistant	Ext 290
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Jason Rowland	Road Superintendent	Ext 280
Miles Greer	Fire Chief /Water Operator	Ext 300 Cell: 613-285-5303



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