

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS — MONDAY, OCTOBER 22



The Township of Montague will be conducting an election using Internet and telephone voting methods. Voters in Montague will be able to cast a ballot using either method. There will be no paper ballots. A Voter Information Letter will be mailed directly to electors in the month of October, providing voters with a PIN that will allow them to vote from any telephone or device connected to the internet. Polls will be open 24 hours a day for 8 days (October 15 –22).

WHO CAN BE A CANDIDATE? To run for municipal office, you must be nominated and qualify. To be a qualified candidate you must be a Canadian Citizen; at least 18 years old; and reside in Montague Township, or be the owner or tenant of land in Montague, or the spouse of an owner or tenant of land in Montague.

NOMINATIONS will be accepted at the Municipal Office during regular business hours from May 1, 2018, until 2 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018 (Nomination Day). Nomination details can be found on the Township website.

**** Please visit our website for all the election details and updates, or call the Township Office for information****



PUBLIC NOTICE OF HERBICIDE USE

Montague Township is partnering with Lanark County to control wild parsnip along its roadsides, in areas only where the infestation is widespread. The program will use Clearview Herbicide (PCP #29752) as per the successful pilot program of 2017. Herbicide treatment of wild parsnip is targeted to occur in June, 2018, weather permitting.

The areas to be treated and program details, including opt-out (no spray) options, may be found at:

www.county.lanark.on.ca/Page1875.aspx#Roadside+Spraying .

For information relating to County roads, contact 613-267-1353 or Toll Free 1-888-952-6275.

For information relating to Montague Township roads, visit the web site or call 613-283-7478 ext. 280.

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.

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.

Lanark County Book Hub

A book exchange is now located at the Township Office. Take a book or leave a book. The Township's Book Hub was built by the Perth Men's Shed. Visit bookhublanark.ca for more information.

ANNUAL SPRING LARGE-ITEM DROP-OFF DAY

Saturday, April 21, 2018 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 the 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.

To find other locations that will accept electronic waste, visit www.recyclemyelectronics.ca

THE TOWNSHIP WANTS YOUR INPUT!

The Township of Montague is undergoing a long-range community Strategic Plan. In order to ensure that our plans meet your needs, we want to hear from you!

A survey will soon be delivered to your door, and it will also be available on our website. If you would like more information about this process, please email or call Jasmin Ralph at jralph@township.montague.on.ca or 613-283-7478.



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.



BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR:

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

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 19 to September 1.

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.

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.

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. Garbage is to be placed roadside by 7 a.m.

Note: Friday, March 30, pick-up is moved to Saturday, March 31.



RECYCLING COLLECTION

Blue-box collection takes place on the same day as garbage pick-up. Additional or replacement blue boxes can be purchased at the Township Office for \$8. **NOTE: There will be pick-up on Good Friday, March 30.**

COMPOSTERS NOW AVAILABLE



A LIMITED NUMBER OF 80 GAL EARTH MACHINE COMPOSTERS IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE. ONE COMPOSTER PER HOUSEHOLD. \$38 + HST.

2018 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.

NEW: Preauthorized Payment Plan for Property Tax and Utilities Payments. Automatic monthly withdrawals directly from your bank account are now available for your convenience. Application forms are available on our website or in person at the Township Office.

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.

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.

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. Effective May 30, 2017, if property taxes are **2 years in arrears**, tax sale procedures can proceed. Montague began following this new time-line on January 1, 2018.

DOG TAG FEES—SAVE \$15

SAVE \$15 ON DOG TAG RENEWALS UNTIL MARCH 29!

The dog tag fees for 2018 are as follows:

- Until March 29\$15.00 per dog
- After March 29\$30.00
- Replacement fee for lost tags\$ 5.00
- Kennel licence :
- Until March 29\$75.00
- After March 29 \$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 29. 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!**

CHANGES TO THE BURN PERMITS



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. Starting March 1, 2018, a new permit comes into effect. There is no cost for this permit, and it is not necessary to renew it each year. Also, a separate permit is now required for those who plan to have a windrow burn. The permits are available at the Township Office or on our website. Online permits must be filled out and emailed to the Fire Chief, who will then issue a permit number in a reply email within two weeks. When you plan to burn, it is still necessary to contact the Township Office by phone (613-283-7478) **during** regular business hours. The email notification option is no longer available.

Reminder: Most people know that a smoke detector's batteries should be replaced at least once a year, but many may not realize that the smoke detector itself should be replaced every 10 years, as the sensors wear down. Is it time to replace yours?

MUNICIPAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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