

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Newsletter



Pumpkin Fest Sub-committee



The Laird Recreation Committee is looking for individuals to join the new Pumpkin Fest Sub-committee. Township staff have managed to organize Pumpkin Fest the last two years, however, it is a huge undertaking and Laird Recreation Committee is looking for some energetic individuals to help with the planning and execution of another successful event. Please contact the Township Officer at (705) 248-2395 if you would like to join the committee. **Come see how much fun you can create!**

2024 Interim Taxes

The second installment of the 2024 interim tax bill is due April 12, 2024. If you have not received your bill please contact the office at (705) 248-2395.

The Final tax bill will be mailed out in June, due in two installments: July and September.

For your convenience you may pay by post-dated cheque made payable to Laird Township, please return stub with payment. Payments may be made online; however we are not set up with RBC or TD. EFT and e-transfer payments accepted - info@lairdtownship.ca. DEBIT machine available (no credit cards). IF RECEIPT IS REQUIRED PLEASE MAKE NOTE WITH PAYMENT.

Dog Tags



Property owners with dogs can go to the Township website at lairdtownship.ca under *Forms and Documents* section and request a dog tag, at **no cost**.

Please remember it is unlawful to have your dog **running at large** and fines may be levied. A dog may be deemed running at large if found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the dog and not under the control of a competent person.

Annual Report



The Annual Report is now available on the Township's website, www.lairdtownship.ca, or you can request a printed copy by contacting the Township office at (705) 248-2395. The Annual Report summarizes some of the actions and activities of Council, Staff, and the various committees and sub-committees of Laird Township over the last year.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Township of Laird is now on social media!



Follow **Township of Laird** on Facebook.

WEBSITE UPDATES

The Township website, www.lairdtownship.ca, has a new **Transparency Tab** where you can find information on financial statements, reporting/statements, long term financial planning, asset management, purchasing/procurement, sale of land, and budget process.

LOAD RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT



Reminder that reduced load restrictions are now in effect during the spring thaw.

Please keep an eye out for posted signage to know when the load restrictions are in effect.

FIRE PERMITS

Fire permits ARE required April 1 - October 31

Go to www.lairdtownship.ca to complete the required form online, there is no cost for this service at this time.

Daytime burn permits must be issued By the Fire Chief.



MARCH 10, 2024 **Daylight Savings Time**

- ◆ Put your clocks ahead 1 hour.
- ◆ Change the batteries in your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and replace expired detectors.
- ◆ Check/update your emergency/first aid kits
- ◆ Discard expired/used medications at your local pharmacy.

Summer Employment Opportunities

- ⇒ **Heritage Program Assistant:** Successful candidate will work alongside staff to upload photos and information for the Township museum.
- ⇒ **Recreation Program Assistant:** Successful candidates will work in conjunction with the Township of Macdonald, Meredith, and Aberdeen Additional to plan, provide and implement Summer Camps for Children along with soccer and baseball programs.
- ⇒ **Grounds Keeper Assistant:** Successful candidate will work with our Township Grounds Manager performing grounds keeper duties throughout the Township.

More details on the above jobs can be found at lairdtownship.ca or by calling (705) 248-2395.
Positions run approximately 8 weeks for eligible candidates 15 - 30 years of age.

Candidates are asked to submit a cover letter and resume outlining their qualifications and experience by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 26 2024 to:

Email: info@lairdtownship.ca

Drop off at:
Township of Laird
3 Pumpkin Point Road
Echo Bay, ON P0S 1C0



Dr. HS Trefry Memorial Centre



The Trefry centre is hosting exercise group starting Friday, March 8, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Laird Township Community Centre, 3 Pumpkin Point Road W.

For more information phone (705) 246-0036.

Echo Bay and Bar River Outreach Committee

Echo Bay and Bar River Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for the donations of food, toys, mitten, hats, toiletries, etc. and the financial support for last year's Christmas and/or Easter outreach baskets.

Last year 42 families received Outreach Christmas Cheer baskets and 37 families had a better Easter after receiving an Outreach Easter basket.

RCMP MUSICAL RIDE

The North Shore Agricultural Society (Laird Fair) is happy to announce that the RCMP Musical Ride is coming to the Laird Fairgrounds on July 10 & 11, 2024. Stay tuned for more details...

YOUTH SOFTBALL AND SOCCER
REGISTRATION HAVE OPENED!

Please **DO NOT** wait to register as stricter deadlines are being implemented this season for team organization and scheduling purposes.

Softball registration deadline:
Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Soccer registration deadline:
Friday, June 14, 2024

Register online at www.echobay.ca or in person at the Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional Municipal Office (Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm)

Contact Trisha Daynard
tdaynard@ontera.net
(705)297-4024 -cell

Summer Camps 2024

3 Full Day Camps
10AM - 3PM

Each camp is \$100 per camper (Age 5 +)
Before and After care available for \$25 per camp (8:30AM - 4PM)

Maximum 30 participants per camp...

Don't wait to sign up it might be too late!!

Have a "Ball" Camp - Monday, July 15th to Friday, July 19th, 2024

Throughout the week the campers will participate in a variety of sports and activities that involve a ball. A great opportunity to get active and have a ball!!

Under the Sea Camp - Monday, August 12th to Friday, August 16th, 2024

Join us and explore life under the sea through nature and craft projects. Of course no Under the Sea week would be complete without some wet, wild and wacky games to cool off from the summer heat!!

Mystery Camp - Monday, August 19th to Friday, August 23th, 2024

This week of camp will be jam-packed full of fun. Each day will be a new adventure with a new theme that will be sure to keep the kids wanting more!!

Exciting News!!

Swimming lessons are back and will be offered in combination with the Great Outdoors Summer Camp
9AM - 3PM

Each camp is \$200 per camper (Age 5 +) Max. 25 participants
Before and After care available for \$20 per camp (8:30AM - 4PM)

Swimming Lessons & The Great Outdoors Camp
Monday, July 22nd to Friday, July 26th 2024

Participation in this camp includes bussing to the John Rhodes Pool for 5, 45 minutes swimming lessons. Swimming lessons will be from 10:30-11:15am daily.

In the afternoon following swimming lessons participants will enjoy the great outdoors as we partake in classic summertime games, activities and nature crafts. There will be opportunities throughout the week to learn and explore some of the greatness Mother Nature has to offer!

REGISTRATION OPENS Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 9AM

REGISTRATION IS ONLINE at www.echobay.ca
(if you need assistance come to the Municipal Office OR Contact Trisha 705-297-4024)