



# Spring 2019 Newsletter

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**HERITAGE DAY**

**July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - 11-3 pm**  
**Watt Century Farm House**  
**827 Chetwynd Road**

Armour Township and the  
 Historical Society are  
 celebrating "Survival!"

Take a journey from the past to present of our Hospital/Health Centre, see the Health Exhibit from the Archives of Ontario, learn about Emergency Management and visit various displays. Come & enjoy the inflatables, Reptile Camp, face painting, Fire Fighter Challenge, Kyle "The Monster" Nelson, Barbecue and much more.

**FREE ADMISSION!!**

More details will follow in the coming months on our website and Facebook. If you're interested in registering a recruitment or fundraising display for your organization, please contact Charlene at [deputyclerk@armourtownship.ca](mailto:deputyclerk@armourtownship.ca) or call 705-382-3332.

The Historical Society welcomes volunteers and new members. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, at 7 p.m. at Fell Homes, 5 Mary Street, Burk's Falls

**Digital Sign:**

We have a new sign outside our Township Office. Please check it frequently to keep up to date with local events and activities.

## General Information

Interim tax bills are due in two installments, the first half is due on **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, and the second half is due on **April 26<sup>th</sup>**. Taxes can be paid at the Municipal Office by debit, cash or cheque, by mail or through your online banking (with the exception of the Royal Bank). **We now accept E-Mail money transfers!** If you would like to pay with this option, please contact Alison McGregor, Deputy Treasurer at [info@armourtownship.ca](mailto:info@armourtownship.ca) or at 705-382-3332. Credit card payments are still accepted through our website (third party fees apply). Please ensure your payments are made on time to avoid incurring interest charges on overdue taxes.

**Preauthorized Payments:**

We offer payment plan options that allow you the benefit of settling your tax bill by making monthly payments or paying installments on the due dates indicated on the tax bills. Join today! See our website or call us for additional details.

## Meet your new Council ☺



*Back Row: Rod Blakelock, Wendy Whitwell, Jerry Brandt, Rod Ward - Councillors*  
*Front Row: Bob MacPhail, Reeve; John Theriault (Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator)*

- Bob MacPhail -  
Reeve  
705- 636-7678
- Rod Blakelock -  
Councillor  
705-382-3113
- Jerry Brandt -  
Councillor  
705-382-6502
- Wendy Whitwell -  
Councillor  
705-384-7635
- Rod Ward -  
Councillor  
705-380-7177

**Council Meetings**

If there are any issues or suggestions that you would like to see discussed with Council, please contact the office to have your concerns placed on the agenda. Council welcomes your attendance at our regular meetings held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Agendas and minutes may be viewed on our website.

**Recreational Programming:**

The Village has worked hard to organize & facilitate programs that meet a range of interests & abilities. We offer snowshoeing, group fitness classes, archery along with several other programs for successful year-round fitness. These programs, along with our seasonal baseball, T-ball and soccer programs for the area youth are sure to keep everyone active no matter the season. Visit the Village's Recreation page at [www.burksfalls.net](http://www.burksfalls.net) to learn more about our programs. We have lots planned for the spring/summer of 2019 so please keep checking!

**Katrine Community Centre:**

Join the Almaguin Dancers on Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m. For information, please call Brian at 705-636-1171. Country Jamborees are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month October to June. For rentals and hall info call 705-382-5019 & check us out on Facebook for upcoming events. We're always looking for new volunteers.

## Fire Department:

Effective April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> no outdoor fires shall be set in the Township between the hours of 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Remember to change the batteries in your alarms when you move your clocks ahead this spring.

## 211 Ontario:

Don't worry! You don't need to stay up to date on government benefits and support services because 211 will do this for you. Give them a call - they'll be happy to help. 😊

## Roads Department:

The Roads Department is gearing up for another busy season. Road rehabilitation projects are scheduled for Pevensey Road, Leggetts Road and Pickerel & Jack Lake Road this year along with ongoing routine maintenance. Please slow down when approaching crews working on the road. Remember that plowing or shoveling snow onto or across municipal roads is prohibited under the Highway Traffic Act. For additional information, please contact Keith McCoy at 705-382-5982.

## Blue-Green Algae:

Keep checking with the Health Unit for information on area lakes at 1-800-563-2808 or [myhealthunit.ca](http://myhealthunit.ca)

## Pitch-In:

We are sponsoring a roadside clean up in support of Pitch-In Canada from May 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. Come into the municipal office to register your roadside area and to pick up supplies. The landfill offers free drop off of the litter to registrants. Registered children will receive a Certificate of Participation.

## **Building Department:**

Structural additions or improvements require a Building Permit. Applications are available on our website or at the municipal office. Your property's zoning will determine what you can build on your property. Site plan control may also apply. Contact the office early in your planning process to receive specific information about the requirements. Paul Schaefer, Chief Building Official can be reached Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons at the Municipal Office or by email at: [cbo@armourtownship.ca](mailto:cbo@armourtownship.ca)

## **Community Economic Development:**

The Burk's Falls & Area Community Economic Development Committee (BACED) is working with partners throughout the region to develop a regionally inclusive economic development department to serve the entire Almaguin Highlands Region. The aim of all partners is to collaboratively put the recommendations from the 2018 Almaguin Highlands Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan into action and grow the region's economy over the coming years. Contact Dave Gray for additional information at 705-571-1564.

## **Arena Rentals:**

The Karl Crozier Community Room is the perfect venue to host a variety of events with a seating capacity for over 200, a full service kitchen and separate bar. This venue can be rented for weddings, birthdays, corporate events and more. When planning your event, consider renting the Community Shuttle Bus to ensure your guests have safe/reliable transportation. 705-382-3811.

## **By-Law Enforcement:**

**DOG LICENCES:** Annual licenses are now available for 2019. Fees are: \$15.00 for the first dog + \$20.00 if you have 2 dogs + \$25.00 if you have 3 dogs. Licenses may be purchased at the Township Office or by contacting our By-law Enforcement Officer, Jason Newman at 705-349-1150, or by email at [bylaw@armourtownship.ca](mailto:bylaw@armourtownship.ca)

**TRAILER LICENCES:** The use of trailers is only permitted in certain zones within the Township. The annual fee for 2019 is \$530.00. Check out the Trailer License By-Law & application on our website or contact the Municipal Office for more information.

**SHIPPING CONTAINERS:** Use of shipping containers is permitted in certain zones, provided they are used only as an accessory structure, and you have a building permit. A principle use residence must also exist. Please contact the Municipal Office prior to placing a shipping container on your property.

## **Landfill:**

**Hazmat Days for the TRI-R Landfill are May 25<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, both days at the Strong Township Landfill, 483 Forest Lake Road.**

Our new Landfill Cards are out. The system makes your card reusable & trackable. Working off a gift card system, the cards will be reloaded over the internet each year with an amount predetermined by Council. Lost or stolen cards can be deactivated and the remaining value can be reloaded to a replacement card. The same goes for defective cards - "magnetic strip no longer works" - we'll replace that one too. Temporary passes for cottage rentals are still available by making arrangements with the Municipal Office.

## **Library:**

The Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library is a dynamic organization that provides innovative programming and information in a variety of formats for the continued well-being of our community. *Join the TD Summer Reading Club this summer, weekly prizes and more.* Story Hour with Carolyn; Local History Workshops/Research help; Junior & Adult Book Club; MineCraft Club; Artist's Club; Saturday Matinee; Junior & Adult Sewing Club. Public Computers & WIFI Service are always available during operating hours - Free Lessons! Photocopying, scanning, faxing and laminating offered for a minimum fee. Check out the new arrivals shelves for your next read. If you prefer listening to popular titles, we have those too. We loan eReaders loaded with books of different genres or we can help you borrow books on your eReader/Tablet through our Download Centre.

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