

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Extended Tax Payment Date	2 Office Closed for Staff Training	3 Landfill 6pm—8pm Office Closed for Staff Training	4	5	6 Landfill 10am—5pm
7	8 Council Meeting 6:30pm	9 Office Closed for Staff Training	10 Landfill 6pm—8pm Office Closed for Staff Training	11	12	13 Landfill 10am—5pm
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21	22 Victoria Day Office Closed	23 Council Meeting 6:30pm	24 Landfill 6pm—8pm	25	26	27 Landfill 10am—5pm
28	29	30	31 Landfill 6pm—8pm			



Gillies News

May 2023

Municipal Office

1092 Highway 595
Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0

Phone: (807) 475-3185

Fax: (807) 473 0767

Clerk/Deputy Treasurer:
gillies@gilliestownship.com

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk:
admin@gilliestownship.com

Hours:

Monday to Thursday:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
(closed 12pm-12:30pm)
Friday: Closed

Roads Department

roads@gilliestownship.com
(807) 475-3165

Fire Department

fire@gilliestownship.com

Chief Building Official

gilliesco@tbaytel.net

Emergency Numbers

Non-Emergency OPP

1-888-310-1122

Emergency (fire, medical, OPP)

911

Hydro Outages

1-800-434-1235



May Birth Flower
Lily of the Valley

FROM THE DESK OF THE REEVE

Greetings Gillies!

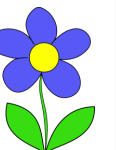
It has been a tumultuous weather month and fingers are crossed that May will offer no surprises! Thank you again to the roads crew for managing these Spring storms!

For those of you that have started seeds indoors, I hope they are growing and getting ready for planting soon. Plans should be coming together for the upcoming season even if the outdoors doesn't match the inner garden dreams for everyone. It will come, let's all be positive together. Perhaps that's why there are so many in the community that partake in gardening. Whether it is for feeding the family, producing beautiful blooms, or selling at our various markets, one thing we all have in common is the need for longer days and soil under our nails. While you're at it, think about entries for Hymers Fall Fair.

Volunteers are always needed for local events and organizations. Consider the Gillies Community Centre, Volunteer Fire Department or Hymers Fall Fair. These are all great groups of folks helping everyone and the community. For those in high school, volunteer hours are also available.

Take Care of You and Yours!

Reeve Wendy Wright



Landfill Hours

Starting May 1 summer landfill hours resume

Wed: 6pm-8pm

Sat: 10am to 5pm

Regular Council Meeting Dates:

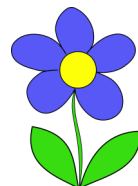
May 8th & 23th

Meetings start at 6:30 pm (unless noted) and are open virtually to the public. Please see the Council News page for information on how to attend.

Copies of the agenda are available on the website www.gilliestownship.com

Council News

- Regular council meetings were held April 12 & 24. Meetings are open to the public virtually and the information to attend is on the website. Please consider attending meetings so you have knowledge of everything Council is working on at any given time.
- Gillies Official Plan is underway. Fotenn (the company hired for this project) visited Council on April 24 for initial assessments and an information session. There will be public meetings to come and they will be advertised on the website and in the newsletter. The community will have a chance to ask questions and provide feedback at this time.
- The engineering study is ongoing at the Landfill Site. This is why you may notice differences when you are there.
- Council has signed up for various information seminars with MPAC and Intact Insurance to enhance their knowledge of upcoming changes.
- Council received the OPP Municipal Policing Billing information for 2023.
- Changes are being considered to the Procedural and Council Remuneration Bylaws which will come into effect in May.
- The Reeve and Clerk attended the NOMA (Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association) Conference. This is an important event geared towards our specific needs and concerns. Ministers and Party leaders were present to discuss relevant topics. A trade show with organizations we work with every day and those that have an interest in Municipal Organizations was informative.



Council Members	Email
Reeve Wendy Wright	w.wright@gilliestownship.com
Councillor Rudy Buitenhuis	r.buitenhuis@gilliestownship.com
Councillor Bill Groenheide	b.groenheide@gilliestownship.com
Councillor Elizabeth Jones	e.jones@gilliestownship.com
Councillor Daniel Vanlenthe	d.vanlenthe@gilliestownship.com

2023 Council Meetings

May 8 & 23
June 12 & 26
July 10
August 14
September 11 & 25
October 10 & 23
November 14 & 27
December 11

*Council dates may change throughout the year, please visit the website for accuracy

Council Meetings

Join from your computer or tablet:
meet.goto.com/410052917

Call in (toll free): **1 (888) 299-1889**

Access Code: **410-052-917**

Emergency Council Meetings

Join from your computer or tablet:
meet.goto.com/670111493

Call in (toll free): **1 (888) 455-1389**

Access Code: **670-111-493**

Public Meetings

Join from your computer or tablet:
meet.goto.com/956692509

Call in (toll free): **1 (888) 299-1889**

Access Code: **956-692-509**

The Township of Gillies respectfully acknowledges that the lands on which we live and work are the traditional lands of the Anishinabek Nation and the traditional territory of Fort William First Nation, signatory to the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850. As partners with First Nations communities, the Métis Nation of Ontario, and Inuit people, the Municipality is committed to the common vision of a healthy, safe and sustainable community.

Important Information

Important Dates

May 1—extended tax payment day - reminder that cheques can be dropped off in the drop box beside the municipal office door.

May 2,3,9,10,16—Township Office closed for staff training

Temporary situation

There may be times that the office will be closed unexpectedly throughout the month due to a staff shortage. We appreciate your patience!

New phone procedures

When calling the municipal office you are required to leave a voicemail stating your name, number, and the reason for calling. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible. By leaving the reason you called helps staff to gather the appropriate information to best serve you.

Arranged meetings (held virtually and over the phone)

It is highly encouraged to make an appointment for matters such as zoning, building, cemetery purchases, and lottery licenses. All best efforts will be made to accommodate walk-ins for these types of longer meetings but there is no guarantee. Walk-ins are best for shorter matters such as paying taxes, purchasing dog tags, and picking up landfill tags.

Other information

Most information can be found on the municipal website, please visit the website prior to calling to see if the information you require is on there.

For all matters related to severances in Gillies Township please call the Lakehead Rural Planning Board at 807-935-3300 for more information.

News from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority—May 2023 Edition

Spring is upon us which means that people will be out visiting our Conservation Areas and enjoying the great outdoors once again! We would like to remind visitors that all dogs must be kept on-leash, and that mountain bikes are not permitted on our trails. If you visit frequently, consider purchasing an Explore Card Parking Pass for \$40.00 +HST to forgo the mandatory \$5.00 per vehicle parking fee for one calendar year. If you visit us more than eight times, the pass will pay for itself. Visit our webstore at www.store.lakeheadca.com to purchase your Explore Card Parking Pass.

The LRCA has several exciting public events scheduled throughout 2023, including Hazelwood Lake Family Fun Day on Sunday, July 23, Silver Harbour Day on Saturday, August 26, and our popular Watershed Explorer guided hike programs. Visit our website, follow us on social media and sign up for our e-newsletter for up-to-date events information. Please note that some workshops and guided hikes require pre-registration, and space is limited. Visit our webstore to register.

The mid-April snow survey measurements remain above average for this time of year (1974 to 2022). Measurements taken on April 17, 2023 recorded between 15-36 centimetres of snow, compared to the average of 7-27 centimetres; water content measured between 68 - 131 millimetres of equivalent water content, compared to the average for the same period of 21 - 85 millimetres. The previous record was set in 2022 with 64-107 centimetres snow depth and 220 to 325 millimetres water content measured for the same time period.

Get out and Explore!



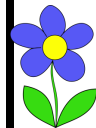
LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY





Try out this recipe on May 5—Cinco de Mayo. A common misconception is that this is Mexico's Independence Day, which actually occurs September 16. Cinco de Mayo was declared a holiday after Mexico's unexpected victory over the French in the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Today Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexican culture, pride and values.

Mango Salsa	
Ingredients:	
- 2 mangoes, diced	- 1 jalapeno, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced	- 1/2 C. fresh cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 small red onion, diced	- 2 tbsp. lime juice (~1 lime)
Directions:	
- Combine mango, pepper, onion, jalapeno, and cilantro	
- Drizzle with lime juice and toss to coat	
- Let sit for 5-10 mins to allow flavour to infuse	
- Serve with tortilla chips or use to top tacos	



Have a well-loved recipe that you'd like to share? Send your recipe to admin@gilliestownship.com for a chance to have your recipe featured in the newsletter!

Potluck lunch and film screening



The Seeds of Vandana Shiva

"When you control seed you control life on Earth."

Saturday, May 13, 2023

**Gillies Community Centre
1895 HWY 595 (South Gillies)**

12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Limited seating

Admission: A snack to share with the group and a non-perishable food item or cash donation. Proceeds to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank.

To register contact:
Kathy McGowan
Misty Meadows Permaculture Farm
807-629-0343
countrylivingrocks@hotmail.com

In support of:



Well Water Testing

Regular testing of your private well is important to make sure your water is safe for you and your family to drink. Bacteria such as E. coli can contaminate your well making it unsafe to drink. The risk is higher if you have animals in the area – especially on farms with livestock and other animals – but the bacteria can also occur naturally in the soil.

For testing, the TBDHU recommends:

- Drilled Well - at least three times per year; once after the spring melt and then summer and fall
- Dug Well - at least four times per year; one after the spring melt, and three more times during the summer and fall
- After heavy rainfall or flooding

Free bacterial testing is available for private well owners through Ontario's Public Health Laboratory, located at 336 South Syndicate Avenue. The Lab does not test for other contaminants, such as chemicals.

For more information visit: www.tbdhu.com/health-topics/drinking-water/private-well-water-testing



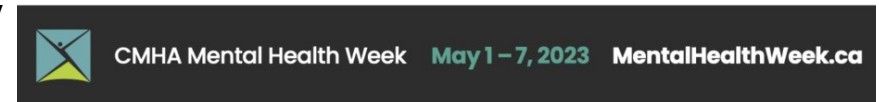
May 1-7 is CMHA Mental Health Week

Collectively and individually, we have multiple layers and stories that make us who we are and while each year 1 in 5 Canadians experience a mental illness or mental health issue, 5 in 5 of us – that's all people – have mental health. We all have different, yet equally valuable stories which can be used to share one key message: universal mental health care is important and needed now!

- Listen and support those who share their story with you, there is vulnerability, strength and benefits in these interactions;
- Share your story with someone close to you, this helps destigmatize the mental health conversation;
- Learn about different types of mental health supports and how they can be used to support you or someone in your community;
- Understand (the differences between) mental health and mental illness;
- Share a message of thanks for a community program or person who has helped you in your mental health journey
- Spread awareness about #mentalhealth during CMHA Mental Health Week from May 1st – 7th, and let's continue to support one another in our mental health journeys



The reality of mental health is found in our stories.



Mental Health Resources

For mental health services in Ontario, call 1-866-531-2600 (toll-free)

Kids Help Line: kidshelpphone.ca

Good2Talk: free, confidential support services for post-secondary students in Ontario and Nova Scotia

Wellness Together Canada: free online resources, tools, apps and connections to trained volunteers and qualified mental health professionals when needed ca.portal.gs/

Talk Suicide Canada: talksuicide.ca/1-833-456-4566

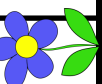
First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line: 1-855-242-3310 Service is available in Cree, Ojibway, Inuktitut, English and French.

Naseeha: 1-866-627-3342 Helpline and textline. Lines are open from 12pm to 3am EST

Let's Go on a Nature Walk...

Featuring the Sandhill Crane:

- Sandhill Cranes are 3-4ft tall with a wingspan of more than 5 ft
- Their feathers are gray but sometimes have a reddish-brown appearance due to preening themselves by rubbing mud on their feathers
- They are opportunistic feeders eating what is available such as plants, grains, invertebrates, small mammals, amphibians, and reptiles
- Their distinctive deep, trumpeting sound is due to having long tracheas that coil into the sternum
- Sandhill Crane chicks can leave the nest within 8 hours of hatching and are capable of swimming
- There are 6 subspecies. 3 are migratory (Lesser, Greater, & Canadian) and 3 are non-migratory (Mississippi, Cuban, and Florida)
- **Fun Fact!** Many people confuse herons and cranes due to their long legs, long necks, and large wingspan but they are only distantly related! Cranes live longer, lay fewer eggs and fly with necks stretched out





The Corporation of the Township of Gillies currently has one vacant position for a

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Full time, Permanent
32 hours per week.
Salary Range: \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00

Posted until vacancy is filled.

The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer reports to the Clerk-Treasurer and provides a wide variety of administrative support services. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer works within the policies, procedures and priorities established by legislation, by-laws and resolutions, as well as accepted office management practices. The ideal candidate will be a highly motivated, detail conscious, organized individual who has several years experience working in a municipal office.

Duties of the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer includes, but not limited to, assisting the Clerk-Treasurer in a variety of administrative tasks, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, receipting tax payments, answering public inquiries, assisting in the coordination and preparation of minutes, by-laws, policies, and records management, as well as other duties assigned by the Clerk-Treasurer. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will be required to carry out the duties of the Clerk-Treasurer in her absence.

The successful candidate will preferably have a minimum of 2 years experience in a municipal setting with a financial background. Skills required for this position includes being proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word, excellent written and verbal communication, organized, courteous, and can work well with others under pressure with tight deadlines.

The successful candidate will be required to obtain educational training through [AMCTO](#) provided for by the Township of Gillies.

Employment will be conditional on a clear Criminal Records background check.

A full job description is available at the Municipal Office or online at www.gilliestownship.com.
Remuneration will be dependent upon experience. The Township of Gillies is an OMERS employer and will provide a comprehensive benefits package.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a **cover letter** and **resume**.

1092 Highway 595
Kakabeka Falls, ON
POT 1W0
Phone: (807) 475-3185
Email: gillies@gilliestownship.com

The Corporation of the Township of Gillies thanks all applicants for their interest, but only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Accessibility accommodations are available for all parts of the recruitment process.

All applications and enquiries will be treated in confidence. The personal information collected will be used solely for candidate selection in accordance with the Municipal Freedom and Protection of Privacy Act.

Upcoming Kakabeka Legion Events

May 5 Dance with Quest 7-10pm

May 13 Exec/Gen Mtg 2:30/3pm

May 14 Mother's Day Breakfast 8:30am-noon

May 19 Rural 60+ Lunch noon-1pm

May 20 Dance with Quest 7-10pm

May 21 Jam Session 7-9:30pm

May 28 Butch's Country Classics 2-4pm

Call the Legion hotline to for any changes:

807-473-9122



Kakabeka Falls
and
Rural District
Branch 225



RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

Conmee Municipal Complex
19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls POT1W0
807-285-0836

We sincerely thank all those that continue
to support us during COVID-19.

Your donations enable the food bank
to remain open

Next Food Bank

Wednesday, MAY 17th, 2023

Registration 9 am to 11 am

Drive-Thru Pick-up



Full Flower Moon

May's full Moon is named the Flower Moon and appears on Friday May 5. This moon's name comes from the abundance of flowers that appear at this time and is attributed to Algonquin peoples. Alternative names for May's full Moon reference the arrival of spring and include Budding Moon (Cree), Planting Moon (Dakota, Lakota), and Moon of the Shedding Ponies (Oglala).

Red Dress Day

Red Dress Day, also known as National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People, is observed on May 5th. Red Dress Day was inspired by Métis artist Jaime Black's *REDress Project*. Black gathered and hung hundreds of red dresses to represent the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada. The day is used to pay respect to the victims, raise awareness of the crisis and call on governments to take action to address the racialized and gendered violence inflicted on Indigenous peoples in Canada.



The Rural Cupboard Food Bank conveys a special Thank You to:

SHAWN at No Frills for his donation of plastic bags

LAURIE MILLINGTON for Conmee Comedy Night which resulted in an evening of laughter and a donation to the Food Bank

ERIN LAFOREST for the O'Connor Community Clothing Giveaway that allowed for a clothing exchange and a food or cash donation to the Food Bank

Reminder of the fund raising **Film Festival at Misty Meadows**, 1895 Hwy 595, May 13th 12-3pm



Business Directory

Aiken Electric

Electrical Services/Electrician
Phone: (807) 631-1304
Email: aikenelectric@outlook.ca

Barb's Sewing

Professional Seamstress
Zippers, hems and repairs
Phone: (807) 475-9687
Email: bbbarbbelanger@hotmail.ca
Daniel Vanlenthe Mechanical
Electrical water heater installation & repair
Oil and wood energy home installations and inspections
Phone: (807) 939-1013

Duotherapy

Registered Massage Therapists
Couples & solo massage, direct billing, online booking
1620 Hwy 588
Website: www.duotherapy.com

Graph-X by Deb Printing Design

Promotions

Phone: (807) 935-2685
Email: graphxbydeb@gmail.com
Website: www.graphxbydeb.com

Green Acre Variety Store

Groceries, gas/diesel, propane, post office
1226 Hwy 595, Gillies, ON
Phone: (807) 475-5631

J's Funny Farm

Piglets, Barbecue pigs, pork
Phone: (807) 630-4428 or (807) 577-7193

Mitchell's Autobody

Phone: (807) 473-3573

Rebecca's Water Service

Self serve water fill up in trucks or 5 gallon jugs

Phone: (807) 628-6583 (text or call)

Rose Valley Lodge & Restaurant

5-course meals, log cabin rentals
56 Rose Valley Road, South Gillies, ON
Website: www.rosevalleylodge.com

Laila's Custom Sewing

Alterations & repairs on all clothing (incl. formal & semi-formal). Zippers, hems, and other tasks.

Phone: (807) 475-8884

Email: lkrievin@gmail.com

Wildflower Arts

Quilt Shop & Longarm Quilting
1899 Hwy 608 South Gillies
Hours: Tues, Thurs, Fri 10-5 or by appointment

Phone: (807) 626-3691

Tarrymore Farms

Local beef and eggs
Phone: (807) 620-6488 or (807) 620-6489

Walkabout Farms

Website: www.walkaboutfarm.ca

Disclaimer: Business Directory is only for businesses located in OR NEAR the Township of Gillies. Businesses located further outside the Township are welcome to advertise in the newsletter. To be added to the business directory, please email the Township office at admin@gilliestownship.com

Fire Department



Now that winter is over (maybe) and we are all done burning wood for heat, its a good time to do some woodstove maintenance.

- Clean your chimney - or have it cleaned by a professional if your not comfortable on the roof).
- Visually inspect the stove for any defects such as cracks in the welds, broken glass, damaged or worn fire brick, warped chimney, etc.
- Clean the glass
- Inspect the door gasket and change if worn or dried out.

Doing this little bit of maintenance now will mean you are ready for the fall wood burning season to begin and won't be rushed.

And don't forget to make sure you have enough firewood cut, and piled so it is dry enough to burn this fall: birch needs at least three months to dry properly.



Landfill

Landfill Summer Hours start May 1!

Wednesday 6pm-8pm | Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

The Good Neighbour Shack is for resident use only and is located at the landfill site. It is a small building where residents can donate gently used household items for others in the community. Please remember that the items donated must be in useable condition and any broken electronics should be placed in the electronics recycling bin.

Until further notice: the Good Neighbour Shack is only accepting items that can fit inside the shack. Please do not leave items outside the shack.

Have you seen areas of the landfill marked off? This is part of an ongoing study by TBT Engineering

Did you know...?

The Township of Gillies is covered by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU):



- TBDHU is one of 34 Public Health Units operating in Ontario. They are a non-profit agency funded jointly by the provincial government and the municipalities served.
- Public health services promote healthy living, healthy growth and development, injury and disease prevention and control communicable diseases in the community. Programs and services are available to individuals and groups of all ages in a variety of settings.
- TBDHU oversees a geographic area of over 230,000 square kilometres with approximately 146,000 residents. They have offices in Thunder Bay, Geraldton, Marathon, Red Rock, Manitouwadge and Terrace Bay.
- Programs and services include: environmental health, family health, children's visual and oral health, immunization, septic & land development, sexual health, street outreach, tobacco control, workplace health promotion, nutrition services, and healthy living

Barb's Sewing

Replace jean buttons, snaps and zippers

Hem stretch pants, jeans, dress pants

Email: bbbarbbelanger@hotmail.ca

Phone: 475-9687

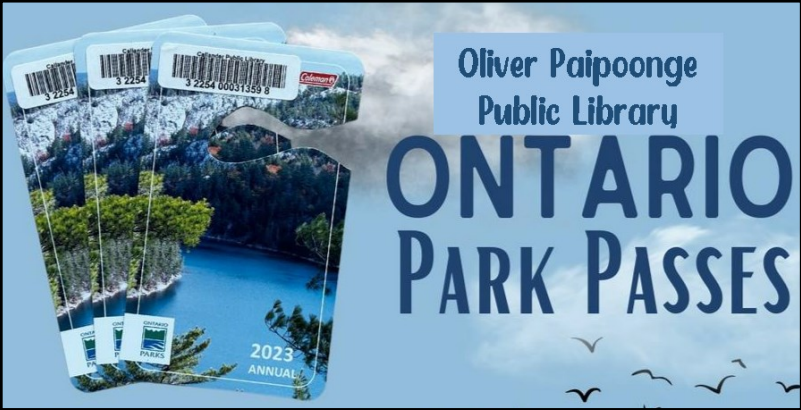


TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY



TOPS can help you reach your weight-loss goals by providing you the support, tools, and accountability needed to be successful.
First meeting is FREE.

TUESDAY S 10:00 AM Baptist Community Church Corner Mudlake & Oliver Rds. Murillo CONTACT 807-577-5924	TUESDAY S 5:30 PM Blake Community Hall 71 Blake Hall Road Neebing CONTACT 807-577-5924
WEDNESDAY S 6:30 PM O'Connor Community Center 344 Hwy 595 O'Connor CONTACT 807-577-5924	TUESDAY S 10:15 AM Hope Christian Reform Church 1315 Crawford Ave. Thunder Bay CONTACT 807-577-5924



Activities at the Rosslyn Community Centre

- **Cribbage:** Tuesdays 1pm
- **‘Get Creative’ Craft Gathering:** Thursdays 1pm-4pm. Bring your current craft project to work and socialize with other ‘crafty-minded’ people
- **Seniors Carpet Bowling:** Fridays 10am-noon & 1pm-3pm. To pre-book call the number below. Please bring indoor shoes!
- **Exercise Class:** Tuesdays (bands & balls) and Thursdays (weights) 11:30am-noon. Bring indoor shoes and weights.

For more information call 939-2312

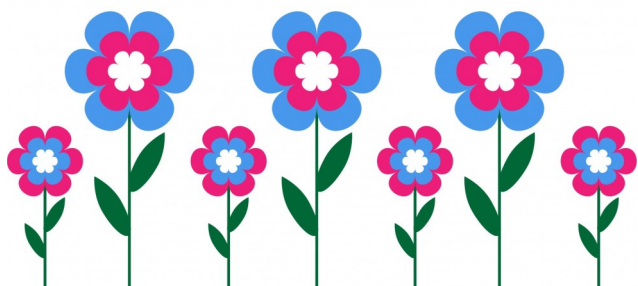


Murillo Library Monday 10 – 8:00 pm Wednesday 10 – 8:00 pm Saturday 9 am – 12:00 pm 935-2729	Email: oplibrary@tbaytel.net Website: http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca	Rosslyn Library Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm <u>Friday 10 – 3:00</u> Saturday 1 – 4 pm
	The library will be closed on Victoria Day Monday May 22 nd	
Looking for donations of: -shopping bags, plastic or fabric -children’s puzzles If you would like our monthly emailed directly to you, please send us an email and we will add you to our list: oliverpaipoongelibrary@gmail.com	Through a generous donation from former Murillo resident Doug Ross, a shelving unit at Murillo Library has been dedicated to his parents Grace and Dave Ross! 	Radon Detector lending will be suspended until November 2023. Use your library card to borrow a tennis racket & ball from Rosslyn Library! Thank you to those who have made and donated teddy bears for the Teddies for Tragedies Program.

Just For Fun

T	H	E	I	R	C	H	R	Y	S	A	N	T	H	E	Tulip
M	U	M	S	V	D	Q	I	Y	Z	Z	A	O	K	Q	Rose
S	U	N	F	L	O	W	E	R	J	E	H	G	K	D	Marigold
S	Z	R	H	S	M	A	R	I	G	O	L	D	S	D	Lily
H	T	N	I	C	A	Y	H	P	E	T	W	X	C	A	Orchid
C	A	R	N	A	T	I	O	N	V	S	S	X	F	F	Carnation
Y	C	H	R	Y	S	A	N	T	H	E	M	U	M	F	Freesia
P	S	P	L	Y	G	U	V	U	D	I	H	C	R	O	Hyacinth
P	Q	I	S	F	T	U	L	I	P	P	A	Q	V	D	Chrysanthemum
O	L	K	A	M	E	F	J	O	H	N	I	Z	F	I	Gladiolus
P	O	A	P	D	L	R	X	B	I	H	P	A	D	L	Daffodil
D	C	W	M	J	O	H	Q	P	P	D	R	D	X	U	Poppy
Z	R	O	S	E	I	N	Z	M	L	L	A	X	K	B	Sunflower
E	F	M	L	A	V	E	N	D	E	R	S	L	K	H	Violet
F	R	E	E	S	I	A	Y	J	C	A	R	M	G	Q	Daisy
															Lavender

Who do flowers celebrate on Mother’s Day?
To find the answer complete the word search then fill in the squares starting in the top-left corner.



April Showers Bring May Flowers

Can you find the other 13 flowers that have bloomed throughout this newsletter?

may events

**MAY
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Swap'N' Sale

1:00am - 3:00pm
Trade or sell children's clothing, toys & bikes
\$15 vendor table, swap is FREE
More details to come

MONDAY EVENINGS GENTLE FLOW YOGA

4 week gentle flow yoga series
May 1, 8, 15 & 29
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Suitable for beginners
\$44/person for series
\$15 *drop-in option*
Register at
krista.bannan@gmail.com

**MAY
12**

Waldorf Play Group

10:00am-12:30pm
Please bring a fruit for snack time
Email Melanie for more details
melkaltenbach@gmail.com

**MAY
13**

Potluck Lunch & Film Screening

The Seeds of Vandana Shiva
12:00pm - 3:00pm
Admission: a snack to share & non-perishable food item
Contact Kathy to register:
countrylivingrocks@hotmail.com

**MAY
14**

Muffins & Mom-osas

10:00am - 1:00pm
\$5/person (under 1 year free) *cash only*
Includes muffin, tea, fruit, coffee or juice
Cash Mom-osa bar available

TUESDAY MORNINGS PLAYGROUP

Join us for FREE playgroup
9:30am-12:00pm
Ages 0-4 accompanied by a
parent
Follow the Facebook Group for
updates!



LIKE US & FOLLOW ALONG
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

**GILLIES
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**



**JUNE
10**

SAVE THE DATE

SouGill's Garage 19+
Dance Party with DJ Mike
9pm - 12am
More information to come

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The Gillies Community Centre is donation based & volunteer run
Thank you to all of the volunteers and those who donate - we are incredibly grateful!!

May Calendar

May is likely named after the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Alternatively, the name might have come from the Latin maiores, "elders".

May 1 is May Day. It is the halfway point between the spring equinox and the summer solstice. People would 'bring in the May' by gathering wildflowers and weaving floral hoops and hair garlands

May 1 is also Lei Day in Hawaii. A holiday to recognize the lei's role in Hawaiian culture.

May 4 is Star Wars day. May the '4th' be with you!

May 5 is Cinco De Mayo . This day celebrates the victory of Mexico over the French at The Battle of Puebla in 1862. Cinco De Mayo has become a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage.

May 5 Red Dress Day. A day to honour murdered and missing Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited peoples (MMIWG2S) while showing love and support to their families.

May 6 is the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III

May 14 is Mother's Day. Celebrations honouring mothers began in ancient times.

May 22 is Victoria Day. This celebrates the birthday of Queen Victoria, who was born on May 24, 1819.



Fun Days in May

- May 3—Bike to School Day
- May 4—Respect Chickens Day
- May 6—Herb Day
- May 9—National Teacher's Day
- May 11—Eat What you Want Day
- May 13—Mini Golf Day
- May 15—Chocolate Chip Day
- May 19—Pizza Party Day
- May 20—Pick Strawberries Day
- May 23—World Turtle Day
- May 25—Tap Dance Day
- May 28—National Hamburger Day
- May 30—Mint Julep Day
- May 31—World Otter Day

HYMERS FAIR NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Hymers Fair Mother's Day Market!

Are you interested in joining the community, having fun, learning new skills and helping visitors have a wonderful time? Are you a student in need of volunteer hours? Please consider volunteering with the Hymers Agricultural Society. Many positions are available to suit your interests or try something new! Folks are needed for Fair Weekend and leading up to it as the grounds are prepared also.

At Hymers Agricultural Society, we value your experience, kindness and knowledge. We are an inclusive community of like-minded individuals that want to highlight the rural lifestyle and all it has to offer. We value our volunteers, and we could not do it without you!

More information is available at hymersfair.com.
Email info@hymersfair.com to sign up.



**Please note the Township Office will
be closed on Monday May 22nd for
Victoria Day**



On May 6, 2023 at 6am EDT, is the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Her Majesty The Queen Consort. A coronation is the crowning of a sovereign or their spouse. Within the British monarchy, the traditional proceedings have remained largely unaltered for roughly a thousand years. This historic event is the first coronation of a Canadian Head of State and Monarch in 7 decades since the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.

Emergency Preparedness Week—May 7-13

Here are some tips regarding using technology during an emergency and a quick quiz to assess your knowledge of emergencies in Canada. Follow the tips and share the quiz with your family and friends. Contact the Municipal Office and leave a message for the Community Emergency Management Coordinator if you have questions about our Gillies specific plans. The CEMC will gather the information requested and get back to you. Look for us at various community events including the Hymers Fall Fair and the Halloween event at the Volunteer Fire Department.

BE SAFE OUT THERE!

We rely on technology more and more to stay connected with our family, friends, and colleagues with a click of a button. But what happens in the event of a major emergency? Suddenly these tools can become vital in helping you and your family deal get in touch and stay informed. So here are some tips on the use of technology in an emergency:

- If possible, **use non-voice channels like text messaging, email or social media**. These use less bandwidth than voice communications and may work even when phone service does not.
- If you must use a phone, **keep your conversation brief** and convey only vital information to emergency personnel and/or family. This will also conserve your phone’s battery.
- Unable to complete a call? **Wait 10 seconds before redialing** to help reduce network congestion. Note, cordless phones rely on electricity and will not work during a power outage. If you have a landline, keep at least one corded phone in your home.
- **Keep a mobile device charger** in your emergency kit. Consider getting a solar-powered, crank, or vehicle phone charger. If you do not have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card in your emergency kit.
- **Keep your contacts up to date** on your phone, email and other channels. This will make it easier to reach important contacts, such as friends, family, neighbours, child’s school, or insurance agent.
- If you have a smartphone, **save your safe meeting location(s)** on its mapping application.
- **Conserve your smartphone’s battery** by reducing the screen’s brightness, placing your phone in airplane mode, and closing apps you are not using. You never know how long a power outage will last!

Quiz

Q1. A family emergency plan should NOT include which of the following?

- A.Information about your children's school(s)
- B.The name and phone number of an out-of-town contact person
- C.A list of important phone numbers, including those of doctors and emergency services
- D.Arrangements for each person in the family to be at a specific land line telephone at a specific time
- E.A meeting spot outside your home and one outside your neighbourhood in case you need to leave the area

Q2. How many litres of water per day per person should you have in your basic emergency kit?

- A.1 litre per day per person
- B.3 litres per day per person
- C.2 litres per day per person
- D.4 litres per day per person

Q3. Which tool allows you to learn about historical information on disasters which have directly affected Canadians, at home and abroad, over the past century?

- A.Weatheradio
- B.Canadian Disaster Database
- C.Natural Hazards and Emergency Response
- D.Disaster Management Canada

Q4. When does Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) occur?

- A.First full week of February
- B.First full week of September
- C.Last full week of February
- D.Last full week of May
- E.First full week of May

Q5. Which of the following items should NOT be included in a basic emergency supply kit?

- A.Water (two litres of water per person per day)
- B.Food
- C.Manual can opener
- D.Cash
- E.Comfortable shoes



Fact or Fiction: Are the following statements true or false?

- Q6. Water can be purified with soap.

Q7. You can walk through moving flood waters as long as the water level is no higher than your waist.

Q8. Tape prevents window glass from shattering during a hurricane.

Q9. Roughly 5,000 earthquakes are recorded in Canada every year.
- Q10. Tornadoes occur only in the spring.

Q11. Destructive hailstorms occur most often in late spring and in the summer.

Awareness + Preparedness
=
Risk Reduction

Emergency preparedness starts with you

be prepared

make a plan

build a kit

stay informed

Quiz Answers:

- Q1:** The answer is **D**. The arrangements for each family member to be at a specific land line telephone at a specific time may not be possible or useful under many conditions, as people may have to relocate or evacuate entirely during a disaster. Families should create an emergency plan and carry important information with them, so they know how to get in touch and get back together during an emergency. Both telephone land lines and cellular phones may be overloaded or out of service during or after an emergency, so knowing in advance where to meet is important.
- Q2:** The answer is **C**. At least two litres of water are recommended per person per day. Be sure to include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order.
- Q3:** The answer is **B**. The Canadian Disaster Database contains references to all types of Canadian disasters, including those triggered by natural hazards, technological hazards or conflict (not including war). The database describes where and when a disaster occurred, who was affected, and provides a rough estimate of the direct costs.
- Q4:** The answer is **E**. EP Week is an annual event that takes place each year during the first full week of May. This year it takes place from May 7-13, 2023. EP Week is a national awareness campaign coordinated by Public Safety Canada and is about increasing individual preparedness - by knowing the risks, making a plan and preparing a kit you can be better prepared for an emergency.
- Q5:** The answer is **E**. While sturdy protective shoes are important during and after a disaster, they are not necessary for survival. You can learn more about the basics of survival by visiting [GetPrepared.ca](https://www.getprepared.ca).
- Q6: False** - Boil water for 10 minutes or disinfect water by adding unscented bleach. Add 3-4 drops of bleach per litre of water with an eyedropper (do not reuse eyedropper for any other purpose). Mix well and let stand for 30 minutes. The water should smell faintly of chlorine. If it does not, repeat the steps and leave for another 30 minutes.
- Q7: False** - One of the worst floods in Canada's history occurred in July 1996 in the Saguenay River Valley, in Quebec. Ten people died and 15,825 others were evacuated when flood waters swept through thousands of homes, businesses, roads and bridges. The flood was caused by 36 straight hours of heavy rainfall, for a total accumulation of 290 mm (approximately to the knees). Estimated damages: \$1.5 billion.
- Q8: False** - Storm shutters can be put into windows and exposed panes. This is the simplest and most economical way to protect your house.
- Q9: True** - Although the most powerful earthquakes occur near the Pacific Rim, there are a number of Canadian cities that are vulnerable to earthquakes, particularly Vancouver, Montreal, Ottawa, Victoria and Quebec City. Most of the injuries resulting from an earthquake are caused by falling objects. Use screw eyes and iron wire to hang frames and mirrors on walls.
- Q10:False** -Tornadoes occur most often in the spring and during the summer, but may form any time of year.
- Q11: True** - In June, most hailstorms occur in southern Canada and the north central United States. Violent storms may deposit enough hail to completely cover the ground, damage crops or block storm sewers. Up to 2% of the value of crops is destroyed by hail every year.