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HCM News

THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF HEAD, CLARA & MARIA

"Thank you, thank you, thank you to Bob Reid, Judy Johnstone, Marion Chaput, Nathaniel Chaput, Nancy Lamure, Terry Lamure, John Reith, Wade Reith, Gayle Watters, Jim Watters, Crystal Fischer, Chloe and Riley Fischer, and Winston Chartrand for coming out to the municipal garage Saturday to build planter boxes for the hall grounds.

A shout out to Mayor Jim Gibson, Ken Giroux and Councillor Bob Reid for getting together earlier to pre-cut the pieces needed.





An extra special shout out to Terry Lamure for organizing the project and to Crystal Fischer for making sure we had supplies and people. Gayle and Terry also worked to make sure we had a lunch. Thanks John for BBQing.



Despite the hard work; it seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves and the boxes look amazing.

I am certain they will be beautiful once the flowers are planted and in bloom; giving our facility a much needed facelift.



Look for the planter boxes around the hall/office/garage.

Funding was provided in part through the North Renfrew Rotary Club and the Seniors/ Intergenerational programming through the Ministry of Ontario Seniors' Secretariat.

The Recreation Committee is planning to chip in for plants if needed. (We will be having a planting day later in May if that's something you might like to help with. Just let Crystal know.) Staff will take care of plants over the summer but feel free to pull weeds, dead head some flowers or water them if you see they need attention. Many hands make light work.

Together we can make our community a beautiful place to live, work and play. (MR)"





A message from Mayor Gibson

Hello all,

Well old man winter is doing his best to hang around as there is still a fair bit of snow in the bush. Anyone who harvested maple syrup this year had a bountiful time. This spring was one of the very best production years in a long time.

In the last newsletter I promised to let you know the results of my attempts to change some of the governance rules at County Council. Unfortunately my pleas for more transparent governance fell on deaf ears so there are no progressive changes to the County's procedural bylaw. I am certainly getting used to being the lone dissenting vote on many County issues.

I brought in a member's motion that all items with respect to County Council governance be dealt with by full County Council and not by committee. The reason for this is so our governance documents, especially our Procedural Bylaw and our new Code of Conduct, would be debated by the 17 members of County Council and not eight members of a committee. I also suggested the weighted vote bylaw not apply to governance issues. The most important part of any Municipality's operation is their governance documents and in my humble opinion they are just too important to be handled at the committee level. The Finance and Administration Committee, who currently deal with governance issues, is comprised of eight members who collectively carry 104 of the total 194 weighted votes. So you see my concern. Here we have an eight member committee who can basically run County Council with respect to issues under their responsibility. The Warden appoints the Striking Committee who then recommends to County Council the chairs and other committee members. The Warden is a voting member of all main committees. I felt this is just too much power and influence in the hands of one person and one committee to be considered fully democratic.

We had good company recently when Brudenell Lyndock and Raglan just recently decided to change the name of their Head of Council from Reeve to Mayor. There are no municipalities left in the County that call their Head of Council Reeve. Five of the larger municipalities have both a Mayor and a Reeve and send their Reeves to County Council to represent them. Deep River bounces back and forth on the issue and currently Glen Doncaster serves as Deep River's Reeve.

The County is getting ever closer to reaching an agreement to purchase the abandoned CP rail line in conjunction with Lanark County and the Townships of Papineau Cameron. All specific details of the deal are held in closed session of both the Property and Development Committee and County Council so I am restricted in what I can tell you. You didn't know I could keep a secret, did you?

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Closer to home, work is progressing well on the repairs and upgrades to our three boat launches so people who make use of them should have an easier time getting on and off the water this year. Thanks to Melinda and her staff for doing such a good job of getting our own money back through the grant lottery systems. The $24 000 we received for work on the launches at Deux Rivieres, Stonecliffe and Mackey will be well spent in repairing and upgrading this important part of our Municipal infrastructure.

I again want to take this opportunity to thank our many volunteers for their work in our community. I constantly get accolades for the results of our social events from people both within our Townships and from our neighboring communities. This is just such a great place to live. Thank you!

Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Jim Gibson



2016 Assessment Update

This year, every property owner in Ontario will receive a Property Assessment Notice from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) updating the value of their property based on a valuation date of January 1, 2016. The assessment will be applicable to the 2017-2020 property tax years. Expect to receive your assessment anytime after May 24th, 2016.

For more information regarding your 2016 Property Assessment update, visit our website at http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/departments/administration-finance/taxation-and-property/ or drop by the office to pick one up. (NL)



Library News



The Library Board would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who attended our recent Spring Card Party on Thursday, April 21st; we hope you enjoyed your time with us!

A very special "Thank You" goes out to the many volunteers who gave so generously of their time and their talents to make this another successful library fundraiser; without your dedication, these events would not be possible.



Don't forget the upcoming June Jazaar on Saturday, June 4th at the Stonecliffe Townhall. This is a flea market/vendor show with new and used items including garden plants (vegetables and flowers), books, as well as a silent auction. Refreshments will be available.

We are also still looking for donations of gently used items for resale.
There is still room for a few more vendors!
Contact Cathy Sutherland – 613-586-2591 or mcsutherland1954@gmail.com for application and details.

If you are hoping to purchase one (or more) of Betty's wonderful tomato plants, Betty would appreciate it if you could please contact her in advance (613-586-2677 or bcondie94@gmail.com) to make arrangements to pick them up from her house (it is easier on the plants to only move them once; there is a large bulk of them to take to the hall). Betty can also hold them for up to a week after the sale.

Enjoy your Library!

Open M, T, W & F 8:30 – 4:00

Tuesday evenings 6:00 p.m. – 8:30

Saturday 12:30 p.m. – 3:00.

Remember to save your Value Mart Receipts for Library Fundraising!

Tone and Fit Group

Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Township Hall - 9:00 am to 10:00 am
Everyone is welcome - No Cost—Please come and join us.



Mild Aerobic exercise to suit your needs via DVD instruction.

Contact Cathy Sutherland – mcsutherland1954@gmail.com or 613-586-2591 for information!

Or just drop by.

Yoga in Stonecliffe

Yoga with instructor Kim Knight is continuing this winter at the HCM Community Centre. We are hoping to interest at least 5 participants and will gladly welcome more! Yoga is a great activity for all age groups. It can help you improve your strength and flexibility.

Things you need to know:

Classes and Times:

Thursday May 5	11:00 to noon	Thursday June 16	11:00 to noon
Thursday May 12	11:00 to noon	Thursday June 23	11:00 to noon
Thursday May 19	11:00 to noon	Thursday July 7	11:00 to noon
Thursday May 26	11:00 to noon	Thursday July 14	11:00 to noon
Thursday June 2	11:00 to noon	Thursday July 21	11:00 to noon
Thursday June 9	11:00 to noon	Thursday July 28	11:00 to noon



$10 per class. Participants will need a yoga mat. There are a few mats at the hall if you wish to try a class.

A Message from Kim

After the first class, I'll tailor your classes to suit the needs of each of the participants; observing how they move and making recommendations for healthier movement using poses and movement to do this. Participants need to be able to get up and down off of the floor, assisted by a chair if necessary.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Debbi Grills to get your name on the list at 613-586-1904 or leave a message at the office 613-586-2526.

Recreation in HCM

Now that the weather is improving, and the snow melting, we can enjoy the outdoors a little more! There are a number of events coming up this spring/summer. Our first ball tournament will be May 14th and there is still time to contact Paul Sarrazin at 613-717-3361 if you are interested in registering a team. If you are not interested in playing ball, there will be activities available throughout the day for the whole family. Come out to the Community Centre for children's games, open mic, fundraising, and to watch the games! The bar will be open and canteen will be serving breakfast, lunch and a "wing night" dinner. See below for full menu details. We love to see everyone out, having fun and enjoying themselves, however, safety is one of our greatest concerns. It is important to consider that HCM Rec Committee holds its own permanent liquor license for the community centre, and are held responsible for the safe service and consumption of alcohol. One particular license requirement specifies that patrons are not allowed to consume alcohol on Township property unless it is in a designated, licensed area that has been approved by the Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario. We have applied and been approved for a temporary outdoor extension off of the hall to allow people to enjoy a beverage and watch the games without violating the license regulations. Consuming alcohol is only permitted inside the community center and the fenced extension located outside of the building. Please do not drink and drive. There will be designated drivers available for those who live in HCM.

In recent news, HCM received funding through the Healthy Kids Community Challenge to purchase recreational equipment. This equipment will be stored at the Municipal Office and available to residents to borrow. The Pickle ball equipment is available for use at the hall. We will soon have the court lines put on the helipad for outdoor use. The basketball net is also available to use on the helipad, and basketballs are located in the Municipal Office.

Stay tuned for more news. (CF)



Breakfast Menu

Breakfast Sandwich – 8:00 – 11:00
Ham, egg and cheese on an English muffin $4.00

Lunch Menu

Nachos– 11:00 – 3:00
Nachos, salsa and warm cheese sauce $3.00

Hot Dog
Dog on a bun. Ketchup, mustard, relish $3.00

Bacon Dog
Hot dog with bacon $3.50

Cheese Dog
Hot dog with cheese $3.50

Bacon/Cheese Dog
Hot dog with Bacon and cheese $4.00

Fruit Skewer
Seasonal fruit on a stick $3.00

Dinner Menu

Wings, oven fries and veggie sticks
12 wings, choice of sauce, oven fries, carrots and celery $12.00
Honey garlic, BBQ, hot

Desserts – until we run out
Home made buttertarts $1.50
Rice Krispie Square $1.00

All prices – tax included

BAR OPEN FROM 1:00 – 7:00

COMMUNITY DATES TO REMEMBER

MLSC "GeoCache" ATV Poker Run
May 7th

Relay for Life Breakfast—Mother's Day
May 8th from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm

Regular Meeting of Council
Friday May 13th at 2:00 pm

Ball Tournament, Open Mic and Wing Night
May 14th—All day events/activities

June Jazaar—Library Board
June 4th from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon

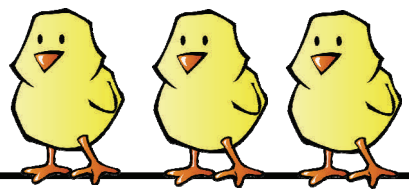
MHSW Collection
Stonecliffe Disposal Site**,** June 4th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm

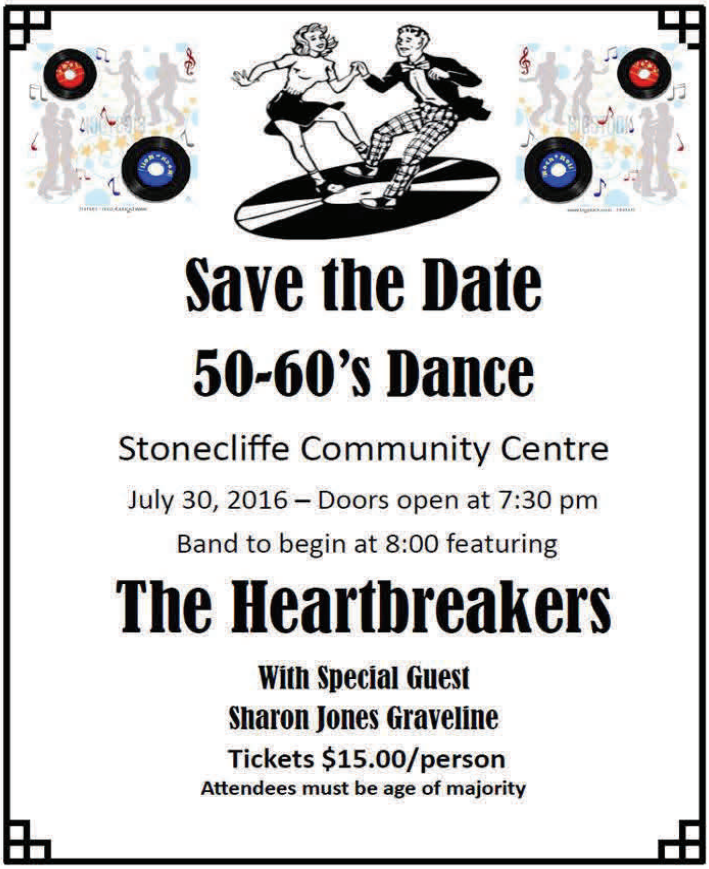
Relay for Life Breakfast—Father's Day
June 19th from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm

Lair's Ball Tournament & Dinner
June 25th

Canada Day Celebrations
Old Mackey Park- July 1st at 11:00 am

50/60's Dance
July 30th at 8:00 pm





We will be holding the Juby Jam 2016 Family Reunion on Saturday, July 16th at Old Mackey Park. To anyone who knows us please stop by and say "Hi"."

FOUND: A MAGNETIC KEY HOLDER WAS RETURNED TO THE OFFICE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 613-586-2526 IF IT IS YOURS AND YOU CAN IDENTIFY IT.

Waste Management

Council and Staff have recently reviewed HCM's Waste Management operations and alternative options and have decided to make some significant changes in order to improve our costs, operations and overall landfill lifespan. We are currently working through the details and will provide more information when it is available. These changes will not affect the current level of service that our residents are receiving and we are confident that these changes will be an improvement. Beginning ***June 1st, 2016***, bulky material will be accepted at Bissett Creek disposal site only. This includes mattresses, couches, chairs, furniture etc.

Drain-All will be coming to collect Household Hazardous Waste at the Stonecliffe Disposal Site June 4th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. See below for a list of accepted materials.

- ⇒ Latex or oil based paints and coating
- ⇒ Solvents or turpentine
- ⇒ Used oil filters
- ⇒ Antifreeze and containers
- ⇒ Propane cylinders
- ⇒ Florescent bulbs/tubes
- ⇒ Mercury switches/thermometers
- ⇒ Pharmaceuticals
- ⇒ Fertilizers & Pesticides
- ⇒ Disinfectants
- ⇒ Pool Chemicals

Automobile and household batteries
Oven & Window cleaners
Lubricating oil & containers
BBQ lighter fluids
Aerosol containers
Gasoline and Waste Oil
Needles & Syringes
Fire Extinguishers
Insecticides & He
Rat & Mouse Pois



"**One man's trash is another man's treasure**". There are re-use sections at each disposal site for goods that you may not want anymore, but could be of value to someone else. These unwanted, **reusable** items can be brought to either site, free of charge and kept out of our landfills!

Bag Tags will be ready for pick up at the Municipal Office as of May 1st, 2016. Those that are not picked up by June 6th will be mailed. Help save costs and pick up your tags or email/call us to hold them for you. We have made arrangements to have them available at upcoming events in the community centre: Mother's Day Breakfast—May 8th ; Ball Tournament—May 14th and June Jazaar– June 4th.

Our residents are doing a good job with recycling and reducing the amount of waste that is going into our landfills. For those who need clarification or a reminder, HCM implements duel stream recycling—fibres (paper and cardboard) which are to be separated from comingled (plastic, glass, cans etc.)

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WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LTD.

Residential Two-Stream Recycling Program



Fibre Recycling Box

- Household newspaper, magazines, catalogues, flyers and junk mail
- Boxboard/paperboard: cereal boxes (no wax bags inside), cracker boxes, tissue boxes, "paper" egg cartons (no eggshells), toilet paper/paper towel rolls
- Office paper: example writing, typing and computer paper
- Cardboard (corrugated) brown "craft" paper bags, paper pet food bags(coated liner is OK)
- Soft cover books, hard cover books with spine and cover removed only
- Shredded paper must be in a clear plastic bag only
- Cardboard must be broken down into 2' x 2' bundled and tied

Commingled Recycling Box

- Tin cans (place lid inside and pinch can so lid stays in), open and empty paint cans(no plastic with metal tops and/or bottoms or handles)
- Aluminum cans, pie plates, trays and foil wrap(no foil with paper or plastic laminate), paint cans
- Clear and coloured glass food and beverage bottles and jars scraped and rinsed clean(no ceramics, no tempered glass, no mirrors)
- Plastic food and beverage containers:#1 PET bottles, #2 - #7 bottles, tubs and lids
- Milk and Juice cartons, ice cream containers rinsed and clean
- Grocery bags, outer wrap from cases of water, toilet paper and paper towels (put all of these in one bag, a bag of bags)





Please feel free to contact the Township Office at 613-586-2526 if you have any questions or concerns. (CF)

Emergency Management and Community Fire Safety

As a component of our public education and promotion, each year the municipality holds a draw for emergency and safety products "FREE" for municipal residents and drawn at the Library Board's yard sale event – this year to be held on June 4th at the community centre in Stonecliffe. Bob Labre, our Community Fire Safety Officer, will be on hand with representatives from Haven Fire Safety Suppression to explain and promote a new product. It looks like a smoke detector but acts like a heat-activated fire extinguisher. View it at work at http://www.havenfiresafety.com/. Stop by and talk to Bob about this innovative product; easy to install and easy to use.

For our residents and property owners – complete the attached ballot and drop it off at the municipal office before June 3, bring it to the June event or come out and fill one out on the spot. Talk to Bob about your fire safety (or building) concerns and enter for your chance to win. This year's prizes will include: a rope ladder, a car emergency kit, fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, CO detectors and first aid kits. HCM, making our community a safe place to live and work. Watch your mail box for additional fire, health and safety information coming soon. (MR)

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FREE DRAW FOR HCM RESIDENTS/RATEPAYERS!

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY? FIRE SAFE?

NAME:_____

Address or E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

www.emergencymanagementontario.ca

1. Do you have a family emergency plan?
2. Where is your CO detector located?
3. Where are your smoke alarms located?

BE FIRE SAFE! BE PREPARED!

ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN:

- SMOKE ALARM(S),
- CO DETECTOR,
- FIRST AID KIT(S),
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

Municipal Disposal Site Hours

Summer hours

Bissett Creek Site
Tuesday 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm (3 hours)
Saturday 12:45pm - 3:45pm (3 hours)
Located on Bissett Creek Road

Stonecliffe Site
Thursday 12:45pm - 4:15 pm (3.5 hours)
Saturday 8:30 am to 12:00 noon (3.5 hours)
Located on Kenny Road

Collection Days and Times

Deux Rivieres

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Bissett Creek

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Stonecliffe

Thursday 11:00 - 12:00 noon

Mackey

Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

2016 Recycling Dates

May 9 and 23

June 6 and 20

July 4 and 18

August 2 (Tuesday), 15 and 29

September 12 and 26

October 11 (Tuesday) and 24

November 7 and 21

December 5 and 19



For Sale in Office or during Recreation Committee Events!

Fleece Sweaters with HCM logo

$42



Ladies and men's styles and sizes available.
Red/black and Grey/black

HCM Staff Diversion Efforts

We collect pop can tabs, stamps, Campbell's labels and milk bags at the municipal hall. We pass them on to different organizations or school groups who then collect larger amounts with the end goal of providing funds or a product to make someone's life easier.

If you are aware of any other group or organization which collects recyclable materials for the greater good; let us know and we will investigate to see if it is something that we can support.

VISIT OUR UPDATED SITE

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COUNCIL 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

Council meets at 2:00 pm. (14:00 h)

MAY 13 | JUNE 10 | SEPTEMBER 9
SEPTEMBER 9 | OCTOBER 14 | NOVEMBER 18

RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETS THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7:00 P.M.

MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE RECREATION COMMITTEE PLEASE CALL THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT 613-586-2526

Sub committee meetings are posted on the municipal calendar located on our webpage at http://www.townshipsofheadclaramaria.ca/calendar/

Volunteers don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.
-Elizabeth Andrew