



Spring Newsletter 2024

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Events in Bonfield

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Saturday June 1st, 2024
- ✓ **Canada Day**
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July 15th - July 19th
August 12th - August 16th

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Greetings from Mayor Narry Paquette

Spring is officially upon us and summer is just around the corner. On behalf of the council and staff I would like to send best thoughts out to our residents as well as a warm welcome to the new people moving into our community. We see our residents anxiously getting ready to plant their vegetable gardens as well as their flower gardens. The construction of the new homes going up in our Township is also a welcome site.

A recent announcement in our community that is worthy of mentioning again is in regards to the funding received for two doctors at our medical centre.

Once the staff became aware of the funding they quickly made arrangements for renovations to the medical centre to accommodate the two doctors who were interested in coming to our community. I would like to say thank you to those who assisted our council in making this become a reality.

Council is busy making many difficult decisions regarding changes to our by-laws, user fees, short terms rentals, trailers and finding the funds in our budget for any new projects regarding our roads repair and maintenance. None of which goes without a great deal of thoughts and discussions.

Mayor Narry Paquette

HAPPENING IN BONFIELD

GET INVOLVED!



Community Garden

Located at the corner of Gagnon St and Levesque St, the Community Garden is an opportunity to develop skills, give back to the community, and help Bonfield be more sustainable.

Everyone is welcome to join us in planting and weeding. Your hard work will be acknowledged with a bountiful harvest of fresh herbs and vegetables all season long.

Have seedlings to contribute? Interested in offering your time to help maintain the garden throughout the summer? Please reach out to us!

Pick a Weed, Pick a Vegetable

Contact: officeclerk@bonfieldtownship.com

Community Involvement

Volunteers play a crucial role in Bonfield. If you're keen, sign up for our Volunteer Registry today. You'll get updates on upcoming events and can select the ones that suit you best. Join in on events that align with your family's interests.

Remember, many hands make light work.



Learn more about how to volunteer at www.BonfieldTownship.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday June 1st, 2024

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Caisse Alliance - Township Office

Join us for a day filled with a variety of events hosted by Caisse Alliance! From a yard sale and delicious BBQ to a book sale at the Bonfield Library, to a Vendors Market in the covered rink, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

CANADA DAY

Monday July 1st, 2024

11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Kaibuskong Park

Bring together your family, friends, and neighbours for a memorable day of celebration honoring everything Canada has to offer. Experience live performances by JR Aubertin and 60 Cycle Hum, indulge in the Mayor's BBQ, take part in a Duck Race, and enjoy a Caboose Tour organized by the Bonfield & District Lion's Club. Stay tuned for more events!



BONFIELD SUMMER CAMP

Kaibuskong Park

8:30 am to 4:30 pm



Bonfield's Summer Camp is back! Now with 2 weeks to choose from.

Monday July 15th- Friday July 19th

Monday Aug 12th- Friday Aug 16th

Activities include outdoor adventures, arts kayaking, games and Reptile Camp encounters!

Registration forms available at the Township Office, or on our website at: www.BonfieldTownship.com

The recently renovated Centennial Park provides visitors with an engaging and accessible play environment. Situated at the corners of Mark St and Church St, this park also offers breathtaking views of Lake Nosbonsing.

CENTENIAL PARK

Corner of Mark St and Church St, Bonfield



KAIBUSKONG PARK

365 Hwy, 531 Municipal Grounds

Kaibuskong Park offers a peaceful river, scenic walking paths, picnic benches, horseshoe pits, play equipment, and a beach for a swimming.

Get set to kick, push, and glide your way to excitement as our community Skatepark reopens for another season of amazing tricks, flips, and grinds!

SKATE PARK

365 Hwy, 531 Municipal Grounds



SPLASH PAD

365 Hwy, 531 Municipal Grounds

Our beloved Splash Pad is back for another season of fun-filled water adventures. The Splash Pad provides a safe and refreshing oasis for everyone to enjoy.

In the heart of Rutherglen, residents can delight in playing baseball or making use of the playground facilities at Rutherglen Park, a true hidden gem.

RUTHERGLEN PARK

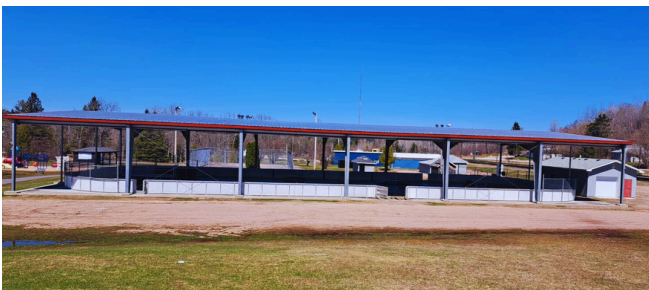
Rutherglen



WORKOUT EQUIPMENT

365 Hwy, 531 Municipal Grounds

We're thrilled to announce the opening of our outdoor Workout Zone, where you can break a sweat, soak up the sunshine, and achieve your fitness goals in the fresh air!



INTERESTED IN RESERVING ONE OF OUR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES?

Visit www.BonfieldTownship.com to learn more about the new user fees adopted for renting our Recreational Facilities.

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Expanding Your Horizons

365 Hwy 531, Bonfield, ON P0H 1E0
Email: bonfieldlibrary@gmail.com

Telephone: 705-776-2396
Website: www.bonfieldpubliclibrary.ca



Books, eBooks, eAudios, eMagazines, Ancestry, Large Print Books, DVD's, Interlibrary Loan, Exam Proctoring, Provincial Park Passes, Fishing Tackle, Seed Lending, Jigsaw puzzles, Little Free Library, Wi-Fi, Laminator, Disc Cleaner, copy, print (Black & White and/or Colour), scan to email or usb, and fax.

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| Monday | 10 - 4 |
| Tuesday | 4 - 8 |
| Wednesday | 10 - 8 |
| Thursday | 4 - 8 |
| Friday | Closed |
| Saturday | 10 - 1 |
| Sunday | Closed |

How to join the Library
Membership is free of charge to all residents and ratepayers of the Bonfield Township. Members less than 16 years of age require a Parent/Guardian's signature.

One-On-One Free Tech Help
Drop in on the second Monday of each Month 10:00am to 1:00pm and we'll help you on your journey to becoming more tech-savvy.

Friends of the Bonfield Public Library Annual Book Sale
Saturday June 1st, 2024
9:00am to 12:00pm (noon)

Got Books/DVD's to donate?
Starting May 1st we will be accepting your gently-used donations. Bring them to the library during library hours. Please do not leave donations outside the front door or in the book drop. All proceeds from the sale goes to the Friends of the BPL for special Library projects.

The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library."
-Albert Einstein

Follow us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/bonfieldpubliclibrary



Bonfield Medical Center

105 Landon St, Bonfield, ON P0H 1E0

Phone: 705-776-3655

Fax: 705-776-1940

Email: bonfieldmedical@gmail.com

Hours Monday to Thursday 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M

Need a Family Doctor?

If you do not currently have a family physician and would like to register with the Bonfield Medical Center please call the Center at 705-776-3655 or email bonfieldmedical@gmail.com or register through Health Care Connect by calling 1-800-445-1822. The focus will be on Bonfield and Rutherglen residents.



Dr. Meing

I obtained my Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree at the University of Alberta and completed Family Medicine residency training at Queen's University. For the past 20 years, I have provided on-site medical care for Canadians living in rural and remote communities across Canada. I provided locum out-patient family medicine clinic services for the Bonfield Medical Centre as Dr. Steven Steinberg's exclusive locum physician since August 2020 and took over his practice in Bonfield on January 1, 2024 as the lead physician. I am excited about improving access to medically necessary health care for the residents of Bonfield, Rutherglen, and Blanchard's Landing as we navigate through the health care resources available to us as an inclusive efficient team. I strive to practice evidence-based medicine, with a focus on disease prevention and health care promotion. I look forward to sharing my medical knowledge with patients in Bonfield to help them make informed decisions about their medically necessary health care needs.



Dr. Feige

Dr. Feige has practiced medicine for 41 years, 27 of those as a Director of the Diagnostic Sleep Clinic in North Bay. He is now returning to his roots in family medicine and hopes to help support healthy living for the people of Bonfield. Dr. Feige will begin seeing patients in late May 2024.



PUBLIC WORKS



Updated Landfill Summer Hours

- ✓ **WEDNESDAYS:**
4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
- ✓ **SATURDAYS:**
8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Phone: 705-776-2659

Public Works staff are working hard to get our fleet and equipment ready for spring and summer. They have been actively filling potholes and washouts with gravel. After the wet weather subsides and the roads dry up, the staff will proceed with routine road maintenance tasks, including cold patching, grading, brushing, and ditching.

As residents continue to follow the new landfill rules regarding the clear bag policy, staff have noticed a great increase in the amount of materials being recycled & not dumped in the garbage pile. With continuous efforts from residents towards properly recycling household materials we can continue on a eco-friendly path which will help to extend the lifespan of the landfill & curve the excessive garbage dumping. The Public Works Department appreciates all efforts from the residents of Bonfield in following these rules. Happy Spring!

Alex Hackenbrook
Public Works Manager

CHEERS TO COMMUNITY!

By donating your empty LCBO bottles and cans at the landfill site you're supporting local recreation projects and initiatives that benefit the entire community.



Let's work together to make a difference in our community!



Need more Bins?
Bins available at the Township Office for \$13

WHAT IS RECYCLING CONTAMINATION?



Recycling contamination occurs when materials are sorted into the wrong recycling bin (placing a glass bottle into a mixed paper recycling bin for example), or when materials are not properly cleaned, such as when food residue remains on a plastic yogurt container.

- **Rinse out** containers before recycling them to ensure they are clean and free from contaminants.
- **Avoid mixing** different types of materials together, such as mixing paper with plastic or glass.

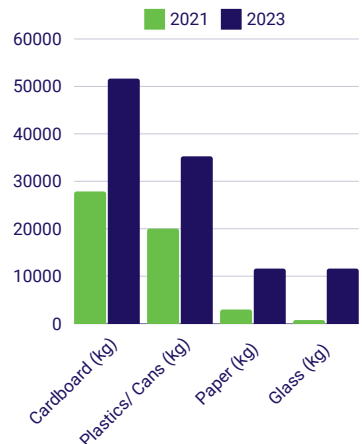
Environmental Impact: Contamination can lead to recyclable materials being diverted to landfills instead of being recycled. This increases the environmental footprint associated with waste disposal and contributes to pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

Rinse and sort to help keep our costs down.
The Township is charged for contaminated products.

BONFIELD BY THE NUMBERS

Environmental Stewardship: By diverting cardboard, plastics/cans and paper from the landfill we reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and conserve valuable natural resources.

Waste Reduction: By minimizing landfill usage, we lower disposal costs and extend the lifespan of our existing landfill site, saving taxpayer dollars in the long run.



WASTE FREE ONTARIO

Ontario strives to move towards a circular economy – a system where products are not discarded, but are reused, recycled and used to create new products.

Waste-Free Ontario involves collaboration between government, industry, academia, non-profit organizations, and the public to develop and implement effective waste management solutions.

LEARN MORE: www.ontario.ca/page/strategy-waste-free-ontario-building-circular-economy

BONFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT



Low



Moderate



High



Extreme

The Bonfield Fire Rating is regularly updated by the Fire Department. Find it at www.BonfieldTownship.com

Tips for safe burning

- Clear a space about two metres wide for the fire.
- Ensure you have a pail of water and a shovel to control the fire.
- Keep your fire small to a maximum of one metre high and one metre wide.
- Never leave a campfire unattended.
- When putting out your fire, use lots of water on the campfire. A good rule is to make sure the ashes look soaked and no more smoke comes from the ashes.

The following Regulations for open air burning are set out in By-Law 2012-19:

No open air fires shall be set out of doors within the limits of the Township of Bonfield between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. from **April 1st to October 31st**.



PLEASE NOTE COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE BY-LAWS AFFECTING BURNING. STAY UP TO DATE AT:

www.BonfieldTownship.com

Interactive Fire Map

Information about the current forest fire danger, forest fire activity and fire restrictions across the province.



www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires

To report a forest fire call 310-FIRE (3473)

Fire Chief: Kelly Serson

firechief@bonfieldtownship.com

Deputy Fire Chief: Dave Vieira

deputychief@bonfieldtownship.com
705-492-7684

Our team is dedicated to the highest quality of safety including emergency response to fire, medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, and wild land bush fire emergencies. We also place a strong emphasis on preventing emergencies through fire and life safety education, building inspections and enforcement of fire codes.

Deputy Fire Chief: Dave Vieira

Test smoke alarms and CO2 detectors at least once every six months.

A good way to ensure the battery in your smoke alarm is always fresh, change when you change your clock in the spring and fall.



Fire extinguishers are a vital tool in an emergency, as response times can vary depending on location.

- Placing extinguishers by the exit is essential so that you have the option of leaving if the fire is growing too fast.
- It is recommended to use a minimum 10lb ABC extinguisher.



Propane appliances that have been sitting for the entire winter can be hazardous if they are not maintained properly. Have your tanks inspected and serviced by a qualified technician before using them.



Learn More: www.ontario.ca/page/fire-safety-home

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



72 HOURS

Is Your Family Prepared?

If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to reach you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a **minimum of 72 hours**.

In an Emergency: Call 9-1-1

Extreme Heat

Symptoms of heat-related illness:



- heat rash: red or pink rash usually found on the neck, chest and/or elbow creases
- heat stroke: headache, dizziness, confusion and fainting; skin may be hot and dry or damp

How to prevent heat illnesses:

- immediately move to a cool place (that is, indoor environments <26°C)
- rest by sitting or lying down
- drink water

Forest Fires



Safety tips - Indoors

- move away from outside walls
- close doors but leave them unlocked
- open the fireplace damper and close fireplace screens

Safety tips - Outdoors

- Don't try to outrun the fire – find a pond or river to crouch in.
- If you're near a road, lie face down along the road cut or in the ditch.
- Protect your lungs by breathing air closest to the ground through a moist cloth to avoid inhaling smoke.

CUSTOMIZED EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACTION PLAN

This online tool will help you create an Emergency Preparedness Action Plan for your household.



Emergency Management Ontario

beprepared.emergencymanagement
ontario.ca

BUILD AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

- food (enough for three days)
- bottled water (4 litres per person for each day)
- medication(s)
- toilet paper and other personal items
- back up chargers and power banks
- flashlight, headlamp or glow stick
- radio (crank or battery-run)
- extra batteries
- first-aid kit
- candles and matches/lighter
- hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
- important papers- copies of prescriptions, etc.
- gas for generator
- garbage bags and duct tape

EVACUATION PLAN

- **Record your safe meeting places**, make sure all household members are aware of the locations
- **Keep your plan in an easy-to-reach location**. A good place is with your emergency kit. Make sure everyone in your household knows where to find it.
- **Review directions** to turn-off utilities—including water valve, electrical panel and gas valve—and record them.

Emergency Management Ontario

416-326-8525
www.ontario.ca/page/
emergency-management

Allan Reid - CEMC

705-776-2641 ex 123
cemc@bonfieldtownship.com



USER FEES

The purpose and intent of user fees:

Bonfield has recently reviewed user fees including those for administration, landfill operations, planning, building and animal control.

A comprehensive examination of user fees has not been carried out for Bonfield's user fees since 1990 or 2010 in some cases. The 2024 assessment considered both internal and external service costs, along with a comparison of fees charged by neighboring municipalities. A public meeting took place on April 30, 2024.

User fees are used by municipalities to fund programs and services that provide limited, or no direct benefit, to the community as a whole. The imposition of user fees is one method in which the Township can generate revenue to offset the costs of the services it provides. User fees, as opposed to property taxes, is generally preferred when specific users of a service can be easily identified, and the amount of the service consumed can be measured.

Register your cats and dogs!

Every person in the Municipality who is the owner of a dog or cat, shall immediately following the date that a dog or cat comes into his or her possession register them with the Township of Bonfield annually, on or before the 1st of March, in accordance with **By-Law 2024-21**.

2024 Dog or Cat Licenses will be issued for



\$20.00



Dog or Cat License Fees 2025

Before March 1st - \$20.00

Dog or Cat License after March 1st - \$30.00

Replacement tag - \$4.00



Responsible pet ownership is important for several reasons:

Public health: Responsible pet ownership includes measures such as proper waste disposal and vaccination, which contribute to public health by reducing the spread of diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans

Environmental conservation: Responsible pet ownership involves considering the environmental impact of pet ownership, such as proper waste management and minimizing the risk of pets spreading invasive species or diseases to native wildlife.

The Township partners with the Humane Society for enforcement. Please call the Humane Society at: **705 474-1251** for any concerns regarding excessive barking, and or dogs running at large.



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