





TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

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| <p><u>Township Office Hours</u></p> <p>Office Closed—August 4th <i>Landfill will be OPEN—August 4th</i></p> | <p>Birthday/Anniversary Shout-outs August 9th Happy 5th Birthday to Forrest Landry For \$5.00 you can have someone's Birthday or anniversary posted in the Municipal Newsletter in this location Birthday/anniversary Funds will be in Support of committee events</p> | <p>Jokes of the Month</p> <p>Did you hear about the ice cream truck accident? "It crashed on a rocky road."</p> <p>Why didn't the sun go to college? "It already had a million degrees."</p> <p>Where do sheep go on vacation? "To the Baa-hamas"</p> |
| <p>Columbarium niches now available for purchase at the Matachewan Cemetery</p> | <p><u>Recycling Dates</u></p> <p>Recycling Pick up is every other Wednesday</p> <p>August 13 August 27 September 10 September 24</p> <p>If you wish to contact Eco Logix Please call 705-647-2322 & leave a message</p> | <p>Self Care Quotes</p> <p>"Self-care is how you take your power back." -Lalah Delia</p> <p>"Lighten up on yourself. No one is perfect. Gently accept your humanness." —Deborah Day</p> |
| <p><u>An enhanced recycling program is coming ...</u></p> <p>Starting January 2026, you'll be able to recycle more than ever before.</p>  | <p><u>Council Meetings</u></p> <p>The meetings are held in the council chambers at 6:00 pm members of the Public are welcome to attend all Council Meeting</p> <p><u>Next Council Meeting</u> AUGUST 20</p> |  <p>Vehicle Donation for Fire Training</p> <p>The Matachewan Volunteer Fire Department is seeking the donation of a vehicle to be used for training exercises.</p> <p>If you have a vehicle you are willing to donate, please contact Fire Chief Mike at 1-905-767-7094.</p> <p>Your generous donation will greatly contribute to the training and safety of our firefighters, helping them better serve the community.</p> |
| <p><u>2018-06</u> Fireworks By-Law all residents are required to obtain a permit from the Fire Department to set off Fireworks within the Municipality. Please visit www.matachewan.com</p> | | |
| <p><u>By-Law 2024-18</u> <u>Backyard Chickens Regulations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A maximum of eight (8) chickens/hens shall be allowed on premises zoned 'residential'• Roosters are strictly prohibited• Chickens will be kept in the coop between 9:00p.m. and 6:00a.m.• Each hen is provided with food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, veterinary care if needed and opportunities for essential behaviours such as scratching, dust-bathing, and roosting, all sufficient to maintain the chickens in good health• Hens must be contained on owner's property and kept in a coop and or run at all times• Owner of the chickens must reside on or next to the property where the hens are kept• Rental properties require written permission from the owner• Multi-residential properties such as apartments are not permitted to have chickens• All other by-laws will still apply, for example, noise, animal control, property standards | | |



Water Safety

Basic water safety skills are essential. Swimming pools, lakes and rivers offer year-round fun if they are enjoyed safely. But every year about 160 people drown in Ontario. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death for children under five years old, and statistics show that children under 12, boaters, young men and seniors 65+ are at greatest risk.

Drowning is fast and silent, but every drowning death is preventable with water safety knowledge and common sense.

Important water safety tips for everyone:

- Learn to swim
- Always swim with a buddy
- Children and non-swimmers should always be supervised around water
- Wear a lifejacket whenever you are in a boat
- Alcohol and water don't mix: don't drink and swim, don't drink and drive your boat

Read more about:

- High-risk groups and behaviour
- Water safety for children and families
- Backyard pool safety
- Cold water and ice safety
- Teaching water safety in school or in the community
- The most recent drowning reports

Drowning in Canada

In Canada, drowning is the No. 1 cause of unintentional injury deaths among children 1-4 years of age, and the second leading cause of preventable death for children under 10 years. With some 500 fatalities annually, drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional death among Canadians under 60 years of age (surpassed only by motor vehicle collisions and poisoning).

LEARN TO SWIM

Basic swimming ability is a fundamental requirement in any meaningful attempt to eliminate drowning in Canada. The Lifesaving Society offers training programs from learn-to-swim through advanced lifesaving, lifeguarding and leadership.


Summer Break

While the kids are home for the summer, get the whole family prepared




- Make a family communication plan and include the whole family.
- Practice evacuation plans and other emergency procedures with children on a regular basis.
- Teach kids when and how to call important phone numbers like 9-1-1.
- Make sure the kids have an emergency contact person and know how to reach them.
- Create a family password or phrase to prevent your child from going with a stranger.
- Keep the kids occupied with online emergency preparedness games.
- Download the free Prepare with Pedro activity book to help kids learn to prepare.
- Decide on a family meeting place you can go if separated.





Boating Safety Checklist



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Read up on boating regulations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Know the aids to navigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Check the weather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Share your float plan (Tell someone where you are going) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Make sure you have a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for everyone onboard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Make sure PFDs fit and there's no damage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grab a whistle or make sure that you have another approved sounding device (horn) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Locate the fire extinguisher and make sure it is in serviceable condition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Check the fuel level and battery charge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Locate the registration card and make sure registration is up to date |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Make sure navigation lights are working properly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grab a cell phone or marine radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Put the plug in |