

KERNS TWP.



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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2011 TOWNSHIP OF KERNS

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Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Council meetings:
- Kerns Township Council Chambers
 - 1st Tuesday of every month
 - 8:00 p.m.
 - meetings are open to the public

Reeve: Terry Phillips

Councillors: Stephen Aitchison Mark Lenover
Carter Seymour Dennis Jibb

MUNICIPAL LANDFILL SITE
Hudson Township, Twin Lakes Road C#1

SUMMER HOURS: April 1st to October 31st

Monday - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WINTER HOURS: November 1st to March 31st

Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm.
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Council has negotiated a new agreement with the Township of Hudson to share their landfill site. It is in the best interest of every one to manage our dump effectively. Please use the recyclable containers to dispose your recycling.

NEW INFORMATION: Since January 2010, the township has joined the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program. This means that we now take tires of all sizes at the Hudson Landfill site at no charge. There is a special area at the dump to drop your tires and the dump supervisor will direct you to it. The tires are picked-up periodically as the pile increases. For this program to be beneficial to the township, ***ABSOLUTELY NO RIMS ON THE TIRES WILL BE ALLOWED.***

Garbage pick-up may be arranged for a fee, every Friday. Please call William Walker, Dump supervisor at 705-648-8644 (leave message).

WHY RECYCLE?

Recycling is very important for many reasons. Often we promote recycling as a way to keep waste out of landfill sites. Recycling reduces pollution and saves energy that would have been expended making products from “virgin” or unrecycled raw materials. Recycling helps the environment by slowing down the rate at which we have to bury garbage in landfill sites. Recycling helps by reducing our need to consume fresh natural resources to make new products. As a result, we save these resources for use for future generations. Most importantly, recycling saves energy and pollution. This could help slow down global climate change.

Thank you to everyone who is recycling. The recycling bins are at the Landfill Site. Please find included the revised and updated “Recuperator’s Perfect Guide” which includes the list of recycling items and the information on how to help you with the recycling process. POST IT for easy referral! RECYCLE ... it just makes sense!

Building permits:

Building permits are required for the following:

- new buildings / prefabricated structures / additions / renovations where structural changes are made / heating systems (wood stove, etc) / chimneys / ventilation systems / plumbing / demolitions / patio decks

*You must obtain a building permit **before** you start any kind of construction. You must fill in an application for a building permit available at your municipal office or available to print off our web site at www.kerns.ca. Once completed, return the application with a \$50.00 deposit to the municipal office. The form will then be forwarded to our Chief Building Inspector. Mr. Clayton Seymour was hired to issue the building permits, do the inspections on site and answer questions relating to a construction project. For more information, you may reach him or leave a message at 705-563-2375.



Fees for any building permits are payable at the municipal office when receiving your building permit. The fee schedule for building permits is also available on our web site www.kerns.ca.

ROADS DEPARTMENT

Guy Godmaire, Roads Superintendent
Garage phone: 705-563-2848 or 705-647-6322

Bales of hay and straw:

It is very important not to stockpile the bales of hay and straw too close to the road. These stockpiles are safety issues due to the reduced visibility and snow accumulation during the winter months. The Township is asking its residents to call the roads superintendent **before** piling any bales next to the road.

Replacement of culverts:

If you need to have any repairs done to a culvert, or are interested in making an entrance way to your property, please contact the office **before** starting any of the work.

KERNS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Kerns Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for individuals interested in joining the fire department. If you are interested, please call Fire Chief, Mark Lenover. The Fire Department meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 8:00 p.m. at the Kerns Fire Hall.

Smoke Alarms : It’s the Law!

Under the Ontario Fire Code, every home in Ontario is required to have working smoke alarms on every level of your home.

Homeowners must ensure that smoke alarms are installed between sleeping and living areas. They are also required to maintain the smoke alarms in working order.

In rental accommodation, the obligation to install and maintain smoke alarms in operating condition falls to the landlord. Landlords must also provide smoke alarm maintenance information to the occupant of each unit.

It is an offence for any person to disable a smoke alarm. This requirement applies equally to homeowners, landlords and tenants.



Failure to comply with the Ontario Fire Code smoke alarm requirements could result in a ticket of \$235 or a fine

of up to \$50,000 for individuals or \$100,000 for corporation.

Fire Permits:

Please be advised that since April 1st, 2009, all Kerns residents who plan on starting a fire to burn in an incinerator, brush piles, grass (yard), windrows, field/crops and fireworks have to get a “**FIRE PERMIT**”.



Fire permits are now mandatory between April 1st to October 31st. Permits are free of charge and may be obtained at the Municipal Office at 903303 Hanbury Rd. during regular office hours. A fire permit is not required for heating or cooking (campfire).

YOU MUST FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR FIRE PERMITS : DO NOT BURN DURING THE DAY!!!

If you don't follow the terms and conditions of your permit, you could be charged by the MNR and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 exclusive of costs. You must phone the Fire Dispatch Office at 705-647-6360 **before** starting to burn.

***** If there is a fire restriction or fire ban by MNR and/or Fire Department, no burning is permitted , no permits will be issued and all permits previously issued before the fire ban will be cancelled.**

Fire tip: The burning of windrows is to be done after October 31st.

PLASTIC AND PLASTIC BAGS ARE
NOT ALLOWED TO BE BURNED

NOTE: If a fire gets out of control on your property and MNR has to intervene, whether you have a fire permit or not, you are responsible for your fire and the cost of MNR assistance will be charged to the owner.

Need information on emergency situations, emergency preparedness guide, emergency survival kit or any other emergency subject, please look up *Emergency Management Ontario* site at www.emergencymanagementontario.ca.

To get information on different security features, you can visit The Office of the Fire Marshal web site at: www.ofm.gov.on.ca.

Dog By-law 685:

Dogs are not allowed to run at large. Be a good neighbour and remember that you are responsible for your dog's actions and damages caused by your dog.

YOUTH BASEBALL

Summer 2010 is going to be another successful summer for slo-pitch baseball in Kerns Township.

There are a lot of kids registered in

T-ball: Monday night – Kerns Farmers (coach : Rachel Neill)

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8-10 age group: Tuesday night (coach : Rachel Neill)

11-13 age group: Wednesday night (coach : Kim Jibb & Steve Runnalls)

14-17 age group: Thursday night (coach : Mark Wilson)

All home games are at the Milberta Ball Park at 7:00 p.m.

The kids will be playing 10 regular season games and will end the season with a tournament in Dymond in mid-August.



KERNS HALL - RENTAL

The newly renovated Kerns Hall is available for use to the members of the community for a fee of \$30.00 per day/night. To make reservations, please call the Township Office at 705-647-5439.

Thanks to Marjorie for keeping our hall sparkling clean!

GROUPS AND SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Milberta Community Women: To improve community living. Meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30p.m., except July and August. Contact Betty Jibb at 705-563-2859 or Chris Brazeau at 705-647-7711.

Youth Group (associated with Thornloe Crossroads Baptist Church): A christian based group of parents who organize activities for children from grade 5 and up. For more information, please contact Jennifer and Carter Seymour at 705-563-2469 or Diane and Martin Jarvis at 705-647-7642. The group meets every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Looking for information on **BEARS**, please visit the Ministry of Natural Resources web site at www.bears.mnr.gov.on.ca or call at 1-866-514-2327.

If you have livestock killed by bears, you must contact Daniel Tasse, your OMAFRA representative at 705-647-2085.

DEAD STOCK DISPOSAL

In Ontario, OMAFRA regulates the disposal of dead farm animals through the *Dead Animal Disposal Act*.

Under the Act, farmers have 3 legal options for disposing of their dead stock:

1. Through a licenced dead stock collector.
2. Burial of the carcass under 2 feet of soil away from watercourses.
3. Composting of certain carcasses (small), under 2 feet of organic dry matter, in a properly designed composter.

Under the Act, livestock must dispose of their dead stock within 48 hours of death. Proper disposal is especially important to prevent the spread of disease, and to prevent environmental contamination. Where burial is used, it must be conducted in an environmentally responsible way to prevent contamination of surface and soil water as well as being deep enough to prevent predators and rodents from

excavating the carcass. Composting must be conducted properly to prevent odour, to prevent leaching of product into the soil or surface water and to provide a complete breakdown of the animal. If composting, sawdust is one of the best medium to fix with mortalities @ 1 kg sawdust per 1 kg of mortalities. Two fact sheets are available from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food to help producers with dead stock disposal:

1. Proper Burial Techniques for Small Farm Animals and Poultry Mortalities under 25 kg
2. On-farm Composting of Livestock and Poultry Mortalities

To obtain these forms, visit the Ministry of Agriculture's web site at: www.omafra.gov.on.ca

FENCES

Since we live in an agricultural setting, it is of utmost importance that animals be confined within their field/pasture. It is the owner's responsibility and duty to assure that all the fences around his fields are in flawless condition in order to keep his animals restrained within their pasture and not wander into the neighbour's field where crops are being cultivated. Animals running at large could be impounded and the owner is responsible for any costs involved, so make sure you confine your animals to your property.

Kerns Public School 50th Anniversary:

Kerns Public School will be celebrating 50 Years on September 10, 2011.

An «Insert» from the Kerns Public School Anniversary Committee is included for more information on this special celebration!!!

HERE IS A MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All the Roads and the indicated on the referral.

Concession Road Names are map for easier

