

BURPEE & MILLS NEWSLETTER

March 2010

Community Breakfasts:

Representatives from the Golden Age Club, Recreation Committee and the Fire Team held a meeting to schedule the Community Breakfasts for 2010. The following Sundays were chosen: April 18, May 30, June 27, August 22, and November 14.

Recreation Committee Report:

The Recreation Committee has set tentative dates for the following activities in 2010:

Community Golf Experience	Sunday, June 6
Road Rally	Saturday, July 24
Canada Day Potluck/Open Mic/Fireworks	Thursday, July 1
Up-coming Movie Nights	to be announced

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be held on **Wednesday, March 31st at 7:30 p.m.** at the Community Centre. Everyone welcome.

Curling Funspiel:

The curling funspiel held on Saturday, February 27 was a big success. After the curling a delicious potluck supper was served, followed by a draw for prizes. Thanks to Tammi and Jeff Middleton and all those who helped make the day so much fun for everyone.



Fire Team Report:

The Fire Team will have a practice on **Thursday, March 18 at 19:00.**

In February, two weekends of training were held in Mindemoya. This training was called Incident Command and was instructed by the Office of the Fire Marshal. The training not only included a legislative component, but also role participation in dealing with quickly escalating incidents. The training demonstrated how quickly fire can kill regardless of how quickly the fire department is able to respond. Without immediately exiting the building, you will die in moments.

As warmer spring weather is approaching we tend not to burn hot fires in our stoves. This could result in creosote build-up more quickly, so be sure to check and clean your chimney if necessary.

Smoke alarms can be purchased at the municipal office.

Fitness Centre:

Don't forget that you can enjoy the Burpee Mills Fitness Centre FREE for the month of March of this year. Don't hesitate to contact Tammi Middleton (282-2532) or Tara Bailey (282-0003) for more information. You can have orientation and fill out new membership forms on Monday to Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. or Friday 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Don't put off feeling your best; bring your indoor shoes and start today!

Solar Panels:

Our Community Centre is sporting a new look. Solar panels installed on the roof will collect the sun's energy and transfer the heat to water circulating in pipes under the floor to heat the building. Our supply of hot tap water will also be greatly increased. The system was partially paid for by a grant from the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and installed by Mike Witherell Mechanical Ltd. from Sudbury.



OmniGlobe:

OmniGlobe is currently contacting residents to install high speed service on the internet. If you would like access to this service, call OmniGlobe at 1-888-365-OMNI (6664) to make an appointment.

Website:

The Burpee Mills website is up and running. Go to www.burpeemills.com to access Newsletters, Council Minutes, Fire Permits and more.

Gore Bay Library:

Our municipality contributes annually to support the Gore Bay Library entitling our residents to use the facility without charge. The Gore Bay Library has hired a computer expert. Wes Cline will be at the library on Tuesday afternoons to answer computer questions. Although he will not fix the public's computers, he will provide one on one training for people who have questions.

Council Report:

Information provided to council indicates that the Native Lands Agreement of 1990 is being renegotiated by the Federal and Provincial governments. Because of the lack of information being made available to the municipalities, council has, in a letter to the Premier of Ontario, requested that 1) Municipalities be represented at the negotiating table; 2) Copy of the new Land Agreement be made public before it is finalized; 3) Tax base of the Municipalities be protected; 4) Lands held by the Land Holding Institution be subject to the Official Plan, and Municipal zoning and bylaws; 5) The conditions of a maximum seven million dollar value and a twenty-five year acquisition limit be maintained on the Land Holding Institution.

The next council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 7th at 7:30 p.m.**