BURPEE & MILLS NEWSLETTER

**May 2021**

**Council Report:**

 The next meeting of municipal council will be held on **Tuesday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m.**

The Burpee & Mills Township office is open to the public. The gym, hall and public washrooms remain closed**.**

**COVID-19 Screening and Consent Forms:**

Residents who have made appointments to get their COVID-19 vaccine shots should make sure to fill out the COVID-19 Screening and Consent form in order to speed up the process. These forms are available at the municipal office or you can download them from our website at [www.burpeemills.com](http://www.burpeemills.com). With a stable and reliable increase in vaccine supply, the Government of Ontario has also announced an [accelerated timeline for Phase 2 rollout](https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com/?d=ontario.ca&u=aHR0cHM6Ly9uZXdzLm9udGFyaW8uY2EvZW4vYmFja2dyb3VuZGVyLzEwMDAwMzYvcGhhc2UtdHdvLXNjaGVkdWxlLWZvci1jb3ZpZC0xOS12YWNjaW5lLWJvb2tpbmctZWxpZ2liaWxpdHk=&i=NWNiNGFhODZlNmRiM2MxNDk4ZjdmM2Q3&t=N0xYWUlEbXBPdGdGTTFrQkI5bEtFVW5aT0I1SjArbnhweDhoZ1dZa2x5bz0=&h=b8184b881aaa43d7a00e0a538a82942f) to provide more first doses across the province and increase community protection. You can book an appointment to get the vaccine by phone at 1-800-708-2505 between 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. or online at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>. Be sure to mention that you live on Manitoulin Island.

**Fire Team Report:**

Please note that burning grass is not permitted in our township.

The Burpee Mills Fire Team will have a practice on the new truck on **Saturday, May 8 at 8:30 a.m.** at the end of the Causeway. It is important that all members of the fire team attend.

**Spring & Summer Fire Safety Tips!**

**In the House**

* Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, change batteries immediately if needed.
* Check your fire extinguishers.
* Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords where needed.
* Ensure you have an emergency preparedness kit in case of incidents such as power outages and flooding.
* Practice your family’s fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency
* Windows should be checked to ensure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as an exit
* Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents
* Recycle: Get rid of old newspapers, magazines and junk mail. These items tend to pile up and can greatly contribute to the severity and spread of fire.
* Check and clean filters above stove.
* Pull refrigerator out and vacuum or dust the coils.
* Always keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in event of an emergency.

**Summer Job Opportunity:**

The Township of Burpee & Millsrequiresa summer student. Duties to include: Daily care and maintenance of outdoor recreation facilities including grass cutting. Applicants who are at least 16 years old with a valid G-2 Drivers License are invited to submit resumes. In addition, applicants must have been registered full-time students during the previous academic year, who intend to return to school full-time the following year and have no other full-time job. Deadline for applications: June 11th, 2021 Email: burpeemills@vianet.ca or Fax: 705-282-0624. Accommodations for job applicants with disabilities are available on request.

**Transfer Station Report:**

 Special procedures remain in place at the Transfer Station in order to practise physical distancing*.* Remain in your vehicle and wait for an attendant to direct you, one person at a time.

Please sort your materials before you come to the transfer station. If you bring materials to the transfer station in bags**,** the bags need to be CLEAR. Please wear a mask.

**Spring Home and Safety Checklist:**

* **Check cleaning supplies.** Look for leaking containers and dispose of what is no longer used or needed at a hazardous waste distribution centre.
* **Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.** Replace batteries and test.
* **Visually inspect electrical cords and outlets.** Replace cords if worn or damaged.
* **Maintain air conditioner.**  Make an appointment with a qualified technician to perform safe and proper maintenance work for your specific unit.
* **Clean eaves troughs thoroughly.** Use a sturdy and reliable ladder and rubber gloves.
* **Clean and check BBQ.** Clean burner ports and tubes and test for hose leaks with a 50/50 water/soap solution.
* **Store fuel and other combustibles outside.**  Keep them in a well-ventilated shed or detached garage and away from direct sunlight and other heat sources.
* **Check recreational equipment.** Make sure all playground equipment, bikes, skateboards, etc. are in safe working condition for family use.
* **Call before you dig.** Before starting a garden or outdoor home renovation, contact your local utility to get your underground utility lines marked to avoid pipeline damage.