BURPEE & MILLS NEWSLETTER

**May 2022**

**Council Report:**

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

 At a recent meeting to discuss the budget, council voted to pass a budget with a zero per cent increase in taxes. Property taxes will not go up unless the assessed value has increased.

The hall and washrooms are now open to the public. Masks are optional. Please respect the decision of others to continue personal use of masks in public.

**Fitness Centre Report:**

Feeling the need to visit the gym? The Burpee & Mills Gym is opening for public use on **Monday, May 16 from 7 to 9 p.m.** All equipment has been serviced and sanitized. Public washrooms will be available. Volunteer supervisors will be on duty during four evenings each week: Monday - Cynda; Tuesday - Amy; Wednesday - Beverley; and Thursday - Jonas.

The gym committee will provide the two weeks of May as a FREE promotion. The regular program commences on **Monday, May 30th.** These gym fees apply at that time:

**Daily Fee = $ 5.00 Weekly Fee = $ 10.00**

**Residents = $ 20.00/month Non-residents = $ 25.00/month**

**Students = $ 15.00/month Seniors = $ 15.00/month**

Note: Gym supervision is provided by volunteers. Fees cover the cost of inspection, maintenance and replacement of gym equipment. Tammi Middleton is the Gym Committee contact at 705-282-7465.

**Fire Team Report:**

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

**Spring & Summer Fire Safety Tips!**

* 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.

**Emergency Preparedness:**

 Emergency preparedness starts with you. In the event of an emergency everyone should be prepared to take care of themselves and their families for up to three days. During an emergency you may have no electrical power or be asked to evacuate. Keep an emergency survival kit at home, work and in your car. Your kit should be easy to carry and portable such as a knapsack or suitcase. Check the contents twice a year to ensure the freshness of food and water, and refresh items if needed. Make sure that your emergency survival kit has:

* Flashlight and batteries
* Radio and batteries or crank radio Spare batteries
* First-aid kit Candles and matches/lighter
* Extra car keys and cash
* Important papers (identification)
* Food and bottled water
* Clothing and footwear
* Blankets or sleeping bags
* Toilet paper and other personal items
* Medication
* Whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
* Playing cards, games

 Be Prepared! Not Scared! For more information please visit Emergency Management Ontario at www.ontario.ca/emo