Burpee Mills Newsletter April 2023

*Burpee and Mills Fire Department* hosted a St Patrick's Day potluck and family dance. 45 people came out and enjoyed a fantastic evening of dancing and fun ! A special thank you to Kristina Desaulnier for providing her food handling expertise, and to DJ Jeff for donating his time and providing great music. The Evansville Eager Beavers even made a surprise appearance and danced the macarena with the kids !

During the St Paddy's event, those in attendance voted on the ice sculpture contest. The winners were;

1st Ray and Sadie Graham

2nd Etienne Desaulnier

3rd David Geick Kennedy

4th Curtis Pfeifer Family

The next event is an Easter Egg Hunt. Starting Good Friday, see how many eggs you can find hidden around the township roads. Be sure to search every road as the eggs will be hidden on all of them. Bring the eggs you find to the township office on Tuesday April 11th, between 6:00pm and 8:00pm for counting. Prizes for the winners!!

*GG's Diner* has an enormous month of activities for April. Firstly, they have a really exciting partnership starting April 1st - GG's Diner will be offering a monthly cookie to support the Angel Bus. ​The variety of cookie will be changed monthly with all proceeds being donated to the Angel bus on a quarterly basis. For more information please see the Angel Bus website. ​Think of this as a 'Manitoulin's very own Smile Cookie'!!

April 9th GG's will be hosting a community Easter Dinner from 4pm - 6 pm - Reservations will be required. ​They will be offering all your Easter favourites for a reasonable price, as always! Menu to be announced on Facebook, closer to the date.​

​Thursday April 13th - GG's Diner will be closed to install some new equipment.​

​April 15th - Jeff Gilmore & Band 'Double Barrel' will be playing GG's for our next music night! Live Music & Dinner Buffett. Dinner starts at 6pm - Reservation Required $45/Person​

​April 29th - Dan McQueen aka: DMAC will be hosting a fun night of Karaoke - Come out and choose from over 5,000 songs - Sing & Dance!! We you know you wanna!! This event will be happening from 6pm - 11pm, entrance fee is $10 - Finger foods will be available.

The newly rebranded *Recreation and Wellness Committee* met recently and has set up an exciting schedule of events. There are lots of ideas percolating and details will be given as dates are set. For now mark June 30th on your calendar. There will be a potluck dinner and dance to celebrate Canada Day. Details will be provided closer to the event.

Plans are in the works to bring back the Burpee Road Rally this summer. There are also plans for a Hallowe'en event, a hunter's dinner in deer season, and a Christmas Concert. The committee meets next on May 16th at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend and bring any ideas you may have!

The gym continues to be open during regular business hours, as well as Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:00pm-9:00pm. There's never a better time than now to get in shape. Weight training has proven benefits for all ages. A small commitment of time and effort offers enormous benefits for health and well-being.

*Notes from Council*

BBQ Season will soon be upon us. Here are some helpful safety tips.

All barbeque grills must only be used outdoors — using grills indoors or in enclosed spaces is not only a fire hazard, but it exposes occupants to toxic gasses and potential asphyxiation.

Always position the grill well away from combustible objects — buildings, fences, deck railings and landscaping can easily and quickly ignite. Get your grill cleaned and serviced. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage.

Never leave a lit grill unattended.

Always use long handled grilling utensils and heat resistant oven mitts to avoid exposure burns from heat and flames. Periodically remove grease build-up in catch trays to prevent it from igniting.

Keep a garden hose nearby, connected, and ready for use in case of a fire.