



Ryerson Municipal Office

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Hours:

MONDAY to FRIDAY: 8:30 A.M TO 4:00 P.M. THE OFFICE IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY

MAYOR: George Sterling (705) 382-1761

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COUNCIL MEETINGS are normally held at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month, at the Municipal Office. For the summer only, one meeting per month will be planned; call the office or check the website regarding the summer schedule. Everyone is welcome. If you wish to be a delegate on the agenda you must submit a delegation form by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the meeting.

THE 28TH ANNUAL CRAFT AND YARD SALE will be held on June 20th, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy peameal on a bun and hot dogs, cooked and served by Council. Pop, water, and coffee will also be available at no charge. **Donations to the Burks Falls & Area Food Bank would be appreciated.** Vendors are welcome at no charge, but please contact the office so we can track the number of vendors.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF RYERSON TOWNSHIP? Ryerson Township Council will be hosting a **TOWN HALL MEETING** on **FRIDAY JULY 3RD, 2020** at **7:00 p.m.** at the **Burk's Falls Senior's Centre**. All residents are invited. Come out and share your vision for the future of the municipality!



THE TOWNSHIP GARAGE ROOF REPLACEMENT IS SET TO GO. The office will be relocated in July during construction.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER THAT WE WILL BE MASS MAILING. As part of our ongoing initiative to become paperless, the Ryerson Township spring and fall newsletters will be available on our website at www.ryersontownship.ca.

RECREATION is an important element of a healthy and active community. Recreation programs offered in the Burk's Falls area encompass all seasons and includes both passive and active opportunities. The Almaguin Amazing Race, Haunted Trails and more are listed in the 2020 Recreation Guide. Visit the Burk's Falls website or pick up a Recreation Guide at the Village office.



VOLUNTEERS are a vital component of programs and services offered in small communities. Without volunteers, our communities would not thrive and many programs would not be possible. Whether you have a free day or just a free hour, we can help pair your skills, interests and availability with the right program at the right time. Volunteer opportunities can be a one-time commitment or ongoing. Contact the Township or Village today to learn more about giving back to your community. Ryerson: clerk@ryersontownship.ca or (705) 382-3232; or Burk's Falls: clerk@burksfalls.ca or (705) 382-3138.

LANDFILL – 141 CHETWYND ROAD: Just taking a few extra minutes to properly sort and prepare your recyclables can make a big difference. Blue Box contaminates include food waste, soiled containers, and partially full containers. Always rinse and recycle. Used diapers, bathroom tissue, paper towels, garage rags and Kleenex go in the garbage. The landfill card system makes your card reusable & trackable. The cards were automatically reloaded on December 30th, 2019. Lost or stolen cards can be deactivated and the remaining value can be reloaded to a replacement card. A replacement card fee of \$10 applies.

HAZMAT DATES: May 30th and August 22nd at the Strong Township Landfill, 483 Forest Lake Road from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CodeRED is an emergency notification service by which the municipality can notify residents and businesses, by telephone or cellular device, about emergency situations which will impact residents of the Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls. Residents of both municipalities are strongly encouraged to register either a land line or cellular device for notifications that may include boil water advisory, infrastructure failure and declared emergencies. Visit <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-CA/BF11DA7A32D2?> or contact your municipality for assistance with registering.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Are you and your family prepared for possible emergencies? A 72-hour kit can enable you to meet the needs of all household members, including pets and children, if you have to stay home for an extended period due to an emergency. The spring melt presents flood risks in Ryerson, and residents are reminded to listen for severe weather warnings on local radio or television and check the MNR Flood advisory website. To learn more, visit www.ryersontownship.ca/emergency-preparedness.

O.P.P. and POLICING: For Non-Urgent requests for police assistance or to report suspicious activity, please call **1-888-310-1122**. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS). For emergencies call 911.

THE ALMAGUIN MANOR RESIDENCE: newly converted 32-unit senior (55+) apartment building is ideally located within the heart of the Village and applications continue to be accepted for one-bedroom units. The apartment building offers residents with easy elevator service, in-house coin-operated laundry and an active social room. To learn more about the building and its amenities, contact Linda at (705) 783-5344.

Did you know that the **ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS HEALTH CENTRE**, located at 150 Huston Street in Burk's Falls, has many services available? Take advantage of shorter wait times. The services are here, so 'use them or lose them'. For more information, call (705) 382-2900 or visit www.almaguin-health.org.

With the flu season upon us remember "Good Health Starts With Clean Hands"

MUNICIPAL BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT/ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Contact Caitlin Deevey at (705) 497-4959 or caitlin_deevey@hotmail.com. **ALL DOGS REQUIRE DOG TAGS** – licenses for 2020 are available at the Township Office. Fees are \$15.00 for the first dog and \$20.00 for each additional dog.

DO YOU HAVE A TRAILER ON YOUR PROPERTY? Ensure that you have paid your trailer license by June 26, 2020.

For the **BUILDING DEPARTMENT** contact Brian Dumas at (705) 384-9444 or cbojbc@strongtownship.com. Remember you must obtain a building or demolition permit if you are constructing or demolishing buildings.



ALMAGUIN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT is excited to begin the year with a new 2020 Vision and a full complement of economic development professionals. The ACED Team will work to promote Almaguin's assets and features while continuing to deliver a suite of business and community organization support services. Small business owners can look forward to continued access to the Digital Main Street Service Squad program to assist with improving their online visibility. For more information, contact Dave Gray at (705) 571-1564 or director@investalmaguin.ca.

TAX PAYMENTS: Beginning in 2020, the Township of Ryerson is providing residents with the option of receiving their tax bills by e-mail. To enroll, please fill out and return the consent form found on our website. Payments may be made by cheque, cash, or through online banking; we do not accept credit or debit cards due to the fees associated with these transactions.

LIBRARY: The Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library is a dynamic organization that provides innovative programming and information in a variety of formats for the continued well-being of our community.



The Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls **ARENA** currently has year-round public skating on Fridays from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (18 and older \$2.00; under 18 \$1.00). For information on ice or hall rentals, contact the Arena Manager at (705) 382-3811 or arena@burksfalls.ca.

The Burk's Falls & District **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** operates two Heritage Centres: **Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse** at 112 Midlothian Road in Ryerson Township and the **Watt Century Farm House** at 827 Chetwynd Road in Armour Township. The Heritage Centres are open from May to October. Volunteers and new members are welcome. Visit www.burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com for more information.

HERITAGE DAY will be held on July 11, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Watt Century Farm House, 827 Chetwynd Road in partnership with the Historical Society. This annual event hosts the famous Firefighter Challenge and celebrates our local heritage. Admission is FREE with activities for everyone. If you're interested in registering a recruitment or fundraising display for your organization, please contact Charlene at deputyclerk@armourtownship.ca or call (705) 382-3332.

BE AWARE OF FIRE RATINGS AND OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS

NO DAYTIME BURNING IS PERMITTED BETWEEN 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., APRIL 1ST TO OCT. 31ST

Burk's Falls & District **FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Knowing what to do should a fire occur is very important. Have a fire safety plan for your home, cottage, trailer and your work place, **and practice it**. The whole family can take part. If everyone knows what to do in the event of a fire, they will be calmer and will be able to move to a safe place more quickly; this includes children. Check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms monthly. It is recommended to change the batteries with each daylight savings time change in spring and fall. For Fire Prevention or Inspection information, please contact Fire Chief Dave McNay at (705) 382-4010 or chiefbfdfd@gmail.com.



Always think safety before making a fire and before setting off fireworks

FIRE SAFETY PLANNING SAVES LIVES

"Plan ahead – Implement – Practice"