

Gordon/Barrie Island Newsletter – Spring - 2024



Firemen's Reception



On Wednesday **April 17th** the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is hosting the Firemen's Reception: an appreciation of our firefighters. Our volunteers at the Joint Fire Department of the Town of Gore Bay and the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island protect us during emergencies and fires and every other sort of crisis, so we are proud to honour them on Wednesday. Awards will be given out for service as there are several firefighters who have earned badges and certifications of accreditation. Join us at 7pm for the ceremony and for some wine and cheese at Gordon Community Centre at 29 Noble Sideroad. The event is free so come out to show support for our firemen and women for their service, expertise, and dedication.

Earth Day 2024

Earth Day 2024 falls on April 22 this year, so to celebrate this event we are having a tree-planting ceremony at the Gordon Community Centre on Friday, **April 19th** at 4pm. We will be planting an apple tree in front of the community centre on 29 Noble Sideroad. And we will be serving coffee and cookies to those who attend. There will also be t-shirts and hats for those fortunate few who show up and have a smile on their face. Rain or shine, the event will mark our dedication and support for Earth Day here and around the world. Join us on this day and become part of the global movement to safeguard our planet against environmental abuse and decay.



Emergency Preparedness Week 2024



The week of **May 5 to 11** is Emergency Management Preparedness Week all across Ontario. We will be posting emergency preparedness materials and posters on our website and our Facebook page for the benefit of our residents in our collective drive to be prepared for any and all emergencies. Please be reminded that every individual is encouraged to have a three-day survival pack already prepared and readily accessible in the case of an emergency. Please read the write-up on the Gordon/Barrie Island website for information regarding what your emergency survival pack should include. Be prepared. Be safe. Emergencies will happen.

For more information about emergency preparedness in general, please visit the Ontario website at: [Emergency Preparedness Week | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/emergency-preparedness-week)

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Gordon Community Centre Activities

The Manitoulin Quilters meet every first and third Wednesday of the month.



For those who love coins, the Manitoulin Coin Club meets once a month at the Gordon Community Centre at 1pm on the second Sunday of every month. These coin experts buy, sell and trade coins and talk shop. It is a fascinating world for those who are keen. And for those who have a passion for coins, just drop by and meet fellow coin experts who share your passion. Meeting dates for the Coin Club for the next three months are **April 14, May 12, and June 9**. And the meetings go from 1 to 3pm. Don't be shy. Drop by!



Other activities at the Gordon Community Centre include marriage ceremonies, baby showers and birthday parties. The hall can be rented out for a wide variety of events. Check with us and take advantage of this wonderful space.

Dog Licenses & Fire Permits for 2024



For those residents in Gordon/Barrie Island who have a dog, it is time to get your 2024 dog tag. Please drop by the municipal office to register and pay for your tag. It is \$15 for your canine companion. If you have two dogs, it is \$35. And if you have three or more dogs the cost is \$50.

Also, fire permits are now required for the season. Brush fire permits are good for one week, but controlled fires are good for one day, and burn barrel permits are good for the entire year. These are required to burn stuff on your property. Free of charge, just drop by the office at 29 Noble Sideroad and fill out the form. Fire Permits are **ON**



HOLD during a fire ban. Check the Gordon/Barrie Island website for the latest fire rating throughout the summer.

Next Council Meeting(s)



Since this newsletter is for the next three months, these are the dates for the upcoming council meetings that any tax-paying Gordon/Barrie Island resident can attend. These dates are as follows: **May 7, June 4, and July 2**. * All council meetings begin at 7:30pm. And they take place in the Gordon/Barrie Island Council Chambers on 29 Noble Sideroad.

* Dates affected by national holidays are usually scheduled on different days. Check our website homepage for the exact date.