

SENIOR MOMENTS

- The Lansdowne Seniors will not meet in the month of December. If interest is positive, they will see you on Wednesdays in January of 2023 beginning January 4. Marilyn and Richard wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas season. New senior members are always welcome.
- Seeley's Bay Seniors are gathering on December 14 at The Junction Restaurant in Seeley's Bay on Highway 15 for a potluck at noon. For details, call 613-387-3750.
- Interested in learning to sew? Wanting to learn new techniques and skills? Maybe you want some support to complete a sewing project. The Township is hoping to host sewing classes in early 2023. This is a call for interest! If you would like to participate in a class, please contact us at businessadmin@townshipleeds.on.ca or 613-659-2415 ext. 246.
- Women Matters (Rug Hookers) | Join an enthusiastic group and learn the art of matting and hooking at the Lansdowne Community Hall every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Drop-in rate is \$3.00/week and program runs until May 26. To register, call 613-659-4198 or email womenmattersrugart@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW...

- A walk-by window exhibit, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" will be on display at the 1000 Islands History Museum from December to March!
- The St. Lawrence District Medical Centre Board and staff wish to acknowledge the many years of dedication to the community of the Lansdowne Women's' Institute Chapter. Most specifically, for the support they provided during the campaign to raise funds for the Medical Centre expansion. As a group, they have made numerous financial contributions to the Centre. Further to that, either under the local Institute umbrella or individually, several of these ladies were involved in the production of the fundraising cookbook; provided baked goods and other offerings to our silent auctions; worked behind the scenes and in the kitchen for fundraising events. Heather Cross, Board Chair, had the privilege of meeting with several of these ladies on October 27, as a final gesture of support before officially disbanding the local Institute chapter, they presented the Centre with one last and generous financial contribution. The Board is forever in their debt and wish each of them the very best.
- Thank you to all vendors and public for supporting the LTI Historical Society Craft Sale fundraiser on October 29, 2022. The LTIHS look forward to gathering together again at their next presentation in 2023. Please visit www.ltihistoricalsociety.org for more information and to view LTIHS newsletters.
- Leeds and Thousand Islands Archives | 613-659-3785 | www.ltipl.net/archives | archivist@ltiarchives.ca | 1365 County Road 2, Escott

Visit – Every Thursday afternoon; check out our collection of photographs, newspapers, municipal records, diaries and business records spanning over 200 years of Township history

Donate – Add to our collection by donating photographs, event programs, and personal reminiscences that tell your story in our Township

Volunteer – Learn the mysteries of archives organization and management; work on projects designed to share the archives collection with the wider community

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Upcoming Meetings

Can't attend in person? Tune into Council and Committees of Council meetings on YouTube. The Township's channel is "Township Leeds".

December 2022

- Public Meeting on the Planning Act
December 5
- Committee of the Whole
December 5
- Class Environmental Assessment for the Replacement of the Ivy Lea Wharf & Boat Launch Information Session
December 7
- Council Meeting
December 12
- Committee of Adjustment
December 13

January 2023

- Committee of Adjustment
January 31

News & Updates

- Winter Parking By-Law | From December 1 through April 1, inclusive, no parking on the street from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. for snow clearing. Vehicles may be towed.
- TLTI along with JML Engineering will be hosting a virtual information session outlining the proposed replacement of the Ivy Lea Wharf and Boat Launch on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Registration is required. To register visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jUfAeEJ3Q_S3-YXG55WK1w


2023 Budget

The 2023 capital and operating budgets will be presented to Council at a Special Council meeting on December 15, 2022. Staff have been working on the 2023 budget since the summer. Consideration has been given to strategic priorities and maintaining or enhancing service levels. Staff have attempted to mitigate budget increases due to inflation, rising insurance costs and general operating cost increases.

The revenue needed to be raised through property taxes is determined through the operating budget process. The total budget, less other revenues received (user charges, government grants, draws from reserve funds etc.) equals the net levy requirement – the amount needed from property tax revenue to balance the operating budget. The property tax rate is set at the rate required to raise the revenue needed based on the property assessment values of the properties in the Township. (property tax rate X property assessment = property tax revenue)

The capital budget is based on the Township's asset management program. Staff have developed a comprehensive asset management system which includes all Township owned assets, and condition and risk data. The system provides the estimated asset replacement dates and replacement costs. This information forms the basis of the capital budget. Staff will also be presenting a financial plan which outlines strategies with respect to funding capital investment requirements over the next several years.

The budget process is a complex process of balancing increasing demands for municipal service levels, ensuring adequate investment in capital infrastructure while also mitigating increases to the property tax rate.

Come, Join Us... 

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

December 2

Light Up-Tree Lighting Celebration in Lansdowne at 6:30 p.m. at the Lansdowne Community Hall, 1 Jessie St. Start off the Christmas Season by lighting up the tree, and singing Christmas carols. Enjoy light refreshments and enter a draw for a door prize.

Local Christmas Shop & Hop, December 2 to 4. Have fun Shopping & Hopping while collecting stamps at participating stores. Enter your completed ballot for a chance to win 1 of 2 prizes worth \$450 in gift certificates! The more stamps you get the more chances to win. www.shopandhop.ca.

December 3

SBARA is having the third 'Come and Meet Santa' event at Ridgway Confections in Seeley's Bay from 1 to 3 p.m. Cash or food items for the Food Bank will be accepted.

Wreath Making Workshop hosted by Twig and Fleur from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All supplies, tools, and refreshments are provided! Cost is \$125. Spots are limited, email m4wooding@gmail.com.

December 4

Melodia Choir fundraiser for the Gananoque food bank from 2:00 - 4:00 at the Christ Church Gananoque, 30 Church St.

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December 7

Seeley's Bay Legion Branch 491 presents a 9" Beef Tourtiere Pie Fundraiser. Pre-order at 613-387-2993. \$15.00 each.

Dec 8

Visit @Twp.Leeds1000Islands on Facebook for the 12 days of Christmas.

Friends of Springfield House Annual General Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Lansdowne United Church, 25 Miller St. A short meeting followed by a presentation from Reg Hunt and Barb Morrison of the Mallory Coach House management team.

December 10 & 11

The Gananoque Choral Society presents, 'It's the most WONDERFUL time of the year!' at 7:30 p.m. at the Grace United Church in Gananoque or on December 11 at 2:30 p.m. at the Lansdowne United Church. Doors open 1/2 hour prior to the performances. Adults: \$10.00 Children under 14: \$5.00 Family: \$25.00.

December 16 & 17

Join us for a Victorian Christmas Dinner at Furnace Falls Farm in Lyndhurst at 5:30 p.m. \$85 per person, reservations required. Call 613-561-2177 for details.

December 24

Christmas Eve!

December 25

Christmas Day!

December 26

Boxing Day!

Students from UCDSB and CDSBEO are off for the holidays.

December 31

New Year's Eve!

January 9

Students from UCDSB and CDSBEO are back to school.

January 1

New Year's Day!

January 8

Walk or snowshoe on a Thousand Islands Watershed Land Trust property at 2:00 p.m. Email marnie@tiwlt.ca to register and get the map.

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January 29

Concert with Bob Burtch and his band from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Seeleys Bay Community Hall. Call 613-387-3388 or 613-387-3480 for tickets. Tickets are \$25.

February 7

St. Lawrence District Medical Centre Annual General Meeting at 7:00 p.m., via ZOOM. Please e-mail sldmcboard@gmail.com or call Heather at 613-659-2669.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

For more information, contact: 613-659-2415 ext. 246 | businessadmin@townshipleeds.on.ca.

- Babysitter Course | December 29 | \$65

Students learn the basics of looking after infants, toddlers and school-aged children. Participants also learn how to handle emergency situations. The certificate they earn improves their marketability and instills trust in parents. Please bring a bagged lunch. This course takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lansdowne Community Hall.

- Home Alone | December 30 | \$65

This safety training course for boys and girls features games, videos and other fun activities to teach street smarts, people and stranger safety, the importance of routines and family rules, safe activities and snacking, online safety, fire safety and first aid. Please bring a bagged lunch. This course takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lansdowne Community Hall.

- Fit & Fab 1 | January 3 to March 25 | \$72/once a week, \$132/twice a week, \$180/all classes

Fit and Fab is designed for adults to help improve aerobic capacity, strength, flexibility, balance and coordination. Wendy Desrocher is a certified fitness instructor specializing in fitness for the older population. Please bring your own fitness ball, mat and water. Classes take place on from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday's at the Lansdowne Community Hall.

- Fit & Fab 2 | January 3 to March 25 | \$72/once a week, \$132/twice a week, \$180/all classes

This class is designed for older adults and is slower paced than Fit and Fab 1. Emphasis is on endurance, strength, balance, posture and coordination. Classes take place from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's at the Lansdowne Community Hall.

- Badminton | January 9 to March 31 | \$60/all classes or \$5 drop-in

Get Fit, Make Friends, and Have Fun! Through competitive and recreational play, we are committed to continually improving our skills and challenging our fitness levels. Feather birds are provided and rackets are available. Indoor shoes are required. Classes take place Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Thousand Islands Elementary School from 8 to 10 p.m.

- Cardio Box-Fit | January 10 to March 16 | \$60 or \$100 for both Cardio Box-Fit and Body Blast.

Are you ready for a high-intensity workout? Join instructor Lori Higgs at the Lansdowne Community Hall for this class combining martial arts, cardiovascular and resistance work to improve strength, agility and balance followed by a toning segment. In this extremely effective 60-minute workout, you will be doing repetitive powerful body movements. All levels are welcome! This class will run from 6 to 7 p.m.

- Body Blast | January 10 to March 16 | \$60 or \$100 for both Body Blast and Cardio Box-Fit.

Challenge yourself with this all-round group class where you will work intensely on muscle conditioning and cardio. Workouts may include but are not limited to body weight and step platforms. Bring a towel, water, mat and hand weights if you have your own. All levels are welcome! This class runs from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Lansdowne Community Hall.

- Girls Inc | January 12 to March 2 | Free

This program enables girls to recognize themselves as leaders, to understand their rights and responsibilities, and to feel empowered for championing change. The participants, as a team, will choose and tackle a community action project that enacts social change. This class runs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Lansdowne Community Hall. Call 613-345-3295 to register.