

Township Times Publication

January to March 2025



Township Administration Holiday Hours

As we approach the holiday season, please take note of our adjusted hours:

- December 24: Closing at noon.
- December 25-27: Closed.
- December 30: Open regular hours.
- December 31: Closing at noon.
- January 1: Closed.
- January 2: Resuming regular business hours.



Waste Site Holiday Hours

Lansdowne

- Closed - Dec 22, 25, 26, 29, Jan. 1.
- Open - Dec 23, 24 until noon, 27, 28, 30, 31. until noon, Jan 2, 3, 4.

Lyndhurst

- Closed - Dec 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, Jan 1, 3.
- Open - Dec 23, 28, 30, 2, 4.

Escott

- Closed - Dec 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, Jan 1, 2, 3.
- Open - Dec 24 until noon, 28, 31 until noon, Jan 4.

Updates from Planning and Development

New Ontario Building Code

The 2024 Building Code will be effective January 1, 2025. On this date, Ontario will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first provincial Building Code.

The 2012 Building Code continues where:

- a permit has been issued on or before December 31, 2024 or for which working drawings, plans and specifications are substantially completed before December 31, 2024: and
- an application for permit is made on or before March 31, 2025, and
- construction is commenced within 6 months of the permit being issued.

Please contact Building Staff if you have any questions.

Building Permit Renewals

A reminder to check the expiry date on your building permits. Permits have a one year expiry date, but can be renewed. The renewal request form is available on our website at www.leeds1000islands.ca/ keyword search

Tax Bill 2025

The deadline for taxes in 2025 are:

Interim due: March 21, 2025

Final due: September 19, 2025

Tax inquires can be directed to Rebecca Alward, at taxutilities@townshipleeds.on.ca or 613 659-2415 ext. 202.

Township Insight

From the Ground Up...

Waste Disposal Site Safety Awareness

- Entry into any Waste Disposal Site when the site is closed is trespassing. Those found trespassing can be charged to the full extent of the law.
- Persons are not permitted inside the dumpster or recycle bins at any time. Please stay in designated areas for your safety.
- Please follow all instructions provided by Waste Site Attendants for your safety and the safety of others.
- Please be ready to show proof of residency as new staff may not be familiar with local residents.

Township Parks

- Winterization of Township Parks – some amenities are closed or unavailable for the season. This includes waste receptacles and washroom facilities.
- Please be responsible for taking out any waste you bring into the parks with you.
- Pet Owners – please ensure you pick up after your pets and dispose of the bags responsibly.

Ask a Question/Report a Problem

See a tree down? Is there a pothole in the road that needs to be filled? Sign down on the road or municipal park?

Please use the Ask a Question/ Report a Problem function located on the home page of our website: https://www.leeds1000islands.ca/en/governing/Ask_a_Question-Report_a_Problem.aspx?_mid =130090.

From the Ground Up...



Snow Plow Safety

Snowplow Drivers Require Space to Work Safely

- When driving behind a snowplow, be patient and maintain a distance of at least three car lengths from the vehicle.
- If you are a pedestrian and see a snowplow, assume the driver has not seen you. Please move off the sidewalk and into a yard where you are visible.
- Snowplows cannot clear snow effectively if there are parked cars on the road. It is essential to give enough space for the operators to perform their duties safely.
- Please do not throw, blow, or shovel snow into the road before or after the snowplow has passed.

The Township performs daily road patrols to monitor conditions and prepare responses to winter weather. Crews use a snow clearing schedule that is based on a road priority system. Sanding/salting and plowing begin on high-use roadways and then move to residential streets. The Roads Department monitors various weather information sources for a consistent forecast to plan operational responses.

Township Insight

Planning and Development Department

Dog Tags

All dog owners in the Township are required to purchase a dog tag annually. Payment for a dog tag can be by cash, cheque or debit at the Township office Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visit www.leeds1000islands.ca/dogtags for more information.

Winter Parking Restrictions

From December 1 through to March 31, road parking is prohibited for snow clearing from 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Any car parked on the road during this time may be subject to a fine.

CIVIC Addressing

All developed properties must have a civic blade and post installed at their driveway to assist emergency services with locating your property. The Township can issue civic addresses to vacant land and recommends a civic address for any property being farmed or used recreationally. An approved entrance permit from the applicable road authority is required before the issuance of a civic address. If you have not been issued a blade and post, or your blade or post has gone missing or is damaged, please contact Amanda Werner-Mackeler, Planning Technician, at planningtechnician@townshipleeds.on.ca or 613-659-2415 x 203. The fee for a blade is \$25 and the fee for the post is \$20.

Clerk's Department

Cemeteries

The Clerk's department would like to share that the Township has now taken over responsibility for the St. Lukes / Lyndhurst Cemetery. For plot or interment information, please see the Township Website or email the Clerk at clerk@townshipleeds.on.ca

Delegations

If you wish to be a appear as a delegate before Council, please review the procedural by-law 22-001 for steps on how to do so. For more information and to request to be a delegation before Council email the Clerk at clerk@townshipleeds.on.ca.

Lottery Licences

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario requires all individuals who wish to conduct a lottery to apply for and obtain a Lottery Licence through the Municipal Lottery Licencing Official. Please see the Township website for information regarding eligibility, questionnaire requirements, including who may apply and what the proceeds may be used for. If you have any questions regarding eligibility or how to apply, please reach out to the Clerk at clerk@townshipleeds.on.ca.

Tax Department

Water Bills

The water charge in Lansdowne is billed out on the 15th or every month or the closest business day to the 15th of the month. The due date is the last business day of the month. For inquiries contact Rose Estevez, at customerservice@townshipleeds.on.ca or 613-659-2415 ext. 201.

Fire Prevention

As the colder months approach, it's a perfect time to review fire safety in and around your home. Leeds 1000 Islands Fire Services offers important reminders to help keep your family safe. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms: Make them Work for You!
 - Did you know it's the law in Ontario to have functioning smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas? However, these alarms can only protect you if they are properly installed and maintained.
 - Test your alarms monthly to ensure they are working.
 - Replace the batteries at least once a year.
 - Need assistance? Schedule a free home visit with the Leeds Fire Prevention Officer.
- Home Heating Appliances: Prevent Fires This Winter
 - Heating equipment is the leading cause of home fire deaths.
 - Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment (furnaces, fireplaces, wood stoves, portable space heaters).
 - Establish a "kid-free zone" of at least 1 meter (three feet) around open fires and space heaters.
 - Never use your oven to heat your home.
 - Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected annually by a professional.
 - Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
 - Always use the right fuel for your heating appliance.
 - Keep your fireplace screen secure to stop sparks, and allow ashes to cool before storing them in a metal container away from the house.
- Prevent Electrical Fires
 - Damaged or improperly used power cords can cause electrical fires.
 - Inspect cords regularly for signs of wear, such as nicks or overheating.
 - Replace damaged cords immediately—never try to patch them.
 - Do not overload outlets or daisy-chain extension cords.
 - Use extension cords properly—as a temporary solution, not permanent wiring.
 - When charging electronics like laptops or phones, use the manufacturer's recommended chargers and unplug devices when not in use.
- Stay Safe and Prepared!
 - Taking the time to inspect and maintain your home's heating equipment, electrical devices, and alarms can save lives. If you need assistance, our Fire Prevention team is available to help! For more information, contact us at 613-659-2415 ext. 219 or email fireprevention@townshipleeds.on.ca.

Township Insight

Leeds 1000 Islands Fire Services

Leeds 1000 Islands Fire Services recommends that families be prepared for at least 72 hours in case of an emergency. Here's how you can assemble an effective emergency kit:

Emergency Kit Essentials:

1. Water: Plan for at least 4 litres per person daily to ensure hydration for three days.
2. Food: Include non-perishable items requiring minimal preparation, such as canned goods, energy bars, or freeze-dried meals.
3. First Aid Kit: Include basic supplies like gloves, gauze pads, bandages, antiseptic, scissors, tweezers, needle and thread, instant ice packs, and a survival blanket.
4. Other Items:
 - Batteries and a radio to stay informed.
 - Extra car keys and copies of important papers (e.g., identification, insurance documents).
 - Toilet paper and personal hygiene products for comfort.
 - Blankets for warmth.
 - Over-the-counter medication for common illnesses or medical needs.

Safety Tips:

- Lighting: Avoid using candles, especially with small children around. Use flashlights, glow sticks, or battery-powered lanterns instead.
- Carbon Monoxide Safety: Never run generators or fuel-powered devices inside a garage or home, as they can produce deadly carbon monoxide. Always use these items in well-ventilated areas to avoid poisoning.

By taking these steps, you can ensure your family is ready for an emergency and stay safe during unexpected situations.

Leeds and Thousand Islands Public Library

January to March Programming Summary

Lansdowne

- Kids' Club
 - Tuesday's | 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Teen Programming
 - Tuesday's | 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Knit & Crochet Circle
 - Wednesday's | 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Homeschool Connections
 - Friday's | 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
- Family Fun Days
 - Sat. January 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - Open Gym Time
 - Sat. February 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - Movie Matinee
 - Sat. March 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - Open Gym Time

Lyndhurst

- Wii Fit for Adults
 - Wednesday's | 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
- Play & Connect for Parents 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Art Hour 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 - Sat. January 18
 - Sat. February 15
 - Sat. March 15

Seeley's Bay

- Storytime
 - Tuesday's 10 a.m. & Thursday's 2:30 p.m.
- News of the World
 - Thursday's 3 p.m.
- Knit & Crochet
 - Thursday's 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Art Hour
 - Sat. January 4, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Sat. February 1, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Sat. March 1, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
 -

March Break Programming (March 9–15), stay tuned to the website

<https://www.ltpl.net/> and social media channels, for all program happenings.

Local Happenings

Lansdowne & Area

- **Tea and Style: Lansdowne Spring Fashion Show**

- When: Sunday, March 30, 2025
- Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Location: Lansdowne Community Building, 1 Jessie St.
- Admission: \$20, includes tea, sweets and door prizes.
- Hosted by the Lansdowne Association for Revitalization.
- All proceeds to support the Leeds & Grenville Interval House.
- Visit www.lansdowneontario.ca for more information and where to purchase tickets.

- **March – Take n’ Bake Pies for Easter**

- When: Ordering will begin in March for April pick up, in time for Easter. More information to follow. Check the Lansdowne Fair Facebook page for more details.
- Location: Exhibit Hall, Lansdowne Fairgrounds, 1186 Prince St.
- Hosted by the Lansdowne Agricultural Society



- **Egg My Yard**

- When: Registration will commence in March for Easter.
- More details to follow.
- Hosted by the Lansdowne Agricultural Society.

Rockport Area

- **Annual Winter Carnival**

- Plans are underway for the Annual Winter Carnival taking place in February.
- Hosted by the Rockport Recreation Hall.

Seeley's Bay & Area

- **Abrams Brothers Concert**

- When: January 25, 2025, 7:30 p.m.
- Location: Seeley's Bay Community Hall, 151 Main St.
- Tickets \$45, available starting December.
- Tickets available at <https://www.visitseeleysbay.ca/#/>
- Sponsored by the Seeley's Bay Area Residents Association.

- **Frost Fest**

- Save the date February 7 to February 9, 2025.

- **Storyfest XIX – The Accidental Canadian – A life in stories, images and songs.**

- When: March 30, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
- Location: Seeley's Bay Community Hall, 151 Main St.
- An afternoon of stories and song with Seeley's Bay's own Artic Explorer, James Raffin.
- Tickets \$20 available starting January.
- Tickets available at <https://www.visitseeleysbay.ca/#/>
- Sponsored by the Seeley's Bay Area

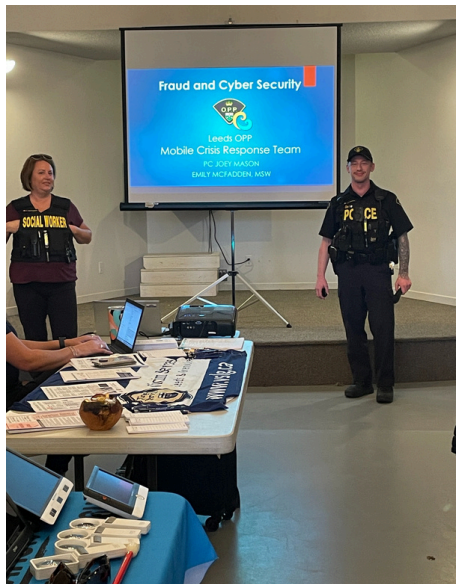
Township Insight

Community Engagement

TLTI Seniors Expo

The Township hosted a successful Seniors Expo on Monday, November 18, 2024, in Seeley's Bay. Thanks to our Guest Speakers, Age Friendly Ontario, Leeds O.P.P., the Ministry of Finance and Seniors Support Services (CPHC). We also appreciate the 27 community organizations that had booths at the event, sharing information and distributing resources to attendees. Legion #491 Ladies Auxiliary provided a delightful luncheon. Special thanks to Dr. Briggs, who offered Flu and COVID vaccines to those interested at the end of the day.

Based on the feedback provided by attendees, we hope to offer further workshops and Lunch and Learns in 2025.



TLTI Santa Claus Parades

Thank you to the organizations and volunteers who made the local Santa Claus Parades possible. It was a pleasure for the Township to participate in these festive events, which bring our community members together to celebrate the holiday season. We appreciate your hard work and dedication in creating such joyful opportunities for everyone.



Holiday Food Donation Calendar

2024

This season, we can all do our part to support our community.

You can support our local community Food Banks by collecting and donating items during December to:

R.O.L.L. Aid Food Centre, 129 Bay St. Seeley's Bay
Hours: Every Tuesday, 10 a.m. – noon.
613-770-2935

Gananoque and Area Food Bank, 497 King St. E
Hours 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
613 382-4434



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Canned vegetables	2 Pasta & Sauce	3 Canned Soup or Stew	4 Breakfast item	5 Peanut Butter & Jam	6 Canned Fruit	7 Rice or Instant Potatoes
8 Boxed Meals	9 Baking Supplies	10 Healthy Snacks	11 Canned Tuna, Chicken	12 Shelf - Stable Milk or Milk alternative	13 Crackers	14 Canned Tomatoes
15 Hygiene Items	16 Baby Supplies	17 Coffee or Tea	18 Cooking Oils	19 Canned Chili or Ready-To-Eat Meats	20 James, Jellies or Honey	21 Canned or Boxed Juices
22 Canned Beans	23 Holiday Treats	24 Condiments	25 Special Holiday Foods	26 Nuts & Seeds	27 Instant Meals	28 Granola/Energy Bars
29 Spices & Seasonings	30 Canned Tuna or Salmon	31 Reusable Shopping Bags				

Recreation Programs

Staying Active and Engaged in TLTl

Fit & Fab 1 | Flt & Fab 2

Description: Fit & Fab 1 classes are designed for adults to help improve aerobic capacity, strength, flexibility, balance and coordination. Please bring your own mat, exercise ball and water bottle.

Schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Description: Fit & Fab 2 classes are designed for older adults and slower paced than Fit and Fab 1. Emphasis is on endurance, strength, range of motion, balance, posture and coordination. Please bring your own mat, exercise ball and water bottle.

Schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Location: Lansdowne Community Hall

Session Dates: 12 weeks. January 6 to March 29, 2024

Register: www.leeds1000islands.ca or call 613 659-2415 ext. 246



Yoga with Jodi

Description: This is an all-level yoga class, no prior experience is required.

Schedule: Wednesday's, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Seeley's Bay Community Hall

Session Dates: 11 weeks, January 7 to March 26, 2024

Register: www.leeds1000islands.ca or call 613 659-2415 ext. 246



CPHC Seniors Exercise Program

Description: Moderate to high tempo exercise program

Schedule: Thursday's , 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Location: Lansdowne, Community Hall

Session Dates: September 26, 2024 to June 26, 2025



Fencing

Description: Fencing classes. Come try it out, equipment is provided.

Contact Henk : henrypardoel@gmail.com or call 613 331-4981, for program details.

Yoga with Michelle

Description: Barres, Pilates, Yoga . Please bring a yoga mat and if desired, light hand weights or a loop resistance band.

Contact Michelle : DM@littleMagicLife or email MichelleMillar33@gmail.com. for program details.

Leisure Groups & Programs



Lansdowne Seniors

Details: Group meets weekly for euchre and socializing

Schedule: Every Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lansdowne Community Building (meeting room), 1 Jessie St.

Contact: Marilyn Dwyre at 613-659-3860



Women Matters

Details: A group of fibre artists, mostly women over the age of fifty-five who are loosely organized and offer support to each other in all aspects of life as well as the pursuits of "Fibre". (new friends are welcome)

Schedule: Every Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Lansdowne Community Building (meeting room), 1 Jessie St.

Contact: Penelope Deering at 613 659-4198



Stone Bridge Quilters

Details: Weekly quilters group. The group enjoys making cancer and comfort quilts for the community. Along with quilting the group welcomes other crafts, too. Check out the quilts for sale. All proceeds support the purchase of more supplies and materials

Schedule: Every Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Lyndhurst Legion (306 Lyndhurst Rd.) Lyndhurst

Contact: Marilyn Crawford 613 928-2563



Seeley's Bay Seniors

Details: Once a month friendship group, lunch get together with the occasional guest speaker. Lunch is pot-luck, brown bag or catered.

Schedule: Third Wednesday of the month, 12:00 p.m.

Location: Seeley's Bay Legion (116 Bay St.) Seeley's Bay

Contact: Joyce Fleming 613 387-3750



LTI Book Clubs

Details: Lansdowne Book Club meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. in the Lansdowne Community Building meeting room. The Gentle Reader Book Club meets at 2 p.m. in various community settings.

Contact: LTI Lansdowne branch at 613 659-3885, or visit the website, <https://ltipl.net/book-clubs>

Recreation Survey



The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands is conducting this survey to better understand community needs. The information gathered will help us develop a strategy to support social, recreational, and cultural opportunities accessible to all.

Please fill out one survey per household – drop off completed Surveys at the Township office or Local Library, or use the QR Code to fill out a virtual survey.

How many of each age range live in your household

1-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 21-30 31-40
 41-50 51-60 61-70 71-80 81-90 91+

What town(s) do you frequent the most (select any that apply)

☐ Gananoque ☐ Mallorytown ☐ Athens ☐ Joyceville ☐ Seeley's Bay
☐ Lansdowne ☐ Rockport ☐ Delta ☐ Lyndhurst ☐ Westport
☐ Other/Explain: _____

Do you feel that you could easily travel to (drive, walk or bike) into a town?

☐ Yes ☐ NO please explain: _____

Do you belong to a recreation or leisure group/organization as a volunteer or coach?

☐ No ☐ If YES: Please explain: _____

Do you have an interest in or a set of skills to share with the community as a volunteer, coach or teacher and/or instructor? (swim, soccer, baking, knitting, etc.)

☐ No ☐ If YES, please email recreation@townshipleeds.on.ca, call 613 659-2415 ext. 246.

If TLTI were to create a sports and leisure working committee, would you be interested in joining?

☐ No ☐ If YES, please email recreation@townshipleeds.on.ca, call 613 659-2415 ext. 246.

How do you hear about recreation and leisure programs(s)? (Check all that apply)

☐ Township Website ☐ Email ☐ LinkedIn
☐ Township Times Publication ☐ Facebook ☐ X (Formerly Twitter)
☐ Radio Ad ☐ Instagram ☐ Word of Mouth
☐ Other (please specify): _____

Do you have any accessibility needs that you wish were more accommodated?

Any additional

feedback: _____

Recreation Survey cont'd

Activity Please circle if you have a specific interest	Kids Currently Participate	Kids Interested	Adult Currently Participate	Senior Currently, Participate	Senior Interested
Archery/Shooting Sports					
Baseball/Softball/Fastball					
Basketball Indoor/ Outdoor					
Bird/ Nature Watching					
Book Club/Podcast Chat/ Writing/ Journaling					
Cardio/Jogging/ Running/Hiking					
Computer Coding/Esports/Gaming					
Cooking/Baking/Wine Appreciation					
Crafting/ Scrapbooking					
Dance/Zumba/Barre					
Embroidery/ Cross Stitch					
Euchre/Cards/Games Club					
Fencing					
Fibre Arts/ Knitting/ Crochet/ Felting/ Weaving					
Fishing/ Camping/ Survival classes					
Fitness/Aerobics Class					
Geocaching/ Orienteering					
Golfing/ Lacrosse					
Gardening/ Planting					
Hockey/ Ringette/ Skating					
Kayak/Canoe					
Martial Arts/Combat Sports					
Painting/Pottery/Crafting/ Water Colours					
Personal Training					
Pickleball/Squash/Tennis					
Skiing/Snow Shoeing/Sledding					
Singing/ Choir/ Musical Instrument					
Soccer/Football					
STEM/Robotics/Sciences/Coding					
Swimming Lessons/Lanes					
Tai Chi/Mediation					
Theatre/Drama Class					
Ultimate Frisbee/ Disc Golf					
Volleyball/Badminton					
Walking/ Strolling/ Rolling/ Mobility					
Yoga/Pilates/Chair Yoga					
Not listed:					

If you do not participate, please select the primary reason(s)

- ☐ No interest
 ☐ Too far to travel
 ☐ No time to participate
☐ Too expensive to participate
 ☐ Don't know what's available
☐ Other: _____

Thank you for your participation!