

At time of preparing this the sun is shining, the snow is melting – can Spring be just around the corner? While most of us have been hibernating or have fled to warmer climates it has been business as usual at the Township.

## OFFICE PROCEDURES

As mentioned in the last edition our Director General with Bell's help of course has installed two new phone lines to help alleviate phone traffic. This should result in less busy signals or automated service during office hours.

## ROADS

The Public Works Department aside from their normal winter duties dealing with snow removal, sanding, etc. had an opportunity to use the steam machine purchased in the Fall to thaw out the first culvert in late January. The culvert was on chemin White and took less than 10 minutes to thaw. They also started installing the civic numbers in Harrington Valley. Have you seen them – they look great – blue numbering on white reflective placards giving our distinctive Harrington logo prominence. Citizens have commented that they light up the road at night which on chemin Harrington is a bonus.

Speaking of Harrington Road as a result of residents in that area's safety concerns, which is shared by Council, the speed limit has been reduced to 40 kilometres per hour. We have also installed a three way stop sign at the intersection of White Acres and chemin Harrington. Council is also exploring other avenues in an effort to ensure the safety of our citizens.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire prevention visits for high risk properties continues. This summer, on July 9<sup>th</sup> actually, along with our usual water testing program performed by Geostar we will also offer inspection and refilling of portable fire extinguishers. There will be no charge for the inspections and the charge for refilling the extinguishers will vary from \$9.00 to \$24.50 depending on the size of the unit.

While on this subject it has been brought to our attention that there are door to door salesmen in the area selling fire extinguishers and representing themselves as having been approved and/or authorized by our Fire Department and that by law you should have a fire extinguisher. This is not the case and the fire department has **not** endorsed any company as a preferred supplier.

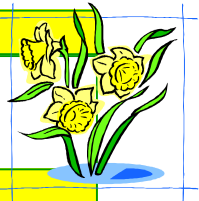
This would also be a good time to remind everyone to check the batteries on your smoke detectors and fire alarms.

## RECYCLING

With the more convenient locations of our recycling bins we have noticed an increase in our recycling tonnage. Environmentally this is a good sign and given that the garbage dump's tonnage fee has increased it is also a good sign financially. There may be times when we're not sure what is recyclable and what is not but I think we can all agree that ashes are not. We can only hope that when ashes were dumped into the recycling bin it was because it was dark and the person involved could not make out the colour of the bins .

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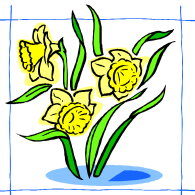
## PROJECT 0-5-30

We're looking for volunteers to sit on a committee whose mandate would be to carry out the objectives of this Project initiated by the Province of Quebec. The name makes reference to zero tobacco usage, five represents 5 servings daily of fresh fruit and vegetables and the thirty represents 30 minutes of daily exercise all aimed at making the community aware of the importance of these three basic issues and in turn leading to a healthier lifestyle.

Anyone interested can contact  
Marlene Dunlop at 819-687-2122 or  
Joan Field at 819-687-8159.

## WINTER CARNIVAL

Lost River's Carnival was held on February 5<sup>th</sup> with most activities being centered around our new volunteer owned and operated skating rink. The weather couldn't have been better and the children were treated to a brand new slide courtesy of the Public Works Department. The hill was created at the entrance to the Madeline Marquis Park giving those who took the challenge a mini luge ride on the winding trail which is as beautiful in Winter as it is in Summer. Hockey games were played followed by some woodsmen events and our traditional pot luck supper. A big thank you goes out to all volunteers and attendees who contributed to the overall success of this year's event.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Get out your green finery and join us at the Lost River Community Centre's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Dinner is, of course, corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings. Music for dancing after this culinary feast and much much more. Mark your calendar – March 17<sup>th</sup> Begorrah!

Tickets \$15.00 available at the door.

## HARRINGTON FESTIVAL

This year's **Harrington Festival** is scheduled for **August 13<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee will be welcomed with open arms.

Come and share your ideas and suggestions which will undoubtedly make this one an even greater success. Contact either Marlene Dunlop 819-687-2122 or Joan Field 819-687-8159 at the numbers listed above.

(Yep we have committees available to suit whatever your interests are!)



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