

Gordon/Barrie Island Newsletter – January - 2024



Bring in the New Year!



The Christmas season has come and gone, but it has brought with it a new sense of hope and optimism. After a Christmas with family and friends, Gordon Barrie Island residents are looking forward to having a great year ahead. Perhaps it is the mild winter so far, or it could be the chance to build on an exceptional 2023, we here at the Gordon/Barrie Island Municipal Office share this new optimism for 2024. With so much happening in the world at large, we should acknowledge how fortunate we all are to be living in such a peaceful place here on the Island, and in this spirit we step into the new year with hope and zeal.

New Schedule at the Gore Bay Memorial Arena

For those who enjoy watching hockey, there are games to watch on Thursday and Friday nights. Please check out this year's schedule on our website!

Next Council Meeting

The regular council meeting took place January 10th at the Municipal Office on Noble Sideroad. As a reminder, meetings are open to the public. Taxpayers are always welcome to request items to discuss on the monthly agenda. And the minutes of each meeting are available to residents at the Gordon/Barrie Island office on Noble Sideroad.



The Gore Bay Union Public Library

The library put on a successful Storytime & Cookies with Santa for the kids on December 15th from 6 to 7:30pm. From all reports, the event was well received and enjoyed by kids from all over the township.

Gore Bay Fire Department



Please be diligent with your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms this winter. Remember woodstoves are a risk. Please make sure you sweep your chimney and ensure your woodstove is safely burning according to WETT standards. Also, please practice candle safety and use caution with space heaters. And play it safe in the kitchen. And make sure you always have a fire extinguisher at hand.

Stay **Fire Safe** While Staying **Warm**

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires in Ontario.

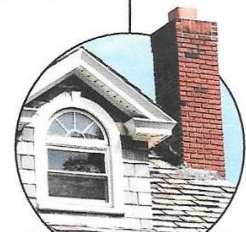
What **heating equipment** in my home can cause fires?



FIREPLACES AND FIREPLACE INSERTS



WOODSTOVES

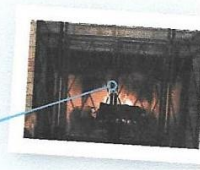


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How do I keep **myself** and my **loved ones** safe?

- Ensure woodstoves, fireplaces and fireplace inserts are installed by a **qualified technician** according to **manufacturer's instructions**.
- Have your heating system, vents and chimneys inspected and cleaned annually by a **qualified service technician**.
- Ensure all outside heating vents are **not blocked**.

- Allow ashes from your woodstove or fireplace to cool before emptying them into a **metal container** with a tight-fitting lid. **Keep the container outside**.
- **Always use a fire screen around the fireplace!**



Install **smoke** and **carbon monoxide** alarms on every storey of your home.

Test them every month.



For more information contact your **local fire department**.



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