

Gordon/Barrie Island Newsletter – Summer – 2024



Summer is underway here at the municipality! Many summer residents have arrived for the warm season. Lots going on. Let's get to it...

Fire Fighter Reception & Fire Permits



On Wednesday **April 17th**, the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island hosted the Firemen's Reception: an appreciation of our fire fighters. Our volunteers at the Joint Fire Department of the Town of Gore Bay and the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island protect us from fires and other emergencies, so we are proud to honour them. Awards were given out for their service to our community.



Also, please be aware that any and all fires cannot be lit without a fire permit. They are free and available at the municipal office on Noble Sideroad. Specifically, brush fires are a high-risk activity. Be careful. And have a bucket of water handy as a precaution. Use sense. Burn wisely. If there is a fire ban on, no fires are allowed. Be sure to check before lighting up.

Julia Bay Barbeque



The annual Julia Bay Barbeque will take place mid-August at the beach at Julia Bay. There will be a band playing your favourite laidback vibes as you take a swim in the bay and then enjoy the food brought by volunteers. Relax in the gazebo or bring a beach towel and hang out by the water's edge, it's all groovy. This annual event is growing so

don't let this opportunity pass. Seize the moment and check out this beautiful little corner of Barrie Island. The band might even take requests. Bring your friends or your favorite beverage and flake out and meet your neighbours on the island. Check our website for the exact dates in August.





Earth Day Tree-planting Relay 2024

Earth Day Tree-planting Relay 2024 happens all summer across Canada. The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is one of 14 municipalities this year to participate in the national tree-planting



relay. We have planted 50 white pine trees at the Gordon Community Hall along the northern and western boundaries. This is to foster a healthier ecosystem as well as enhance the beauty of the grounds here on Noble Sideroad. A grant was awarded to the municipality to plant the trees in an effort to enhance the environment across the country. Drop by any time to check out the new lines of trees that will grow tall over the years and decades to come. We have

also planted two apple trees. Become part of the global movement to safeguard our planet against environmental abuse and decay.

Gordon Community Centre Activities

The Manitoulin Quilters meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Currently the Quilters are on their summer break until September 4th.



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!

Fly a Kite Fest!

There was a fantastic turn out for this year's kite festival at the Western Manitoulin Community Garden at Highways 540 and 542. The kids ran around laughing as the adults smiled and squinted into the sun watching the brightly coloured kites fill the sky. The fire chief Mike Addison was there too with some of his fellow firefighters handing out toy hats to the kids as well as other neat stuff. Food was served to those in attendance. And there were arts and crafts for the kids.

