

## Gordon/Barrie Island Newsletter – Autumn – 2024



After a long, hot summer, autumn is here with the morning crisp air that has the promise of harvest. The tourists are gone, and the kids are back at school, and one is now tasked with preparing for the cold months of winter. However, before the snow arrives, islanders will enjoy the cool evenings and warm days as we near Halloween and the November rains. Events on the horizon are many, so let's get to it.

### Decorate Your Gate



This fall we will again hold the annual **Decorate Your Gate** contest for those who fancy themselves as creatives. By using one's imagination, one can dress up their entrance to their home with fall paraphenalia, such as pumpkins, hay, and whatever else might create an attractive roadside viewing. Get out there and try something, and then give us a call and invite us to judge your entry in the contest. Prizes will be awarded

for the top three for best gate. Curb appeal counts. Give it a go and give us a call. Never know what you might win. Contest entries close on **October 12<sup>th</sup>**. Judging will happen during the Thanksgiving Weekend.

### Annual Christmas Market at Gordon Hall

On **Saturday November 30**, we will once again host the **Gordon Hall Christmas Market**. Vendors from all over the island come and sell their wares, whether homemade or not. Hot cider and lunch can be purchased as you roam the stalls and choose something special for that special person in your life. With a wide range of products to choose from, come and peruse and network. And bring the kids. There is a lot to do for them too, whether feeding them from what the vendors bring, or perhaps find something neat for their stockings. Every year the feedback is great, and so every year the market gets better and better. And it's fun. Enjoy the day. The market starts at 10am and runs to 3pm. Come out and perhaps you will spend the evening wearing those new wool slippers you bought at the market as you sip on some of the specialty tea bought at one of the stalls. You might be surprised. See you there!



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## Other Municipal News

The **Annual Julia Bay BBQ** was again a success this summer. It was held on August 24<sup>th</sup> and had a good turn out. Chris Walker performed with his 12-string guitar and many peoples were served good food. Check the Gordon/Barrie website for photos and a write up of the event.

There was a great turnout at the **Janet Head Lighthouse** this summer! Our summer student Merissa McQuarrie worked at the lighthouse all summer, and welcomed many tourists and local residents, many of whom were very keen to read about the history of the lighthouse, particularly about the Fletcher family just after the turn of the century. The lighthouse will be open for tours next summer. Be sure to check it out, and enjoy this unique piece of history.



Early summer was wet but then it turned hot and dry, with many residents enduring empty wells. But we did make it through the summer without any **fire bans**. We issued many **fire permits** this summer, as many residents took the opportunity to burn foliage and clean up their land. Fire permits for brush fires are valid for one week, but for campfires they are good for the entire summer season.

The **textile bins** from Sic Sox Circular have arrived at the **Transfer Station**. We put together a one-pager to hand out at the Transfer Station and wanted to ensure you had a copy for your residents as well. Please find it on the Gordon/Barrie Island website. As well, just a reminder that the Summer Hours for the **Transfer Station** end on **Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>** so the Transfer Station will NOT be open on Monday as it is switching into Winter Hours.

## The Next Council Meeting



Since this newsletter is for the next three months, these are the dates for the upcoming council meetings that any tax-paying Gordon/Barrie Island resident can attend. These dates are as follows: **October 1, November 5** and **December 3**. All council meetings begin at 7:00pm. And they take place in the Gordon/Barrie Island Council Chambers on 29 Noble Sideroad, behind Pat Noble Lumber.

## Gordon Community Centre Activities

The **Happy Quilters** meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. They are now back after their summer break. And the **Manitoulin Coin Club** meet every second Wednesday at 7pm. Come check it out if you're keen!