



Puslinch Community Newsletter July 2020

Crieff Hills

SUMMER PICNICS. Starting June 25, we will be welcoming guests to enjoy our beautiful grounds! We have private picnic areas set up around the property with plenty of outdoor green space. Each one is equipped with 2 picnic tables, shelter from sun/rain, and access to a clean bathroom for your exclusive use. A number of sites have an outdoor fire pit with free firewood provided, some include a hike into the woods, and there are two barrier-free locations, too. The registration fee is \$10 per person, and will give you access to a large, clean, well-equipped space for the whole day, from 10 am to 3pm. Lunch is an additional cost. Chef Damien is offering two delicious lunch options for takeout, available from Thursday to Saturday. Each lunch serves one adult, and a children's option is available as well. Ingredients will vary slightly throughout the summer as we serve the freshest produce from our gardens. A clean and contactless payment and pickup will be set up at Maclean Hall. Picnic space must be reserved before arrival. Your picnic lunch will have everything you need packed in an insulated bag: utensils, napkins, plates, and glasses.

Duff's Parish Nurse Programs

PARISH NURSE NOTICE. Effective June 30, 2020 Karen Harding will not be functioning as Community Parish Nurse. If you have questions about your personal information please contact Karen 519-820-8114 or karenharding349@outlook.com

Optimist Club of Puslinch

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020. The Optimist Club of Puslinch is once again offering scholarships to assist youth and families of the Township of Puslinch with educational expenses and to promote the Club as an organization committed to the advancement of education. This year three scholarships of \$1000 each will be awarded to qualified applicants commencing in September 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year. This is the 19th year that the Club has offered the scholarship program. The three scholarships will be split into three streams. One scholarship will be awarded to those students who are pursuing a university degree, one scholarship will be awarded to those students who are pursuing a community college degree, and one scholarship will be awarded to those students who are pursuing a vocational-technical apprenticeship/diploma. To be eligible to apply for any of the scholarships the applicant must be; a resident of the Township of Puslinch; 21 years of age or younger in the year the award is given; entering their first year of post-secondary education; and enrolled in either a university or a community college or a vocational-technical school or undertaking an apprenticeship. The due date for this year's submission is July 31, 2020. For further information and application forms please go to our web site: www.optimistclubofpuslinch.com and go to programs/scholarship; contact your high school guidance department; or Don McKay (519) 822-2984, donmckay@golden.net



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Aberfoyle Agricultural Society – Postponement of Fall Fair

After much deliberation and with deep regret the Aberfoyle Agricultural Society has decided to postpone the 180th fall fair until September 10-11 2021. The physical, mental, and financial health of the people who support our Fair – members, exhibitors, vendors, sponsors, volunteers fair attendees etc. – is our number one concern.

Since 1840, without a postponement until this year, the Society has worked to increase the awareness of, and to improve the quality of agriculture, home crafts, and the rural lifestyle, by presenting an annual Fall Fair to exhibit livestock, produce, home crafts, pets and equipment. It also assists in 4H and Junior Garden Club activities. One of Puslinch's first community organizations, the Society played a large part in the education and development of agriculture, home life, and nutrition at a time when 80% of the population was involved directly in agriculture and rural life. Today, even though our agricultural and rural communities are decreasing, the Society still has a strong grass roots base and supports the rural way of life.

Stay tuned, we are looking to see if there is something we can do to keep the Fair in your minds in 2020 and keep you actively involved during this one moment in time.

Aberfoyle Agricultural Society
Board of Directors

Puslinch Branch Library – July Programmes

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR LIBRARY. We are missing our community these days, and we know you are too! Until we are together again, stay connected with Wellington County Library though www.wellington.ca/Library Place orders for curbside pick-up through our online catalogue or access to online resources 24/7, including:

- EBooks and audiobooks via Libby app and OverDrive
- Kanopy film streaming for all ages
- Creativebug for craft ideas and tutorials
- Temporary access to Ancestry Library Edition
- World Book Online for educational activities
- Access to New York Times Online content

JOIN THE 2020 TD SUMMER READING CLUB online for reading challenges, activities you can do at home, and fun prizes! Visit www.wellington.ca/Library starting June 15 for details.

STAY INFORMED on COVID-19 developments by checking the County of Wellington COVID-19 Information and Updates page at www.wellington.ca



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The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada

WEEKLY "VIRTUAL VISITS" The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada (DSC) announces its Virtual Visit series. Although the Sanctuary is currently closed to the public, due to COVID-19 restrictions, they can get to know the 100 donkeys, mules and hinnies through this series, visiting a different paddock each week. The Virtual Visits will premier every Sunday at 10 AM, beginning May 24, 2020. The series will continue throughout the summer. Individuals can donate here: <https://www.thedonkeysanctuary.ca/events/virtual-open-days> to receive their Virtual Visit video link. Each Sunday at 10:00am, a new link will go live. DSC will be available during the premiere to answer any questions viewers have. Monthly donors will receive access to all the Virtual Visit links. For more information please visit www.thedonkeysanctuary.ca

Township of Puslinch

INDOOR FACILITY CLOSURES. All Township indoor facilities and buildings remain closed to the public until August 4, 2020. The decision to extend closures and cancellations will be continually reviewed, in conjunction with direction from the Province, guidance from Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, and the Chief Medical Officer of Health to determine if an earlier opening is possible or if a further extension is required.

The following Township owned facilities remain closed:

- All washrooms and change rooms
- All playgrounds
- Puslinch Community Centre
- Gymnasium at the Optimist Recreation Centre
- Municipal Office

Any changes in operations will be communicated and posted to the Township's website at www.puslinch.ca

DOG CONTROL AND DOG CATCHING. The Township of Puslinch is now using the Cambridge Humane Society for dog control and dog catching. Please call the Cambridge and District Humane Society at (519) 623-6323 or (519) 623-7405.