

SENIOR MOMENTS

Regretfully, because of current Covid restrictions, the **Lansdowne Seniors** will not be meeting for the rest of 2021. We will continue to monitor the situation and hopefully we will see you all for cards and Bingo in January 2022. We wish you a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. Be well, Marilyn and Richard.

The **Seeley's Bay Seniors** continue to meet on the **3rd Wednesday** of every month at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 491 in Seeley's Bay.

YOUTH ZONE

Babysitter Training for Youth & Family - Learn about street smarts, stranger danger, internet safety, fire safety and first aid. The instructor uses games and role playing to reinforce the life skills taught. The course includes a take-home workbook. Please bring a nut-free lunch, snacks and baby-sized doll or teddy for diapering. Fees (\$60 per youth) can be paid at the Township Office ahead of time or paid to the instructor on the day. **December 20, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lansdowne Community Building.** Register online at <https://tlti.ebasefm.com> by December 17.

FAMILY FUN

EarlyON Child and Family Centre is open for in-person programming in Gananoque. Join **Play and Learn** for ages 0-6 every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m., as well as **Baby Talk** on Thursdays from 2 to 3 p.m., for up to 12 month olds and their caregivers. These programs will be held at St Joseph Catholic School at 235 Georgina Street. Register by calling 1-866-433-8933 ext. 2374.

The Seeley's Bay Lions Club is preparing for the 2021 holiday season, and with that, the **Angel Tree**. Lions and community come together to provide new **Christmas gifts** to families in the community who need support. To register OR to make a donation, please contact Margaret Brooker at brooke.r.m@hotmail.com or call 613-387-3743.

DID YOU KNOW...

- **Winter By-Law**
From December 1 through April 1 inclusive **no parking** on the street from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. for snow clearing. Cars will be towed.
- **Ice Safety**
Know the **dangers of ice** and the factors that affect ice thickness. Factors include, but are not limited to; changing air temperature, shock waves from vehicles travelling on ice, and water depth. Be safe this winter and visit www.redcross.ca for more information.
- **Welcome Katie to the Team**
Please give a warm welcome to **Katie Forrester!** She is our new **Recreation Assistant** for the Township. She can be reached at recreation@townshipleeds.on.ca or by phone at 613-659-2415 ext. 228.
- **The 1000 Islands History Museum**
Be sure to check out the ongoing exhibit through the winter season called "**To What Degree.... Canada in a Changing Climate**" as well as the "**The Longest Night**" window exhibit. Not only that but a Gananoque Heritage Walking Tour App is available on both Apple and Google Play store.

THE TOWNSHIP TIMES

December 2021 and January 2022

News & Updates

- Municipal staff have prepared the **2022 operating and capital budgets** for presentation to Council at a special meeting on November 18, 2021. The Township continues to face many challenges including increasing operating costs such as insurance and utilities, significant infrastructure investment requirements and conservative Casino revenue projections (to reduce risk should there be a deterioration of the COVID-19 situation that requires the Casino to close again). The municipal budgeting process is, in a way, a balancing act between meeting residents' expectations for services provided by the Township and mitigating increases in property tax rates while ensuring that tax rates are not so low that it places a disproportionate burden on future generations living in the Township. That said, the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands continues to have one of the **lowest property tax rates** in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.
- The Township has just completed a **comprehensive assessment of seventeen of its facilities**. This data will be used to inform regular maintenance and long-term asset management planning. A summary will be available online after the December 13 Council Meeting.

TLTI Strategic Planning

A **10-year Strategic Plan** for the Township was adopted during the November Council Meeting. This is one of the most important tools that a municipality can use to bring together Council, staff, residents, and local businesses to develop a common vision and direction. The process took almost 11 months, and included several points of engagement. The following pillars, or priority areas were identified: Delivering Effective and Accountable Government, Promoting Quality of Life and Environmental Stewardship, Grow a Livable Community with Great Services, Foster Sustainable Economic Development. You can read the full Plan on our website; leeds1000islands.ca

Upcoming Meetings

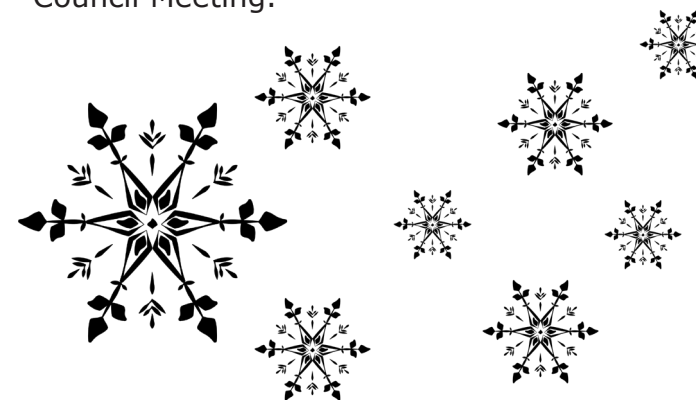
Tune into the following **Committees** and **Council meetings on YouTube**. The Township's channel is "Township Leeds".

December 2021

- Public Meeting - Planning Act
December 6 at 6:00 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole
December 6 at 6:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting
December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

January 2022

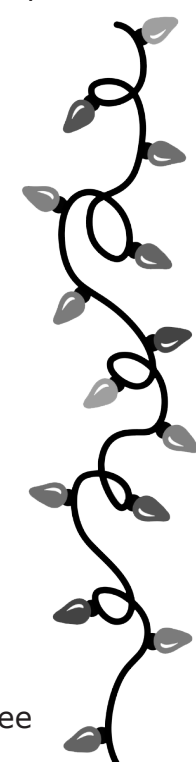
- Committee of the Whole
January 4 at 6:30 p.m.
- Council Meeting
January 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- Municipal Heritage Committee
January 21 at 1:00 p.m.
- Committee of Adjustment
January 25 at 1:00 p.m.
- Economic Development Committee
January 26 at 4:00 p.m.



To submit information email businessadmin@townshipleeds.on.ca or call 613-659-2415 ext. 207



Township of
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday, November 26

Seeley's Bay's lamplighter of yesteryear, Lottie Raven, will ignite our Christmas spirit while lighting our community Christmas trees on Bay Street at 7 p.m. Contact Mary Whitney at 613-387-3707 for more information.

Celebrate the season in Rockport! Join the community and **light the night** at the Rockport Customs House Park.

Saturday, November 27

The **Lansdowne Chill Demolition Derby** is at 2:30 p.m. at the Lansdowne Fair Grounds. Dress for the occasion as it may be a bit chilly.

Sunday, November 28

Furnace Falls Farm is holding a **European Style Christmas Market** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, November 30

The **Lansdowne Agriculture Society Annual General Meeting** is at 8:00 p.m. at the Lansdowne Community Building.

Wednesday, December 1

Rideau District High School has a **Virtual Parent Council Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the school for a TEAMS invite.

Friday, December 3

Let's Light Up Lansdowne at the **Tree Lighting Celebration** at 6:30 p.m. Gather at the Lansdowne Community Centre to light up the Christmas tree and for refreshments.

Saturday, December 4

Santa will be in his sleigh outside Ridgway Confections from 1 - 3 p.m. Come have your **photo taken with Santa**.

Santa's helpers will gladly accept donations of breakfast items or cash for the **Food Bank**. Contact Mary Whitney at 613-387-3707 for more information.

Sunday, December 5

Christmas in the Country! Come for an evening of Christmas celebration at 6:30 p.m. at Seeley's Bay Community Hall with caroling, stories, snacks, music and a visit from a special visitor! Covid regulations are in effect.

Thursday, December 9

Join Jennifer Baker at 6:00 p.m. for a **webinar** on how to use **digital marketing to prepare for 2022**. Contact redprojectcoordinator@gananoque.ca to register.

Saturday, December 11

Santa Claus will be visiting the Lyndhurst Library from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Each child can **chat with Santa** from a safe distance. Parents can take pictures. After their visit, children will receive a small treat bag.

Join the **Seeley's Bay Legion Branch** at 2:30 p.m. for a delicious **roast beef dinner with all the fixins**. Call 613-328-8787 to reserve your seat.

Sunday, December 13

Keep an eye out for the **Township's 12 days of Christmas** on Facebook.

Thursday, December 16

The **Thousand Islands CBC4Kids** is hosting a bird count at both Landon Bay & Mac Johnson Wildlife Area from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sunday, December 20 to 31

All UCDSB and CDSBEO students break for the **Holiday Season**.

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve!

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day!

Sunday, December 26

Boxing Day!

Friday, December 31

New Year's Eve!

Saturday, January 1

New Year's Day!

Monday, January 3

Back to School for all Students.

Please Note Office & Waste Sites are Closed on Statutory Holidays

Visit Our Website to Subscribe or Submit an Event!

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SHOP, EAT, SPEND, ENJOY LOCAL!

Shop, Eat, Spend, Enjoy Local! Join the 1000 Islands Gananoque Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Gananoque and the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands (TLTI) in their upcoming 2nd Annual Shop Local Campaign.

Help us reach a community goal of **\$45,000 spent locally** by January 10, 2022.

Each week, we will be choosing a winner from the participants to receive a **local prize package**. In the final week we will be announcing the **grand prize winner** who will receive a stay-cation bundle. Businesses who wish to participate can contact McKenna Modler at redprojectcoordinator@gananoque.ca or visit gananoque.ca/shop-local to submit your purchase.

Let's support local this Holiday Season!

WEEKLY EVENTS/PROGRAMS

MON

- **Fit and Fabulous 1** is designed for adults to help improve aerobic capacity, strength, flexibility, balance and coordination. Progressions are provided to challenge individual fitness levels. Wendy Desrocher is a certified fitness instructor specializing in the older adult population. **Great music, great fun!** If you are participating in-person, please bring your own mat, exercise ball and water bottle. This class runs from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** from **January 3 to March 25** in person and/or on Zoom. The fee for this class is \$72 for once a week, \$132 for twice a week and \$180 for three times a week.
- **Fit and Fabulous 2** is a class designed for older adults and is slower paced than Fit and Fabulous 1. Emphasis is on endurance, strength, range of motion, balance, posture and coordination. Modifications are provided for all fitness levels. If you are participating in-person, please bring your own fitness ball, mat and water bottle if you are able. This class will run from **10:45 - 11:45 a.m.** from **January 3 to March 25** in-person and/or on zoom. The fee for this class is \$72 for once a week, \$132 for twice a week and \$180 for three times a week.

TUES

- **Body Blast for adults/seniors** is to challenge yourself with this all-round group class where you will work intensely on muscle conditioning and cardio. Workouts may include but are not limited to body weight and step platforms. Bring a towel, water, mat and hand weights if you have your own. All levels are welcome! This class runs from **6 - 7 p.m.** from **January 4 to March 8**. You may rent a mat for \$5 for the session and/or hand weights for \$5 for the session.
- **Stone Bridge Quilters** will be meeting again every **Tuesday** from **9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the Lyndhurst Legion. Our goal is to produce quilts for **cancer and comfort for our area**. We will be doing crafts as well so bring whatever you would like. We look forward to having this new location as it will give us lots of space to work. Contact Marilyn Crawford at 613-928-2563 for more information.

THU

- **Cardio Box-Fit**; Are you ready for a high-intensity workout? Join instructor Lori Higgs for this class combining martial arts, cardiovascular and resistance work to improve strength, agility and balance followed by a toning segment. In this extremely effective **60-minute workout** you will be doing repetitive powerful body movements. All levels are welcome! This class will run from **6 - 7 p.m. from January 6 to March 10** You may rent a mat for \$5 for the session or hand weights for \$5 for the session.
- The Seeley's Bay Royal Canadian Legion Branch 491 is hosting **Euchre** from 3 - 6 p.m.

FRI

- The Seeley's Bay Royal Canadian Legion Branch 491 is hosting a **Bar & Darts** as well as **Hot Pork Sandwiches** from 3 - 6 p.m.