



## eNewsletter Winter 2018



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### Weekly Programming

#### Pickleball

Orrville Community Centre  
Every Tuesday & Thursday  
9:30am-12pm

#### Seniors Cards

### A message from Mayor Bruce Gibbon

On behalf of Staff and Council I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2018.

The year ahead actually represents a milestone for the Township of Seguin, marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our incorporation. On January 1, 1998, the Township of Seguin officially became the amalgamated municipality of the former Townships of Christie, Foley and Humphrey, and the Village of Rosseau as well as the western portion of the unorganized Township of Monteith.



This year is also an important election year, with municipal elections to be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 beginning with the Nomination Period commencing on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. As the election draws closer we will be including more information about the voting process on our website at [www.seguin.ca](http://www.seguin.ca). For more information on the voting process or if you are interested in obtaining information on the nomination process, please contact the [Clerk's department](#).

With 2017 now behind us, I'd like to thank Staff and Council for a very productive year.

Earlier this year, Council approved the 2018 Budget guidelines targeting a maximum 2% tax rate increase for 2018. Some highlights include major 2018 capital projects such as:

- Clear Lake Road completion and resurfacing, preliminary engineering for Turtle Lake Road reconstruction, and an update of the Township Asset Management Plan. Monies have also been allocated for planned major capital purchases including a replacement of the Fire Prevention Officer's truck, and replacement of a Public Works plow truck. The continuation of the innovative compaction strategy for

Orrville Community Centre  
Every Tuesday @ 1-4pm

#### Seniors Cards

Humphrey Community Centre  
Every Wednesday @ 12-4pm

#### Drop-in Darts

Orrville Community Centre  
Every Wednesday @ 7-9pm

#### Early Years Programs

**9:30am-11:30am**

Humphrey (Monday / Thursday)  
Foley (Tuesday)  
Orrville (Fridays)

#### Chair Yoga with Magda

Humphrey Tuesdays 9:30am  
Orrville Wednesdays 10am

#### Seniors Exercise Class

Rosseau Wellness Room  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
10:00am-11:30am



## Special Events

January 1

**New Years Day Family Skate**  
Foley Outdoor Rink (behind firehall)

February 17

our waste transfer stations will also be a focus in 2018.

The Rosseau Memorial Hall project has reached substantial completion and we are looking forward to being able to re-open as a fully accessible community hall before the end of January. Staff and Council would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation during these renovations.

Don't forget to check our website calendar of events for dates, times and locations of our regular programs and special events. Seguin Township is also active on Facebook and Twitter and these are a great place to keep current on what's happening in our community.

Lastly, our Public Works Department is out there day and night during this time of year doing their very best to maintain safe driving conditions for all. Thank you to everyone for your support and cooperation.

All the best, and I hope it is an enjoyable season for all!

Sincerely,

Mayor Bruce Gibbon

**NEW!! View your property tax bill online! It's simple! Go Paperless!**

Click [HERE](#) to register to view your property tax bill online. Select "New User? Register Here" and create an account. You will need your property's roll number (all 19 digits including dashes) and your personal PIN (9 or 10 digits including the dash) in order to create an account. Your personal PIN number is located to the right of your name on your tax bill. Each year when the tax bills are prepared, you will receive an email notification of a new eBill to view.

Interim tax bills will be mailed out in January and are due as follows:

- February 26, 2018
- April 26, 2018

For more information please contact the [Treasury Department](#).

## News from the Planning Department

**We want your feedback!**

The Planning Department has been working on two studies and are looking for feedback from Seguin residents:

### 34th Annual Seguin Sled Dog Mail Run

Humphrey to Rosseau

February 17

### 6th Annual Humphrey Winter Whirl

Humphrey Nature Trails

February 19

### Family Fun Day Skate Party

Foley Outdoor Rink (behind firehall)

March 12-16

### March Break Day Camp

Humphrey Arena

March 24

### Annual Baked Potato Bash

Foley Community Hall

April 14

### Late Riser's Pancake Breakfast

Orrville Community Centre

9am-1pm

\*All dates may be subject to change.

## News from the Clerk's Department

### Election 2018

Internet & Telephone Voting in 2018 Seguin Township will once again be implementing Internet and Telephone Voting for the 2018 Municipal Election in October, 2018. This system replaces the traditional polling place method and eliminates the need for advance polls and voting proxies. It also improves voter access and increases voter participation. As the election draws closer we will be including more information about the voting process on Seguin's website. In Seguin the Mayor is elected at large, which means all eligible voters choose from the same mayoral candidates when voting. Councillors are elected to represent one of six wards, one Councillor per Ward.

#### Voters' List

The Voters' List will be available in late Summer 2018 once the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has provided Seguin with the information for the Preliminary List of Electors.

[Waterfront Design Guidelines](#): In 2017, Council gave staff direction to proceed with the preparation of Waterfront Design Guidelines (WDG) in the Township of Seguin. It is Council's goal to create Waterfront Design Guidelines as a means of influencing new waterfront development (e.g. where new lots are created) that promotes a lake environment that is pleasant, natural and attractive to the community as part of the site plan control approval process. The consultant has now completed a second draft of the Waterfront Design Guidelines which will be circulated to all lake associations in the coming weeks for feedback and comments.

Also, in the new year the Planning Department will be circulating an email to all Lake Associations and other interested parties seeking public comment on the [Short-Term Cottage Rental Study](#) regarding the possible regulation of short-term cottage rentals in Seguin Township.

Your comments on both studies will be gathered until February 19, 2018. Tentatively, status reports on the studies will be presented to Council in March and Public Meetings on the studies will be held in April.

If you are interested in receiving information on either of these topics, providing feedback, or if you would like to be added to our email list please contact the [Planning Department](#).

## News from Public Works

### Roads

Winter road safety is everyone's responsibility. Driving according to road conditions and giving larger vehicles ample space is just part of driving best practices.



We remind you that our plow drivers are challenged by driving in some of the worst conditions to keep our roadways safe. Impacts to road conditions such as rapid freezing and thawing and intense snow squalls are just some of the factors. Visibility in a plow truck can be difficult, if you can't see their mirrors, they cannot see you. Please give them space and don't tailgate. We encourage you to report adverse road conditions to the Township office 705-732-4300 or after hours at 705-751-0050.

Please be reminded that there is NO parking on municipal roads from November 1-April 15 (Seguin By-law 2005-164). This by-law was created to ensure that township plow operators can safely do their job without

Please monitor the Township's website for further information.

[Seguin's Election Webpage](#)

## Building In Seguin

Due to a successful relaunch of the 'Building in Seguin Workshop' in 2017, the Building Department is excited to announce plans to host another event in the spring of 2018 (date to be determined). This year, the workshop will be a 3-hour presentation that will focus on more specific construction methods and building issues that are relevant to today's typical projects in the area. Although it will be mainly geared towards contractors/builders, designers and property owners that have ongoing projects or future plans for development, it is open to any member of the public that is interested in learning about the building process in Seguin. The workshop will once again be presented by the Seguin Building Department staff and other guest speakers.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, or for more information please contact the [Building Department](#).



## Seguin Fire News

Our Fire Department is made up of four fire stations located in the settlement areas of Rosseau, Foley, Christie and Humphrey. These stations are equipped with a Pumper, a Pumper/Tanker and a Rescue. This equipment helps our dedicated volunteers help their friends, families and neighbours in a time of need. Our Firefighters meet once per week for two hours to train and practice for the next emergency. Please do your part, stay safe this winter.

### Winter Safety Tip!

risk of injury or property damage.

Half loads season begins on March 1 - May 31, subject to Mother Nature. If you need to haul heavy, do it before the ground begins to thaw. Seguin enforces our Half Load restrictions to protect taxpayer roads investments, for exemptions or other concerns please call the office.

## Waste

Waste Disposal is for Seguin residents and property owners ONLY! Please do not dump illegal materials at our transfer sites. This costs the taxpayer's money in additional labour to clean them. If you observe someone dumping illegally, or want to report the condition of a waste transfer site please call our By-law Enforcement during regular business hours at 705-732-4300, or after hours at 705-751-0050.



Belvedere Heights has receptacles located at all transfer sites for collection of aluminum cans. Red bins are located at all Transfer sites. These are to collect textiles for the Canadian Diabetes Association's Clothesline program. This includes clothing, shoes, accessories, bed and bath sheets towels, pillows, draperies, linens, plush toys and any other textiles. The township diverted **15,000kg** of textiles from the landfill in 2017, and the charity collects materials for fundraising. Win-Win!

## Landfill Hours

### Winter Hours (November 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018)

10am-4pm Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

*\*Closed on Statutory Holidays (March 30).*

### Summer Hours (May 1, 2018 - Oct 31, 2018)

8am-4pm Monday, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

10am-6pm Fridays

The Landfill will be once again offering a Free Waste Event from Friday, June 23 to Monday September 10, 2018. The landfill will accept furniture, mattresses, brush, appliances, scrap metal, electronics, car tires for free. Fridges, construction materials, shingles, boats will continue to be accepted at their regular tipping fee. In addition, staff will also be holding the Special Bulky Events at transfer sites throughout the township.

Space heaters may seem like an excellent way to provide supplemental heat on chilly days. However, according to the National Fire Prevention Association around one-third of fires in the home can be attributed to space heaters and account for three-quarters of

fire-related deaths in homes. Leaving heaters unmonitored is a recipe for trouble, they tend to get hot on the surface and can easily come into contact with surrounding combustible materials. Use space heaters only as a last resort. Heavy blankets and clothing can chase away the chill and it's safer.

**Special Bulky event dates and locations:**

Saturday May 19/18 - Brooks Road  
Saturday June 09/18 - Humphrey  
Saturday July 21/18 - Brooks Road  
Saturday August 11/18 - Airport Road  
Saturday August 18/18 - Stanley House  
Saturday September 01/18 - Brooks Road

All events are from 8am - 4pm



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