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Next meeting: Saturday, July 14, 2007 10:00 AM Galway Hall

Featured Speakers

Reeve Tom Flynn Warden Ronald Gerow

Trustee Diane Lloyd has also been invited.

This is your opportunity to find out what is happening and what is planned in the Township and the County. Ask questions; voice your concerns.

Township Roads

Household Hazardous Waste

Crystal Lake Transfer Station

County Development Charges

Buckhorn Regional Medical Centre

High Speed Internet

Lakehurst Community Centre

Economic Development

Taxes

Special Guest

Author Elva Bates will be here to present her new book:

A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past.

GARAI Schedule of meetings, 2007

All regular meetings: Saturday, 10 AM to 12 Noon, Galway Hall

July 14 - County and Township

September 8 - Environmental Concerns

November 10 - Police - Fraud, Scams, Break-ins

Meeting topics are subject to change; several of the topics listed just cover the general area. The actual topic will be announced closer to the meeting.

Web-sites of local interest

* - Includes News Digest

City of Kawartha Lakes: www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca

Crystal Lake*: www.crystallakecottagers.ca

Galway Area Police Advisory Comittee*: www.gapac.ca

Galway, Cavendish and Harvey: www.galwaycavendishharvey.ca

Haliburton County: www.county.haliburton.on.ca

Haliburton Echo: www.haliburtonecho.on.ca

Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team: www.hhfht.com

Haliburton Highlands Health Services: www.hhhs.on.ca

Kawartha news (Ptbo, CoKL, Brock): www.mykawartha.com

Kinmount Fair: www.kinmountfair.ca

Lakefield Herald: www.lakefieldherald.com

Lindsay Daily Post: www.thepost.ca

Minden Times: www.mindentimes.on.ca

Peterborough County: www.county.peterborough.on.ca

Peterborough Examiner: www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com

May Meeting with Ian Parker

The topic of discussion at the May meeting was “Fire Smart Community” with a special focus on protecting your house and other buildings from the ravages of a forest fire.

On average there are more than 1200 forest fires each year in Ontario. A forest fire can travel at speeds up to 15 kilometres per hour. This means you may have to vacate your house in a hurry if a fire starts in your area. Protecting your house in advance by eliminating nearby combustible material is a sensible precaution.

There are three zones to consider. The high priority zone is the 10 metres closest to the house. Ideally there should be no trees, shrubs, woodpiles or debris in this zone. Grass should be kept short and well watered.

The second priority is the next 20 metres (30 metres from the house) in which trees should be well separated from each other so that fire does not easily spread from one to another. The third zone is the next 70 metres where trees should be thinned so that fire will be of low intensity.

Steel or other fire retardent roofing and fire retardent siding does much to safeguard your home. Closed-in eaves, screened soffits and enclosed and screened decks offer better protection from blowing sparks than open areas.



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Save the Turtles Project



Now you see it

Now you don't

Can you believe that after all the work of the Environment Committee, Turtle S.H.E.L.L. Organization, TD Canada Trust's Friends of the Environment Foundation and the Municipality Roads Crew that someone would actually STEAL our Save the Turtle Signs? Yes, we have lost two key locations. Even with using special types of lock bolts, they managed to steal them. We are working with Turtle S.H.E.L.L. to be able to replace the signage in these two keys areas.

Climate Change – Global Warming

At a recent GARAI meeting, our local Fire Chief, Ian Parker provided a fantastic presentation (Where were you?) and handed out some very good self-help advice booklets, on the subject of severe storms, fire smart manual and an emergency preparedness guide. For those of you who were not there and would like a copy of one or all three you may contact the volunteer fire department or here are the direct web sites where they are available in an electronic version to download or order:

Self-Help Advice Severe Storms – www.psepc.gc.ca

FireSmart Manual – <http://affm.mnr.gov.on.ca>

Your Emergency Preparedness GUIDE – www.GetPrepared.ca

With all the global warming facts and the local experience of last August we strongly encourage you to take advantage of these publications. Our environment is changing and so must we, and in particular being prepared.

Derelict Vehicles – Junk Removal

Your environment committee wishes to thank those that have taken the time to review their own property and remove those derelict vehicles and junk! It all makes a difference. If you wish help in locating organizations that will assist you (free of charge) to remove derelict vehicles or junk please contact anyone of the Environment Committee members, we would be glad to help.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS: The Environment a lasting legacy...Help us help nature – let this be your legacy. Do your part to protect your own neighbourhood from environmental abuse by taking time to become more knowledgeable of the day-to-day things that can make a difference...they are there if we look! Taking a walk? Take a bag with you and help clean up the environment while you stroll.

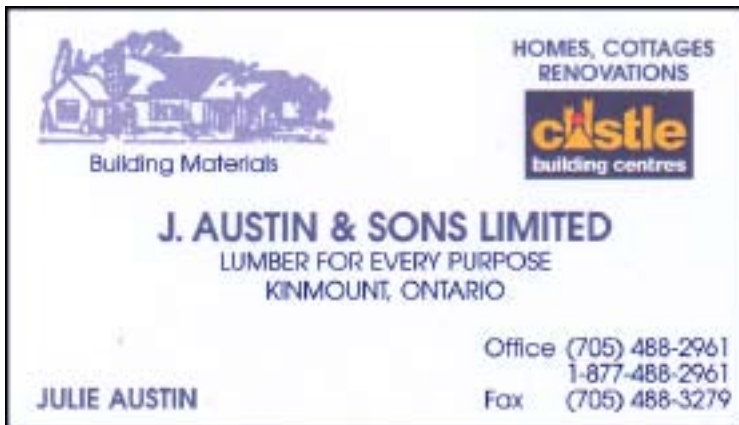
Here are two areas you may find of interest and a great learning experience for the youth in our community for summer vacation fun.

1. How to build and care for Bluebird nest boxes: www.oeps.ca
2. Green Ontario <http://www.greenontario.org/>

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

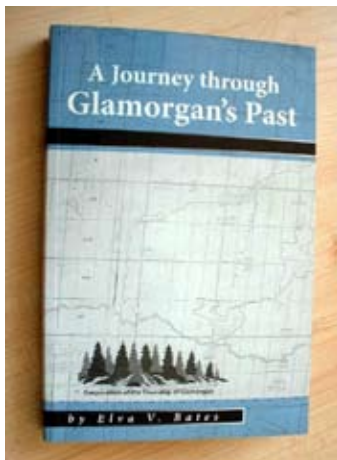
How do you know if you have hazardous waste in your home? Chances are that you do. Please check out this County of Peterborough web site for locations and assistance for residential location use.

<http://www.county.peterborough.on.ca/departments/index.php?sec=33>



The advertisement features a central logo for 'J. AUSTIN & SONS LIMITED' with the tagline 'LUMBER FOR EVERY PURPOSE' and 'KINMOUNT, ONTARIO'. To the left is an illustration of a house with the text 'Building Materials' below it. To the right is a logo for 'castle building centres' with the text 'HOMES, COTTAGES RENOVATIONS' above it. At the bottom left, the name 'JULIE AUSTIN' is listed. At the bottom right, contact information is provided: Office (705) 488-2961, 1-877-488-2961, and Fax (705) 488-3279.

A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past



The book is now on book stands and will be available at the July 14 meeting and can also be obtained by calling Pete Charters.

This is not only a history of the township of Glamorgan but also a depiction of life in the late 1800s and early 1900s in this area of the Canadian Shield.

Following are a few excerpts from the book.

From Chapter 3, Section 5 – ‘LIVERY STABLES AND BLACKSMITH SHOPS:’

The late Gordon Barr noted that a stagecoach traveled from Kinmount to Way's Hotel and the late David MacDuff recalled that Sol Hadley ran the stagecoach from Gooderham to Kinmount, bringing groceries, mail and anything that was needed. Rides were about 20 [cents].

From Chapter 6, Section 1 – ‘SCHOOLS’

SCHOOL SECTION NO. 2

The first school for S.S. No 2 is described in the late Gordon Barr's notes as "the log schoolhouse on top of the hill as you leave Gooderham going east" and, he says, "it eventually burned down." Since the School Section was created in 1875, the Methodist Mission was started in 1874 and held its services at S.S. No. 2, this school would have been built in the early 1870s; see The Methodist Church in Section 2 of this chapter. "In 1898 the Trustees of School Section number 2 Glamorgan purchased from him [Solomon O. Hadley] 22,400 square feet for a new frame school to replace the old log school on the hill at the east end of the village."⁴⁸

S.S. No. 2 Pupils 1909



Gooderham
Consolidated
School



Upon consolidation, [1924] school bussing was put in place to bring the students to the central school. The routes were tendered by the School Board with the successful bidders supplying their own vans which cost about \$100 for a large van, \$50 for a small van. The small vans carried 3 to 4 children and a large van carried 20 to 25 children.⁸³

The large vans had a wagon type frame box ... and were sometimes mounted on a car frame. They had a stove made from a small oil drum; 'windows' were doors that could be opened in good weather; in winter reins went through a slot and there was a window at the side so the driver could see the horses [and the road]. This type of van was replaced by buses in the 1950s.⁸³

From Chapter 6, Section 4 – 'SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS'

The Orangemen's Parade on the 12th of July was a stirring event, not only for Lodge Members but also for the spectators. It seems that each of the several Lodges in the area took turns hosting the Parade and, prior to the arrival of the I. B. & O., "the Lodge, wishing to visit another Lodge on the 12th of July would meet up at 5 o'clock in the morning and went on to Gelert, Haliburton, Kinmount by team."³¹ After the I. B. & O. arrived special trains ran from Bancroft and Kinmount carrying the Orangemen and their followers.

Picnic on the small island in Pine
(Gooderham) Lake.³¹
Note the elegant styles and coiffures.



Tragedy on Queen's Line

Early on the morning of Saturday, May 26, Bill and Carol West were happy. With only two weeks to retirement, their house in Holland Landing sold and their new house on Queen's Line almost complete, they were looking forward to many years in an area they loved. Around 9:00 a very helpful neighbour, Merv Preston, came over to help Bill hook up the water line. Carol was cleaning up in the temporary trailer they had been using on weekends. Shortly after the men went into the basement, a terrific explosion lifted the house off its foundation.

The two men, badly burned were rushed to Minden and then by air to burn units in the US. Both men have since died of their injuries.

One source has said that investigators found small leaks in the propane lines leading to the furnace and hot water heater. According to one source, the tank of propane tested positive for the presence of ethyl mercaptan, the odourant commonly added to propane to warn people of a leak. Assuming that propane leaked into the basement for 16 to 24 hours why didn't the men smell the odourant?

According to one Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) found on the internet, the concentration of odourant can be reduced in several ways, one of which is absorption on masonry. The basement had been constructed recently. Does fresh masonry absorb the odourant faster or better than old masonry?

Caution

According to the MSDS (<http://www.sparlings.com/extra/msds.php>) there are several reasons why the odourant may not be detected. If you use propane or will be working in an area where there is any chance of a leak, you should know what to watch for. Read the MSDS found at the website listed above with special emphasis on the last section.



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Notice to the Community

The tragic loss of Bill West and Merv Preston has left their spouses in a vulnerable position. June Philips and Ian Parker have jointly established two trust accounts at Kawartha Credit Union to accept donations. The trust account numbers are:

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Municipal News

... from GCH Newsletter #2

Council has approved the funding of the Buckhorn Regional Medical Centre on the site of the former Township office. The \$250,000 needed to equip the Centre will be raised by community fund raising events such as a Golf Tournament that raised over \$62,000 in June. One doctor has committed to two days a week with, hopefully, a second for an additional two days.

Council has deferred a decision on a replacement for the Lakehurst Hall.

Below are items from the Newsletter.

Buckhorn Regional Health Centre

*Architect's
rendering*



RECOGNITIONS:

Don Bowles was recognised for 25 years of service to the fire department.

Chief Don Mitchell was awarded for 30 years of fire services.

Deputy Reeve Madeline Pearson was awarded "Senior Citizen of the Year for 2007" for Galway-Cavendish and Harvey Township by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.

The Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey can now perform civil wedding ceremonies. For more information please contact the Township Clerk, Natalie Garnett at extension 240

County Development Charges

Effective September 1, 2007 all new residential and commercial development will have County Development charges applied at the time of Building Permit issuance.

The residential rate is \$2,000.00 increasing to \$2,563.00 January 1, 2008. The Commercial rate is \$4.71 per square metre increasing to \$9.43 per square metre January 1, 2008

Questions regarding the County Development charges, & authorizing By-Law should be directed to:

Bryan Weir, Director of Planning

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bweir@county.peterborough.on.ca

2007 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Council passed By-law B2007-60, being a by-law to adopt the 2007 Budget for the Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey, on May 15, 2007. The following are budget highlights:

For each of your tax dollars:

46% = Township

30% = County

24% = Education

in 2006 \$4,539,930.00

in 2007 \$4,775,614.00 a 5.19% increase

in 2006 \$3,709,240.00

in 2007 \$3,745,368.06

Township 2006 Budget \$7,280,734.00

2006 Actual \$6,808,521.64

2007 Budget \$7,184,816.00



****The 2007 Township budget is a 1.3% DECREASE from 2006****

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