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**September/October
2019**

Good To Know...



Fall compost pick-up will take place on Mondays for the month of October, except for the holiday Monday. Pick-up will be offered on Tuesday, October 15th in lieu of Thanksgiving Monday. Please use paper leaf bags instead of plastic bags. When putting out branches, please bundle them into manageable lengths.

The next **Large Item Pick-up** will take place on Monday, November 4th. Remember no automotive, steel or hazmat items. All items must be registered by calling the municipal office no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30th @ 386-2573.

Refer to the 2019 Waste & Recycling Calendar for more

information. Copies of the calendar are available at the municipal office or online at www.southeriverontario.com.

Final tax bills have been mailed. The first installment of this bill will be due by September 30, 2019 and the second installment will be due by November 29, 2019. Keep all receipts issued by the municipality. There is a fee of \$25 to provide duplicate copies.

Fall flushing of the water mains for general maintenance has not yet been scheduled.

The 2019 Budget was passed by Council with a 4% tax increase.

Congratulations and Welcome!

Council and staff are pleased to offer our most sincere congratulations and appreciation to our Clerk-Administrator Susan Arnold as she prepares for her retirement later this year. Susan has conscientiously carried out her duties to serve the Village for the past 25 years. She will be missed, but we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

We also want to offer a warm welcome to Don McArthur who will be taking on the position of Clerk-Administrator following Susan's retirement. Don brings with him a wealth of municipal knowledge and is currently working with the municipal staff to familiarize himself with current projects and the business of the municipality. Please join us in welcoming Don to our village.

For Your Alternative Parking Convenience

You may have noticed the new boat racks at Tom Thomson Park. These are available for parking your kayak, canoe, etc. in between your paddling sessions on our beautiful river. The racks were purchased with grant

money through the Main Street Revitalization Initiative.

This funding can only be used for streetscaping and landscape improvements. This funding has also provided our community with

new log style bike racks around the village, the flower planters along our streets, the new dock at Tom Thomson Park and some smaller upgrades to our park grounds.



The Municipal Office will be closed for Labour Day on Monday, September 2nd, 2019.

Municipal Office **Summer Hours** are in effect until September 15th:

Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Winter Hours resume September 16th to June 30th: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Preparing For The Coming Seasons

This is a good time to ensure your outdoor faucet is in good working order or if you don't have one, perhaps you should consider installing one. In recent years, some residents have experienced frozen water pipes. A properly working outdoor faucet can be used when necessary to maintain a steady flow of water to prevent water pipes from freezing.

Residents are responsible for their own plumbing which includes the line from the curb stop to your house.

Additional seasonal suggestions include:

- ◆ Clean and inspect your chimney each year.
- ◆ Heating systems should be inspected annually by a qualified technician.

- ◆ Install a carbon monoxide alarm in your home.
- ◆ Give heaters space, keep them away from anything flammable.
- ◆ Use a fire screen around a fire place.
- ◆ Allow ashes to cool from a woodstove before putting them in a steel container with a tight fitting lid.
- ◆ Change the batteries in your smoke alarms when you change your clocks.

Visit our website www.southernriverontario.com to see current job postings with the Village of South River. There are current job opportunities for Public Works and Crossing Guards.

Be Bear Wise



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has lots of good information on their website regarding bears. Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise> for a variety of information such as how to remove bear attractants, who to

contact for emergencies or non-emergencies, etc.

When bears pick up a scent with their keen noses, they will investigate it. If they find bird food, garbage or pet food they will return as long as the food source is available.

Here are a few reminders: put garbage out only on the morning of

garbage day, not the night before; put garbage in containers that have tight-fitting lids and store it in a bear-proof location such as your basement or a sturdy garage; spray garbage cans and lids with bleach or another strong disinfectant; do not leave pet food outdoors, in screened-in areas or porches.

Be sure to take a moment to check your emergency kit which should be stocked properly to sustain your family for a minimum of 72 hours in the event of an emergency. Visit Emergency Management Ontario website for tips www.emergencymanagementontario.ca.

Thank You Kawartha & Community

The South River branch of the Kawartha Credit Union, along with an overwhelming show of support from local residents and businesses, continue to show their community support! Another successful barbeque

and silent auction was hosted by Kawartha Credit Union to raise enough money to send 33 children to the South River – Machar Day Camp for one week each.

This kindness and generosity has

impacted so many families this summer and helped to make just as many good memories for the campers!



It is your responsibility to **Call Before You Dig** when doing work on your property. Be sure to call 1-800-400-2255.

CodeRED mass notification service is available to South River residents. Please visit the South River-Machar Fire Department website for information about how you can sign up for this service. You can also sign up to be notified of unplanned adverse water conditions. You are able to choose the method in which you want to be notified and can even download the app.