February 2024

eNewsletter - news & updates

Township of Selwing Great.

Upcoming Events See what's happening this month.

Smith Landfill Winter Hours

The Smith Landfill (1480 County Road 18) is now operating on Winter Hours.

- Sunday: Closed
- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



PolarFest is this weekend! February 2nd - 4th, 2024



Watch Live Council Meetings

February Council Meetings

- February 1st, 2024 9:00 AM Special Council Meeting - Draft 2024 Budget (Operations)
- February 13th, 2024 1:00 PM Adoption of the 2024 Taxation Budget
- February 27th, 2024 1:00 PM

Watch Council business from the comfort of your home by visiting the Selwyn Township YouTube Channel.

Think you missed something at a past meeting? Recordings are also available!

Happening this month!

Family Day - February 19th, 2024

The Municipal Office will be **CLOSED** Monday,

February 19th and reopen on Tuesday, February 20th at 8:30 AM.

Garbage and Recycling Collection

NO CHANGES to garbage, recycling or green waste collection on Family Day (Monday, February 19th). Please have all items out for collection by 7:00 AM.



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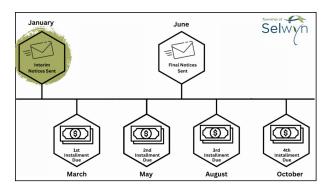
The Smith Landfill (1480 County Road 18) is **CLOSED** on Monday, February 19th.

2024 Interim Tax Notices & Landfill Passes

The 2024 Interim Tax Notices will be mailed out to property owners late January. Keep a look out for yours!

This will include two (2) installments that are due on:

- Monday, March 4th, 2024; and
- Monday, May 6th, 2024



Inside there are two (2) 2024 Landfill Passes! Keep them safe - a replacement pass will cost \$10.00.

PolarFest - February 2nd to 4th, 2024

PolarFest is an exciting family festival, offering something for everyone to enjoy! A weekend full of laughter, friendly competition and the enjoyment of winter.

Choose from activities for the young and the young at heart, including:

- Opening Ceremony with fireworks display
- Snowman Building Challenge
- Polar Paddle
- Guns & Hoses Charity Hockey Game
- Ice Carvings
- For the very brave the **BEL Rotary Polar Plunge!**



Check out the Full Event Schedule!

Opening Ceremony at Chemong Lodge!

Location: Lakeside at Chemong Lodge at 764 Hunter Street, Bridgenorth

Help kick off the 17th Anniversary of PolarFest! Join us at the Opening Ceremony where **Supernova Fireworks** has kindly sponsored an epic fireworks show! While you're there, enjoy a bonfire, hot chocolate and coffee courtesy of our gracious hosts **Chemong Lodge**. Fireworks will be lit at 6:45PM!



Be sure to book your reservations for **Chemong Lodge**'s Fondue Friday!

Lakefield Ice Sculpture Competition

When: Saturday, February 3rd from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Where: Cenotaph Park at the corner of Water Street & Bridge Street in Lakefield

Cenotaph Park will sparkle with exquisite ice sculptures created by talented chefs. This year's theme is "Canadiana". Cast your ballot for the People's Choice Award between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM! Hang on to your ballot stub, it's a valuable discount coupon. Bring the kids out and build a creation using the coloured blocks provided.



The People's Choice Award will be presented at 5:00 PM at The Loon (150 Queen Street, Lakefield).

The Ice Sculptures will be on display all weekend!!



Ice Sculptures in Bridgenorth

When: Saturday & Sunday beginning at 10:00 AM Where: Heritage Park in Bridgenorth (804 Ward Street)

There will be a number of carvers present in Heritage Park using cultured ice to create sculptures for all to enjoy! Bring the kids out and build a creation using the coloured blocks provided.

The Chemung Lake District Lions Club and the Bridgenorth Beautification Committee (BBC) will be on-site giving out hot chocolate!

The Polar Paddle

When: Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 beginning at 1:00 PM Where: Queen Street, Lakefield

What better way to see Queen Street in Lakefield than riding in a canoe powered by your friends with the community cheering you on. Trophy and prizes will be awarded to the winner of each division.



Register your team!



The 44th Annual B.E.L Rotary Polar Plunge

When: Sunday, February 4th 2024 at 2:00 PM

Where: Rotary Park at 1495 Yankee Line, Ennismore

Take the plunge in support of local charities and the B.E.L Rotary Club! As in previous years, all donations will be a 50/50 split.

Learn More & Register!

Share your experience on The Link!

If you use The Link bus, we want to hear from you!

Selwyn Township is looking for testimonials from riders about your experience using The Link.

Submit your testimonial by Monday, February 26th.



Connecting You With Opportunity

Submit your Testimonial!

February News & Reminders!

Important: 2024 Lakefield Water and Sewer Billing Changes

Starting in 2024, the Township of Selwyn will be responsible for the billing and operation of water & sewer systems in **Lakefield**. Billing and administrative changes started in January 2024 and operational changes will occur in July 2024.

Information about new billing details, bill payee, billing frequency, and payment options was mailed to Lakefield water & sewer account holders. Forms for preauthorized payment enrollment and tenant account creations should have been returned by the end of January to take effect for the March billing.

Learn More!



Winter Parking Regulations

We remind everyone that there is no parking on all Township roads overnight during the winter season to allow for safe and effective snow clearing.

Introducing Volunteer Peterborough – a volunteer match-making website!

Are you a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers? Or are you someone looking for volunteer opportunities?



You'll want to check out **Volunteer Peterborough**, a volunteer match-making website to engage people in roles that brighten their lives.

- Sign up your organization and start recruiting!
- Sign up as a volunteer and shop around for some exciting opportunities.

Learn More!

Public Skating Programs



Public Skating Schedule

Thank you to our local businesses for sponsoring public skates this season!

Lakefield-Smith Community Centre - Saturdays from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

- February 3rd sponsored by Lakefield Family Chiropractic
- February 10th sponsored by The Chocolate Rabbit
- February 17th not sponsored \$3 per person

Ennismore Community Centre - Sundays from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

- February 4th sponsored by Bridgenorth Chiropractic
- February 11th sponsored by Bridgenorth Dental
- February 18th sponsored by Causeway Christian Assembly

FREE Family Day Public Skating (Monday, February 19th):

Lakefield-Smith Community Centre: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Ennismore Community Centre: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Thank you to BEL Rotary for sponsoring public skating this Family Day!

FREE Senior Skating

Our drop-in senior skate offers a slower paced leisurely skate, which provides a safe environment.

- Ennismore Community Centre: Every Monday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Free-of-charge, thanks to our sponsors Swish Maintenance & Blue Diamond Window Cleaning!
- Lakefield-Smith Community Centre: Every Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Free-of-charge, thanks to our sponsor Regency Retirement of Lakefield!

Parent & Tot Skating

Our drop-in parents & tots skate offers a slower paced leisurely skate, which provides a safe environment. This is a great way to introduce your child to skating. **Fee: \$3/adult**

- Ennismore Community Centre: Every Monday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- Lakefield-Smith Community Centre: Every Tuesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Introducing the 2024 Waste Calendar!

Selwyn is launching a 2024 Waste Calendar!

The Waste Calendar includes helpful tips, information about waste

diversion programs, and important dates, such as tax due dates. The calendar will be released periodically with timely information.

Recycling Guide	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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	5	6	7	8	9	10	n
Papers & Plastic Bags							
Recycling Tips!	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's © Day ©	15	16	17	18
Sort recycling try Containers and Papers & Plastic Bags Ensure materials are	19 Family Day No charges to garbage & recycling collection.	20	21	22	23	24	25
clean and dry before recycling	Heritage Week	27	28	29	READ Rec		
To prevent items from blowing out, don't overfill blue bases!	26	2/	28	29	Recycling helps conserve Ontario's natura resources & protects our environment. Let's do our part Let's do our part Let's more: circularmaterials.ca/ON		

Download the Calendar!

Selwyn Public Library - News & Events

PolarFest Events at Selwyn Public Library!



PolarFest Makerspace Drop-in (All ages)

SPL Makerspace will be open for tours, machine demos, and Q&A. Simple family activities will be available highlighting some of our machines!

All ages are welcome. **Date:** Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 **Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM **Location:** SPL Makerspace (1 Bridge Street, Lakefield)

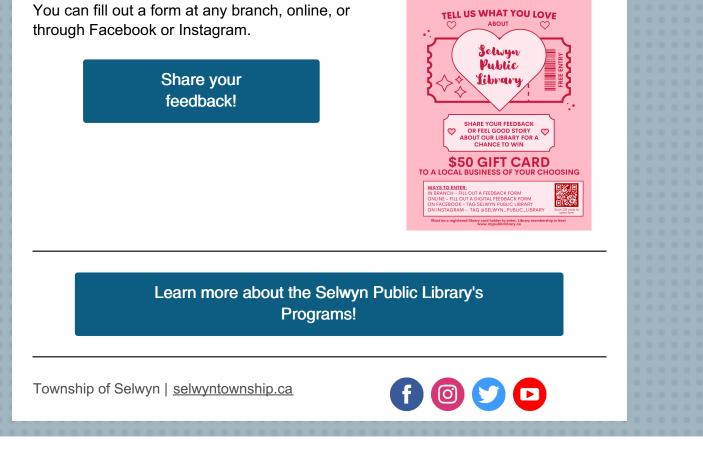
PolarFest Scavenger Hunt (All ages)

Our polar bears are roaming the library inside and out! Can you help us find them? Visit the Bridgenorth Library to get a hunt sheet, find the bears and be entered into a special draw for a polar themed prize.

Date: Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Location: Bridgenorth Library (836 Charles Street, Bridgenorth)

Tell us what you love about SPL!

During February, tell us what you love about the Selwyn Public Library for a chance to win a \$50 gift card!



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