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January 2024

**TOWN OF RENFREW
NEWSLETTER**

New Year = New Lights at the Swinging Bridge



The Town of Renfrew is excited to announce new lights have been installed along the historic Swinging Bridge. After a competitive bidding process in the fall of 2023, the Town awarded the contract to install the lights to R&R Electric, a contractor based in Renfrew.

The project was completed in December 2023.

The lights will operate on the same schedule as the streetlights in Renfrew and will illuminate at dusk and automatically turn off at sunrise. Renfrew's Swinging Bridge crosses the Bonnechere River, was built in 1885 and is located next to the McDougall Mill Museum at 65 Arthur Street.

[**Read more about the new Swinging Bridge lights**](#)

Second Ice Pad Officially Open in Renfrew



The new ice surface at the myFM Centre in Ma-te-Way Park is officially open and ready for use.

The Icepickers, Community Living Renfrew County South's Sledge program, are honoured to be the first group to be able to test out the new ice. Members of Renfrew Town Council joined the Icepickers and staff with Community Living Renfrew County South for a ceremonial skate on Thursday, January 18th, 2024.

The expansion project is nearing the final stages. Tenants including 96.1 myFM, Renfrew Chiropractic and Rehabilitation Centre, Ultimate Fitness and Child's Paradise Day Care will begin occupying their new spaces shortly.

The gymnasium, fitness centre, dance studio and multipurpose rooms will be the next facilities to open to the public. Part of the second phase of the expansion project will see the Bonnechere Algonquin Indigenous Cultural Centre open later in 2024.

[Read more about the myFM Centre and new ice pad](#)



New B.E.I. Ice Pad

myFM Centre
1 Ma-te-Way Park Drive

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Walking Track Open

We're thrilled to announce the BRAND-NEW walking track at the myFM Centre is open! Take a stroll around the fantastic new ice pad and walk your way to better health!

WHEN: The walking track is open 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 7-days a week and will be closed if there's a paid event. Lace up those sneakers (or winter boots!) and hit the track at your convenience!

WHERE: The walking track is located on the second floor of the myFM Centre and goes around the new B.E.I. ice pad. The walking track can be accessed through the Deslauriers Ice Pad #1 and you can take the stairs, elevator or go through the main doors of the arena to get to the track.

BEST PART: It's completely FREE to use! Whether you're a fitness enthusiast, a casual walker, jogger, or just looking for a new way to enjoy some me-time, this track is for YOU!

Tag your walking buddy, spread the word, and let's make the myFM Centre Walking Track the new go-to spot for community wellness! See you on the track!





Council & Staff Attend ROMA Conference

Town officials and staff travelled to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference, fostering meaningful discussions

with key Ministers and their associates. The Town of Renfrew had the privilege of engaging in 5 delegations with representatives from:

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Ministry of Finance (joint delegation with North Algona Wilberforce)
- Ministry of Transportation
- Ministry of Energy @ontarioenergy (joint delegation with Bonnechere Valley and Mississippi Mills)
- Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks

These discussions were pivotal in addressing local issues, policy matters, and expressing our funding concerns.

Events in Renfrew

Swing Dancing
Thurs., Feb 1st - Thurs., Feb 29th

6:00pm-7:00pm
Recreation Centre
Games Room
67 Argyle St. S

Grab a friend, partner, or simply your enthusiasm, and join David for this incredible opportunity to learn, groove, and have a swingin' good time! Anyone can join! Solos or couples are both welcome.

\$40/ 5-week session or \$10/1-week class

Questions? Contact Janyne jfraser@renfrew.ca 613-432-4848 x118

Swing Dancing

An incredible opportunity to learn, groove, and have a swingin' good time! Anyone can join! Solos or couples are both welcome.

Click [HERE](#) to register online.

You can also register in person at the Recreation Centre. Or call 613-432-4848 x 118 or email jfraser@renfrew.ca

2 Day Diorama Workshop
Saturday February 10th & Sunday February 11th

A great workshop for Teens & Adults who play Dungeons & Dragons or Magic!

2:00pm-5:00pm
(Both Days)

Join Collette Budden who will teach you how to use silicone and resins to make a realistic diorama. You can personalize it and learn the skill to make more in the future.

Visitor Information Centre
190 Mask Rd. Renfrew. ON

\$75.00
includes all supplies and instructions to make your own diorama

Questions? Contact Janyne jfraser@renfrew.ca 613-432-4848 x118

Winter Break Activity Mornings

A great workshop for Teens & Adults who play Dungeons & Dragons or Magic! You can personalize it and learn the skill to make more in the future.

Click [HERE](#) to register online.

You can also register in person at the Recreation Centre. Or call 613-432-4848 x 118 or email jfraser@renfrew.ca



PA DAY CAMP
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2
AGES 5-11 YEARS OLD

DROP OFF: 8:30AM
PICK UP: 3:30PM

\$40

LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE AT 4:15 PM FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE

myFM Centre
1 Ma-te-Way Drive

Questions? Contact Janyne jfraser@renfrew.ca 613-432-4848 x118

PA Day Camp

Join a 2-hour pickleball clinic on Sunday, January 14th, 2024, from 10AM to 12PM,

Click [HERE](#) to register online.

You can also register in person at the Recreation Centre. Or call 613-432-4848 x 118 or email jfraser@renfrew.ca



Babysitter's Course
Sunday, February 25, 2024

9:00am-3:30pm

Visitor Information Centre
 190 Mask Rd. Renfrew

\$75.00

Recommended for youth between the ages of 11-15

13FirstAid

Instructed by a Canadian Red Cross instructor from 13 First Aid. This course covers everything from managing difficult behaviors to essential content on leadership and professional conduct as a babysitter, with an increased focus on first aid.

Questions? Contact Janyne jfraser@renfrew.ca 613-432-4848 x118

Red Cross First Aid

Stay Safe! Home Alone Course instructed by a Canadian Red Cross instructor from 13 First Aid.

Click [HERE](#) to register online.

You can also register in person at the Recreation Centre. Or call 613-432-4848 x 118 or email jfraser@renfrew.ca



FREWFEEST
FAMILY DAY
WINTER
CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17-
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Ma-te-Way Park
 1 Ma-te-Way Dr. Renfrew

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Frewfest Family Day Winter Carnival

Join us for 3 days over the Family Day weekend for our Frewfest Winter Carnival. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this!

[Saturday, February 17 to Monday, February 19, 2024](#)

- BeaverTails Food Truck

- Horse-drawn Sleigh Rides
- Guided Snowshoe with Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance
- Trivia with Renfrew Public Library
- Family Kicksled Races/Stop and Try Kicksleds with Mad River Paddle Co.
- Inflatables
- Scavenger Hunt put on by EarlyON Learning Centre
- Pancake Breakfast with Renfrew South District Women's Institute
- BINGO and Popcorn-Renfrew & Area Connection Centre
- Sledge Hockey with Community Living
- Learn how to play Broomball
- Rock the Arts-Puppet Show
- The Zoo Crew-Hands on Animal Event
- Public Skating
- Renfrew Wolves VS Pembroke Lumber Kings (Famil Day Special: \$8 General Admission, Kids under 5 are FREE)
- FREE Skating with the Wolves following the game
- Outdoor Winter Fun including sliding

**Read more about the Frewfest Winter
Carnival**



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FEBRUARY

SKATE SCHEDULE

myFM Centre, 1 Ma-te-Way Park Dr. Renfrew

All skates will take place on Deslaurier Rink #1

- **Friday, February 2, 2024 10:30am-12:00pm** Public Skate
- **Saturday, February 3, 2024 5:30pm-6:30pm** Public Skate
- **Sunday, February 4, 2024 2:00pm - 3:00pm** Public Skate
- **Tuesday, February 6, 2024 10:30am - 12:00pm** Senior & Tot Skate
- **Friday, February 9, 2024 10:30am - 12:00pm** Senior & Tot Skate
- **Saturday, February 10, 2024 5:30pm - 6:30pm** Public Skate
- **Sunday, February 11, 2024 2:00pm - 3:00pm** Public Skate
- **Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:30am - 12:00pm** Senior & Tot Skate



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WINTER 2023/2024

PROGRAM

GUIDE

DECEMBER ❄️ JANUARY ❄️ FEBRUARY



Register Online:

app.univerusrec.com/renfrewpub/courses/



Call:

613-432-4848 ext. 118



Visit:

Recreation Centre-67 Argyle St. S.



Email:

jfraser@renfrew.ca



Scan to
register online



***Resident fee applies to those that live in:**

Town of Renfrew, Township of Admaston/Bromley, Horton Township,
Township of Greater Madawaska, Township of McNab/Braeside

2024 Budget Schedule

- Tabling of Draft Budget: Jan. 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- Consideration by Standing Committees: February 2024
- Public Meeting & Final Draft: Feb. 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- Final Adoption: Feb. 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- Tax Rate By-law: Apr. 30, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (TBC)



**Sign up for Monthly Pre-Authorized
Payments**

TAX TIME



The Town of Renfrew offers pre-authorized payment plans for taxes and water/wastewater charges.

- Residents can sign up for monthly tax installments which will be split into 11 equal payments and processed each month on the 15th with the exception of December.
- Water/wastewater payments are based on actual billing and will be withdrawn on due dates shown on your bill.

[Sign Up Here](#)

Provide Feedback on Some Ongoing Projects

Community Art Workshop

January 31st
4-6pm

Visitor Information Centre

Space is limited.
Registration required.

Community Art Workshop

As part of the Town's Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Antiracism Initiatives (CSMARI) project, **Jimmy Baptiste** of **Atelier Dopamine** has been engaged to co-create with the community for a mural inside of the Visitor Information Centre.

Jimmy will lead us through a workshop on Wednesday, January 31st from 4-6pm at the Visitor Information Centre to collect themes, drawings, poems, words, etc. from us. No formal art training required and stick figure drawings are welcome!

He'll take all of that creative work and then present us with a design on Thursday, February 15th from 4-6pm at the Visitor Information Centre.

The community will be invited to help with the start of the mural during the week of March 4th (details to follow) and Jimmy himself will wrap up the mural through the week of March 11th.

Space is limited to 20 people for the January 31st workshop, so registration is required. Please fill out the [registration form](#) to help co-create this piece of art.

[Register for the Community Art Workshop](#)



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NOTICE TO RESIDENT



Dominion Street, Lynn Street & Eighth Street Watermain, Sewer, Sidewalk, and Road Reconstruction Project

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

You're invited:

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Renfrew Visitors Information Centre
190 Mask Road, Renfrew**

The Town of Renfrew invites you to attend a drop-in public information centre for a watermain, sewer, sidewalk and road reconstruction project. This meeting will allow residents an opportunity to review the design of the project and identify what to expect during construction. Representatives from the Town and the design consultant will be available to discuss the project and to answer your questions.

[Learn more about the Dominion, Lynn & Eighth Street project](#)

2024 Pet Tags Available for Purchase Now

By-law #17-2000 and #18-2000 require all dogs and cats in the Town of Renfrew (including house cats) to be licensed by their owners each calendar year. Pet tags are available online at: <https://renfrew.ca/pet-license-form.cfm>.

Fees for pet tags increase on March 31st, 2024 and there is no cost to register a service dog.



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Purchase Your 2024 Pet Tags

The Town of Renfrew, requires that all dogs and cats must be licensed and wearing a tag. By licensing your dog or cat, Animal Control services will make every effort to reunite you with your lost pet. Tags are valid from January 1st to December 31st.

[Purchase Pet Tags Here](#)



BURN PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!!

**BURN PERMITS ARE ISSUED UNDER THE
RECREATIONAL OPEN AIR BURNING BY-LAW 29-2017,
WHICH REGULATES THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH
FIRES MAY BE SET IN THE OPEN AIR.**

**Permit applications are
available online at:
<https://rf.burnpermits.com>**



Purchase Your 2024 Burn Permits

Burn permits are issued under the recreational open air burning by-law. The annual permits expire on December 31 of each year. Homeowners can apply for burn permits online by following the link below or by calling the Renfrew Fire Department at 613-432-2811 to set up an appointment during regular office hours (Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) when the Fire Chief or designate is available.

**Purchase Burn Permits
Here**



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To report a missed garbage or recycling collection please contact
Topps Environmental Solutions at
 613-257-1195
 help@toppsenv.com

For Town Departments please call:

Town Hall (613) 432-4848
 Public Works (613) 432-8166
 Parks & Rec. (613) 432-3131
 Fire Dept. (613) 432-2811
 Library (613) 432-8151
 Landfill (613) 432-0731
 After Hours Emergency (613) 432-6446

Garbage and Co-mingled Recycling
Garbage and Fibre Recycling
Leaf & Yard Waste Weeks of: Apr. 15, Apr. 29 & May 13 Weeks of: Oct. 7, Oct. 21 & Nov. 11 Leaf and Yard Waste pick up will occur throughout the scheduled week and may not correspond with your garbage/recycling collection day.
Household Hazardous Waste Depot OPENS: May 4, 2024 CLOSES: August 31, 2024

2 bag limit for residential properties.

Please have waste curbside by 7 am on the day of collection.

Please visit renfrew.ca for additional waste collection information.

Wednesday Dec. 25, 2024 pick up will occur on Tuesday Dec. 24, 2024

Thursday Dec. 26, 2024 pick up will occur on Saturday Dec. 28, 2024

Wednesday Jan. 1, 2025 pick up will occur on Saturday Jan. 4, 2025

Council Corner

December/January Council Meeting Summaries

Council received an update on the new myFM Centre at Mate-Way Park, the relocation of operations from the Recreation Centre on Argyle Street to Mate-Way Park, a new graffiti management policy, a financial update, and two properties were rezoned to allow for additional residential units.



[Read Recent Council Meeting Summaries](#)

A Message from the Renfrew Fire Department



CLEAR SNOW FROM VENTS

BLOCKED VENTS CAN CAUSE CARBON MONOXIDE TO BUILD UP IN YOUR HOME AND CAUSE CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING OR DEATH


**CHECK
BATTERIES IN
YOUR CARBON
MONOXIDE
DETECTOR**



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YOUR
NEIGHBOURS**

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