



# *October 2023*

# **NEWSLETTER**



**Renfrew Fire Department Extrication Training**



In the month of September, the Renfrew Fire Department had an expert in the field of vehicle extrication on site. Vehicle extrication is the process of removing a vehicle from around a person who has been involved in a collision.

Instructor Jason Defosse conducted a full day of hands on training and is an extrication specialist who has knowledge and experience of the latest in vehicle construction and techniques.

"Having Jason on site not only builds confidence in our newer members, but it also ensures our entire team is up to date on the vehicles of today," says Renfrew Fire Chief Michael Guest.

The training took place on September 28th, 2023 at Yolkowski Lumber and Scrap.

*Photo credit: Jason Defosse/Facebook*



# TOWN HALL LIMITED ACCESS

due to ongoing  
construction

## Access to Second Floor of Town Hall Currently Closed to the Public

Renovations at Town Hall are progressing and construction crews have moved to the second floor of the building. This means for the time being, access to the second floor will be closed to the public during day time hours. The Clerk's department and Community Services department are currently by appointment only. Please call **613-432-4848** or email [info@renfrew.ca](mailto:info@renfrew.ca). Council meetings can be watched in-person or on the [Town of Renfrew YouTube channel](#).

**Watch Renfrew Town Council  
Meetings**

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## Fall Roads & Construction Update

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Gillan Road (Hall to O'Brien)



Curbs and base asphalt complete.

Multi-use plan in the coming weeks.

Top lift weather dependent in the coming weeks.

Landscaping being completed.

**December 2023 completion.**

## Maloney Road Culvert

Culvert replaced.

Watermain reinstated.

Road granular installed.

Guardrails installed.

Base asphalt early November.

**December 2023 completion.**



## McNab Crescent

Demolition of asphalt and sidewalk complete.

Structures being adjusted.

Preparing to install curbs.

**December 2023 completion.**

## Argyle/Lochiel Reconstruction

Sewer and waterworks completed on Lochiel Street and part of Argyle Street. Curbs and sidewalks are complete on Lochiel Street and Opeongo Street.

Base asphalt completed on Lochiel Street.

Top lift weather dependent in coming weeks and landscaping is being completed.

**Project will continue for a late fall 2024 completion with winter shutdown weather dependent**



## Renfrew Mayor Visits With Local Students



During Local Government Week (October 15 to 21, 2023), Renfrew Mayor Tom Sidney met with the grade 9 civics class taught by Madame Mottershead at Renfrew Collegiate Institute (R.C.I.). Mayor Sidney talked about the important role that local government plays in our community.

## Mayor Visits with Kindergarteners from Admaston Public School

On October 25th, 2023, Mayor Sidney met with the Junior/Senior Kindergarten class from Admaston Public School at the Renfrew Public Library. The class also visited the Renfrew Fire Hall and Ma-te-Way Park!





## Important Dates for Renfrew Residents

- Property Tax Due Date: October 31st, 2023

## Upcoming Events and Activities



## SANTA CLAUS PARADE

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**  
**Start Time 6:00 pm**

Route begins at Renfrew Armouries through downtown ending at Munroe Avenue.  
Visit with Santa at the Recreation Centre following the parade.

[Register a Float for the 2023 Renfrew Santa Claus](#)



**Salsa**  
Dance Classes  
with Miko Sobreira

Town of RENFREW  
ONTARIO - CANADA

Beginning Thursday, October 26  
**7:30-9:00 pm**  
Ma-te-Way Activity Centre  
1 Ma-te-Way Drive

**\$50**  
4-Week Session  
\*Try one class for \$15

No experience necessary.  
Singles and Couples Welcome!

Questions? Contact Janyne [jfraser@renfrew.ca](mailto:jfraser@renfrew.ca) 613-432-4848 x118

### Salsa Dance Classes

Thursday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the myFM Centre (1 Ma-te-Way Park Drive).

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](mailto:jfraser@renfrew.ca)



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**African Roots**  
DANCE CLASSES  
With Guide Andrea Villarreal

All ages are welcome to register for any of the African Roots Dance Classes.  
Featuring a different dance style each month!

Sunday, November 12 10:00 am-11:45 am-Salsa  
Saturday, December 9 10:00 am-11:45 am-African dance (Guinea)

**FREE**  
Registration Mandatory

Upstairs Hall: Ma-te-Way Activity Centre  
1 Ma-te-Way Drive, Renfrew, ON

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# PA DAY CAMP

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**Ages 5-11 years old**

**Drop Off 8:30 am**

**Pick Up 3:30 pm**

\*Late pick up option of 4:15 pm  
for additional charge.

**\$40**

**Ma-te-Way Activity Centre**

1 Ma-te-Way Drive

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# KINDERGYM

Children will move through a circuit including tunnels, wedges and beams aimed to increase strength, balance and coordination.

**\$50**

5-week Session

 **Recreation Centre**  
67 Argyle St. S. Renfrew



## Wednesday

Begins November 1

2:50-3:20 pm

**Child Only Ages 3-5**

## Thursday

Begins November 2

9:00-9:30 am

9:40-10:10 am

**Parent & Child Ages 2-5**



## Saturday

Begins November 11

10:00-10:30 am

10:30-11:00 am

**Child Only Ages 3-5**

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## Roughly 1,500 People Attend Annual Renfrew Craft Beer & Food Truck Festival



Despite the cool and rainy weather, roughly 1,500 people attended the annual Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival on Saturday, October 21st, 2023. The day featured ten brewers, seven food vendors and live music. Save the date for 2024! The Town of

Renfrew is planning to host the festival again on Saturday, September 28th, 2024. More details will be announced leading up to the event.



*Councillors Clint McWhirter and Jason Legris braved the rainy start of the day to volunteer at the 2023 Renfrew Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival.*

**Register as a Brewer or Food Vendor in  
2024**

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**Provide Feedback on Some Ongoing Projects**

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**RENFREW**  
ONTARIO · CANADA

**WE WANT  
YOUR FEEDBACK**

Complete the Parks and  
Recreation User Survey by  
November 10, 2023

## Parks and Recreation Survey

The Town of Renfrew is completing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A public survey is available. Please submit responses by November 10th, 2023.

**Parks & Recreation  
Survey**

## Council Corner

### September/October Council Meeting Summaries

The Town of Renfrew received grant funding for road projects, updates on the attainable housing action plan, will have lights installed at the swinging bridge,

declared two properties as surplus, endorsed the strategic plan and more. Follow the link below to read recent Council meeting updates and summaries.



[Read Recent Council Meeting Summaries](#)

## A Message from the Renfrew Fire Department



### Hunt Camp Safety

With fall hunting season underway across Ontario, thousands of hunters are taking up temporary residence in their camps and cabins. Renfrew Fire Department is stressing the importance of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in all buildings where people are sleeping such as trailers, campers, buses, RVs, and mobile homes. Often hunt camps/cabins are located on remote properties that can be challenging for fire departments to reach, so this often results in

slower response times and contributes to the spread of the fire as well. The following tips will help ensure a safe, enjoyable stay at the camp or cabin:

- Ensure wood stoves and propane appliances are installed to code requirements.
- Ensure propane appliances and portable heaters are approved for indoor use.
- Keep combustibles well away from stoves and propane fire appliances.
- If it is necessary to plug extension cords into appliances, ensure it is the proper gauge and can handle the electrical load.
- Ensure there are working smoke alarms on every level, ensure that you have a working carbon monoxide alarm.
- Remember alcohol and cooking do not mix, unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires.
- Campfires for recreation or cooking must be completely extinguished to prevent a forest fire.

[Check Out the Renfrew Fire Department Facebook Page](#)



## Renfrew Public Library Update

We have an exciting lineup of events for you to enjoy at the Renfrew Public Library. Mark your calendars and join us for these fantastic activities. Check out a snapshot of some of our programs below:

### **Pizza, Pies & Puzzles,**

Date: Saturday October 28th

Time: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

- Join families in the challenge of consuming a large pizza, eating a pie, drinking a large pitcher of beverage plus building a 300-piece puzzle! (Please register ahead, family teams of 4 members)

### **League of Occasional Gamers: Happy Little Dinosaurs**

Date: Thursday, November 9th

Time: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM:

- Get ready for an evening of gaming excitement at the League of Occasional Gamers event! The featured game of the night is "Happy Little Dinosaurs," but feel free to bring along your favorite tabletop games and friends to join in the fun at the library. We've got plenty of tables and space to accommodate you and your gaming crew.

### **Jam Session with Matt Clements**

Date: Thursday, November 16th

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

- If you're musically inclined, bring your instrument and gather with fellow music enthusiasts for an informal jam session. It's an opportunity to improvise freely, share your talents, and have a great time making music together.

**Di-November**

Date: Friday, November 17th  
Time: 10:30 AM to Noon

- November is DiNovember, a special month where dinosaurs come to life! Join us in celebrating the world of dinosaurs all month long. We've got a series of engaging activities to ignite your love for these prehistoric creatures.

To register for a program, visit [www.bookwhen.com/renfrewpl](http://www.bookwhen.com/renfrewpl) or email [info@renfrewlibrary.ca](mailto:info@renfrewlibrary.ca) or call 613-432-8151 ext. 603.

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