

Township of La Vallee

Newsletter

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Fire Department News

In our last newsletter we reported that the Fort Frances Fire Department was assisting us with fire chief services. Please be advised that this will not affect the services delivered by the La Vallee Fire Department. As usual, if you have an emergency please call 911.

The Fire Department is looking for a vehicle to use for an auto extrication exercise. If anyone has one that they would like to donate for this exercise please contact the municipal office or a member of the fire department.

Emo Public Library

The Emo Public Library Annual Spring Fever Days Book Sale will be held on Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th at the library. Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If anyone has used books that they would like to donate please drop them off at the library during regular hours.

The Emo Public Library will be taking applications for a summer student for July and August. The job will be for 8 weeks (35 hrs per week). This is an excellent job for learning to work with the public and for future endeavors. The library also helps students towards their 40 hours of community service. If interested please call the library at 482-2575.

A reminder to our residents that the Emo Public Library is available for use free of charge.

History Book

The second history book, "Further Connections" is available at the municipal office. The cost is \$50.00 with cheques payable to the Township of La Vallee. The first history book "Connections" is also still available at a cost of \$50.00.

Seniors' Month

June has been designated as Seniors' Month to celebrate the countless experiences, accomplishments and contributions of seniors. Senior of the Year Awards are given out yearly to recipients who are 65 or older, have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community without thought of personal or financial gain. If you know anyone who may be eligible for this award and would like to nominate them please phone the municipal office at 486-3452 prior to April 8th.

Landfill Reminder

Please be advised that summer hours will take effect on May 1st. Hours of operation from May 1st to October 31st are: Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please be sure to bring your landfill card with you. If you don't have one, stop by the municipal office to get a replacement. Please note that access to the wood pile and scrap metal pile requires the assistance of the attendant.

Fire Permit Reminder

Fire permits are required for burning effective April 1st. Five day permits will issued for brush and grass. Seasonal Permits (for brush and grass) will be issued ONLY to those individuals who have completed the Fire Management Training Course. **You must obtain a permit for your Incinerator or Outdoor Solid Fuel Burning Appliance if they are operational between April 1 and October 31, 2007.** If you have any questions please call the office at 486-3452.

Floods: What to do Before A Flood

When there is immediate danger of flooding, shut off all power in your home. Special precautions should be taken to safeguard or minimize damage to electrical, natural gas or propane heating equipment. If there is enough warning time, consult your supplier for instructions on how to proceed. Ensure that you have a battery powered radio in working order, with spare batteries, to listen to instructions from your local station. Move furniture, electrical appliances and other belongings to floors above ground level. Remove such toxic substances as pesticides and insecticides from the immediate area to prevent pollution. Remove toilet bowls, and plug basement sewer drains and toilet connections with a wooden plug. Disconnect eaves troughs if they are connected to the house sewer.

In some cases, homes may be protected by using sandbags or polyethylene barriers. But this approach requires specific instructions that must be obtained from your local emergency officials.

Vacate your home when you are advised to do so by local emergency authorities. Ignoring such a warning could jeopardize the safety of your family or those people who might eventually have to come to your rescue. When you leave, take an emergency survival kit with you that contains the following:

1. Flashlight with spare batteries
2. Warm clothing, including waterproof outer garments and footwear
3. Blankets
4. All necessary medication
5. Infant care items
6. Personal toiletries
7. Identification for each member of your household
8. Any important personal and family documents

Follow the routes specified by officials. Don't take short-cuts. They could lead you to a blocked or dangerous area. If you are using your car, try not to drive through flood waters. Fast water can sweep your car away. However, should you be caught in fast rising waters and your car stalls, leave it behind. Always consider your safety and the safety of others first.