

NEWSLETTER

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SIGNING OFF FOR SUMMER: A STUDENT-LED SUCCESS

As our journey comes to a close with this, our 10th and final issue, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported us along the way. What started as a simple project for our Grade 9 Tech class has blossomed into a meaningful collaboration with the township, and we couldn't be more thankful. The township staff will keep the newsletter going over the summer, and we're looking forward to welcoming a new group of students in the fall.

It has been incredibly rewarding to see our newsletter displayed at local businesses and community spaces, your support has truly motivated us to continue. Hearing positive feedback from community members has inspired us to keep producing content, and we are proud to have contributed to keeping everyone informed and connected.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all our readers, your encouragement and interest have meant the world to us. We hope this newsletter has made a positive impact and brought a little more community spirit to our town.

As we move into summer, we wish everyone a safe, joyful, and relaxing break. We look forward to the possibility of partnering with the township again in the future and continuing to serve our community through new projects.

Thank you once again for your support. This journey has been truly special, and we are grateful for the opportunity to have shared it with you.

With gratitude,
Grant Emmell, Isla Shields and Avery Griffin



A LASTING GIFT: HONOURING MILLIE BENNETT'S ARTISTIC LEGACY IN CARDINAL

At the June 9 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal received a heartfelt gift celebrating the life and legacy of local artist Millie Bennett.

Millie, a longtime resident of Cardinal, was known for her expressive papier-mâché and soft sculptures. One of her pieces—an intricate figure of Cosette from Les Misérables—was gifted in 2008 to her friend and collaborator Judie Martin, following their work together with the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival. This month, Judie formally donated the sculpture back to the community.

"I have treasured her (Cosette), I really have," Judie shared during the presentation. "But I think that Millie's creations should be featured in Cardinal, which was her home for so long."

The sculpture will be permanently displayed at the Cardinal Branch of the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Public Library, accompanied by a commemorative plaque outlining Millie's life and contributions to the community. Judie also included a copy of *Such Stuff as Dreams Are Made On*, a special book marking 20 years of the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival, to which Millie contributed her artistic talents.

Millie's grandson Dennis Hutt, his wife Leah Thompson, and their daughter Brielle—Millie's great-granddaughter—were in attendance for the presentation, adding a personal and heartfelt connection to the evening.

This tribute honours Millie's creativity, generosity, and quiet impact on the community—ensuring her legacy continues to inspire for years to come.

You can read the full story online at twpec.ca/milliebennett

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SUMMER OF FUN

THE TRAIN IS COMING TO TOWN!

Mark your calendars—Train Day rolls into Cardinal on Tuesday, July 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cardinal Branch of the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Public Library (ECPL).

This annual visit is made possible by Canadian Rail Equipment Works and Services Inc. (CREWS) and Ingridion Canada Corporation, in partnership with ECPL. Based in Johnstown, CREWS operates a 96-acre rail yard and service hub that supports local businesses and industries by providing railcar storage, transloading, and repair services. Their presence in our community helps connect Eastern Ontario to national and international rail networks—keeping goods, grains, and materials moving.

Train Day offers a unique opportunity to get up close to a working locomotive, meet members of the rail team, and learn more about the important role rail plays in everyday life.

Bring your curiosity and your camera! Families can explore the train and enjoy a fun, free summer outing right in the heart of the community.

All aboard for Train Day—where learning meets locomotive power!



WILDLIFE AND WATER VIEWS AWAIT AT THE PORT OF JOHNSTOWN BOARDWALK

This spring, the public dock and boardwalk at the Port of Johnstown is bursting with wildlife and breathtaking views. Located at the far west edge of the Bridgeview Restaurant parking lot, the 1 km footpath is open for all to enjoy.

Visitors have spotted red-winged blackbirds calling from the reeds, sandpipers darting along the shoreline, and fluffy goslings paddling close behind mama geese. Swans glide nearby, and a curious fox has been seen weaving through the tall grass. One turtle was caught sunbathing on a log jutting from the river—alongside a group of cormorants drying their wings.

Wildflowers line the trail, and the St. Lawrence River provides a spectacular backdrop, framed by the soaring Seaway Skyway Bridge (Prescott-Ogdensburg International Bridge). Whether you're out for a stroll, birdwatching, or simply soaking in the views, this scenic boardwalk is a quiet gem worth visiting.

At the end of June, the path was paved to improve accessibility and public enjoyment, welcoming to strollers, walking aids, and casual walkers alike. It was briefly closed during the upgrade but has now reopened—better than ever.



MORE SUMMER FUN



BOREDOM BUSTER DAY TRIPS RETURN THIS SUMMER

TWPEC is once again offering its popular Boredom Buster day trips for children ages 6 to 15. These fun and active excursions are a great way for kids to enjoy the summer while making new memories.

Two trips are scheduled to Mont Cascades waterpark, located just outside of Ottawa:

- Wednesday, July 16
- Wednesday, August 13

Each trip is \$55 per child and includes transportation by bus and supervision by qualified Township staff. Buses will depart from and return to the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre.

Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment is required at the time of registration and refunds will not be issued.

For full details, visit the news post at www.twpec.ca/boredombusters

These trips are a great opportunity for children to stay active, socialize, and enjoy one of the region's most popular summer destinations.

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FREE SWIMS AND LESSON OPPORTUNITIES AT TOWNSHIP POOLS THIS SUMMER

This summer, TWPEC invites residents of all ages to enjoy free swimming programs at the Cardinal and Johnstown community pools. Public swims and adult lane swims are open to all, providing a fun and healthy way to stay active throughout the season—no admission fee or registration required.

Aquafit classes are also free to attend, but pre-registration is required to complete a brief health form before participating. These low-impact, instructor-led classes are a great way to enjoy the benefits of water-based fitness in a supportive setting.

Spots are also still available in the Township's summer swim lessons. Parents and guardians can register their children in person by visiting either pool during open hours. Certified instructors guide swimmers through skill development in a safe and engaging environment.

To view full schedules, pool hours, and Aquafit registration details, visit twpec.ca.

Whether you're looking to learn, exercise, or just cool off—there's a place for you at the pool this summer.

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www.twpec.ca/pools



TOWNSHIP NEWS

A MORE USER-FRIENDLY TWPEC.CA IS NOW LIVE

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We have launched a redesigned website at twpec.ca, delivering on our Strategic Plan goal to improve access to Township services and information. While many of the tools are familiar—like reporting a concern, checking zoning, or viewing Council agendas—the new site is cleaner, easier to use, and more accessible across all devices.

We've done our best to make the transition seamless, but with any major update, a few things may need fine-tuning. If something seems off, please let us know.

We're here to help. Visit the new twpec.ca today and let us know what you think.

Explore: www.twpec.ca

Questions or feedback? Contact us at mail@twpec.ca

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COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE ADJUSTED FOR SUMMER MONTHS

TWPEC has adjusted its regular Council meeting schedule for the summer. During July and August, Council will meet once per month instead of the weekly meetings. Residents are invited to attend or watch online on the following dates:

- Monday, June 30
- Monday, July 28
- Monday, August 25

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and take place at the Township Office Council Chambers in Spencerville.

To view agendas, minutes, or livestreams of meetings, visit:

calendar.twpec.ca/meetings

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