

NEWSLETTER

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MORE THAN JUST HOCKEY

Hockeyville is about more than a competition, and our launch party at the Spencerville Arena proved that. On Saturday, January 10, the arena was packed with teams from South Grenville and North Grenville Minor Hockey, along with families and fans cheering them on. The day kicked off with a puck drop by radio personality Bruce Wylie, members of Council, and the Rangers U7 team.

People stopped by to share stories, take photos, and submit memories online with the help of volunteers. One of the biggest highlights was a visit from the OPP, who used a radar gun to see how fast kids could skate, which everyone loved. Giant Tiger also showed support by donating 400 boxes of Kraft Dinner to the Food For All Food Bank.

Looking at the stories already submitted, it is clear the arena means something different to everyone, but it brings the whole community together. From first skates to lifelong memories, Hockeyville is really about the people who fill the rink.



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KIDS ART CLASS

• Ages 7 to 11
• Thursdays from 6 to 7:30
• South Edwardsburgh Recreation Centre
• \$25 for four sessions

Register online at twpec.ca/kidsart

COMMUNITY UPDATE

NEW CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENTS IN EFFECT

As of January 1, 2026, new carbon monoxide alarm requirements are now in effect in Ontario under the Ontario Fire Code.

Carbon monoxide is a deadly gas that can be released by fuel burning appliances such as furnaces, fireplaces, water heaters and generators. It can also come from vehicles in attached garages. Carbon monoxide does not have a taste, colour, or smell, which makes it especially dangerous without a working alarm.

Under the updated requirements, existing homes with a fuel burning appliance, fireplace, or attached garage must have carbon monoxide alarms installed:

- Adjacent to each sleeping area, such as in a hallway outside all bedrooms
- On every storey of the home including those without a sleeping area

Many homes already have carbon monoxide alarms installed, but some households may need to add additional alarms to meet the new requirements. For example, homes with more than one storey now require an alarm on each level, not just near bedrooms.

Property owners are responsible for making sure homes comply with the Ontario Fire Code. Landlords must ensure alarms are installed and maintained in rental properties. Tenants should notify their landlord if an alarm is missing or not working. Carbon monoxide alarms should be tested regularly, and batteries replaced according to the manufacturer's instructions. Fuel burning appliances should be inspected and maintained by qualified professionals.

A working carbon monoxide alarm provides an early warning and can help protect lives. For questions about CO alarm requirements that may apply to your home, contact our fire department at 613-658-3001. They are the authority responsible for enforcing the Fire Code in our Township.



2026 BURN PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE

You need a burn permit for any open-air burning in the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal. Permits for 2026 are now available online or at the Township office. The cost is \$10 annually. You must activate your permit before every fire by calling 613-704-2699.

- The system will tell you if a fire ban is in effect.
- Once activated, permits stay active for 24 hours.
- If you call from your registered phone number, the system will recognize you automatically.



A JOB WELL DONE



JOE'S SPENCERVILLE BREWING COMPANY RECOGNIZED WITH RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On Monday, January 5, Mayor Tory Deschamps, Councillor Waddy Smail, and Township staff attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Joe's Spencerville Brewing Company in Spencerville to recognize this new business and local investment.

During the visit, Council and staff toured the facility and marked the occasion with a ribbon cutting and scroll presentation to Joe Moulton and Melanie Williams.

Mayor Deschamps spoke about the important role Joe's businesses play in the Spencerville community and how the brewery builds on the success of his existing local ventures. He expressed confidence in the future of the business and congratulated those involved on reaching this milestone.

Located on the site of a former funeral home, Joe's Spencerville Brewing Company is a locally owned brewery focused on brewing beer on site. The project involved a number of local vendors during construction, with equipment installed to support future growth.

The Township congratulates Joe and Mel on this milestone and welcomes the investment in the community.



SNOW CLEARING IS A TEAM EFFORT

Snow clearing in Edwardsburgh Cardinal is about more than plows and salt trucks. It's a shared effort between Township crews and residents to keep roads, sidewalks, and neighbourhoods safe throughout the winter.

Public Works crews work long hours during and after storms to clear 392 kilometres of Township roads, often starting before most people are awake. Clearing every road takes time, especially during large or back to back snowfalls, and patience goes a long way.

Help Us Keep Roads Safe

- Stay back from snow plows and never pass them
- Leave extra time when you're driving in winter conditions
- Don't let children play on snowbanks near roads
- Keep fire hydrants and catch basins in front of your property clear of snow and ice
- Keep waste bins at least five to six feet back from the road edge
- Keep your 911 (civic address) sign clear of snow

If you notice an issue related to snow clearing, you can let the Township know using the Report a Concern feature on the Township website. This online tool helps staff track issues efficiently and respond as quickly as possible during winter operations. Visit twepc.ca and select Report a Concern to submit a request at any time.



STAY FIT WITH TWPEC

STAYING ACTIVE THIS WINTER WITH ADULT FITNESS

This winter, the Township is giving residents a free and easy way to stay active with Session 2 of the Adult Fitness Class. The program takes place at the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre and is open to all fitness levels, whether you are just starting out or already enjoy working out. Classes begin on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 and run for eight weeks, with sessions held Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The class is led by a certified, high energy instructor who focuses on making workouts fun and welcoming. Participants are encouraged to bring indoor shoes, a water bottle, and a yoga mat. To register, people simply need to complete a PAR-Q Plus form, either online or at their first class.

Free programs like this matter, especially during the winter months when it can be harder to stay motivated and active. As Fitness Instructor and Township Recreation Coordinator, Rachel Tremblay says, "Offering free fitness classes removes one of the biggest barriers people face when they want to be active."

This Adult Fitness Class is a great way for residents to move, connect, and take care of their health this winter.



FREE SKATING AT THE SPENCERVILLE ARENA AND INGREDION CENTRE

Lace up and enjoy free skating at Township arenas this winter.



Public Skating

- Ingredion Centre: Fridays, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Spencerville Arena: Sundays, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Adult Skating

- Ingredion Centre: Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 9:30 a.m.
- Spencerville Arena:
- Wednesdays & Fridays, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Thursdays, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Parent and Tot Skating

- Ingredion Centre: Thursdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Spencerville Arena: Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

2026 DOG TAGS NOW AVAILABLE

You must license your dog each year in TWPEC.

Dog tags help reunite lost dogs with their owners and support local animal services.



Purchase online at twpec.ca/dogtags



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