

NEWSLETTER

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STUDENTS VISIT TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Last month, we had the pleasure of welcoming the Grade 5/6 class from Centennial '67 Public School to the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal municipal office for a hands-on learning experience about local government in action.

Students had the opportunity to explore how their local government operates and how tax dollars collected from residents are used to provide essential services such as roads, recreation, waste management, libraries, fire protection, and community programming. Through interactive activities, they learned about the real-life challenges and responsibilities that come with balancing a municipal budget.

The students worked together to step into the role of Council members, making tough decisions on how to allocate limited funds to meet the needs of the community—just like our elected officials do. It was inspiring to see them engage in meaningful discussions about what services matter most to residents and how to prioritize spending for the greatest benefit.

We extend our thanks to the Council members who took time to join us and share their experience, adding real-world insight to the students' learning. And a special thank you to the students for their enthusiasm, teamwork, and thoughtful decision-making that reflected a true commitment to community well-being.

We look forward to seeing these future leaders continue to make a difference in their community!



Students Isla, Grant, and Avery from South Grenville District High School have collaboratively developed this newsletter!



EXCITING STUDENT BUSINESS VENTURE AT SOUTH GRENVILLE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Grade 7 students in Mr. Carson's class recently presented their business, Giants Ink, to Principal Cam Jones. They produce custom T-shirts, jibbits, stickers, and decals—tailored to customer requests.

This five-year project is driven by student passion, aiming to boost school spirit and make spirit wear affordable. They also plan to supply feeder schools and local businesses with 100% Canadian-made items at reduced costs.

The students have secured several contracts and are eager to take more orders. They plan to donate 10% of profits to Connect Youth and the Leo Boivin after-school program.

A regular order form is available, and all requests are considered. Current projects include shirts for the Township of Edwardsburgh / Cardinal summer BBQ, Kings Kitchen, Relay for Life, and upcoming school clothing orders. While busy, they continue to support local community groups.

Their simple vinyl designs—1-2 colours—can be made on shirts of any colour and size. Thanks to their impressive work and planning, RWL has strongly supported this initiative. The students' pride and positive attitude are making a difference—one shirt at a time. For inquiries, please email us at andrew.carson@ucdsb.on.ca

Congratulations to these young entrepreneurs for their hard work and community spirit!



SUMMER OF FUN



GET READY FOR A SUMMER OF FUN WITH TWPEC RECREATION!

We're excited to announce our lineup of summer activities to help keep your family active and engaged this season.

Summer Camp – Cardinal

Our popular day camp is back with four exciting themed sessions:

- **Arts & Crafts:** June 30 – July 11
- **Survivor:** July 14 – July 25
- **Sports:** July 28 – August 8
- **Camp Olympics:** August 11 – August 22

Registration is now open at www.twpec.ca/summer.

Johnstown Summer Camp is full. Don't wait—spots fill quickly!

Boredom Busters Day Trips

We're headed to Mont Cascades Waterpark for two unforgettable day trips on July 16 and August 13.

- Open to kids ages 6 to 15
- \$55 per child, per trip (includes transportation and supervision)

Register online at: www.twpec.ca/BoredomBusters

Swim Lessons – Cardinal and Johnstown

Swim lessons are available for all ages and skill levels:

- **Evenings in June** (Cardinal only)
- **Daytime in July & August** (Cardinal and Johnstown)
- **Evenings in July & August** (Cardinal only)
- **Saturdays** (Johnstown only)

To register, watch our Facebook page for registration dates. Fees are \$50 per child per session or \$125 family rate (3+ children, same session). *Bronze level courses are priced separately.*

Drop-in Pickleball – Spencerville Arena

Join us for Drop-in Pickleball every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 pm at the Spencerville Arena. All levels welcome—bring a friend!

For more information and to register, visit

www.twpec.ca/recreation.

Let's make it a summer to remember!

GET READY FOR SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY!

We've got something for everyone at the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Public Library this month and all summer long!

Reptile Rainforest Roadshow – Saturday, June 7 at 10:30 a.m. (Cardinal Branch)

Meet fascinating creatures like lizards, turtles, frogs, scorpions, and snakes—up close and in a safe, controlled environment. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cardinal Branch. All are welcome!

Friends of the Spencerville Branch Book Sale – Saturday, June 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring a bag and fill it for just \$1! Don't miss this chance to stock up on great reads while supporting your library.

TD Summer Reading Program – Registration Open June 9 to 23

Keep young minds active this summer! Open to children ages 4 to 12, the program runs Thursdays at 2 p.m. at both branches on:

- July 10, 17, 24, and 31
- August 7 and 14

See you at the library!



TOWNSHIP HALL UPDATE



HONOURING OUR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal proudly celebrated the dedication and service of its volunteer firefighters at Firefighter Appreciation Night on May 9.

Hosted at the Drummond Building in Spencerville, the event brought together firefighters, their families, retired members, and TWPEC Council to recognize the vital role these volunteers play in keeping our community safe.

Throughout the evening, awards were presented to mark years of service, outstanding commitment to training, leadership, and exceptional contributions. Highlights included recognizing 30 years of service by Dan Davy and Chief Brian Moore, and presenting the first-ever *Rainville Family Exemplary Firefighter Award in Memory of Lucas Champagne* to Steve Roberts for his leadership in mentoring and training fellow firefighters. Pictured here, Fire Chief Brian Moore congratulates Steve Roberts, joined by Pete Rainville. This special award recognizes Steve's outstanding commitment to mentoring and teaching fellow firefighters.

While special awards were given to several individuals, the Township extends its appreciation to all members of the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Fire Department for their ongoing commitment and service. Their dedication makes a difference in the lives of everyone in our community.

Read the full story and see the complete list of honourees on our website:

twpec.ca/FirefighterAppreciation



BACKYARD CHICKENS NOW PERMITTED IN SETTLEMENT AREAS

As of April 29, 2025, Township Council has approved Bylaw 2025-22, allowing residents in the Villages of Cardinal, Johnstown, and Spencerville to keep up to five domestic fowl—such as hens or ducks—on their properties. This initiative supports local food production, sustainability, and agricultural education within the community.

Residents interested in keeping domestic fowl must adhere to specific guidelines involving permitted zones, coop and run requirements, setback measurements and containment. For detailed information on the by-law and educational resources visit: twpec.ca/BackyardChickens

This new bylaw reflects the Township's commitment to promoting sustainable living and providing residents with opportunities to engage in urban agriculture.

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TOWNSHIP NEWS



STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE PORT OF JOHNSTOWN

The Port of Johnstown is launching a public consultation as an essential step in the process of developing a new strategic plan.

This Strategic Plan represents our commitment to advancing the Port's role as a critical driver of economic growth, regional connectivity, and sustainable development. Through focused action, transparent leadership, and strong partnerships, we will turn this vision into measurable progress. As we move forward, we invite our stakeholders, partners, and communities to engage, offer input, and work with us to shape a strong and prosperous future for the Port and Eastern Ontario.

The survey is open until June 13, 2025.

Scan the QR code to share your input—your voice matters in shaping the future of our Port. Thank you for taking part!

Port of Johnstown

STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Help shape the vision of our Port!

Have Your Say!

Participate in the online survey!
(Now until June 13, 2025)

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AVOID SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS – GO PAPERLESS WITH TWPEC

With another postal strike looming, the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal is reminding residents that you can avoid service interruptions by switching to eBilling.

Signing up for electronic delivery of your property tax, water, and sewer bills is a quick, secure, and convenient way to make sure you receive important municipal notices on time—no matter what happens with Canada Post. By choosing eBilling, you help reduce paper waste while ensuring timely delivery straight to your inbox. It only takes a minute to sign up using our simple online form. Once enrolled, you'll receive your bills electronically, giving you peace of mind that you won't miss a payment due to postal delays.

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- Property Tax Bills: twpec.ca/paymytaxes

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