
A Personal Message from the Fire Chief

On behalf of the members of the Tyendinaga Township Fire Department, I am honoured to present our July, 2011 issue of Tyendinaga **Fire News**.

Municipalities have a legislated responsibility under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act (FPPA) to provide public education with respect to fire safety and certain components of fire prevention. The Tyendinaga Fire Department believes that no one should ever feel the devastating effects of fire and it is our mission to stop fires before they occur. Join us in making our community a safer place to live and play by educating yourself and your family about fire safety.

Join me in congratulating the many women and men who have been promoted within the fire department ranks lately. Promotion of Captain awarded to Russ McFarlane, Promotion of Lieutenant awarded to Jamie Oliver, Probationary firefighters awarded full firefighter status include Steve Ervine, Pat Farrell, Lisa Dwyer, and Perry Bloom. We look forward to their many years of contributions to their community.

Thanks to your participation, we have been able to raise \$1,880.00 over the last year through your generous donations of electronic waste and pop cans. All money raised will go to augment funding of the Junior Firefighter program and other fire prevention activities. We will continue to accept these items at the Fire Hall Wednesdays or Thursdays between the hours of 8am and 4pm, Thursday until 9pm. Your partnership in this venture will greatly enhance the lives of our local children.

We are interested in your feedback and suggestions to make our newsletter and community programs better. Please feel free to contact us with your comments at (613) 396-1660.

Sincerely, Mr. Stanley Laton,
Fire Chief

TYENDINAGA FIRE NEWS

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Welcome to the Tyendinaga Township Fire Department's July, 2011, issue of **Fire News**. This newsletter will not only provide some valuable information on Cottage Safety and Safe Student Accommodation but it will also provide details on upcoming community events.

Cottage Fire Safety Tips from the Office of the Fire Marshal

To minimize the risk of fire and burn injury, the fire service recommends the following cottage fire safety tips:

- Install smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. It's the law for all Ontario homes, cottages, cabins and seasonal homes to have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.
 - Test smoke alarms at least monthly or each time you return to the cottage. Pack a new smoke alarm and extra smoke alarm batteries in case they need replacement.
 - Install and ensure carbon monoxide alarms in your cottage if it has a fuel-burning appliance.
 - Develop and practice a home fire escape plan to ensure everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.
 - Know the telephone number for the local fire department and your cottage's emergency sign number, in case of emergency.
 - Clean barbecues before using them. Keep an eye on lit barbecues and ensure all combustibles, as well as children and pets are kept well away from them. Fires can happen when barbecues are left unattended.
 - Keep barbecue lighters and matches out of sight and reach of children.
 - Remember to bring a flashlight with extra batteries.
 - Check heating appliances and chimneys before using them.
 - Check with your local fire department, municipality, or Ministry of Natural Resources to determine whether open air burning is permitted before having a campfire or burning brush. If open burning is allowed, fires should be built on bare soil or on exposed rock. Remove leaves and twigs from around the fire to keep it from spreading. Always keep a bucket of water, sand, or even a shovel close by and supervise the fire at all times.
 - If you must smoke, do so outside. Keep a large can with water nearby so cigarette butts can be safely discarded. If you drink, do so responsibly. Tobacco use and excessive alcohol consumption are contributing factors in many fires and can lead to serious injuries.
 - Burn candles in sturdy candleholders that will not tip and are covered with a glass shade. When you go out, blow out!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - FREE!

Tyendinaga Recreation Complex
(2nd Friday Every Month)

7:00 PM Start

August 12 - *Cars Mater's Tall Tales*

Sept 9 - *Alpha & Omega*

Oct 14 - *Yogi Bear*

Nov 11 - *Gnomeo & Juliet*

Dec 9 - *Rango*

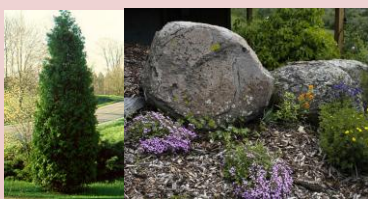
Bring the kids and enjoy a free movie, drink and popcorn. Non-perishable food item donations are accepted at the door.

Fire Hall Tours

We would like to take this opportunity to offer an open invitation for private or group Fire Hall tours. Meet our fire fighters and see first hand the equipment that is used to help protect the community. Don't miss this photo opportunity! Please call the Fire Hall at (613) 396-1660 to schedule.

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Safe Student Accommodation 101: 10 Tips for a safe place to live

As students prepare to move into shared or rented accommodations to attend college or university, parents, guardians and students themselves should take an active role in finding a safe place to live. It is essential for caregivers and students to talk about fire and life safety. Whether returning to school or leaving home for the first time, a discussion about good fire safety practices can help to ensure this exciting time in a student's life is not marred by a fire tragedy.

1. **Look While You Cook:** Stay in the kitchen when cooking – especially if using oil or high temperatures. If a pot catches fire, have a proper-fitting pot lid handy to slide over the pot and turn off the stove. Cooking requires constant attention. Distractions like televisions, cell phones, or computers can lead to a tragic cooking fire.
2. **Candle with Care:** If you use candles in your room or apartment, keep them away from anything that can burn and place them in a safe, sturdy holder with a glass shade or hurricane chimney. Place them where they cannot be knocked over and blow them out when leaving the room.
3. **Keep An Eye On Excessive Drinkers:** Alcohol is a common factor in many fire fatalities involving cooking and smoking. Be aware of roommates and friends who have been drinking excessively, especially if they are cooking or smoking.
4. **Smoke Outside:** Establish rules for smokers. If you permit smoking inside, use large, sturdy ashtrays that can't be easily tipped over. Ashtrays should be emptied into a metal container not the garbage can. Check around furniture cushions after people have been smoking, especially if they have been drinking.
5. **Use Electricity Wisely:** Toasters, coffeemakers and microwaves should be plugged directly into an outlet. If you must use an extension cord, buy one that is the correct gauge for the appliance and has a CSA or ULC approval mark on the label. CSA or ULC approved power bars may be used for stereo equipment, computers and lights.
6. **Clear the Clutter:** Keep things that burn away from heat sources like stovetops, space heaters and electronic equipment. Tea towels and paper too close to burners can catch fire. Keep space heaters at least one metre away from bedding, furniture and curtains.
7. **Working Smoke Alarms:** It's the Law: Your room or apartment must have working smoke alarms. Test them monthly and notify the landlord immediately if they're not working. Dead batteries must be replaced right away. Nuisance alarms can be avoided by making sure smoke alarms are not located too close to the kitchen or bathroom. Consider getting a smoke alarm with a hush feature. Smoke alarms should be checked after any extended absence such as Christmas break and reading week. Never tamper with or disable a smoke alarm.
8. **Plan to Escape:** Know two ways out of your room or apartment in case of fire. Identify all exits and make sure you can use them. If you live in a highrise, familiarize yourself with the building's fire safety plan. If you discover fire, call the fire department from a safe location outside.
9. **Be Equipped:** To stay safe, all students should put together a package that includes a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm, a battery powered lantern or flashlight and radio, extra batteries and a CSA or ULC approved power bar.
10. **Learn More:** For more information about fire safety in student accommodations, contact your local fire department or visit: www.ofm.gov.on.ca, www.makeitstop.ca, www.esasafe.com, www.csa.ca



COLOURING CONTEST

NEW! - Our colouring contest is resuming but in a slightly different format. Please feel free to enter the contest by dropping off your colouring page (any page is eligible) to either the Fire Hall or the municipal office (please remember to include name, age and phone number). Free pages can be picked up at both locations. Random draws will occur in January, March, May, July, Sept and November. **Don't miss out on your chance to win a hand delivered prize by our fire fighters!**