



# SPANISH NEWS REVIEW

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## Council

Mayor-Gary Bishop  
Deputy Mayor-  
Jocelyne Bishop  
Councillors:  
Jeannette D. Lortie  
Ethel Robinson  
Rick Story

## Public Works

J.P. Tremblay  
Tony Drouin

## NOTICE

**Garbage Pick-up will be on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April instead of Good Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Spring Clean-Up will be on Friday May, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

**The Annual Fishing Derby this year was again a great success**

**The Winners of the Derby were as follows:**

### Ages 0 – 7

Mathew Duff	5.1 lbs
Cloey Odenback	1.7 lbs
Kayden Patrie	0.7 lbs
Willow Brindley	0.7 lbs

### Ages 8 – 14

Alexice Dillon	2.5 lbs
Blake Mackinnon	1.5 lbs
Jared Joncas	1.4 lbs
Arianna Diodati	1.1 lbs
James N. Smith	1.0 lbs
Harlan Vachon	0.1lbs
Walker Leadsom	0.1lbs

**Thank you to everyone for participating**

**The Municipal Office, Public Library and Public Works will be closed for the Good Friday and Easter Monday Holiday.**  
**The gym will be closed for Good Friday**

## 2009 TAX ASSESSMENT

Request for Reconsideration deadline if March 31, 2009 for the 2009 taxation year.

Forms are available at the municipal office.

## SPANISH MEDICAL CLINIC

The Clinic is looking for a used X-Box in good condition, if anyone is looking to donate one please contact Angie at the clinic at 844-2263.

The Spanish Public Library will be having an Easter Egg Hunt at the Spanish Legion on Saturday April 11, 2009 at 11:00 am Anyone 11 years and under please call to register  
At 844-2555

**Happy Easter!**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Apr. 6	Council Meeting
Apr.2	Volunteer Fire Training
Apr.9	Medical Committee
Apr. 20	Council Meeting
Apr.16	Volunteer Fire Training
Apr.27	Public Works Meeting

## LANDFILL HOURS

The landfill site will no longer be open to the public during the winter months (Nov. – Apr). As in the past. Should special circumstances arise that require access to the site please contact the municipal office, and we will do our best to accommodate you 844-2300.

Please re-cycle & extend the life of your municipal landfill site. Blue boxes available at the municipal office, the first one is free and every one after is \$10.00 taxes included.

## RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEER FIRE PERSONNEL

The Town of Spanish is looking to recruit volunteers for the Spanish Fire Department. Please pick up application at the Municipal Office between 8am –5pm, Monday to Friday.

The Municipal Office sells smoke alarms for \$9.00 taxes included and replacement batteries at a cost of \$2.00 each tax included. Check the expiry date – good for 10 years on your unit.

If you notice any vandalism please call crime stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. All vandalism is a cost to this community.

## O.P.P. COMPLAINTS

The OPP would like to remind the public that calling 911 is for **emergencies only**. Other police matters, such as administration inquiries, request to speak to an officer or concerns with speeding or traffic violations,

please contact the OPP directly at 1-888-310-1122. Your call will then be logged and form part of their statistics for our community.

The Corporation of the Town of Spanish has surplus land for sale. A copy of the list of properties is available at the Municipal Office

## STOOP & SCOOP BY-LAW

Council would like to remind residents that a Stoop and Scoop By-Law is in effect for the Town of Spanish. If you require information regarding this by-law, please contact the Municipal Office.

## COMMERCIAL ADS

The Spanish Review accepts local commercial ads. You can drop off your ad for the next issue at the municipal office, by fax **844-2622**, or e-mail to [pam.lortie@ontera.net](mailto:pam.lortie@ontera.net). Your cost will be established based on your ad size (\$5.00 - \$30.00)

## REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

We are looking for mixing bowls and coat hangers for the Four Seasons Waterfront Complex. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the municipal office. Thank you.

## Free oil disposal

At Walford Truck & Tractor. Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. For more info, call 844-2881.

## Ecole Ste.-Anne Recycling Program

Please collect Farquhar's Milk Bags only. They will no longer be collecting Pop Cans. You can also drop off you used ink cartridges (printer/fax/photocopier). You can drop them off at the school.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full minutes available on our website [www.info@town.spanish.on.ca](http://www.info@town.spanish.on.ca)

- a by-law to prohibit or regulate the parking of vehicles, or any class thereof on highway or any part of highway was passed.
- The Blind River OPP Detachment was advised that Council would like the following bylaws enforced: Curfew By-Law, Noise Control By-Law, Regulate Speed Limits in school zones, Permit the operation of all terrain vehicles on highways, Regulate the Control of Motorized Snow Vehicles, Parking By-Law.
- Council accepts the recommendation from the Marina Committee and amend the Spanish Marina Rules & Regulations.
- The recommendation of the marina committee to disconnect the services on the Mediterranean dock with this dock remaining as the day dock was accepted.
- The Town to take out membership in the Blind River Chamber of Commerce for an annual fee of \$80.00 with benefits to the town was passed.
- The 2008 Annual Water Report as prepared by Walker Engineering Inc be noted as presented, and is available for public viewing at the office.
- Mr. Corey Houle, Municipal Auditor attended to present the 2009 Financial Statements. He reviewed the statements with Council, answered questions, and advised the municipality is in a very healthy financial position.
- Tony Drouin will be taking the “Entry Level Drinking Water Operator Course” in Sault Ste. Marie the week of June 1st.
- Councillor Lortie CEMC be authorized to attend the Spring Sector Meeting for Emergency Management in the Sault on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.
- That the cost per person to use the sauna at the gym/marina, be left at the current sum of \$3.60 for residents and \$4.20 for non-residents.
- Effective immediately, council encourages all municipal staff to drink water from the municipal water system rather than bottled water to eliminate plastic bottles at the landfill.
- Library Board to proceed with the purchase of new curtains for the Library.
- Municipal garbage will be picked up on Mon.. April 13 instead of Friday April 10 for the Good Friday holiday.
- Gerrie Von Pickartz has completed all the requirements to join the Spanish Fire Department.
- Pam Lortie, Lottery Licence Officer has been authorized to attend the Alcohol Gaming Commissions Spring Lottery Information Session to be held Wed. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Sault Ste. Marie.
- The Mayor is authorized to attend the Algoma District Municipal Assoc. Meeting, Sat. April 25, 2009 at 11:00 am in Blind River.
- The Mayor and one Councillor attend the North Channel Marine Tourism Council to be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Four Seasons Waterfront Complex.

# SERVICES

## SPANISH MEDICAL CLINIC

### REGULAR HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Phone: 844-2263.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OHIP CARD WHEN  
SEEING THE DOCTOR AT THE MEDICAL  
CLINIC

For Medical Emergencies **after hours**

**For Registered Enrolled Patients ONLY –**

**CALL –1-866-553-7205**

All others call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000.

Weekdays 5pm – 9am

Weekends and holidays: 24 hours

Northern travel grant forms are available at the municipal office on the rack in the hallway.

## SPANISH CHIROPRACTOR

Dr. Jamie Perlin is located below the Dental Clinic. Dr. Perlin will be coming on Wednesday April 1, 2009 and Wednesday April 15, 2009. For an appointment, please call 705-849-5320 or 705-862-7171.

## SPANISH DENTAL CLINIC

Dr. Morris of Lively will be attending the clinic every Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. Please call 844-2886 to make an appointment.

## Victims Crisis Assistance & Referral Service

is looking for volunteers for this region. If you are interested, please call Robin Kerr, Executive Director at 1-888-VCARS92 or 705-945-6905. You can also email at [robin@algomavcars.ca](mailto:robin@algomavcars.ca).

## Do Not Call List

Canadians tired of having their dinners interrupted by telemarketers can now register their home and cell phone numbers with a Do Not Call List. Those who want to register a phone number can go to [www.LNNTEDNCL.gc.ca](http://www.LNNTEDNCL.gc.ca) or call 1-866-580-3625.

## HOUSE OF KIN

Travelling to Sudbury for Health Care?

The House of Kin assists in providing low cost accommodation to family of medical patients who travel to our community for treatment. For information call 705-522-3600.

## Community Support Programs

Volunteer Transportation for out of town health related appointments please call 705-356-2265 ext 2455. One week's advance notice is required.

## Red Cross-Home Services

Please contact the office in Sault Ste. Marie at 705-759-4543

## North Shore Legal

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

If you are a low income Ontarian who is seeking legal assistance we are available to answer questions and provide assistance in a broad range of administrative and governmental law. For immediate assistance through our live on-line help go to [www.northshorelegal.ca](http://www.northshorelegal.ca)  
Or call 1-800-465-2479

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### PAMPHLETS

Pamphlets providing information on different topics such as floods, ice storms, power outages etc. are available in the foyer at the municipal office. By preparing yourself for the unexpected, it can help you understand the impact, fear and anxiety an emergency situation can cause. These pamphlets give you information on essential steps in building your own personal emergency plan. We have pamphlets available in both English and French.

## SPANISH PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday 10-5 p.m.

Wed. 10-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Thursday 10-5 p.m.

Friday 10-2- p.m.

Closed on Weekends 8 Trunk Road, Spanish  
Tel: 705-844-2555 fax: 705-844-2555

### **THE GREAT REFRIGERATOR ROUNDUP**

Anyone that needs to get rid of an old refrigerator call 1-877-797-9473 to arrange a pick up. Your refrigerator will be picked up free of charge and disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. The Freon must be in it still.

### **ONTARIO WORKS**

An Ontario Works Case Manager will be in Spanish on Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> & Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Office. For an appt please call 1-800-461-7263.

Let us help you with a job search. For a list of ongoing employment workshops in Blind River and Elliot Lake please contact your case manager. We're here to help.

### **Collège Boréal**

Boréal Employment Services helps people plan, prepare for and succeed in the job market. Looking for Work? Come register with us. We are currently accepting resumes for job openings. Located in Elliot Lake 848-5119 and Blind River 1-705-356-1631. Call to obtain more information about the programs available to job seekers.

### **Job Connect can help**

For youths & adults who need help in finding and keeping jobs-Workshops available-Apprenticeship information-If you are between 15-24 or a student with special needs we assist many students to find jobs

A Job Connect Consultant will be in Spanish on March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Municipal Office from 1:00 – 3:00pm.

Call Elliot Lake (705) 848-0626

1-888-257-5609 or Blind River

1-888-356-2836

[www.job-connect.on.ca](http://www.job-connect.on.ca)

### **Crossing Guard**

The Crossing guard will be on duty from

Monday to Friday as follows:

Morning: 8:10am to 9:00 am

Lunch: 11:45am to 1:15pm

Afternoon: 3:15pm to 4:30pm

(Monday to Thursday)

3:15pm to 4:00pm

Please don't send your children too early if they need to cross Hwy 17. For their safety, please wait for the crossing guard to be at his/her post.

### **ONLINE SERVICES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER GENERAL**

You might be surprised by what's now available for the public through [www.ServiceOntario.ca](http://www.ServiceOntario.ca).

Register a baby using the Newborn Registration Service; Apply for Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates Online; Additional Online Services:

Change of Name Wizard to find helpful information about the ways to change a name, print forms for the two most common types of name changes, and complete at your convenience.

### **Northern Ontario Heritage Fund**

Bob Sjonnesen of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines will be available to community members, businesses and organizations on the second Wednesday of each month from 9:30 am to noon. If you are considering undertaking a project, and you would like to enquire regarding the potential for government funding, please contact Bob at 848-5969 to make an appointment. If you require assistance outside of these times Bob will be happy to find a way to accommodate you. In the meantime, if you would like to review funding programs for businesses, not-for-profit organizations and particularly youth, please feel free to review the programs available through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation at [www.nohfc.com](http://www.nohfc.com). Drop in to meet Bob on April 8, 2009 at the municipal office.

### **SENIOR HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX GRANT**

The Ontario Senior Homeowner's Property Tax Grant is an annual amount provided to help offset property taxes for seniors with low and moderate incomes who own their own homes senior homeowners will apply for the 2009 grant when they file their 2008 personal income tax returns. To receive the grant, you have to apply for it each year by completing and attaching Form ON479 to your personal income tax return. (Note: this form is included in the Ontario returns.)

# CLUBS & GROUPS

## Emergency Food Bank

Held at the Royal Canadian Legion the fourth Friday of the month from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This will be the only time it will be open. Forms are available on the hallway rack at the municipal office.

## SPANISH OUTREACH

At the Spanish Public School, 35 John Street.  
Basement room across from adult education on Monday & Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – noon.  
We offer free to parents with children 0-6 years of age: parent support, toys, crafts, books, community programs, and drop-in.  
Come out and enjoy all the activities that we offer: workshops, snacks & refreshments, toy kits, pregnancy & breastfeeding resources, parent resource books, early reading books, arts & crafts.  
For more information contact: LeeAnn Giroux, Outreach worker @848-6669

Attention: Scrapbookers

Our regular scrapbooking night is on Thursday March 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the municipal office.

## Spanish River Snowmobile Club

New Executive:

President – Dick Smith  
Vice President – Harvey Gamble  
Secretary – Marion Ball  
Treasurer – Jeannette Lortie

Directors: Morris Sanftenberg  
Daryl Minten Don Stevens  
Sharon Gamble Ron Sangster  
Groomer Operators – Harvey Gamble & Daryl Minten  
Events Coordinator – Sharon Gamble  
Trail Permit Coordinator – Jeannette Lortie

To participate in the Special Events- you must have a valid trail permit.

For more information call Sharon Gamble at 844-9926

# INFORMATION

## STUDENTS WANTED PART TIME JOB

Brennan Harbor is looking for students to help with the day to day needs of the camp

Applicants must have the following:

- Great customer service skills
- Enthusiasm
- An interest in fishing
- A desire to work outside
- A hard working mentality

If you have the above and are interested, please contact us at:

[fishing@brennannharbour.com](mailto:fishing@brennannharbour.com)  
or call 844-1136

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped out with the Fishing Derby on March 19, 2009. It was a great success and was nice to see so many people out. If anyone has ideas or suggestions for next year please let one of the committee members know. We would love to hear some feedback.

## NEWS

The McGuinty Government improved energy efficiency standards for new homes. The Ontario Building Code will require near full-height insulation on foundation walls in all new home construction. The basement insulation requirement is the second step in a three-phase approach to energy efficiency brought in with the introduction of the 2006 Building Code. "Our new insulation requirement will ensure Ontario remains a leader in energy efficiency in new home construction. It will support the building of cleaner, greener communities," said Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

## SPANISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spanish Public Library is liquidating VHS movie cassettes. There will also be a book sale throughout the month of February. Come in and see if there is a book you would love to read or a favorite movie to watch.

## QUICK FACTS:

- A typical new home constructed under a building permit after December 31, 2008 will be 28 per cent more efficient than one built under the 1997 Building Code.
- Energy efficient measures in the 2006 Building Code include more energy efficiency windows, higher insulation levels in ceilings, walls and foundation walls, and high-efficiency gas and propane-fired furnaces.

### **Animal Control**

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 the Town of Spanish has a new animal control officer. For all dog complaints please call: Wenrick Kennels

**411 St. Agnes Street**  
Azilda, ON P0M 1B0  
1-800-836-6661

Dog Licenses are now available and can be picked up at the municipal office.

The fees have now been increased as the deadline has now passed.

### **The Spanish Municipal Fitness Centre**

#### **Facility Hours:**

Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 12:00pm and 5 to 8pm

Sat 8:00am to 1:00pm

Sun closed

Our facility offers a wide variety of equipment and exercises to keep your program interesting and challenging to help you meet your personal goals. May perform exercises given to you by your physiotherapists.

We are looking for ideas on what the community would like to see in programming.

### **Membership Fees**

#### **Resident**

One Session - \$6.30

Weekly - \$18.90

Monthly - \$31.50

Student (Monthly only) - \$25.20

Yearly - \$346.50

#### **Non Resident**

One Session - \$7.35

Weekly - \$22.02

Monthly - \$36.75

Student (Monthly only) - \$29.40

Yearly - \$404.25

Fees include: All Scheduled programming

- includes the full use of the gym with a personalized exercise program designed by our personal trainers along with guidance and coaching to improve techniques for optimal benefits.
- Showers
- Gift certificates are available.

Drop in at 40 Garnier Road, Spanish, tour the facility or call to set up an appointment 844-2352.

### **Spanish Municipal Fitness Centre Announcement**

The two winners of the Client Appreciation Awards for March 2009 were as follows:

#### **TOP WALKER:-Morning Shift:**

**Joanne Hubatschek**

**Evening Shift**

**Sylviane Granberg.**

For being two of the most determined walkers, having a positive change in health, having a positive change in attitude, boost in energy level, being a role model to other members, and for being the best you both can be.

Awards for April will be as follows: Top male client and Top female client, the winners will be announced in the May newsletter

Good Luck to all.

You're personal Trainers

Tracy Peterson and Fran Lemire

## **Ontario's Cosmetic Pesticides Ban**

On April 22, 2009, Earth Day Ontario's Cosmetic Pesticides ban will take effect. Pesticides cannot be used for cosmetic purposes on lawns, vegetable and ornamental gardens, patios, driveways, cemeteries and in parks and school yards. Complete information on the Act and exceptions can be found at

[http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land\\_pesticides/index.php#](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land_pesticides/index.php#)

