



SPANISH NEWS REVIEW

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Ethel Robinson

Rick Story

Public Works

J.P. Tremblay

Tony Drouin

Animal Control

Effective January 1st, 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 Licences are now available and can be picked up at the municipal office. Deadline without penalty is February 15, 2009

Energy Brochures are ready for pick up at the municipal office.

New Years Eve Dance

The Spanish Medical Committee will be holding a New Years Eve Dance on Wednesday December 31, 2008 @ 8:00pm.

At the Four Season Waterfront Complex

Cost is \$15.00 per person

which will include a light lunch, party favours and a door prize.

No blue jeans please. A designated driver will be available if you require a ride home. All proceeds to the medical building fund.



Please note that the 2009 recycling calendar is attached.

REMINDER

Water Bills are due
December 31, 2008

Deagle Crescent Rink

This rink is targeted to be closed for this season due to lack of use. If you feel that it should be kept open & maintained the Recreation Committee needs to hear from you.
The Brennan Harbour rink is currently being prepared for use.

FAMILY DAY

The Recreation Committee will be having activities for Family Day on **February 16, 2009** at the Brennan Harbour Rink. We are looking for volunteers - if interested in helping out please contact one of the committee members:

Ron Stolar	Rick Smith
Christina Cross	Jeff Gratton
David Neely	Rick Story

Ethel Robinson

Or Heidi at the municipal office.

Spanish Fitness Centre Announcements

Winners of the Client Appreciation

Awards for December were:

Most Improved-Janet McCormick

Most Dedicated-Sandy Menard

More information will be in the February Newsletter.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Jan. 5	Council Meeting
Jan. 6	Volunteer Fire Training
Jan. 6	Recreation Meeting
Jan. 8	Medical Committee
Jan. 19	Council Meeting
Jan 20	Volunteer Fire Training
Jan. 26	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 \$8.00 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 will 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.

DILLON'S HILL

Will remain open for the winter, at times it may be necessary to temporarily close during a major snow storm. Please monitor the road conditions at all times.

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. 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.

BUILDING PERMITS

With the building season winding down, please contact the municipal office if you require an inspection or for direction regarding new applications. The Municipal Building Inspector will be no longer be attending on a regular basis for the fall and winter season but only by appointments on an as needed basis. Call the office to book for an inspection 844-2300.

The 2007 Municipal Performance Measurement Program Results are now available. Copies of this plan are on display for you to pick up in the foyer.

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 January 7, 2009 and Wednesday
January 21, 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.
His next visit is scheduled for January 7, 2009

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.

Red Cross-Home Services

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

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.

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.
Drop in to meet Bob on January 14, 2009 at the
municipal office.

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
Or call 1-800-465-2479

EMERGENCY PLAN

Please advise the Municipal Office if you or
someone that you are aware of would need
Health Care Assistance, should an Emergency
arise in our Community. A list of names and
addresses would be noted in our Emergency
Plan to have when an Emergency arises. i.e.:
Person relies on a wheel chair for mobility/ or
requires oxygen.

Please check the municipal office foyer for
brochures on how to deal with specific
emergencies i.e. Winter power failure.

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.

ONTARIO WORKS

An Ontario Works Case Manager will be in Spanish on Friday January 9th & Friday January 23rd at the Chiropractors 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.

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

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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 January 8th and January 22nd, 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

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

(Friday – No late bus)

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.

Also, reminder to children that they are to walk their bikes across the highway.

CLUBS & GROUPS

Shedden Community Development Corp.

Your are cordially invites to attend the Shedden Community Development Corp. Annual General Meeting to be held at the Municipal Office at 8 Trunk Rd on January 21, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Everyone is most welcome to come out and exchange ideas regarding our community and its possibilities for development.

Winner of the two free memberships were Charles Cotnoir and Tyler McEachren

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.

SPANISH OUTREACH

At the Spanish Public School
35 John Street, Spanish
Basement room across from adult education on
Monday & Wednesday
from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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 January 8th, 2009 at 6:30pm at the municipal office.

Golden Stars Club

Meet 1st Tuesday of every month at St. Sebastian Church Hall. Pot Luck every 3rd Tuesday.

INFORMATION

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.

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. 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.

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.)

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.

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 it up free of charge and disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. The Freon must be in it still.

Call MTO Road Reports

The season for inclement weather is once again upon us and as such, the Provincial Communications Centre (PCC) in North Bay would like to remind the motoring public **NOT to call the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for road conditions.** Unnecessary calls negatively impact the centre ability to respond efficiently to possible life threatening 911 emergencies.

For Province-wide road conditions, please call the Ministry of Transportation for Ontario (MTO) at **1-800-268-4686** or follow the links on the MTO Website at: www.mto.gov.on.ca

For local area road conditions refer to the government pages of your telephone book under the Roads, Highways and Bridges Section.

Do Not Call List

Canadians tired of havening 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 or call 1-866-580-3625. For more information you can go to www.ctv.ca and learn more.

Municipal Hazardous Waste

Council is working with Stewardship Ontario to arrange for an annual collection of such waste as paint/batteries/light tubes/propane tanks etc.

This will prevent these wastes being deposited into our landfill site.

Stay tuned – more to follow.

HIGHLIGHTS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full minutes available on our website www.info@town.spanish.on.ca

- Thank you to the Legion for their \$100.00 donation to children activities.
- Chris Odenback has been awarded the contract to do the winter maintenance on the rinks. Chris had started the Brennan Harbour rink on December 12.
- Council has approved the use of the van for the Medical Committee New Year's Eve dance, which will be used as a courtesy to take patrons home at the end of the evening should they require this service.
- Council would like to thank the medical committee members for all their hard work throughout the year in their fundraising efforts. The committee has raised \$3888.09 to date in fundraising for 2008 at the following events: The Tree of Lights, Christmas Market and Cookbook sales.
- Council has had the steel pile removed from the landfill and the tires are going to be removed in the near future.
- The Town of Spanish has been approved for a 34 week training placement in the public works department. This placement has been filled and is scheduled to commence Jan. 5, 2009.
- If anyone notices any streetlights that are out please report to the municipal office 844-2300.

Spanish Recreation Committee

Events

The Committee would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations to the Santa Visit:

**D & D Freshmart
Spanish Superette
Vance's Motor Inn**

Spanish Q'Balls Paintball and Bowling Alley

**Dixie Lee
The Legion**

And to all of the volunteers that helped make the Santa Visit a great success.

Notice to the Public

Please note that if the warm-up building at the Brennan Harbour Park is abused this season council will have no alternative but to close this facility. We call upon the public to keep an eye on this facility and report any vandalism/abuse ASAP. Thank you.

Spanish Medical Committee

The Tree of Lights was again a success with \$660.00 raised. These funds also go towards the Medical Building Expansion Fund.

Despite the stormy weather on December 6th, the Committee held a very successful Christmas Market at the Complex. Through the sale of tables to vendors, sale of lunch, penny sale and raffle, the Committee raised approximately \$2,048.00 to go towards the Medical Building Expansion Fund!

The Committee will also be sponsoring the New Year's Dance to be held at the Four Seasons Waterfront Complex on Wednesday, December 31, 2008. The dance begins at 8 pm and tickets are \$15.00, with a cash bar. This includes your party favours, a chance at the door prize and a light lunch. Designated drivers with municipal van will be available if you require a ride home.

The Medical Committee is proposing a Showcase 2009 to be held in the Spring. Watch for more details.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported them throughout the year. A very joyous and prosperous new year to all!