



SPANISH NEWS REVIEW

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SPANISH MARINA

Resumes now being accepted for the following seasonal positions:

- ✓ Lead Hand (1)
- ✓ Marina Attendants – adults (3)
- ✓ Marina Attendants – students (4)

If interested please drop a resume off at the municipal office.

Welcome

Ken McVety, Spanish, to the Public Works department. Ken was approved under a program for 32 weeks.

Spanish Recreation Committee

The Committee has an Ice Machine for sale “as is, where is”

If interested contact the municipal office for more information. Sealed

Bids will be accepted until
March 16, 2009

PUBLIC WORKS LEAD HAND

Resumes are being accepted for the position of Lead Hand, until March 6, 2009. If interested please drop a resume off at the municipal office.

COMMUNITY CHANNEL

The community channel is now done right through persona. If you are looking to put something on the community channel go to www.personatv.ca and follow the prompts.

2009 TAX ASSESSMENT

Request for Reconsideration deadline if March 31, 2009 for the 2009 taxation year. Forms are available at the municipal office.

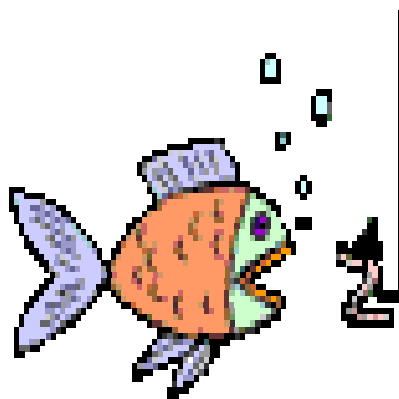
FIRE DEPARTMENT REMINDER

To all homeowners to please keep driveways accessible for Emergency Vehicles i.e.: a Fire

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.

**Annual Family
Fishing Derby will
be held on
March 15, 2009,
registration starting
at 11 am, held on
Smith Lake.**



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mar. 2	Council Meeting
Mar. 5	Volunteer Fire Training
Mar. 12	Medical Committee
Mar. 16	Council Meeting
Mar. 19	Volunteer Fire Training
Mar. 30	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 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.

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

- The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Emergency Management Ontario congratulated the municipality for completing all of the mandatory emergency management activities required for 2008.
- The Spanish gym instructors were authorized to implement a “Spring Outdoor Boot Camp” see attached flyer.
- The town has entered into an agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, regarding an Economic Development/Energy Efficiency Officer under the Northern Ontario Youth Internship Program. One college/university student will be hired under the program for one year.
- Council has set the 2009 Spanish Municipal Marina Fees; they can be picked up at the municipal office or the marina.

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 March 4, 2009 and Wednesday March 18, 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.

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.

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
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
www.town.spanish.on.ca

**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 13th & Thursday March 26th 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 5th and March 19th, 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.

**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.

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 March 11, 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 Scrap bookers:

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

Family Fun Run

Saturday March 7, 2009

Leave Vance's Motor Inn @ 10:00 am. Pack a lunch (wieners & buns etc.) We will head out on the trails & stop somewhere, make a fire, have lunch & lots of fun.

INFORMATION

LOST & FOUND

On February 16, 2009 at the Brennan Harbour Rink a bracelet was found, if lost one please come to the municipal office to identify.

Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma Man. Kap.

A Constituency Clinic will be at the municipal office on March 2, 2009 3:30-4:30 to meet with the public.

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**

Blind River Chamber of Commerce

Is offering a workshop titled "Unleashing Your Power to Succeed" held on March 4th. For further information contact Tammy at 705-356-2555.

JOB POSITION AVAILABLE

At Brennan Harbour Resort.

Duties include meal preparation, cooking and serving. Kitchen clean up and other light cleaning is necessary. Please send resume to bharbour@bellnet.ca or call 844-1136

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.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped out with Family Day on February 16, 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.

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 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 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.



**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY ON
MARCH 17**

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

Announcements

The three winners of the Client Appreciation Awards for February are:

TOP YOUTH: tied Megan Lortie & Rylan Stolar. For being two of the most determined, by pushing themselves to do more, getting others to participate, setting a good example, for being a positive person and not giving up.

The **OLE TIMERS AWARD:** Jan Fowler For her many years of dedication and determination. For being energetic, having a positive attitude and for just being you. Congratulations on a work out well done, keep up the good work

You're personal Trainers

Tracy Peterson and Fran Lemire

March awards winners will be announced in the April Spanish Review

