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**August/September  
2017**

## *Water Main Flushing & Hydrant Flow Testing*

### **Special points of interest:**

- The municipal **office** will be **c l o s e d** **M o n d a y**, August 7th and September 4th.
- Municipal Office Summer Hours are in effect until September 15th: Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and **Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**
- When making **o n l i n e** payments for taxes & water, please be sure to select the proper payee account for taxes or water accordingly.

Fire hydrant flow testing will be done and flushing of the water mains for regular maintenance is scheduled to take place beginning September 18th at 12:01 a.m. and will take approximately 5 to 10 weekdays to flush the whole system. Flushing is planned to happen at night beginning at approximately 12 midnight. Flushing may extend into daytime hours due to circumstances beyond the control of the village. Please plan your household tasks accordingly.

Water quantity and quality may fluctuate while this work is being completed. If you see public works staff working on the hydrants in your area, it's best not to run your water.

For your convenience, it is advisable to store some water in advance to ensure you have enough water for drinking and cooking in case there is an interruption of water pressure or colour. It may also be advisable to shower in the evenings before flushing begins.



We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience as this maintenance is necessary. Once the flushing is complete, it is recommended to clean the screens on your taps and if necessary let a cold water tap run outside until any coloured water has cleared. You might also want to flush your hot water tank properly.

## *Thank You Kawartha & Community*

The South River branch of the Kawartha Credit Union along with an overwhelming show of support from local residents have done it again! Another successful barbeque and silent auction was hosted by Kawartha Credit Union to raise enough money to send 20 children to the South River – Machar Day Camp for one week each.

The Day Camp is open to children ages 6 to 14 years. Children are encouraged to participate in a variety of age appropriate activities. Free transportation is provided from Sundridge, South River and along a designated route to the camp.

If you are interested in using one of these spaces to send your child to camp, please contact the South River Municipal office @ (705)386-2573.

## *Large Item Pick-up*

**August 21st is the next scheduled Large Item Pick-up.**

All items for disposal must be registered by calling the municipal office no later than 4 p.m. on *Wednesday, August 16th @ (705)386-2573.*

Refer to the 2017 Waste & Recycling Calendar for more information including details about fall compost collection and Hazmat drop-off day. Copies of the calendar are available at the municipal office or online at [www.southernriverontario.com](http://www.southernriverontario.com).

Don't miss the 'Still Standing' episode featuring South River airing on CBC September 12, 2017.

# Emergency

Did you read the Emergency Information flyer included with the last water bill? If you missed it read it on our website [www.southriverontario.com](http://www.southriverontario.com). You can find it under the *Community Services* tab and click on *Emergency Planning*. The flyer includes helpful information about calling 911 from a cell phone or VOIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) and how residents would be notified if there was an emergency in our community.

## Be Bear Wise



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has lots of good information on their website regarding bears. Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-bear-encounters-bear-wise> for a variety of information such as how to remove bear attractants, who to

contact if for emergencies or non-emergencies, etc.

When bears pick up a scent with their keen noses, they will investigate it. If they find bird food, garbage or pet food they will return as long as the food source is available.

Here are a few reminders: put garbage out only on the morning of

garbage day, not the night before; put garbage in containers that have tight-fitting lids and store it in a bear-proof location such as your basement or a sturdy garage; spray garbage cans and lids with bleach or another strong disinfectant; do not leave pet food outdoors, in screened-in areas or porches.

### Municipal Office Summer Hours

(July 1st to September 15th)

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Winter Hours resume September 16th to June 30th:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



### Turkey Supper

Hosted by the Anglican Church Thursday, August 10th

5:00 p.m. At Sundridge Strong Joly Arena Hall

Adults \$16, Children \$8, 5 and under FREE

### Kombucha Workshop

Hosted by Trisha Mundell

Monday, August 21st @ 6:30 p.m.

At Highlander Brewery

Contact the South River—Machar Union Public Library to register or for more information @ 705-386-0222.

## The Business Side of Things

**Final tax bills** will be sent out near the end of August. The first installment of this bill will be due by September 29, 2017 and the second installment will be due by November 30, 2017.

**Fire Permits** are required for burning brush and are available at the municipal office for only \$5. A permit is not required for small camp fires

of .3m<sup>3</sup> or less. Always use caution when burning. The Fire Department has a website with up to date details about the service they provide, including fire hazard ratings. Be sure to visit their site [www.srmfd.com](http://www.srmfd.com).



**By-law 18-2016** was passed July 11, 2016 prohibiting smoking within 9 meters of

any entrance, exit or air intake of municipal property or on any public beach. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes.

**The 2017 Budget** was passed by Council on **July 10th** with a **2.7%** increase.

**Keep all receipts issued by the municipality. There is a fee of \$25 to provide duplicate copies.**

### CodeRED

mass notification service is available to South River residents. Please visit the South River-Machar Fire Department website for information about how you can sign up for this service. You can also sign up to be notified of unplanned adverse water conditions. You can choose the method in which you want to be notified and you can even download the app.