



Work on the Levack/ Onaping Water Line



New foundations in Levack, Kastletree Homes starts construction



Sudbury Mayor John Rodriguez

Onaping Falls CAN Community News



Claude Berthiaume Councillor's Report

I am looking forward to completion of the Onaping/Levack water project hopefully with the minimum disruption to residents. It will provide to the community safe drinking water for the next 50 years and longer. I was happy to provide funding to the temporary ice rink in Levack and we will look at a more permanent site for next winter as we succeeded in obtaining funding for it in the 2009 budget.

A decision will be made soon on the infrastructure budget for "shave and pave" road projects. The highway 8 is a high priority for this funding and if passed by council, it will be done in 2009 or 2010. I wish you all the best in 2009 and would like to thank the Community Action Network for all the work and feedback to me on the needs of the community.

Claude Berthiaume
Deputy Mayor/councillor ward 3
City of Greater Sudbury "



Update on the Onaping-Levack water project.

Brad Johns, City of Greater Sudbury Water & Wastewater Services Facilities Engineer reports that work on the Onaping-Levack Elevated Storage Tank is presently underway and on schedule to be completed by Sept. 1, 2009. The contractor is Landmark Structures. The Wickwas Well Facility and Pressure Control Facilities (PCF) are in the Shop

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CAN is Extremely Important, Because They Represent Hope. says Mayor

Sudbury Mayor John Rodriguez told the representatives of the 12 Community Action Networks that attended the CAN Summit December 5 that the work of CAN is extremely important, because they represent hope.

"Being the mayor of the City of Greater Sudbury I have the opportunity to see that this is the largest geographic city in the province of Ontario. It is the second largest in Canada and the fourth largest in North America.

"We have over 3600 km of roads and lanes, which if stretched end-to-end would go from here to Atlanta Georgia. We are as big as the state of Rhode Island, three quarters the size of Prince Edward Island.

"So we have challenges. City Council can't make the city work alone. We have great staff, and I am always amazed at the services they are able to deliver in an effective and timely fashion with the kind of money we get."

The name of your organization is CAN the Community Action Network.

"The C in CAN is for community. Community involves citizens. As mayor and councillors we cannot do what you do. You're at the front lines. You are interacting, making things happen in the community, because you believe this can be the greatest city in Canada. We all believe that.

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This community action newsletter is an attempt to promote some of the worthwhile activities in the area. Please contact 966-5403 or e-mail onapingfallscan@gmail to include your information in the next newsletter. More information and a calendar of activities can be found at sudburynorthwest.wordpress.com.

The Great Cardboard Toboggan Race & Snow Snake Treasure Hunt

When: Saturday, March 7th, 2009
Where: Levack Ski Hill - First Street, Levack
Registration 10:30 - 11:00am
Races begin at 11:00am - 1:00pm
Snow Snake Treasure Hunt 1:00pm
Registration Fee: Free

Cardboard Creations and Regular Toboggans - Snow Tubes provided

Prizes for Oldest, Youngest, Most Creative, Fastest, Slowest, Most People on a Toboggan (Cardboard and Regular toboggan categories)



The Levack ski chalet is now gone but the hill is in great shape and is one of the best tobogganing areas in Sudbury.



Onaping Falls Golden Age Club 966-2502

Located at 109 Service Road, Onaping, Ontario. The President is Eugene Barkett. The facility offers pool, cards, woodworking shop, exercise room, kitchen and hall rental for members. There are also bocce courts, a horseshoe court, darts, licensed bar and computer for general membership use. Membership is open to any senior. There is no age requirement other than the majority of members should be 60 or over. The club also trains people as Smart Servers at no cost to the individual.

The club has over 250 members including 29 life members. On weekdays the club is open from 12:30 PM to 4 PM for a variety of activities. The club's general membership meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 2 PM and end with a potluck supper. Executive meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Bingos are held every Tuesday at 7 PM. Other activities include pool tournaments, spring yard sale, bowling outings, line dancing, horseshoe tournaments, bocce tournaments and cards.

VALENTINE'S DAY SUPPER AT THE ONAPING COMMUNITY CENTER
The Onaping Community Center Association is holding a fundraiser Valentine's Day supper at five o'clock
Valentine's Day the 14th of February. The event will be held in the Onaping Community Center. On the menu are a choice of stuffed chicken or vegetarian lasagna. Don't forget to take your loved one out to supper and support the community center as well.
Call 966-3463 for information

Onaping Falls Swimming Pool

Onaping Falls Swimming Pool is located at 1 Hillside Dr. in Onaping, behind the community center. (966-2133). It is one of five public pools in Greater Sudbury. The pool is open from September to April with swim programs, aquasize, aquatherapy, and a new teen aquatic boot camp. There are lane swims, family, public, adult and senior swims.

Monday's at the Onaping pool: public swimming 1 PM to 1:55 PM, public swimming 7 PM to 7:55 PM, adult swimming 8 PM to 8:55 PM. Tuesday adult swimming 9 AM to 9:55 AM, family swimming 10 AM to 10:55 AM, seniors swimming 11 AM to 11:55 AM. Wednesday swimming adults 1 PM to 1:55 PM, destination lane swimming 8 PM to 8:55 PM. Thursday's adult swimming 9 AM to 9:55 AM, Senior swimming 11 AM to 11:55 AM, teen aquatic boot camp 8 PM to 8:55 PM. Friday's destination lane swimming 8 AM to 8:55 AM, family swimming 10 AM to 10:55 AM, family swimming 6 PM to 7:55 PM.

Saturday swimming adults 12 PM to 12:55 PM public 1 PM to 2:55 PM

Swimming fees are the same throughout the city. Adults \$3.25, students and seniors three dollars and family \$7.75 per individual visit. The Onaping pool can be rented for private use at a rate of \$53 for 50 minute use. Great for parties. The fee includes two lifeguards and insurance coverage.

Swimming lessons will be held in the spring. Call for times.

Onaping Falls Badminton Club

The Onaping Falls Badminton Club meets Sunday and Wednesday nights in the Onaping Community Centre gym from 8:30 PM until 11:00 PM. There are three courts and they are rarely full. Play is round robin. Skill levels range from competitive to beginner, but we play for fun only. Instruction can be provided on request. There are no age or gender restrictions. Membership is free, so bring your racket out and come get some enjoyable exercise.

Dowling Leisure Center

Dowling Leisure Center (855-9028) 79 Main St West., Dowling is the home of the city Citizen Service Center (311) which provides a local place to access city government services. The center houses a fitness center (855-2541) one of eight fitness centers in the City of Greater Sudbury. The fitness center has squash ball courts, a walking track, saunas and showers. Aerobics and yoga are held in the evenings. The daily fee for use of the fitness center is three dollars per person. A 10 visit punchcard costs \$27. Fitness fees for participants aged 16 and up include the use of all facilities except the squash courts and participation in the fitness classes. Fees to use the squash court are \$7 for adults per day and \$5 for seniors and students. Rackets can be rented for \$2 each and that includes protective eye glasses. Squash balls are \$.50 each. To reserve the squash ball court call 855-2541.

Tai Chi programs are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the fitness center.

The Dowling Lionnel Rheaume Branch library (855-9028) is located here.

The Extreme North Gymnastics Club (855-5445) one of five gymnastics clubs in the city is run by Tracey Day in the Dowling Center. The Onaping Falls Stitching Guild is also housed in the leisure center.

Dowling Youth Drop-In Center (855-2541) is an active part of the Dowling Leisure Center.

Activities include basketball, volleyball, badminton, pool, ping-pong, board games, music and videos. Special events include dances, movie nights and trips. There are no fees. The center is for ages 10 to 19 years.

The Youth Drop-In Center is open Mondays and Wednesdays to June 1. Ages 10 to 12 are welcome from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Ages 13 to 19 use of facilities from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Onaping Falls Adult Learning Centre

The Onaping Falls Adult Learning Centre is a literacy basic skills program assisting adults at all stages of learning, from first time readers to those ready to graduate from high school and wanting to prepare for college. The centre is now pleased to introduce a new program known as Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (P.L.A.R.) which helps adults to quickly get their grade 12 Ontario Secondary School Diploma (O.S.S.D.).

The Adult Learning Centre is open Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm and is located in the Onaping Community Centre. For more information please contact Joanne Ederer at 966-2897 or 965-2481.

Joanne teaches a variety of programs from basic English and mathematics to correspondence courses. It is an individual learner-driven program designed around the participants goals. Enrollment is continuous meaning whenever an adult shows up their courses start. And it is a free program funded by the Sudbury Catholic District School Board.

The Onaping Falls Adult Learning Centre has been operating out of Onaping for the past seven years as a satellite of St. Albert Adult Learning Centre located on St. Raphael St. in Sudbury. High school dropouts and adult students who have struggled in the mainstream education system have been helped. The centre serves Cartier, Dowling, Onaping and Levack. The centre fills five rooms in the Onaping Community Centre. It gives space for students to work alone or with the instructor. Joanne explained that most of the courses are in math and English but correspondence courses in a variety of subjects are also available. High-speed internet service is coming soon. The centre currently serves 8 students and is prepared to serve up to 12 learners. All adults are welcome!

Onaping Hill Soap Box Derby

It's time to start planning the 4th annual Thrill on Onaping Hill Soap Box Derby. Orders for Soap Box kits are being taken until March 30th, 2009. For pricing or more information, please contact Chantelle at 966-9666



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 503

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 503. (966-2387) Located at St. James Street, Onaping. Activities Include Darts, Pool, porketta bingo and cards. Students going into post secondary education are encouraged to apply for Legion bursaries. The Legion each year hosts speaking competitions and poster competitions. A highlight of the year is November 11 ceremonies.

Jim Coady Memorial Arena in Levack

Jim Coady Memorial Arena in Levack (966-2774) is located at 13 Second Ave. N., Levack. It is a place for minor hockey, adult men's hockey and women's hockey teams.

There is public skating on Fridays from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The centre hosts Triple A Bantam Games and a number of adult and Shiny hockey games throughout the year.

Trans Cab Service

Trans Cab Service (671-7050) is an extension of the Sudbury bus service servicing the area from Chelmsford to Dowling, Onaping and Levack. Schedules are available at the Mini Mart and Onaping mall.

Onaping Falls Community Center

Onaping Falls Community Center (966-3463). Driving from Levack the center can be found by heading north on Onaping Dr. left on Pine Street and follow it around the corner until 1 Hillside Avenue. An alternate route from the Dowling area, take Tamarac Avenue off of Highway 144 half-mile past the Levack Onaping turnoff. Turn right at Pine Street and head north to Hillside. The former Onaping school and Falconbridge office complex is now a community center that houses the local library, gym, youth center center, activity rooms and offices as well as the area swimming pool.

The Onaping Library (966-2140) hours are: Monday 10:00 am-2p.m. Tuesday 3-8 p.m. Wed 3-8 p.m. Thursday 3-8 p.m. Friday closed Saturday 10am-2p.m. Sunday closed. There are books, tapes, videos to read and see as well as computers to use. Head librarian: Sue Miller

Open gym night is Mondays from 5:30 PM to 9 PM

Indoor walking in the gym is scheduled for Mondays, 10 AM to 1:30 PM, Tuesdays from 10 AM to 4 PM, Wednesdays from 5:30 PM to 7 PM.

Family badminton is held on Wednesdays and Sundays from 7 PM to 8 PM.

Adult badminton is held on Wednesdays and Sundays from 8 PM to 11 PM.

Tops meets Wednesdays from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the center.

Tai Chi is held Mondays from 1:30 PM to 3 PM

Play and Chat for parents and their children meet Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 AM to 12 noon.

Bridge club meets on Tuesdays from 1 PM to 4 PM

Ladies sewing is held Tuesdays from 10 AM to 1 PM and Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

The Art club meets Mondays 10 AM to 3 PM and Tuesdays 10 AM to 4 PM On Wednesdays the Art club meets from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Levack/Onaping Youth Drop-In Center (966-3463)

Activities include basketball, volleyball, badminton, pool, ping-pong, board games, music and videos. Special events include dances, movie nights and trips. No fees! Ages 10 to 19 years. Location: basement of the Onaping Community Center. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays to June 1. Ages 10 to 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ages 13 to 19 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 PM contact please call 966-3463.

The youth center is now underused and suggestions are welcome. At recent Onaping Falls Community Action Network meetings it was suggested that trans-cab busing be arranged on a regular basis between the arena in Levack and the community center in Onaping.

Levack-Onaping skateboard park

Levack-Onaping skateboard park is located in Russell Beaudry outdoor skating rink in Onaping. Equipment varies each year. It's open from May to October weather permitting from dawn to dusk at no charge. The rough paved surface has been a problem for skateboarders. The Onaping Falls CAN tried to have a summer skateboard park located in the Jim Coady Arena last summer but met with resistance which hopefully will be overcome this year.

Royal Purple of Canada Sudbury Lodge

Royal Purple of Canada Sudbury Lodge 145 (966-3355) contact Terry Shinton; Tammy at 855-3241 Jeannine at 855-2503.

The Lodge meets every second Tuesday of the month from September to June at St. John's United Church. It is a service organization with proceeds going toward children and youth. Their annual bursary is awarded locally. Other activities include addictions' awareness, competition-CX Ski day. New members are welcome.

Onaping Falls Art Club

Members meet every Monday and Tuesday from 10AM until 4PM at the Community Center in Onaping. Members bring their own supplies and work on art projects together in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Some canvases and other art supplies are available for purchase. The club hosts an art exhibit every spring where members can showcase their works of art to the public.

Artists from other northern communities visit occasionally to offer teaching seminars on their particular artistic skills. These lessons are paid for by interested members who register for the courses. Every Wednesday Mary Nowak teaches painting for a small fee to interested members from 10AM until 1PM. Membership for the year, which begins every September, is \$25.00 per person. We are open to new members and you can join anytime! Come and visit us on a Monday or Tuesday and see what fun you've been missing, or just call Dawn Searson, our club Vice President, at 966-2722 if you are interested in joining!



Youth centre staff

Onaping Falls Curling Club

The Onaping Falls Curling Club is located at 10 Fraser St. Onaping, Ont. The club has over 150 members. The executive includes President Clarence Vowels, Vice President Yolly Perron, Treasurer David Thibault, and Secretary Diane Krause. Other members on the executive include, Lynn Castonguay, Paulette Portier, Dan Messier, Joanne Landrey, Mike Maisonneuve, and Lucille Lafontaine, .

The club has a busy regular schedule with the Ladies Curling League held every Monday night at 7:00pm, Men's Curling League has two draws every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. Pensioners' Curling is held every Wednesday morning at 11:00 am. Open Curling is held every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. The three draws for the Mixed Curling League are held every Friday at 6:30 pm, 8:00 pm and 9:30 pm. New members are welcome.

The curling rink or hall is available for rent by the general public. One of the reasons why the Onaping Falls Curling Club is so busy is because of the active participation of volunteers who have kept the costs low and passed on the savings to curlers.

The season curling will end near the end of March when the Club will close for another year. The Onaping Falls Curling Club can be reached at 966-2323

Onaping Falls Nordic Ski Club

Ski trails are located off of Highway 144 near the Windy Lake Motel. For updates on ski conditions callout line at 855-0145.

Special event : Family Day Holiday Weekend-Sponsored by the Elks and Royal Purple. Enjoy free skiing, a poker run, and a free lunch on Sunday February 15 (sponsored by the Elks and Royal Purple.) On Monday February 16 enjoyed Family Ski Celebration with a Valentines Chocolate Hunt. Day passes and seasons passes are available to purchase. New members are welcome. Great skiing on a variety of groomed trails.

Levack Public School

Levack Public School is a dual track school located in the old Levack High School. There are many activities going on. There is a rock band program and choir under the enthusiastic leadership of Nicole Rocheleau. The school has finished the junior and intermediate basketball season with the help of coaches Mrs. Pauline Taylor, Miss Diane Krause and Miss Nancy Ceaser.

Our student Council is holding Spirit Days and grades 6/7/8 school dances, under Prime Minister Thomas Sagle.

For the month of January our school focus has been preparing classes for oral presentations. The school winners of the speech contest go to our local Legion branch 503 on February 8. Levack Public School staff and students are very appreciative of Mr. Bill Henderson and the educational outreach he does for all the Levack Leopards.

The school recently raised over \$500 for the "Free the Children Fund" under the enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. Doyle and her class.

Levack Public School celebrates Red Fridays. Students and staff wear red shirts or camouflage to think about and honor our Canadian troops stationed all over the world. The school challenges the community of Onaping Falls to join us by wearing red on Fridays. The Knights of Columbus sponsor a Basketball Free-Throw Contest for Levack Public School Students. The older students (10 and up) thoroughly enjoy and look forward to this day.

We very much appreciate the volunteers who come to work at our school to help improve the educational grades for students. If you'd like to volunteer your services please phone and let us know.

Our annual Seniors and Grandparents' Tea will take place on Friday, February 13. All seniors are welcome even if you don't have a grandchild in our school. A huge thank you to Mrs. Lapointe for orchestrating this delightful event.

The Levack Leopards love our trips to the Levack Arena to skate. Thank goodness so many parents come and help with the skates. Last skating day is scheduled for Friday, February 20.

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drawing approval stage. The contractor will be starting construction in two weeks. The construction of the PCF, located at the Hardy Industrial Park near the Xstrata entrance, will start in March. The contractor is Cecchetto & Sons. Two of the Watermain Contracts have been awarded. The first contract is nearing completion. The second contract will begin in March. The contractor for both is Belanger Construction. The 3rd contract will be tendered by the end of February, but won't begin until May. This contract will include installing watermain along the bridge between Onaping and Levack and the construction of a second watermain and separate structure across the river alongside the bridge.

St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church

St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church (966-3762) is located on Church Street in Levack. Mass is held Saturday at 7 PM, Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 PM with Father Bob officiating. Activities at the church include Knights of Columbus, C. W. L., and a knitting group run by Robin Waltz.





Larchwood Memorial United Church

The church is located at 15 Douglas Crescent in Dowling. The Minister is the Reverend Cathy Taylor. Church services start at 9:30 Sunday mornings. The church has an active Sunday School, Bible Study and maintains an open door policy. The church hall is available for rent to organizations and groups. The congregation hosts dinners, rummage sales, and a fair. The Larchwood UCW (United Church Women) hosts bake sales and an annual Christmas Tea in November. On Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m., members of the congregation participate in a knitting group. If you knit or want to learn to knit / crochet this is the place. Larchwood Memorial is a small but very active congregation who welcomes all to the church.

St. Johns United Church

St. John's United is located on 3rd Ave., North in Levack. Rev. Cathy Taylor is the minister and weekly worship starts at 11 AM Sunday mornings. The church Sunday school Children's Corner also starts at 11 AM.

What's Happening in the Onaping Falls Pastoral Charge in 2009!

Get your calendar out and mark these dates! The following fund-raising events are an important part of the church's work which allows the churches to fulfill their mission locally and around the world. This list is always a work in progress and subject to change.

Saturday, February 14th	Spaghetti Supper	Larchwood
Saturday, February 28th	Beef Dinner	St. John's
Friday, April 3rd	Rummage Sale	Larchwood
Sunday, April 5th	Palm Sunday Brunch	St. John's
Friday April 17th	Cabaret/Concert	St. John's
Sunday, April 26th	Joy Bell Turkey Dinner	Larchwood
Saturday, May 2nd	Yard Sale	St. John's
Saturday, May 9th	Spring Fair	Larchwood
May/June	Spring Tea	St. John's
Sunday, September 27th	Cavalcade Dinner	Larchwood
Wed./Thurs., Sept. 30th Oct.1st	Pie Making	St. John's
Saturday, November 7th	Turkey Supper	St. John's
Sunday, November 15th	UCW Tea	Larchwood
November	Christmas Bazaar	St. John's

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In the September 8 edition of Maclean's magazine they wrote about Canada's smartest cities. The National Council of Learning had surveyed 4700 municipalities in Canada and listed the top 35. We were the 28th smartest city in Canada.

They had a most cultured city category. "I don't want to go there tonight," said the mayor, bringing chuckles from the audience, "we were number 21". He was saying we could've done better by supporting his art center project.

What I'm most proud of is that in the most caring city criteria we ranked number four. That is fantastic in a rating of 4500 municipalities."

"That is you. That is what you do. You interact and work with citizens, you involve yourself in the community and you plan and make things happen. You represent hope for the city."

"Hope. That's very important when you're dealing with our city. It is so easy to get down on ourselves for so many things. The water at this center on Fielding road is full of sulfur, the snow plows did not come by for 48 hours, whatever. There is always something to make people feel there is no hope, but you represent hope. You are always positive, working together to involve the community."

Then there is action. The second part of the Community Action Network name. Action is a positive thing. You're taking on responsibilities. That's what CANs are all about. You are taking on responsibility for our community.

Networking. It's sharing, communicating, partnering. "You are networking, bringing people together. This Summit is important for bringing the leadership of CANs together to share ideas. It's important for propagating change to make hope a possibility in the communities."

"Yes you can, because you are the CANs. If the CANs can't do, who the hell can," said Mayor Rodriguez. "Thank you for what you do, from the bottom of my heart".