

The Corporation of the Township of Matachewan

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Matachewan Remembers...

Albert Joseph



Albert Joseph passed away peacefully at his home in Matachewan on August 30, 2009.

Albert was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many who loved him dearly and his memory will live on through them and their many cherished memories.

Albert was a talented handyman who was able to recognize when someone needed his help. If he was needed, he was there! His handiwork is evident here in Matachewan and in his 59 years, has worked on the majority of



the homes and buildings in Matachewan at one time or another. Albert was patient and kind and was even willing to walk you through it if you wanted to learn how to do something yourself. (but he would always insist on helping anyway!) Many of you will be reminded of

him when you look at your ceiling fan, chimney or garage. Others will think of him the next time they gather with friends for a cold one to listen to Johnny Cash or to get together to enjoy the home-grown sounds of a guitarist. We will miss your playing.

Albert was known to be a proud and strong man with a noble character and a generous heart.

Rest now friend and know that you will be missed very much.

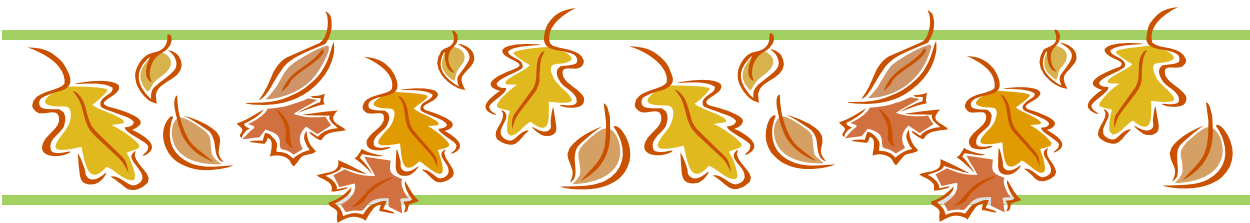


Cold winter months can cause pipes to freeze and burst. Some insurance policies will not pay claims unless prior care was taken to prevent freezing. The Matachewan Volunteer Fire Department says to avoid frozen pipes, flooding and costly repairs:

- Install a bleeder. Available for a cost of \$15.00 at the Matachewan Municipal Office.
- Check and insulate pipes in unheated areas, basements, crawl spaces and exterior walls. These usually freeze first.
- Drain outside faucets which are susceptible. Turn off the water supply inside that controls the outside faucet, then open the outside faucet to allow the remaining water to drain out.
- If you will be away from your house, leave your heating thermostat at a reasonable temperature and open faucets slightly to allow a small amount of water to flow.
- If you will be away for several months, shut off the water and drain the system. Call a plumber for proper procedures and have someone check your home/cottage daily.
- If you have a loss of heat, check the pipes, open faucets and allow them to drip slightly. If pipes in freeze-prone areas have not been insulated, newspaper may be used for temporary insulation.
- Consult a professional for special low level heating for a pipes that keep freezing. Do not rig your own system. It could create a fire hazard.
- Never attempt to thaw a pipe by using a hair dryer; you may start a fire.
- Locate your main shut-off valve in your home before the weather turns frigid. If your pipes burst, turn off this valve to avoid further damage, then contact the Municipal Office.



“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”.



WHAT DO YOU GET FOR YOUR MUNICIPAL TAXES?

- 1. Landfill site
- 2. Roads, streets and signage
- 3. Fire Protection
- 4. Community Hall
- 5. Young-Davidson Multifunctional Complex
- 6. Beach, Gazebo and Volleyball Nets
- 7. Basketball Court
- 8. Get Fit Centre (memberships available)
- 9. Health Centre/Nursing Station
- 10. Cemetery
- 11. Police Protection
- 12. Emergency Medical Services
 - Land Ambulance
 - Air Ambulance (including helipad)
- 13. Social Services
 - Social Housing
 - Social Assistance
 - ODSP
 - Childcare
- 14. Schools and bussing (education tax portion of bill)
- 15. Administrative Services
 - Facsimile
 - Photocopying
 - Proctor/Invigilator
 - Regulatory, Accountability, Health & Safety - Policy and By-laws
 - Emergency Management

- 16. Advocacy
 - MTO (Highway 66, 65, bridge, etc.)
 - MNR (Fire agreement, TFAI, forest management, camping, wildlife)
 - MNDMF (Mining, forestry, NOHFC, etc.)
 - MPAC (Tax Assessment, Voters Lists, etc.)
 - Funding Assistance (YD Complex, Fire Hall, Water, Buildings, etc.)
 - Many, many, more...
- 17. Economic Development and Tourism
 - KDCDC (funding & signage)
 - TATA (trails & tourism)
 - IPM
 - Reunion
 - Advertising
 - Employment

And many, many, many more...
all for some of the lowest taxes
anywhere!!!



PROPERTY STANDARDS

The Corporation of the Township of Matachewan is seeking individuals to sit on the Property Standards Committee.

The Property Standards Committee would consist of the following;

- A minimum of 3 volunteers at arms length of the Municipality
- Ratepayers of the Township of Matachewan
- Owners/occupants who are compliant with both the 2007-14 Property Standards and 2008-22 Clean and Clear By-Laws

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Matachewan Municipal Office for more information.

Together, we can keep our neighborhoods safe, appealing, pleasant and beautiful.

Apply today!

WANTED!

Trail Volunteers

Keeping our snowmobile trails open and groomed has been precarious in recent years due to a lack of active volunteers from our community. We thank everyone who came out to help last season, you did a great job and kept our trails going another year.

Help keep our trails groomed and open this year by volunteering to clear brush and erect signs on the trails before it snows.

Become a trail volunteer today!

