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Date Set For Espanola High School Reunion



By Rosalind Russell - The 75th Espanola High School Reunion date has been finalized.

The committee has set July 31st, August 1st and August 2nd of next year for the event.

They are looking for an enthusiastic team of volunteers interested in making it a memorable experience adding volunteers will play a crucial role in the three-day event.

There is a great need for committed committee members, so a first meeting is set for May 28th at 6:30 pm at the Espanola United Church – use the side door (137 Shepherd Street)

Anyone interested in knowing more or volunteering are invited to attend.

Photo by Rosalind Russell

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Town of Espanola NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public participation in this Public Hearing will be in person. Please notify us of your intention to attend by calling 705.869.1540 x 2104 for details and instructions. If you do not wish to provide input but would like to view the proceedings, watch online: www.espanola.ca/agendas

IN THE MATTER OF AN application under Section 34 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, notice is hereby given that the Town of Espanola will be holding a Public Hearing to receive representations from all persons who deem it in their interest to address Council regarding the following proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application. This meeting will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 100 Tudhope St Espanola, ON P5E 1S6

Immediately following the adjournment of the Public Hearing, Council will convene a Special Meeting during which it will give consideration to the items on the Public Hearing agenda.

The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act to the Town's Zoning By-law No 3022/21 to:

- Correct anomalies and provide greater clarity in the Definitions, General Provisions, and certain Zones to more clearly reflect the intent of the Town.
- Reflect changes from provincial legislation regarding additional residential units to permit two additional dwelling units for single detached, semi-detached, and rowhouse development.
- Permit the development of up to four dwelling units on an R1-zoned property.
- Permit backyard chickens on RR- and RU-zoned property, subject to regulations.
- Reduce/make uniform residential parking requirements at 1 space/unit.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment applies to all lands within the Town of Espanola and no key map is included in this notice.

How do I find out more information? For copies of applications, staff reports, bylaws, and additional information and any relevant background documentation, including information about appeal rights, contact Traci Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk by email at tdenault@espanola.ca or by phone at 705.869.1540 x2104.

How do I provide input? Prior to the Public Hearing written comments may be submitted via email or by calling the Deputy Clerk or • In person at the Municipal Office reception Monday – Friday between 7:30am and 5:00pm. To have your submission included in the published Council agenda, please ensure that you forward them by 5:00pm Thursday, May 15, 2025.

How do I get notified? If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Traci Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk by email at tdenault@espanola.ca or in person at the Municipal Office.

Written submissions provided in response to this consultation, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record which is included on the Town's website. If you require more information regarding this process, please call the Deputy Clerk. Those who wish to provide verbal submissions must participate in person. Please contact the Deputy Clerk for instructions on how to participate. Please also be advised that video recordings of Public Hearings are streamed live and archived on the Town's website at www.espanola.ca.

Please note that Council may not receive further submissions from the public or interested parties concerning any of the applications described above after the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

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Musical Inductee From Webbwood

By Rosalind Russell - A fundraiser is planned for a musical inductee from Webbwood.

According to the release, the event will be held for Great Northern Opry inductee, Malcolm Moffat.

The funds will go towards funding Moffat's trip to the Great Northern Opry Gala in Sault Ste. Marie this coming November

Do you have your ticket for Malcom's

party in Massey on Saturday, May 31st? It is going to be a night of great music! The band Jukebox will be backing up all the performers.

The party is from 7 to 11 pm at that Sadowski room in the Massey arena, AND Long and McQuade have donated a ukulele as a door prize!

Call or text Patty Dunlop at 705-849-3115 for tickets.

Real [Estate] Talk

Chloe Bichette - Broker of Record/Owner at Claudine Bichette Real Estate – No doubt you've heard the buzz before about the "Spring Market," which historically has been the most active trading season for real estate.

But how much do you know about securing a mortgage on your dream home? If you are thinking of jumping into the wonderful world of home ownership this spring, before starting your search is the best time to get qualified for the mortgage you will need.

So, just exactly what does that look like? First, pick a lender to work with. Typically, pre-qualifying through your primary credit union or bank is expedient because you already have a relationship with them. However, there are other avenues, such as mortgage brokers, who work with many lenders to find you a custom fit. No matter which way you go, you'll need a few basic items...such as:

- 1) Your most recent pay stubs (at least two) from your employer. If you are a new hire, or have recently switched fields of employment, you may also need a letter confirming your status (full- or part-time), salary or hourly wage (along with guaranteed number of hours per week).
- 2) Your current, or possibly the last two years' worth, of assessed tax returns.
- 3) A list of your assets, RRSP's (or other registered savings account details), personal property, vehicles, etc.
- 4) A list of your debts (credit cards, personal loans, etc).
- 5) Identification.
- 6) Proof of down payment funds, which have been in your account between 30-90 days, or a gift letter from a generous family member or friend.

Depending on your situation (i.e. if you are

divorced), there may be other information that the lender will need.

You'll also be asked for consent to check your credit report (lending and payback history). Most banks expect a credit score of 600 or higher. Keep in mind that your credit score is derived by assessing variables such as how much access you have to credit and whether or not you pay on time. Simply carrying a balance on your credit card isn't enough to sink your score, but always paying late is. So, make those payments on time, or early!

Now your lender will either say yes, you're ready, or no, you should take steps to get in a better position.

If all's good, you'll be given a budget to work within based on something called your debt-to-income ratio (how much you earn vs how much your payments are). Keep in mind, at this point, you are only PRE-qualified based on your current situation. If anything changes, your approval may also change. That's why this next part is of utter importance...

Once you find the property you love, it's time to go back to the bank with your accepted offer for the final approval. It's at this point that the lender will fully qualify not only you, but the property you have made the offer to purchase on. Sometimes an appraisal will be necessary to ensure that what you're willing to pay is in line with what the home is worth. Once you get the "OK" from the bank, it's wise not to make any other big purchases (furniture, a car, or otherwise) on credit until after the closing date. Some lenders will pull a last-minute credit report just before closing to ensure that the numbers still work.

A little knowledge helps a lot when it's time to start your home buying journey!

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In Loving Memory of **Marlene Jane Julien (Madigan)**. With heavy hearts, the family of Marlene Jane Julien (Madigan) announces her peaceful passing at home, surrounded by her loved ones, after a courageous year-long battle with cancer. Molly, as she was lovingly known, was a devoted sister, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. In the end, she found her peace and her wings. Throughout her illness, her husband Jeff Julien of 44yr of marriage stood by her side, providing unwavering love and care. Her immediate

family and close friends, including Marion Proctor Kuula and Delma Toulouse, were a constant source of support, offering selfless help and companionship during this difficult time. Molly was the kind of woman you wanted everyone to know. She always made sure that everyone was cared for, and was there for anyone who needed a loving hug, advice, or comfort. Her kindness and generosity knew no bounds. Her love for gardening, sewing, painting, and a bit of mischief are gifts she passed down to her children and grandchildren. Though her physical presence is no longer with us, Molly's legacy of love and strength remains. Her life's journey may have ended, but her spiritual journey has just begun. In her final moments, she left us with the greatest gift of all: everlasting love and a reminder to cherish the hearts we have full of her warmth. We now must gather the strength she so graciously gave us and learn to walk without her. She would want us to live with happiness, without being consumed by the pain of her absence. Saying goodbye is not a selfish act but one of love — setting her free to continue her journey in peace. Molly is survived by her loving husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren: Siblings: • Margaret Quinn (Madigan) (predeceased by Bob Quinn) • Glen Madigan (Patricia Madigan) • Ruth Middlebrook (Madigan) (Wayne Middlebrook) • Percy (Perky) Madigan (predeceased (Linda Madigan). Parents: • Beatrice Madigan (Lusk) (predeceased) • Percy Madigan (predeceased). Husband: • Jocelyn (Jeff) Julien. Children: • Margaret Douglas (Allan Bernard) • Joey Douglas (predeceased) • Katherine Caldwell (Dan Pajuluoma) • Dwayne Douglas (Bridget Douglas) • Dean Julien Step-son (Donna Julien). Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren: • Jolene Douglas (Scottie Ellen, predeceased) • Nathan Caldwell (Meesh McGregor) -(Keshia, Phoenix) • Felicity Douglas (Sierra, Parker, Adalayia, Emilee) • Destiny Treasure (Douglas) (Chris Treasure) • Karissa Douglas, (Devin Douglas)-(Deacon, Blake, Dekeln, Lilyth) • Evan Julien (Kristoffer) • Josee Julien (Ethan and Ariya) • Chase Julien. Molly will forever be remembered for her love, her strength, and the way she touched the hearts of everyone she met. May her soul rest in peace. Celebration of life will be at a later date. Will update everyone at that time. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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Creative Hands Outreach Free Lunch - May 2, 11:30 a.m. at the Espanola Curling Club. Everyone is welcome. For more info call 705-691-0971

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, May 3. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

Massey Area Museum Bingo Nights - May 5, June 2, July 7. 7:00 p.m. at the Massey Arena.

Mother's Day Tea – Friday, May 9, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Seniors Drop-In Centre 799 Queensway Avenue. Tickets at the Door, or contact 705-583-2073.

Spring Vendors Market – Hosted by the Espanola Elks, May 10, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Voices of Spring Concerts - Saturday, May 3 at Espanola United Church, 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 at St. Andrew's United Church, Massey 7:00 p.m. Admission is by Free Will Donation.

Soup & Sandwich - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. 1st Tuesday at St. Georges, 3rd Tuesday at Espanola United - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All welcome.

Massey Seniors Fitness - Wednesday afternoons upstairs at Massey Arena. Low impact strength, balance & stretching 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and Gentle Movement focusing on balance, functional movement & stretching from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Massey Seniors Social - Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. upstairs at Massey Arena. Come for a fun afternoon of socializing, games and snacks.

Free Espanola Community Luncheon - every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at The Lighthouse, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Do you have a note for the community? We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their upcoming events in writing no later than **Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.** **25 word limit.**
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