

THE BEST LITTLE TOWN BY A DAM SITE!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Mayors report	2
Dianna's Recipes	3
Legion news	4
Dad jokes	5
Rhonda's	6
Subscribers report	7
Fun Facts	9
Sawdust part 2	10
Fire Department	12

35 YEARS!!!

Issue Price FREE



THE LATCHFORD AND AREA

MOOSE CALL



March 2024



PUBLIC NOTICE

~ **ALL** dogs must have current year tags per By-law 639/04. The cost per dog is: \$20.00

~ **Remember to Poop & Scoop** ~

Animal complaints can be reported to the Town Office @ 676-2416

COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH TO BE HELD ON THE 12th VIA ZOOM @ 6.30PM AND WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AND THE 26TH IN THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE LATCHFORD RECREATION CENTRE @ 6.30PM ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.

LEGION MEETINGS TO BE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION IN LATCHFORD.

Mayors Report

Well, we have had a very strange February. I don't remember weather like this in February. Hoping all enjoyed the Valentines Day and Family Day. Nothing beats spending time with friends and family.

Received an email about Team Highway 11 North and going to change the meetings to an annual meeting. With suggestions of the members the ministry will be pursuing annual meetings with Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM). That will be a good thing going forward.

It has now been released to the press about the Northern Ontario Women's Caucus. This group was formed about a year ago and it was formed to have the power of one voice in politics. I had joined when they first formed, and it is the female mayors of Northern Ontario. It is a diverse of professional backgrounds. Looking forward to seeing where this goes.

Our town clerk attended the Montreal River Water Management Plan Standing Advisory Committee. It was to start to get a chairperson. This has been one of the things that our past Mayor George has been working towards for a long time. Nice to see it coming together.

I did attend a meeting a zoom meeting with Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO). It was attended by the Mayor of Kirkland Lake and Deputy Mayor of Temiskaming Shores. It was a discussion about exotic animals.

We have had our Finance committee working on the budget and they currently have had a meeting.

We have been presented with trying to get Pickleball going in Latchford. If you are interested, please what for more information and meeting to see if there is enough interest.

Our Parks and Rec did hold an event on Family Day weekend and people enjoyed the events that were planned.

Well I hope you all have a great March, but I feel we are going to pay for having the nice weather we have had.

Mayor

Sharon Gadoury-East



McAlpine Mill Site

SMC (CANADA) LTD.

www.smccanada.com

Coleman Rd., P.O. Box 710

Cobalt, ON P0J 1C0

Tel: (705) 679-5600

Fax: (705) 679-5657

Sabin Metal Worldwide Companies

From the kitchen of Diana

Page 3

SWEET IRISH SODA BREAD

4 ½ cups of flour
1 ¼ cup sugar
2 ½ teaspoon baking powder
dash of salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ cup butter melted
2 ½ cups raisins
2 cups buttermilk
½ cup heavy cream
1 large egg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. To make 1 large loaf, use a 10-12 inch cast iron pan or ovenproof skillet with 2-inch or better sides or to make 2 loaves use 2 smaller cast iron skillets, oven proof pans or 2 cake pans. Cut a big enough circle of parchment paper out to line both the bottom and the sides of your pan(s). Whisk the first 5 ingredients in a large bowl until blended, add the butter and raisins and stir well. Add butter-

milk, heavy cream and egg to the dry ingredients and stir until incorporated - do not over mix. Pour mixture into pan(s) and cook for one hour or until toothpick or skewer inserted comes out dry. For smaller loaves, check after 45 minutes, however, most likely it will take an hour to bake. Once a wooden skewer inserted comes out not "wet" it is done. Cool a bit then flip out of the pan(s), peel off parchment paper and allow the bread to cool on a cooling rack or dig in right away and enjoy!

NOTES: Soaking raisins to plump in advance of making this recipe optional. This bread is wonderful for days after you make it as long as you have had it wrapped up tight. just pop a slice in the microwave for 20-30 seconds to warm it through and smear it with butter or pop it in the toaster oven and lightly toast it.

Diana Pearman

Highway 11
Latchford ON
P0J 1N0

(705) 676-2096
www.northlandmotel.info
NorthlandMotelLatchford@gmail.com

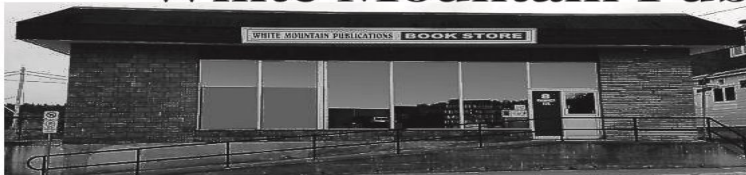
NORTHLAND MOTEL

CONTACT ROSS BURNS FOR RESERVATIONS
"Latchford- the best little town by a Dam Site"

TV/TSN WIFI
TOP TRAIL OFSC

INDIVIDUAL/GROUP/JACUZZI
RATES BY DAY/WEEK/MONTH

White Mountain Publications



New &
Pre-Loved
Books

8 Prospect Avenue, Cobalt, ON 705-679-5555
Open Tuesday through Saturdays 10 am to 5 pm
Online 24/7 at wmpub.ca

Hello everyone!

There have been a lot of people voicing their concern that they heard the Legion is closing its doors. This is NOT true. We are still open and welcome everyone to our Legion!

Our Legion has a pool table , dart boards and a shuffleboard table for your enjoyment.

The Legion is open Friday nights, 7 pm to ??? Open Saturdays 2 pm until ???.

If anyone has any suggestions, ideas, comments of what they would like to see or do in the Legion, such as dart nights, bingo nights, shuffleboard tournament, pool tournaments etc.... Please let me know. All members, the next Branch meeting will be March 13th at 7 pm. If anyone would like to become a Branch member, please contact me or stop at the Legion for an application form.

Here is the Legion contact information:

sgtaubreycosensv.c.629@hotmail.com

705-679-4062 Have a great day! Stay warm!

Lest we forget.

Vicky Gray-Wilks

Branch President

Ladies Auxiliary would to thank all who supported our spaghetti supper. Looking forward to seeing you at our next event.

Francine Blowe

President, Ladies Auxiliary

Latchford Families Service to Canada

The next family on the list is the Anderson's. Thomas Sr and Mary had 3 sons involved in WW2 and all three served in active theaters of the war. Arthur (Artie), Norman and Jim all enlisted to serve their country Artie was first in and he enlisted in the Grey and Simcoe Foresters which is spread from Barrie to Owen Sound. His son Terry couldn't lend a lot to his father's story as he was another one that didn't talk much about his service years.

Terry knew he had been in Italy and also thought Africa so I resorted to "googling" the Grey and Simcoe" and found that they had been split up to provide support for two tank regiments in Italy. I was unable to confirm whether they had been in Africa before Italy but that seems highly likely. After Italy was taken, they moved into the northern European theatre, which will be elaborated on. Next is Norman who served with our local regiment, the Algonquins! Norm landed post D-Day in France and endured a lot of heavy fighting with the Algonquins through to the end of the war. He did share with my brother that he witnessed a fellow Algonquin with family in Latchford die in battle, a fact that he could never share with that family. Then came "Jimmy" whom I was privileged to know well later in his life. Jim served with the Perth Regiment of Stratford and Perth County. To the best of my knowledge Artie and Jim never connected up while they were in Italy but I did mention in my previous story that Jim and Pat Saunders of Latchford, despite being in different Regiments, had connected in Italy. It was there that Jim watched Pat's position be overrun and knew that Pat had either been taken Prisoner of War or was killed. Jim and I conversed about his time there because I was friends with the son of one his Sergeants in the Perth, during my days in Stratford. Jim, like his brother Art, headed to northern Europe after the capture of Italy and that is where the story of the three brothers takes an interesting twist. They were actually able to meet up in Holland and the three gathered in a photographer's salon where they had their picture taken, in uniform, which their nephew Larry Anderson still has a copy of! Another neat Jim story is that he assembled a bag of gifts for his then 13 year old niece, Helen (Bates) Larose which she kindly donated to Branch 629 and my late father-in-law, Peter Belanger, shadow framed it and it hangs in the Legion! **Continued on page 11.....**

Dad Jokes

How do you catch a squirrel? Climb a tree and act like a nut!

Did you hear about the guy who invented Life-savers? They say he made a mint!

I went to buy some camouflage pants, but I couldn't find any.

I used to have a job at a calendar factory, but I got fired because I took a couple of days off.

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? An abdominal snowman!

Why did the math book look sad? Because it had too many problems!

Why did the coffee file a police report? It got mugged!

I was going to tell you a joke about time travel, but you didn't like it.

I used to be a baker, but I couldn't make enough dough.

Stop looking for the perfect match; use a lighter.

What state is known for its small drinks? Minnesota.

I have a clean conscious—it's never been used.

I love telling Dad jokes. Sometimes, he even laughs.

Can a kangaroo jump higher than a house? Of course, houses can't jump.

How do you deal with a fear of speed bumps? You slowly get over it.

What's the difference between a man's wallet before and after kids? There are pictures where the money used to be.

I wish my gray hair started in Las Vegas because what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.

My kid is blaming me for ruining their birthday. That's ridiculous, I didn't even know it was today!

My kid gave me a 'World's Best Dad' mug. At least she inherited my sense of humor.

When a toddler reaches the "why?" stage, it's like opening a bottle of champagne—once it's uncorked, there's no going back.

How do you teach kids about taxes? Eat 38% of their ice cream.

I told my wife that a husband is like a fine wine: we just get better with age. The next day she locked me in the cellar.

Why does a husband lead a dog's life? He comes in with muddy feet, gets comfortable by the fire, and waits to be fed.

What does the stork do once he's delivered the baby? He lies on the couch and drinks a beer!

What do you call two monkeys who share an Amazon Prime account? Prime mates.

Why did the football coach go to the bank? To get his quarter back.

Air used to be free at the gas station, now it costs 2.50. You want to know why? Inflation.

Rhonda's Garden Tip

Page 6

Starting vegetable plants indoors is a great way to get a head start on the growing season, especially in regions with shorter growing seasons like Northern Ontario. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you start vegetable plants indoors:

Gather Supplies:

*Seeds of your chosen vegetable varieties. *Seeds starting trays or pots with drainage holes. *Seed starting mix or a mixture of peat moss, vermiculite, and perlite. *Grow lights or a sunny windowsill. *Watering can or spray bottle. *Plastic dome or plastic wrap (optional for maintaining humidity).

Fill Containers with Seed Starting Mix: Fill the seed starting trays or pots with moistened seed starting mix. Make sure the mix is thoroughly moist, but not waterlogged.

Plant Seeds: Follow the instructions on the seed packet for the recommended planting depth and spacing. Plant seeds in the prepared containers, usually one or two seeds per cell or pot.

Label Seed Trays: Use plant markers or labels to identify the type of vegetable and date when it was planted. This will help you keep track of your plants as they grow.

Provide Proper Conditions:

*Place the seed trays in a warm location with indirect sunlight or under grow lights. Most seeds germinate best at temperatures between 70-80°F (21-27 °C).

*If using grow lights, position them 2-3 inches above the tops of the seedlings and adjust the height as the plants grow.

*Maintain consistent moisture in the seed starting mix. Water gently whenever the surface of the mix feels dry, but avoid overwatering, which can lead to damping off (a fungal disease).

*Optionally, cover the seed trays with a plastic dome or plastic wrap to create a greenhouse-like environment and help retain moisture until seeds germinate.

Care for Seedlings:

*Once seeds germinate, remove the plastic cover (if used) and place the seedlings under grow lights or in a bright, sunny window.

*Rotate the trays regularly to promote even growth and prevent seedlings from leaning towards the light source.

*Continue to water the seedlings as needed, keeping the soil evenly moist, but not waterlogged.

*As the seedlings grow, thin them out if you planted multiple seeds per cell or pot, leaving only the strongest seedling.

Harden Off Seedlings: About a week before transplanting seedlings outdoors, gradually expose them to outdoor conditions by placing them outside for a few hours each day, gradually increasing the exposure time and intensity of sunlight. This process is known as hardening off and helps acclimate the seedlings to outdoor conditions.

Transplant Seedlings Outdoors: Once the danger of frost has passed and seedlings have been hardened off, transplant them into your garden beds or containers, following spacing recommendations for each vegetable variety.

By following these steps, you can successfully start vegetable plants indoors and give them a healthy head start before transplanting them into your garden.

Bye for now Rhonda



Subscribers News,

This has been quite the winter, from a weather standpoint at least! And the weird weather isn't confined to Latchford as thanks to the technology available, especially on our cellphones, I monitor weather daily in a variety of locations (I know, I know, I desperately need a life!) and I even keep track of it down where our daughter lives in southern Illinois. She managed to take a picture of a large snowman that our grandson Briar made when we had barely enough snow in Latchford to make a snowball! I think that climate change is the word of the day rather global warming.

I did get to use my snowblower 3 times to date but the gap between the second and this time was so great I had to re-train myself on its controls. Our snowmobile trails have been closed more than they have been open and I watch those poor southern sledders as they head even further north, with their sleds in trailers of course, looking for that elusive snow cover which would justify the money they spent on their machines and the trail passes to use them. Oh well, there is always next winter!

On the subscriber front, the month was led off with a renewal from Joyce Harding in Temagami who stays with us for another year. That was followed by Gail Hewitt who gifted her brother Morris Hewitt down in Kitchener with another year of the 'Call! Then Marion (Parliament) Pacaud from out Thunder Bay was renewed for another two years of hometown news and the month was completed with a renewal for two more years from Ellen and Don Carr of Temagami. Pleasant reading to all and thanks for your continued interest in, and support of, the Moose Call.

On the health and fitness front, I have nothing to update from the February issue. Either everyone is staying as well as the weather or I have been truly "de-looped" from the reality around me. In any event, to all who may be ailing or infirm, a speedy return to good health is our wish for you from all readers and contributors. I would also like to apologize to Monique O'Shaughnessy for the printing errors that occurred in the last issue which really did not do justice to her retirement story. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the residents of Latchford, Monique!

My efforts continue to assemble a number of short columns on the contributions of Latchford service women and men during World War 2, in particular, and I am finding that many really didn't want to talk about it with family members. This has resulted, in some cases, of having to resort to "google" searches. If you had a family member in the services during that war and I know about it, expect to hear from me.

George L.

Terry Burrows Contracting
17 Main Street
Latchford On
Call or text 705-676-1113

Are you looking to have home or cottage renovations done.
Give me a call, I can do it all from new kitchens, baths, decks, docks, windows just to mention a few.

I have space on my calendar this winter if you would like an idea of cost we can come have a look and work out an estimate for you.

Advertising

Contact: Sharon Lefebvre @ 676-2129

Card Size 1.5"x 2.9"
1 year - \$100.00
6 months - \$50.00
3 months - \$25.00
1 month - \$10.00

Classifieds

Announcements, Want Ads, Employment, etc..... 2.00

Submission Deadline

All ads must be in by the 23rd of each month to be published in the following month's newsletter. Articles may be edited for space

Circulation

Sharon Lefebvre 676-2129 or write to Circulation Manager at P.O. Box 10, Latchford, ON P0J 1N0.

Subscriptions

1 year - Large Print \$10.00
1 year - Regular Print 8.00
U.S Subscriptions \$15.00

The Latchford & Area Moose Call is published monthly by the Town of Latchford.

CONTRIBUTORS: Sharon Lefebvre, George Lefebvre, Niana Good, Bill Vandenhoogen, Laurel Gadoury, Jaime Allen, Frances Lefebvre, Rhonda, Sharon Gadoury-East, Victoria Wilks, Francine Blowe

Editorial Policy

: We will not print any news, items, letters, or otherwise containing slanderous, defamatory, or injurious information in reference to the character of any person or entity. The writer of all articles must be identified when items are submitted but may request to remain anonymous in print. All such requests will be honoured.



MRG
MILLER
REALTY GROUP

Laurie Christo
Sales Representative

Buy | Rent | Sell

Contact Me:
Mobile: (705) 648-0011
Main Office: (705) 647-6444
Email: lchristomrg@gmail.com
Fax: (705) 647-6419
Website: www.mrgi.ca

PUBLIC NOTICE

STORAGE AVAILABLE

**Winter Storage available for boats, cars, trailers, ATVs etc.
Fees are \$15.00 per foot**

* * * * *

**Diane Armstrong's book *Over the Hill III* -
\$20 Mud, Muskeg & Mosquitoes
\$20 soft cover, \$33 hard cover**

**Diane Armstrong 705-235-5918
74 Powell Avenue South Porcupine, ON
P0N 1H0 armstrong.diane6@persona.ca**

* * * * *

John Vanthof MPP/Député Timiskaming-Cochrane

New Liskeard Office/Bureau



247 Whitewood Ave., Box 398
Pinewoods Ctr., Unit 5
New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0

Phone: (705) 647-5995
Toll Free: 1-888-701-1105
Fax: (705) 647-1976

Email: jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca



www.johnvanthof.com



Fun Facts

Movie trailers got their name because they were originally shown after the movie.

A dragonfly has a lifespan of only 24 hours.

The average adult spends more time on the toilet than they do exercising.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

Honey is the only food that does not spoil.

The real name of Monopoly mascot Uncle Pennybags is Milburn Pennybags.

Four out of five children recognize the Mcdonald's logo at three years old.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

One single teaspoon of honey represents the life work of 12 bees.

Pogonophobia is the fear of beards.

It's impossible to tickle yourself.

Oreo has made enough cookies to span five back and forth trips to the moon.

Queen Elizabeth II is a trained mechanic.

Salt used to be a currency.

Cap'n Crunch's full name is Captain Horatio Magellan Crunch.

Your fingernails grow faster on your dominant hand.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.

In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.

The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year. Engineers failed to account for the weight of all the books that it would eventually hold.

Sloths can hold their breath for longer than dolphins.

The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

A giraffe can go longer without water than a camel can.

Dragonflies have six legs but can't walk.

**THE DAM DEPOT
FRIENDLY FULL SERVICE GAS STATION AND CONVIENCE STORE**

LCBO AND LOTERY

32 MAIN ST. LATCH-

PREMIUM, REGULAR

LCBO AND LOTERY TICKETS AGENCY STORE

My view from OVER THE HILL SAWDUST, Part Two

By Diane Armstrong

Early pioneers were no strangers to the 3 R's – Reduce, Recycle and Reuse and the local sawmills had a plentiful supply of waste sawdust to give away. Dry sawdust could be explosive, and no mill wanted to start a fire which could destroy their operation or their community.

However, soon resourceful farmers and town residents found many ways to use sawdust.

Gardeners used it to deter slugs, repel weeds, mix with compost and store root crops over winter.

Farmers used it as animal bedding, in chicken coops and to absorb fluids after butchering. Many

kept a bucket of sawdust in their outhouses to sprinkle a little 'down the hole' to eliminate odors.

Those were the days before refrigerators. Homes had ice boxes instead. A solid block of ice, delivered by horse and cart, would be placed in the top; warmth from the items inside would slowly melt the ice. Ice-melted water would drain to a pan underneath the icebox to be emptied

regularly. A home with an icebox was a necessity in summer, to keep meat and dairy products from spoiling. But where did the ice come from?

The best ice was obtained in the coldest days of mid-winter and came from large bodies of water where the water was clean in summer. Swamps were avoided. Commercial ice

merchants had experienced crews who used large, 2-man saws, pulleys and chains to haul 2 or 3

tons of ice in a day, but farmers worked on a much smaller scale. Here are the words of Hartley

Houston, (edited for space) as he recalled his days on the family farm near Earlton:

"Ice had to be harvested and stored. Harvesting was done with a saw and lots of muscle.

The saw was about eight feet long with a blade about eight inches wide with big teeth about one tooth every two inches. It had a long handle with a cross handle at the end. This would enable a

person to saw in a stand-up position. An area on a river or lake was cleared off so you would get

nice clear ice. When the ice was 2 feet thick, you made a hole so you could start to cut a straight

cut across the area, then a line the other way, then repeat - that gave you a block about 2 feet

square. Then a pair of ice tongs were used. They had two loop handles about a foot apart when

the two sharp points were into the blocks of ice. The secret to making it easy, was to shove the

block you had in the tongs, as far below the water as possible, then lift. The buoyancy of the ice

would nearly pop it out. A couple of planks would help slip the blocks onto the sleigh for the

trip home. The ice house could be fancy or very practical. Ours was made of slabs - roof and walls.

Ice was stacked in the center, then everything

was covered with sawdust - about one foot on

Continued on page 11.....

NOTICE

The Latchford Recreation Committee would invite residents to consider joining their group, as several members have resigned and some are moving away, so very few members will remain. Should they not be able to recruit more people, this organization could very easily fold and this would be very detrimental to the children and adults of Latchford as they provide many activities for all ages throughout the year. Call Pam @ 705-679-3093 Town Office @705-676-2416 to join up!

Family's who served continued...

Members of their family still in Latchford include the aforementioned, niece Helen Larose and nephew Larry Anderson as well as niece, Lorie Taylor and nephew, Ross Burns.

George L.

Sawdust part 2 continued.....

sides and 2 feet on top. When ice was needed for the ice box, you dug a hole till you found the

ice, removed as much as you needed, then re-filled the hole by repacking it with sawdust.”

Summer weather and other variables determined if the ice would last until late fall.

All towns had big ice houses and they used many tons of sawdust to keep their ice from melting. My past research on the George Banerman story told me, in 1908, he delivered ice

with horse and cart for John McKinnon, whose ice business was on Georgina Street in Haileybury behind C.C. Farr's property. This was before George discovered gold in the Porcupine Gold Camp. Ross Clausi told me of a huge ice house which once stood on the corner of Cedar & Tisdale in Timmins. He said as a young child, it was a great place to visit on hot summer days.

Time marched on, electric refrigerators became an affordable necessity and the days of the iceman were over. While sawdust is no longer used to keep ice from melting, it can still be

used in many other ways today – if the original wood has not been treated with chemicals.

That's my view from Over the Hill.

2024 GARBAGE & RECYCLE PICKUP SCHEDULE

Garbage and Recycling will be picked up every Monday during the year except when a statutory holiday falls on a Monday. In that case, the Town Office & Public Works will be closed and they will be picked up on the following dates.

February 20, 2024

April 2, 2024

May 21, 2024

July 2, 2024

August 6, 2024

September 3, 2024

October 15, 2024

November 12, 2024



Latchford Fire department Safety tips

Now that spring is weather is with us, here are some fire safety tips.

Clean out dryer vents: At the minimum, dryer vents need to be cleaned out at least once a year – and ideally every six months if you run a lot of laundry, such as families with small children. You should hire a professional to clean it out to make sure it's done correctly.

You should also make sure that the air exhaust vent pipe (outside your house) is not restricted and the flap opens when the dryer is running.

Keep anything flammable – such as boxes or cleaning supplies – away from the dryer.

Of course, also clean out the lint trap after every cycle. These steps can all go a long way in preventing fires.

Inspect your grill:

Before you host your first springtime barbecue, make sure your grill is working correctly.

Give it a full inspection, checking for grease or fat buildup, spider webs, and any other nests or debris. If you use a gas grill, ensure the propane tank hose has no leaks before you use it.

Another note: grills need to be at least 10 feet away from the house, decks and any other structures when in use.

Properly dispose of yard waste:

Dead branches, pine needles, fallen leaves and pulled weeds can be fuel for a fire – you definitely don't want to store these near your house.

Remove all dead plants and other flammable materials from around your house, especially within the first five feet of space around the home. Make sure the gutters are clean and that dead leaves and pine needles are removed from the roof as well.

Wood piles and trash should all be kept at least 30 feet away from your house and any other buildings or sheds. All of these steps will help protect your house from fire risks.

Replace smoke detector batteries:

Finally, spring is a great time to replace the batteries in all of your smoke detectors, as this should be done at least once a year anyway.

When you do this, test out each detector to make sure they're all working, and take some time to chat with your family about your fire escape plan. Practice the plan to make sure everyone knows what to do if a fire emergency happens.

Properly store and dispose of painting materials:

Spring is a great time to refinish furniture, fences, playsets and more. But, make sure that you store the materials correctly if you're doing this kind of work.

The oils used in oil-based paints and stains actually release heat as they dry, and so if rags covered in these materials are left in a trapped space, a fire can break out.

Don't leave cleaning rags or stain rags in a pile. Let them dry outside and keep them far away from your house. Ideally, hang rags outside or spread them out from one another, weighing them down so they don't blow away. Dried rags can be kept in a tightly-covered metal container, which should be filled with a water and detergent mixture to break down the oils.

Containers of oily rags should be kept in a cool place out of direct sunlight, away from any heat sources. Your town likely has places to dispose of such materials.

Paint should be stored in a dry place out of direct sunlight. They should be stored inside, but paint can be flammable, so make sure to keep paint away from a furnace or other sources of heat. If you have a lot of paint, you can purchase a flammable storage cabinet to keep it in.