



Update – October 2, 2020

1) Thank you to all who contributed to the Town of Midland Thanksgiving Display making us all proud and thankful!

Several employees were involved in putting together this year's display, and we want to ensure they all get proper recognition:

- Mary Jane Howitt – Operations Department
- Jesse Graham –Operations Department
- Trevor Arthurs – Operations Department
- Dan Chisholm – Operations Department
- Keith Sager – Operations Department
- Alex Nelson – Water/Wastewater Department
- Brian Lesperance – Water/Wastewater Department

We also want to recognize the local farms/businesses who supplied the material that makes this display look so fantastic:

- Rob & Laura Moon of Wye Nursery, in Wyevale.
- Rob Desroches Farm in Perkinsfield.
- Will MacKenzie Farm in Perkinsfield.



2) Shrink your bubble ahead of Thanksgiving, advises Muskoka medical officer of health

Shrink your bubble to your household. That was a key element of Tuesday's media briefing by Dr. Charles Gardner, medical officer of health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

- Gardner said he was coming out ahead of the province and suggesting that social circles were an experiment that failed and recommending folks should go back to interacting only within their households.
- "You should really be sticking to your household," he said, in regard to gathering for the upcoming Thanksgiving long weekend. "My advice would be, of course you can have a turkey, but you should seek to do so as a household."
- Gardner called Thanksgiving "the more immediate risk" when compared to Halloween because of the higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 indoors.



- In some ways, Halloween is less hazardous, he said, but added that official guidelines forthcoming from the province should be followed before trick-or-treating.
- In the month of September, Simcoe-Muskoka has lab-confirmed 176 cases of COVID-19, 25 of those in Muskoka.

To read the full article, visit: [Shrink your bubble heading into Thanksgiving](#)

3) Ontario unveils COVID-19 Fall Preparedness Plan

The province's COVID-19 fall preparedness plan will help the province quickly identify, prevent and respond to any scenario to protect communities. The [Keeping Ontarians Safe plan](#) will:

- Recruit, retain, train and support health care workers, while also continuing to engage families and caregivers;
- Implement the largest flu immunization campaign in Ontario's history;
- Maintain strong public health measures, including continued expansion of testing and case and contact management;
- Quickly identify, manage and prevent COVID-19 outbreaks;
- Accelerate efforts to reduce health service backlogs; and
- Prepare for surges in COVID-19 cases.

To read the full media release, visit: [COVID-19 Fall Preparedness Plan](#)

If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use [Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool](#) to see if you need to seek further care.

Remember to pre-screen daily when entering any Town building.

Any changes within a department will now be provided to Randy to be included in an update and copied to Clerks@midland.ca for tracking.

We are looking for positive news/stories about Town departments and staff to share both internally and externally. Please email fee@midland.ca with details so we can promote the great work everyone is doing!