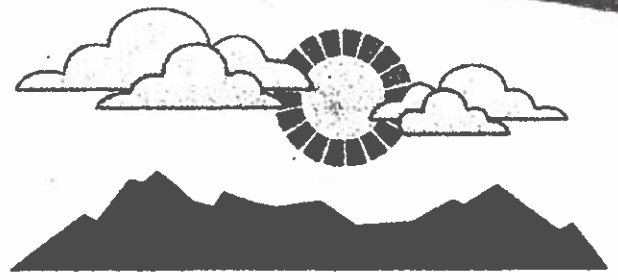


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September 2025

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Haines Junction Library News

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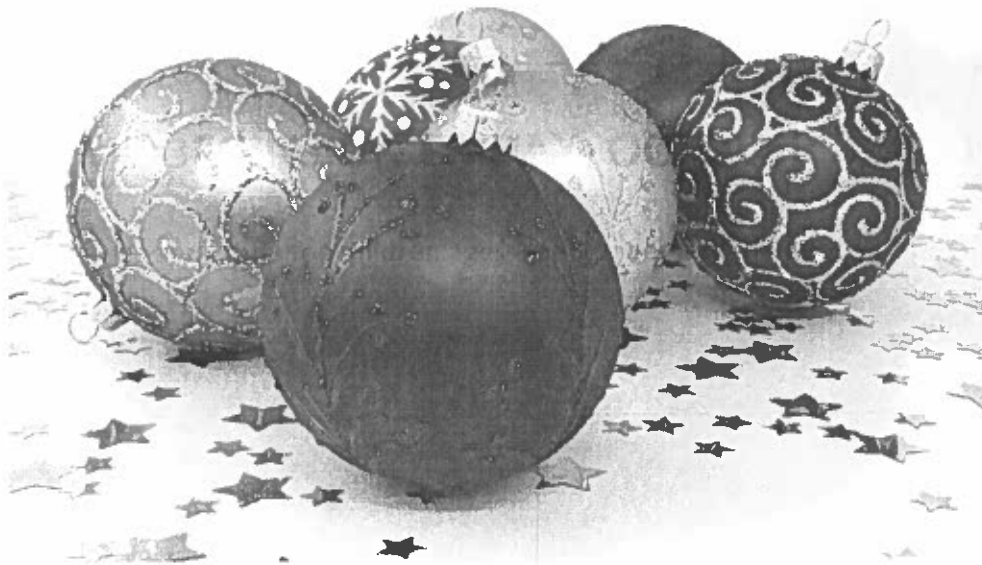
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Free WiFi. Free computer use.



STORYTIME BEGINS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, AT 10AM!

Stories and crafts for children ages 4 and under and their grown up!



SAVE THE DATE

Haines Junction Library Board is hosting the annual **BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER** and **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

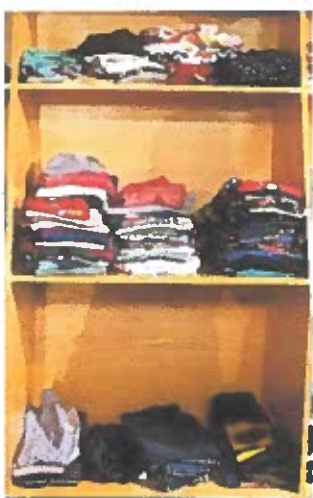
Stay tuned for details and table bookings!



Haines Jct. Thrift Shop



Open Thursdays 2-6 PM
Basement of Log Church



Please BYOBag



**Attention people who enjoy
sewing & misc. crafts.**

**Are you aware there is a quilting group
in Haines Junction? Our group's name
is Threadbearers & we get together
several times a year at the Convention
Centre. (thanks to Village of H.J.) We
welcome anyone who wants to work on
whatever craft you are enjoying. Our
next gathering will be Oct. 16 to 19.**

**For more information, feel free to call
Wenda @ 634-2003 or 334-0011,
Charlotte @ 335-8728 or
Sharyn @ 335-5771**



NEWS & EVENTS

Junction Arts & Music

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

Join Us For The AGM
Member Workshop To Follow Meeting

OCT 15 @ 7 PM
ST. ELIAS CONVENTION CENTRE
HAINES JUNCTION

hainesjunctionjam@gmail.com



CALL FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please consider being part of the JAM team where we make all the arts & music magic happen!

MUSIC COMMUNITY NIGHT

JAM/OPEN STAGE

Every Monday 6-10 PM at the
Haines Junction Convention
Centre Stage starting
September 1st.

Bring your instruments,
songbooks, gear, and help set
up to enjoy a night of creating
music together from 6 - 10 PM.

ADULTS ONLY - 18+ EVENT
THIS IS A DRY EVENT
(NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS, VAPING)

ANY QUESTIONS? EMAIL: MRJUR@TUTA.YO
<https://mimilnecities.org/jamopenstage/>



Major Funk & the Yukon Arts Centre Present

DISCO DANCE Party

FEATURING
THE
MAJOR
FUNK
ORCHESTRA

OCT. 2ND — SPWA 45014 AVE — WHITEHORSE YT
OCT. 4TH — ST. ELIAS CONVENTION CENTRE — HAINES JUNCTION YT
OCT. 17TH — CESTIES GAMBLING HALL — BANSON CITY YT

Tickets at majorfunkmusic.com

Then, mark your calendars for three big October events: **Major Funk** lighting up the stage on **October 4**, our **Annual General Meeting** on **October 15**—where we're seeking fresh faces for the board—and our community-favourite **Halloween Dance** on **October 25**.

JUNCTION ARTS & MUSIC

SAVE THE DATE

OCT 25TH

Halloween Dance Spooktacular!

Stay tuned for all the announcements of our upcoming Halloween Dance. We will host the family dance from 6 - 8 pm and the adult-only dance from 9 to midnight. The entertainment is TBD. Watch our socials for more info! 🎃

Meet Monika

JAM is thrilled to welcome **Monika Kozlerova** from Summit Events Yukon as our new Event Coordinator for the upcoming Halloween Dance! Based in Whitehorse, Monika comes highly qualified to conjure up a frightfully fun night for the whole community. She'll be on the hunt for event volunteers, so don't ghost her—reach out today and sign up to help. This year's dance is sure to be **spooktacular!** 🎃 🧛



Laugh Lines

An elderly couple passed away around the same time and met up in Heaven. St. Peter was taking them around the sites and welcoming them to Heaven.

When they reached one area filled with luxuriant beaches, beautiful palm trees the husband said, "What area is this? Can we go here?"

St. Peter was quick to tell him, "Of course. Anyone can go here. This is Heaven."

Then they walked over a hill which overlooked a beautiful golf course, surrounded by nature and lush, green spaces.

"Oh, gosh, this is beautiful!" said the husband. "Who can go here?"

"Anyone can," St. Peter responded. "This is Heaven."

They then entered a big banquet hall full of tables laden with fresh fruits, pastries, filled with delicacies.

"And this?" the husband said, looking at St. Peter. "Yes," St. Peter said, "This too is for everyone. This is Heaven."

The husband looked around the room and then turned and looked at his wife and said, "See. If it wasn't for you and your darn bran muffins, we could have been here 10 years ago!"



50th Anniversary

A couple goes out to dinner to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. On the way home, she notices a tear in his eye and asks if he's getting sentimental because they're celebrating 50 wonderful years together. He replies, "No, I was thinking about the time before we got married. Your father threatened me with a shotgun and said he'd have me thrown in jail for 50 years if I didn't marry you. Tomorrow I would've been a free man!"

The man told his doctor that he wasn't able to do all the things around the house that he used to do. When the examination was complete he said, "Now, Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what is wrong with me."

"Well, in plain English," the doctor replied, "you're just lazy."

"Okay," said the man. "Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife."



Hearing Aid

Seems an elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased you can hear again."

To which the gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"





A Squirrel Workshop

By Elayne

All morning I struggle to write. I wander around the house, I make coffee, I make phone calls. I paw through my horde of ideas filed in a can that once held five pounds of Ripensa of Denmark Butter Cookies (and wish it were full of cookies instead). Where is this elusive piece I am supposed to write? What is this piece I am destined to create? Everything I conjure up is too big, too obscure for me to even contemplate, let alone write.

This afternoon from my studio window, where I am again trying to write, I catch sight of a squirrel quarrelling with a white rag out near the woodpile at the edge of our forest. Cranky wind and cloud portend winter; the Mercury reaches only plus four Celsius today. Frost has been crawling into the earth, and thin ice layers the sleepy creek beside my house. Pale sun and shadow flicker through the scene. It is October, nesting time for Yukon squirrels.

As I watch, I wonder what a squirrel could be planning to do with a large white rag in her nest. The rag seems partially trapped beneath a spruce log, snagged on dry twigs. The determined squirrel grasps the rag with her teeth, yanks, squirms, jerks, tumbles, and then summersaults backwards off the log. The rag is stretchy, obviously someone's abandoned T-shirt. The squirrel's tail flicks like a feather duster. She rests.

But she seems so tenacious. She starts again, squirming around in the wood chips, sawdust, and spruce needles that carpet the ground. Soon though, she abandons the rag and scampers away. I think, well, where was she taking that whole T-shirt anyway, and, no wonder she can't do it.

I am curious when she leaves the woodpile area. I wander out to investigate this rag to see just how snagged it is that the squirrel could not claim it for her nest. I cross the yard, pick up the rag which was not caught in the log or twigs at all. (It is the remains of my youngest son's muscle shirt from Florida fifteen years ago. The pink and turquoise beach scene gives backdrop to palm trees in silhouette.)

I smile and feel a little sheepish when I realize the squirrel has been gnawing off tiny pieces of the rag and carrying them away. Many holes give evidence to this fact (the letters O and I are missing from Florida), and to the fact that the squirrel has been laboring for a long time. (Later I watch as she returns to the rag many times.)

I go back to the house with my newly-gained squirrel wisdom—one little piece at a time. When I think of writing, I want the whole piece at a time—like right-now-time. How willing am I to know, squirm, tumble, yank, and then summersault backwards to accomplish my goal? How many times will I attack the same material to glean out the pieces? Not often enough, even though I know that is the rule of the writing game.

Maybe I will squirrel away a few more ideas in my cookie can, and know and tug at them over the winter. Or perhaps I will just bake cookies.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Every Tuesday Romp & Run 10-11:30 am @ Mezzanine	1 Every Wednesday -Senior s community breakfast 11-2 & 2-4 craft and coffee afternoon -7-8:30 adult basketball @ school gym	2 Ev ery Thursday Romp & Run 10- 11:30 am @ Mezzanine Adult Volleyball @ School gym, Time TBA	3 Every Friday Storytime 10-11 am @ library for ages 4 & under	4 JAM presents Major Funk @ Convention Centre Time TBA
5	6 Every Monday Senior's Society 11 am @ Atrium Carpet bowling, floor curling, indoor walking JAM open stage 6-10 pm @ Convention Centre	7 Every Tuesday Senior's Chair yoga 10:00 am@ Grand Hall	8	9 Every Thursday Senior's Chair yoga 10:00 am@ Grand Hall Thrift Store 2-6 pm @ Log Church	10 Seniors education days Fleaxible dates/times - see ads to come	11
12	13 THANKSGIVING DAY	14	15 JAM AGM 7 pm @ Convention Centre - see ad	16	17 ECHO DEADLINE	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 JAM Hallowe'en dance -family dance 6-8pm -adult only dance 9- midnight
26 Advance poll Territorial Election 8am- 8pm	27 Advance poll Territorial Election 8am- 8pm	28	29	30	31 HALLOWE'EN Fireworks @ Weigh Scales 7:45 pm	

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ECHO-October 17th noon sharp!

All submissions should be sent to shawn.allen@yukon.ca

Any errors or omissions, please call Sharyn @ 335-5771

or email riedls@northwestel.net

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Council Meetings

The next regular Council meetings will be:

September 10, 2025. September 24, 2025.

October 9, 2025. October 23, 2025.



Regularly scheduled meetings for the Village of Haines Junction Council are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Haines Junction Convention Centre. The public is invited to join in person in the Council Chambers, or online or by teleconference via Zoom.

Agenda packages, along with instructions for how to connect via Zoom, are posted on the Village of Haines Junction website

<<hainesjunction.ca>> on the Friday afternoon of the week prior to each meeting.

You can also contact the Village at corporate@hainesjunction.ca to be added to the Village email distribution list to receive Council Agenda Packages, Council Meeting Minutes, and other Public Notices, by email.



Equinox

Autumn officially began in the Yukon on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 11:19 am



Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Closure

The Village Office will be closed on Monday,
September 30, 2025

The Landfill will be Closed Wednesday
October 1, 2025

in honour of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.



Thanksgiving Closure

The Village Office will be closed on Monday,
October 13, 2025

The Landfill will be Closed Wednesday
October 15, 2025

for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thank you for your understanding and
enjoy the holiday!



Recreation Grant Deadline



The Village of Haines Junction receives funding from Lotteries Yukon through the Community Lottery Program for community projects.

The deadline for the next round of funding is:
Wednesday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in applying, you can download a copy of the Lottery Funding Grant Information Sheet and a Lottery Funding Grant Application Form from the Village of Haines Junction website, or you can pick up a copy from the Village Office.



Water and Sewer Reminders

Autumn is here, so winter is coming! If you have a heat trace line, please ensure that it is turned on and operational to prevent water line freeze-ups.



Water and sewer annual invoice payments are due September 30, 2025. Payments received after September 30 will be subject to 2% monthly interest.

Payments may be made by cash, cheque, debit card, credit card, online banking (CIBC, BMO, TD or Scotiabank) or Interac E-Transfer (finance@hainesjunction.ca).

The fact about October

The meaning behind October's name is far from accurate these days. The ancient Roman calendar was based on the lunar cycles, as opposed to our current calendar which is based on the solar cycles. This meant that there were originally 10 months in their calendar, and October was the eighth month. Its name literally translated into "the eighth month" in Latin. In 451 BC the two months of Ianuarius and Februarius were added to the beginning of the calendar, making October the 10th month.



Arena Opening Middle of October 2025

It is the time of Year again when all the Skaters and Hockey players dust off their skates and slide gracefully over the ice surface





Fire Safety Tip

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Test smoke alarms every month and replace the batteries as needed.



Village of Haines Junction Council Meetings

Notice of Date Change

New Dates:

Thursday October 9, 2025
Thursday October 23, 2025
Thursday November 13, 2025
Thursday November 27, 2025

In OCTOBER and NOVEMBER 2025, Council meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th THURSDAYS, at 7pm. The regular schedule of meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday will resume in December.

hainesjunction.ca/p/council-agendas-and-minutes



VILLAGE OF HAINES JUNCTION

WE ARE HIRING

Protective Services Manager

Questions? Contact
Dave Fairbank, CAO
cao@hainesjunction.ca
(867) 634-7100



This position is a key member of our management team and is responsible for the Volunteer Fire Department, bylaw enforcement and emergency services

Deadline for applications October 17, 2025. For more information, please visit our website

hainesjunction.ca/p/protective-services-manager

The Village of Haines Junction lies on the edge of a vast and spectacular wilderness, and is a gateway to the Klondike National Park and Reserve. The community lies within the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Southern Tutchone people who have lived in the area for thousands of years.



Audio recordings of Village Council meetings are now online!



If you missed a meeting, you can catch up on the discussion at <https://hainesjunction.ca/p/council-agendas-and-minutes>

click on the green icon to listen

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS & MINUTES				
Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Audio
Regular Council Meeting	October 9, 2025	7:00 PM	Community Centre	
Regular Council Meeting	October 23, 2025	7:00 PM	Community Centre	
Regular Council Meeting	November 13, 2025	7:00 PM	Community Centre	
Regular Council Meeting	November 27, 2025	7:00 PM	Community Centre	



Funding available for community arts, sport and recreation projects

Village of Haines Junction Community Lottery Program Application Deadline

October 15, 2025



For information on how to apply, visit hainesjunction.ca/p/funding-opportunities



Recycle Centre and Landfill Update

- Reduce! Reuse! and then Recycle!
- Questions? You can contact our landfill staff at 867-333-4422.
- Please make sure you fold the cardboard boxes it takes just a few seconds to do so 😊
- Snow is coming to keep the cardboard and paper dry put a lid on your box if you can



Curbside Recyclable Materials Pick Up

- ★ To sign up, please call Cathy Mackinnon at: 634-2629
- ★ Clean recyclable material only; max. 2 medium sized bins per week.
- ★ Pickup 8:30am – 12:30pm:
 - Tuesday:** East Side of Alaska Highway (*Alek, Rainbow, Backe, Otter, etc.*)
 - Wednesday:** West Side of Alaska Highway (*MacIntosh, Lowell, Kennedy, Logan, etc.*)
 - Thursday:** Willow Acres, Industrial Subdivision & Bear Berry
 - Friday:** Business Pick Up

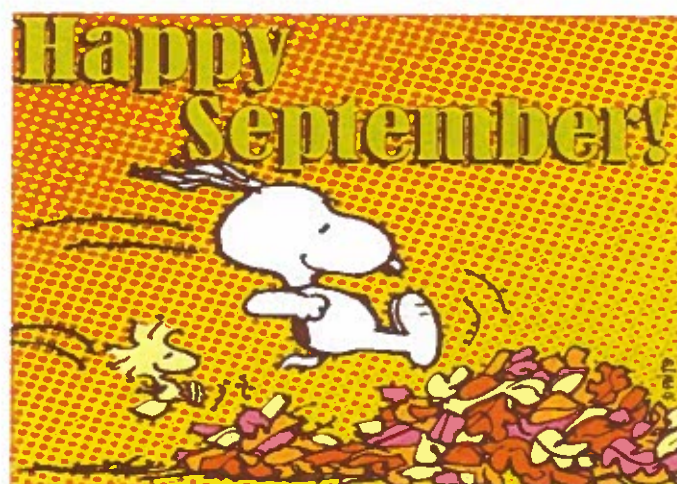


Thank you to all our community members for participating in the recycling program!



911 Civic Address Signs are at the Village of Haines Junction Office.

Get yours if you do not have one yet!



REGISTER FOR FREE TODAY

WHAT IS VOYENT ALERT?

Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service provided by the Municipality of Haines Junction to keep you informed of critical events like fires or floods as well as day-to-day communications such as road maintenance and closures, water advisories, etc.

NOTIFICATION SERVICE



WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT

PERSONALIZED COMMUNICATIONS

Voyent Alert! provides informative communications. Critical information such as the distance and direction from an incident, and preferred evacuation routes from your followed locations may be provided.

FOLLOW MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Voyent Alert! allows you to create and follow multiple locations such as "Kids School" or "Mom's House". Any event or communication related to your followed locations will be forwarded to you along your preferred communication channel.

COMMUNICATIONS YOUR WAY

Receive alerts over a wide variety of communication channels including mobile apps, text/SMS alerting, email or voice dial. You can register for one or more communication channels.

NO MESSAGE PREFERENCE

Smart alerting capabilities ensure that you will only get notified when a communication is relevant to you or one of the locations you are following.

EASY REGISTRATION

Registration for the service is FREE, simple and anonymous.

REGISTER NOW!



Download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

For more information visit our website or contact us at: register@voyent-alert.com