



At the official opening of the Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade's Hall at Lower Onslow, November 17, 1961, Karl Barnhill, Lee Higgins, Darrell Clarke, Maynard Wilson, Keith Hamilton, and Councillor Kenneth Crowe. In front of the \$2500 hall is a Civil Defense truck and the brigade's 500 gallon tank truck.

911 CIVIC ADDRESS PROGRAM

In an effort to provide visible signage of civic address's for emergency response units we are continuing with the O.B.F.B. 911 Civic address program. The signs include the civic address assigned to your home. They are located at the end of the driveways in a clearly visible location so they can be easily seen.

The civic numbers are the numbers that the Fire Brigade, Police & Ambulance look for when called to your home, so they are very important. If you wish to purchase one please clip the application below and bring or mail it to the fire hall or call.

The cost of the signs is \$25.00 installed

Cheques should be made payable to **Onslow - Belmont Fire brigade, Civic numbers**

Civic Sign Application

Send your order to: **Walter McElhinney, R. R. #5, Truro, N. S. B2N 5B3 or Phone 897 - 6025**

Name: _____

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Nature Notes

By Fran Spalding • 647-2837



Our hummingbirds left on Labour Day for Central America and won't be back until May 15, give a day or two. Many people in the area tell of having scores that visit their feeders so frequently that they have to fill them at least twice daily.

Not so at our place, where less than a dozen call it their summer home. When the bee balm flowers come into bloom they spend more time around them than at the feeders; to attract the birds try that handsome perennial in a sunny location in your garden.

If you want to attract raccoons, plant sweet corn instead; one has been helping himself nightly to ours, as well as to a neighbour's bird feeders and suet cakes. There have been several around: a nursing

mother was killed by a car earlier this summer and two of her cubs, later found wandering around, were taken to the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park.

Two grown individuals were live-trapped and taken to woods miles away. One that kept ravaging a veranda's feeders came, I've heard, to an untimely end. I've been lent a live-trap and hope that once the corn's gone an old sardine will prove tempting. While rats and earwigs are shown no mercy, man has a sneaking admiration for the wiliness of the raccoon.

Since we as a species have, over the years, destroyed so many creatures as well as their habitats and continue to do so on a global scale, rather than firepower, I'll try to match wits with him. Now that's a long shot.



Onslow-Belmont

Open House – October 10th

By Clair Peers: OBFB

<http://www.onslowbelmontfb.ca/>

During fire prevention week we will be visiting local schools. On Saturday October 10 from 10:00 am-1:00pm, we will once again host an open house at the fire hall. There will be demonstrations, prize draws, games, and pizza. Be sure to attend and bring a friend.

This year's fire prevention theme, "Stay Fire Smart" could be interpreted in many ways. There are lots of safety measures that can be taken around the home both inside and out.

For instance:

Inside the house:

- Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.
- Have a 3-foot "kid-free" zone around the stove.
- Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.
- Teach children that hot things hurt.
- Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, oven, irons, lamps, and heaters.
- When using heating pads only use for 15-20 minutes at a time and don't lie, sit or place anything on the pad.
- Always cook with caution
- Have a 3-foot kid-free zone around open fires and heaters.
- Keep things that can burn, such as paper, bedding, or furniture, at least 3 feet from heaters.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected each year by a professional.
- Check water temperatures before putting your child in the tub
- Learn how to treat burns

Outside the House:

- Never leave combustibles near a building & keep debris & garbage containers away from outside walls. Never put hot coals in a compost container.
- Remember when you light a fire even on your own property it becomes your responsibility and you can be held accountable and liable for any damage it causes. The best advice is don't light any fires.

Community involvement:

As a citizen you can do your part for your Community simply by being observant and watchful. If you see anything that looks like a fire, make the call to 911.

Our fire Brigade has now received over 100 calls for the year. Many of these calls relate to medical first response. It is important when you have an emergency to give clear directions to the 911 dispatcher. It is also important to have your property street number clearly identified.

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Another growing number of calls is motor vehicle mishaps. Many of these are single vehicle incidents. There seems to be mostly one explanation for these, "DRIVER IN-ATTENTION". We all know that there still a great number of drivers talking on cellular phones and sending text's while in the care and control of a motor vehicle. Just look around and you will see many occurrences daily. That coupled with the high rate of "IN VEHICLE DINING", makes for a dangerous combination.

By the time this news is out, our annual Harvest sale and auction will be over and once again we want to thank all of you in our community for your tremendous continued support for this important fund-raising event. Watch for a full report on the results in the next Shoreline.

The Onslow Belmont Fire brigade was founded in 1961, so we are coming up on our 50th anniversary. Plans are under way and a committee has been formed to make the 50th a celebration for OBFB. Watch for more on that.

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