



## March 2015 Newsletter

**Council Meetings** are scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of each month, except for July, August and occasionally December. Changes in meeting times will be posted on the township Web site, [www.lairdtownship.ca](http://www.lairdtownship.ca). Many other activities of council, including council minutes and by-laws are also shown on its Web site.



Mayor Dick Beitz will be available on Monday afternoons, prior to each council meeting date, to meet with rate payers. If you wish to come and visit, please let the office know by calling 248-2395.

The newly opened **Nurse Practitioner Clinic** in Echo Bay continues to increase in popularity. To set up an appointment call North Channel Nurse Practitioner Clinic in Thessalon at 705-842-9898.



Don't forget that carbon monoxide detectors are now mandatory in every habitable building. Get into the habit of changing batteries in **smoke and carbon monoxide detectors** at a specific time each year. Some use the changing to or from day light savings time as the occasion to complete this task.

**HELP keep BLACK KNOT in check.**



Black Knot is a spore born fungus and is harmful only to "pit" type trees & shrubs, i.e. chokecherry, plum and apricots. It is not harmful to humans or pets. It appears as a light brown warty swelling on the shoots of current season's growth in later summer or spring. By autumn of the second year the knots mature and turn coal-black and woody. Should you notice black knot, cut off the offending branches and place in a bag and take to the landfill burn pile.