



# NVCA E-Newsletter

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## FAVOURITE LINKS:

### Make a Donation

*There are a number  
of ways you can  
make a difference  
through Canada  
Helps!*

### Conservation Areas Guide

*The NVCA  
Conservation Areas  
Guide is available  
online or at the  
NVCA office.*

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## CALENDAR:

**Next Board of  
Directors Meeting:**

## Windbreak whys and how-tos for farmers

Windbreaks can provide economic benefits, save topsoil and increase yield! To find out more, members of the farming community are encouraged to sign up for this FREE workshop being put on by the NVCA and OMAFRA:

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (lunch provided)

Nottawasaga Inn – 6015 Hwy 89, Alliston, ON

To register, call or e-mail Ryan Post:

705-424-1479 x.249 or [rpost@nvca.on.ca](mailto:rpost@nvca.on.ca)

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## See you at the Tiffin Centre this winter!

Mark your calendars for these two annual events at the Tiffin Centre:

**Family Day** – Mon. February 20<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join us for fun activities for grown-ups and kids of all ages!

Admission: \$5 per person, kids 5 and under free.

- bring skates and helmets for a spin on the pond
- try out our equipment and snowshoe, kick-sled or go geocaching
- enjoy the bonfire with hotdogs and cocoa
- adopt a maple syrup bucket

**Spring Tonic** – Sat. March

31<sup>st</sup> and Sun. April 1<sup>st</sup>

– 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The highlight of maple syrup season at the Tiffin Centre, with our partner the Rotary Club of Barrie. Admission:



*January 27, 9 a.m.  
at the Tiffin Centre  
- John L Jose bldg*

**FAMILY DAY:**  
*Feb.21*

**SPRING TONIC:**  
*Mar.31 & Apr. 1*

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Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5, infants free.

- pancake breakfast with sausages and Tiffin's own maple syrup; served daily until 2 p.m. or while it lasts
- see how maple syrup is made today and long ago
- enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, crafts, live music, face painting, a 'Zoo to You' animal show and more!

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## **2012 draft budget approved**

At the November 25, 2011 Board meeting, the NVCA's draft 2012 budget incorporating an increase in municipal levy of approximately 1.73% was approved for circulation to member municipalities. On February 24, 2012 the NVCA Board members will deliberate and vote on the final budget draft.

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## **Revised Planning Fee Schedule**

A new schedule of planning fees was approved at the December 16, 2011 Board of Directors meeting. [Click here or visit our website to view new policy and fee schedule.](#)

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## **NVCA Annual General Meeting**

The NVCA will hold its Annual General Meeting on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m. in the John L. Jose Building at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation. NVCA Board meetings are generally held the fourth Friday of the month and are always open to the public. Agendas and minutes are published online each month.

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## **Looking for more winter fun?**

[Visit Conservation Ontario's website](#) for activities and events taking place around the province!