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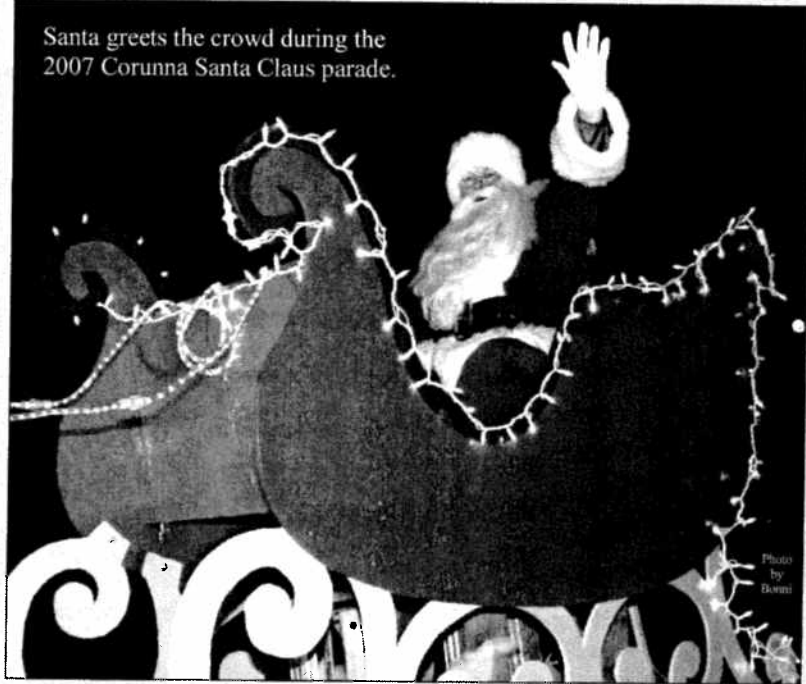
December 2007

Merry Christmas, St. Clair Township!

A crisp, clear evening brought out a large, enthusiastic crowd of children (of all ages) to the 2007 Corunna Santa Claus parade on Nov. 24. Some young musicians from SCITS played Christmas tunes at the St. Clair clock tower square while the parade passed by, and afterwards, chilly parade-goers flocked to the square for hot chocolate and treats courtesy of the Corunna Horticultural and Improvement Association.

Santa had to return to the North Pole to prepare for his journey on Christmas Eve, but before he left, he said he hopes everyone will support either Operation Christmas Tree or the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas hamper program so that every family in St. Clair Township will be able to have a very happy holiday.

Santa greets the crowd during the 2007 Corunna Santa Claus parade.



...And I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

Transit service survey in progress

St. Clair Township is investigating the possibility of arranging transit service for urban areas of the municipality.

Residents interested in making their opinions known about this issue can go online to www.twp.stclair.on.ca where they can complete a survey. For those who do not have a computer, computer access is available at any public library. A paper copy of the survey can also be obtained from the clerk's office at the St. Clair Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown.

All surveys must be submitted by Dec. 31, 2007.

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COUNCIL NOTES

Rezoning concerns raised at public meeting

A bid to rezone the former Chinook Chemical site north of Port Lambton has area residents concerned. At a public meeting on Nov. 19, many of the residents were on hand to hear Lambton County planner Jeff Baranek outline a zoning by-law amendment that would see the bulk of the property changed from an M3-1 to M3 classification. The remainder of the property, previously severed from the original site, would be rezoned from M3 to M2.

The rezoning is being undertaken as part of an initiative by Chinook Global Ltd. to sell the property. An offer on the small parcel of land has already been received and would be used to house a contractor's yard, making the zone M2 classification appropriate. The M3 classification for the remainder of the property would allow it to be used for heavy industrial purposes, including the manufacture of chemical materials.

However, Chinook representative Ronald Breen pointed out that the chemical trimethylanime (TMA) and its associated products, (the materials associated with the noxious odour that often spread in the air from the site into the greater community,) were prohibited from being produced under a non-competition agreement the company had already signed.

Breen noted any operations a buyer might propose for the site would have to be approved by the Ministry of the Environment, and current set-backs and restrictions would address community concerns. Further, Breen said he felt the wording of the planner's report was "unduly alarming." He said he spent six years working with Chinook to improve the company's performance and improve community relations, and he felt this had been accomplished.

Residents in attendance said they did not want an M3 designation awarded to the site. Some felt the site should be cleaned up and put to a use that would

have a less profound impact on the surrounding community, and some urged that an M2 designation be set for the entire site.

An alternative was suggested in the form of an M6 classification, which would preclude a heavy industrial use but would be more flexible than M2.

Council requested more information on the matter and agreed to revisit the rezoning request at its Monday, Dec. 3 meeting.

Emily Street property discussed

The proposed official plan amendment for a parcel of vacant property just north of the St. Clair Township Civic Centre on Emily Street in Mooretown drew criticism from a group of concerned residents at the Nov. 19 meeting of council.

The amendment would see the property classification change from "open space" to "residential." Council has been approached to allow the development of the property and a conditional offer has been received, but the amendment would be just the first step in pursuing this option.

The residents were upset that they didn't receive prior notice that the matter would be discussed at the Nov. 19 meeting. They feel that, since the property is public land, the public should be consulted before any move is made to sell it.

Council voted to approve the official plan amendment to "residential." Upon hearing that the amendment had been approved, the residents argued that council was not following the approved procedure for the sale of the property.

It was pointed out that the approval is just first of three steps necessary to allow any type of development on the subject property. The matter must now be addressed through the rezoning process, after which a detailed site plan will be required to gain a subdivision approval. This can only be done at the county level.

The residents say they will take the matter to an Ontario Municipal Board hearing if it is decided that the property should be developed.

Building permit infraction

Council recently discussed the matter of a resident who failed to check current municipal building code by-law revisions before proceeding with a major renovation at his home. This oversight could prove costly for the homeowner, and it is preventable.

Residents of St. Clair Township are reminded to check all municipal building code by-law revisions before making any significant alterations to their homes or places of business. This includes changes to out-buildings, grain bins, etc.

Those who carry out building projects that do not conform to current building code requirements can be asked to make the changes necessary to bring the project into compliance. In extreme cases, an order can be made to demolish the project.

A failure to check current code requirements may also lead to a project being carried out without an applicable building permit. This can lead to a double permit fee being levied.

Anyone considering a major property renovation or addition should visit the St. Clair Township Civic Centre on Emily Street in Mooretown first. Up-to-date information is available and suitable building permits can be obtained if necessary.

St. Clair Township council holds regular meetings at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. Anyone wishing to address council should call the municipal office at 519-867-2021. The next regular meeting is set for Dec. 17.

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*Every time I say the word
"diet" I have to go
wash my mouth out
with chocolate!*

COUNCIL DIARY

Councillor Pat Alexander Carswell is the author of this month's council column. Watch for this column each month for insights directly from your municipal council.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As a St. Clair Township council representative, it has been my pleasure to be part of the Corunna Community Policing Committee. I mention this because, when I think about all the good things about the

holidays - good food, good friends and family, snow, children (big and small) and Santa - I also think about keeping our community safe to protect these good things.

I have been the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for the past 18 months, and one of my duties is to relay OPP news releases to everyone who signs up to receive them. It's part of keeping our community safe. Last year, I sent out many reports of thefts, reports about cars and homes broken into, about Christmas presents and precious

keepsakes stolen, and about lives derailed because of a momentary lapse in security.

I am proud to live in St. Clair Township where caring, community-minded citizens make it a great place to live. I am asking you all to look out for each other. Report any and all suspicious activity to the OPP. And sign up for the news releases at the OPP office on Lyndoch Street in Corunna. Let the joy of the holiday season fill your heart and your home and may you all find prosperity in 2008.

Christmas hamper programs still accepting donations

The 2007 Operation Christmas Tree program in north St. Clair Township, as well as the joint Christmas hamper program in south St. Clair Township, are both getting set to brighten the holidays for many of St. Clair Township's less fortunate families.

Operation Christmas Tree recently got off to a great start with about 175 people attending the annual Poor Boy luncheon at the Royal Canadian Legion Corunna branch hall. Donations garnered from individuals and service organizations at-

tending the event totalled over \$4,100.

Anyone still wishing to donate non-perishable food items or new, unwrapped toys can do so at the EGA Building (former Murray Street Public School), Monday to Friday from 9 p.m. to 3 p.m. Organizers say that, in past years, toys and games for older children have been in short supply.

This worthwhile program is a perfect way to share your Yuletide spirit with the less fortunate families of St. Clair Township. For more information, go online to

www.operationchristmastree.ca

In south St. Clair Township, donations of non-perishable food items and unwrapped new toys are being collected by St. Vincent de Paul, the Optimist Club and the Knights of Columbus, who deliver about 50 hampers annually in the former Sombra Township area.

This year, the food drive kicked off with a door-to-door collection on Dec. 2. But donations are still being sought until Dec. 17 and anyone wishing to contribute can call George Moran at 519-677-5773.

**St. Clair Twp.
HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

The following schedule is for curb-side household waste collection during the Christmas holiday season.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

BLUE BOX COLLECTION

<u>Regular scheduled day</u>	<u>Holiday schedule</u>
Tues. Dec. 25	Wednesday, Dec. 26
Wed. Dec. 26	Thursday, Dec. 27
Thursday, Dec. 27	Friday, Dec. 28
Friday, Dec. 28	Saturday, Dec. 29
Tuesday, Jan. 1	Wednesday, Jan. 2
Wednesday, Jan. 2	Thursday, Jan. 3
Thursday, Jan. 3	Friday, Jan. 4
Friday, Jan. 4	Saturday, Jan. 5

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All regular waste restrictions apply. Limit 6 items/50 lb.

Please recycle whenever possible.

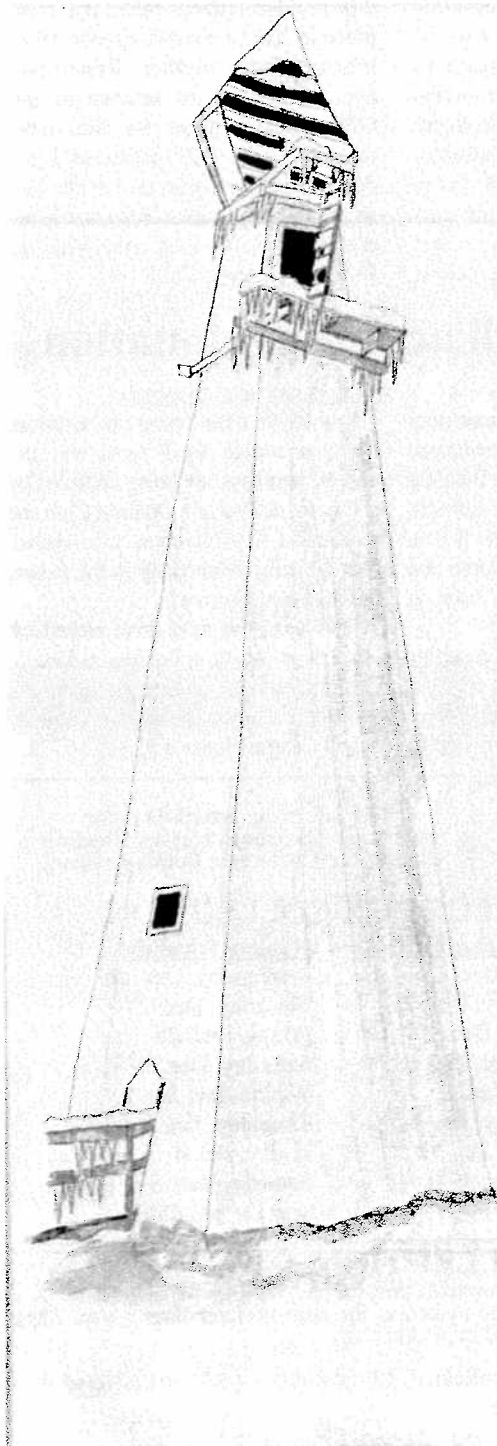
CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Trees will be collected separately in urban areas of St. Clair Township that receive yard waste collection. Tree collection will take place on Friday, January 18. Trees must be placed at the curb no later than 7 a.m. They must be free of all ornaments, stands, etc. and MUST NOT be placed in plastic bags.

For all areas of St. Clair Township where yard waste is NOT collected, Christmas trees will be collected with regular garbage. The tree will be counted as part of the six item limit.

St. Clair Township council and staff

wish you the
happiest of holidays
and
all the best in 2008.



As I sit here contemplating the events of the past year, I am amazed at how fast time resolves itself into history. I would like to say "thank you" to all of the volunteers and the St. Clair Township staff for their tireless efforts to make this community and township such a wonderful place to live, work and play. I would also like to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.



Mayor Steve Arnold



For some family fun,
try this holiday quiz

Every country has its own way of saying "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." From the following lists, match each phrase to its country of origin. See page 8 for the answers.

PHRASES

- 1 - Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano Nuevo
- 2 - Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo
- 3 - Wesolych Swiat i Szczesliwego Nowego Roku
- 4 - Joyeux Noel et Bonne Annee
- 5 - Prejeme Vam Vesele Vanoce a Stastny novy rok
- 6 - Vrolijk Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar
- 7 - Nollaig chridheil agus Bliadhna mhath ur
- 8 - Froehliche Weihnachten und ein gluckliches Neus Jahr

COUNTRIES

- a. Czechoslovakia; b. Spain; c. Holland; d. Ireland (Gaelic); e. Germany; f. France; g. Italy; h. Poland.

Fire department has two new emergency vehicles on duty

The St. Clair Township fire department recently upgraded its fleet of emergency vehicles with two new rescue vehicles. The first, a 2007 GMC C5500 Duramax diesel rescue/command centre vehicle, is headed for the Corunna fire station. The vehicle, right, was purchased for about \$160,000 from Asphodel Fire Trucks Ltd. of Norwood, Ontario.

The combination rescue/command centre vehicle can carry eight firefighters, with six fully-suited firefighters safely buckled into their seats in the back service area. With immediate access to self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), these firefighters are ready to go into action as soon as they reach the scene of the emergency. The stainless steel-clad service area is also equipped as a command post, boasting a built-in 5,000 watt generator, refrigeration for an ample supply of drinking water, ample equipment storage space and built-in emergency/task lights.



The new 2007 GMC Duramax diesel rescue/command centre vehicle recently made an appearance at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre with Corunna District Deputy Chief Tim Sparks at the wheel.

The second vehicle, also a rescue unit, is a 2007 GMC C4500 walk-around unit destined for the Courtright fire station. These new vehicles will replace outdated rescue units.

Two local environmental groups receive financial support

Environmental restoration efforts in St. Clair Township and Chatham Kent recently received a welcome financial boost from the Ontario Great Lakes Renewal Foundation (OGLRF).

The foundation presented cheques totalling \$250,000, with \$50,000 going to the Rural Lambton Stewardship Network (RLSN) to help fund rehabilitation work in the St. Clair/Sydenham River Stewardship Initiative, and \$200,000 going to the provincial Ducks Unlimited Canada wetland program. The money presented to the RLSN brings to \$400,000 the total funding commitment made by the foundation since 2004. The Ducks Unlimited money is the final

instalment of a \$2.4 million six-year commitment that has allowed the organization to conserve and restore wetlands and waterfowl habitat, and in the process, substantially contribute to the improvement of water quality within designated Areas of Concern (AoC) around the Great Lakes.

Municipal representatives from St. Clair Township and Chatham Kent, as well as Lambton-Kent-Middlesex MPP Maria Van Bommel and Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey, were on hand for this event.

OGLRF president and CEO Don Robinson noted that the province has discontinued financial support for the

foundation's work. He urged the public to lobby their government representatives to renew that support so that the ongoing effort to restore good water quality in the Great Lakes basin can continue.



On hand for the presentation of the \$250,000 cheque were: OGLRF president and CEO Don Robinson; RLSN chair Doug McGee; RLSN co-chair Dave Ferguson; Jessica Rawn, Ducks Unlimited Ontario development manager; Darrell Randell, Ducks Unlimited habitat specialist/St. Clair Township councillor.

Youth club helping community

The Friendship JOOI club 'book release' has been deemed a success. Nineteen club members, ages six to 11, left age-appropriate books in public places for other young people to find and read.

The group is now helping with Operation Christmas Tree as well as gathering items to make 24 treat packages to give to children who must spend the Christmas holidays in the Bluewater Health Mitton site hospital. Donations of school or art supplies, small games, and other age-appropriate items are still being sought for this purpose. To donate call 519-867-5235 before Dec. 15.

The club is associated with the Optimist Club of Moore.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Lambton OPP warns "Lock it or lose it!"

There is an epidemic of thefts from vehicles currently in progress in St. Clair Township, as well as in several other communities throughout Lambton County.

In spite of countless warnings to keep property locked up, people are still falling victim to thefts from their unlocked vehicles and homes. Lambton OPP Cst. John Reurink reports that, since April 1 of this year, over 100 incidences of theft and mischief have occurred in St. Clair Township alone!

The police are currently engaged in an all-out battle against these thefts, which are, for the most part, preventable. The **Lock It Or Lose It** campaign is part of the public awareness campaign aimed at reducing or eliminating this problem. "We hope the *Lock It or Lose It* program will help the public take ownership (in keeping their possessions safe)," said Cst. Reurink. "We've had some people who've been victimized more than once because they didn't lock their vehicles."

Motorists are urged to keep all valuables out of sight and to lock vehicles, even if they will only be gone a short period of time. This strategy alone can eliminate most of the problem. "People have to understand thefts from vehicles are an easy target for people looking for change or items for their personal use," said Cst. Reurink. He added these items can also be sold and the cash used to buy drugs.

Cst. Reurink notes that victimized motorists often argue that they leave their vehicles unlocked because there is "nothing to steal." Unfortunately, the smallest amount of change or a pair of sunglasses is often enough to encourage entry of an unlocked vehicle. Once inside, the thief is able to search the rest of the vehicle, including the glove compartment, where valuable items may be stored.

Statistics show the majority of thefts from unlocked vehicles are done by youngsters. Cst. Reurink says part of the solution lies in parents knowing where their children are at all times. He advises parents that, if their children say they are going to sleep over at a friend's house, the friend's parents should be contacted to make sure they are aware of the arrangement. "We've had young kids found out on the streets at all hours of the night," said Cst. Reurink. "That's where the provincial curfew comes in." The curfew states that minors found out on the streets unaccompanied by adults between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. can be picked up by police and taken to the nearest police station. The children's parents are called and instructed to pick them up at the station. This situation occurs more often than most people would imagine, and Cst. Reurink says in most cases, the children's parents are unaware that the children are

at large.

Public vigilance has also come in handy in solving some of the cases that have plagued St. Clair Township this year. In November, information from a Corunna citizen led the Lambton OPP to arrest a 17-year-old Corunna male who is thought to have been responsible for anywhere from 50 to 100 thefts. Police say the youth just went from car to car checking to see which ones were unlocked. When he found one that was open, he entered it and took whatever was available.

Part of the *Lock It or Lose It* campaign involves police officers doing random checks to see if vehicles are locked. Should the officer find an unlocked vehicle, a special 'ticket' is left either inside the vehicle or under the windshield wiper to remind the owner to lock up.

As Christmas approaches, be mindful of the need to protect your property. Christmas shopping should be kept out of sight and vehicles should be securely locked, even if parked in the owner's own driveway. Cst. Reurink hopes all motorists and property owners will take the time to protect their property now and in the future.

"This is a crime that doesn't have to occur."

Lambton OPP Cst. John Reurink

Drink responsibly this holiday season!

Lambton OPP reminds motorists to drive sober this Christmas and all year 'round. R.I.D.E. traffic stops will be stationed at random locations throughout the county during the holidays and those who dare to drive while impaired will face stiff fines and licence suspensions.

Bear in mind that impaired drivers are a hazard to everyone who shares the road with them. So if you see someone who is obviously intoxicated weaving down the road or still on foot preparing to enter their vehicle, inform police immediately by supplying a description of the vehicle and even the licence plate number if you are able to. (Cell phone users, please pull completely off the road and come to a complete stop before placing your call.)

Don't drink and drive! And if you see a friend preparing to do so, BE A FRIEND - TAKE THEIR KEYS and call a cab.

Cameras on 402 accessible to public

The Ministry of Transportation recently made images from its monitoring cameras along Highway 402 accessible to the public. This access will allow motorists to find out about road conditions and traffic flow from Mandaumin Road to the Blue-water Bridge. The images from the cameras are refreshed every three to five minutes to provide current information.

SPEAK YOUR MIND**Ratepayers contest rezoning of Emily Street property**

Two concerns for over 100 ratepayers, many of whom attended the Nov. 19 St. Clair Township council meeting, regarding the proposed sale of public land immediately north of the St. Clair Township Civic Centre (lot 38 and 39, 8.3 acres along Emily Street in Mooretown) for the purposes of private residential development are: 1. The lack of information, knowledge and awareness at large among township ratepayers regarding this council endeavour currently underway; 2. We would like to know what other St. Clair Township ratepayers think about this situation.

Should the land be: a. rezoned to residential to allow private ownership or; b. retained as it is for future public needs opposite a multitude of end uses which could enhance public services in an already existing civic centre development area (ie. medical centre, senior citizens residence, curling rink, etc.)

Also, remember that the potential industrial expansion boom, becoming reality, would accelerate public service needs and wants. Allowing this green space to remain as it is would facilitate the creation, at some future time, of a public core area to address these needs

and wants.

Our campaign to seek signatures on a petition opposing the rezoning of this property has so far been signed by over 100 concerned ratepayers. We will continue to collect signatures with the expectation that upwards of 80 per cent of those approached will oppose the current action to rezone this property as residential. It is our intent that, if the property is rezoned to residential, we will take the petition and our concerns to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing. Anyone interested in signing our petition can contact: Doug Henderson, 519-867-5350; Chad Anderson, 519-864-1161; Rick Hanicz, 519-431-0500; Ray Croteaux, raycroteaux@hotmail.com; Ed Nicol, ed.nicol@sympatico.ca; Alice May Sutherland, alicemaysutherland@yahoo.ca.

The School Daze Report

Our intrepid correspondent at **Sir John Moore Community School** says autumn has been a busy and exciting time for the students, beginning with the Terry Fox Run in September which raised over \$2,900 for cancer research. In sports, the intermediate boys' and girls' soccer teams were both victorious in the south Sarnia A Division soccer tournaments. The school's cross-country team of 49 runners garnered the most points of all Lambton schools at the area cross-country meet on Oct. 16. And at the Lambton-Kent cross-country meet on Oct. 29, 23 Sir John Moore runners placed well in their individual divisions. This month, the school has been engaged in Christmas fundraising projects to benefit Operation Christmas Tree. Students are collecting Canadian Tire money to be used to buy gifts, and non-perishable food items are also being collected. Throughout the year, the students who belong to the school's Colour Houses earn participation points for their efforts in projects such as this. The houses are: The Green Giants, The Yellow Jackets, The Big Red Machine, The Purple Raptors, and The Orange Flames.

At St. Joseph Catholic School, students raised \$16,382 for cancer research during their Terry Fox campaign. Principal Bill Nelson became the *ice cream* in an ice cream sundae after students surpassed his challenge to raise over \$10,000. Top fundraisers and class representatives got to "top" Mr. Nelson with gooey goodies like chocolate syrup, whipped cream, sprinkles and even feathers (a ticklish situation to be sure!) A cheque was presented to Terry Fox Committee member Margaret Alexander, a retired school secretary, who accepted on behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation. In 2006, the school was ranked 20th in the province for money raised by elementary schools to benefit cancer research and the Terry Fox Foundation.

All St. Clair Township schools are welcome to send in reports about the terrific things their students are doing. Just e-mail your report to: beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca

**Speak
your mind
by e-mailing:**

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or snail mailing to:

**The Beacon, c/o St. Clair Civic
Centre, 1155 Emily St.,
Mooretown, Ont., N0N 1M0.**

St. Clair River Trail report

A new section of off-road trail adjacent to the Lambton Generating Station south of Courtright is now in service. Ontario Power Generation has donated \$15,000 towards the construction cost of \$103,000.

The Joe Dedecker Link from Sombra to Branton-Cundick Park has also been completed with the help of a \$50,000 donation from Suncor towards the \$160,000 cost.

The St. Clair River Trail Committee thanks the many individuals, businesses and corporations, as well as St. Clair Township, for the support they have shown the trail project since its inception.

May the new year afford everyone ample opportunity to get out and enjoy the beauty of the St. Clair River Trail.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Moore Museum open house

The Moore Museum in Mooretown will host a Christmas open house on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The museum will be decorated for the holidays and there will be holiday entertainment in the Trinity St. Clair Chapel, plus lots of home baked treats and refreshments for everyone. Don't miss this chance to experience holiday family fun at the Moore Museum.

OPP host drive-thru donation event

The Lambton OPP office on south Lyndoch Street in Corunna will be the site of the 3rd annual Operation Christmas Tree drive-thru donation event on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Non-perishable food items and unwrapped new toys will be welcomed and will be used to brighten the holidays for many of north St. Clair Township's less fortunate families.

Moore Sports Complex winter programs

SWIMMING - Registration for the Winter swim session and the *Learn to Swim for Life* program is now in progress at the Moore Sports Complex. The complex's Lifesaving Society swim program is a complete learn-to-swim program offering courses from *Parent and Tot* to leadership courses. Call 519-867-2651 to register.

ICE SPECIAL - A December ice rental special is in effect from Dec. 3 to 21, 2007. From Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (non-prime hours) the cost is \$50 per hour. To book ice time call 519-867-2651.

Christmas donations still needed

It's the time of year when the joy of giving is the greatest gift we can give ourselves. A joyful heart makes the season bright no matter what your own circumstances may be.

Two Christmas hamper programs operate in St. Clair Township - in north St. Clair Township, it's Operation Christmas Tree and in south St. Clair Township, it's a joint effort of the St. Vincent de Paul, Optimist Club of Sombra, Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart youth group, and the Boy Scouts of Canada. Both programs need help to ensure that the area's less fortunate families can share in the joy and bounty of the season. The Operation Christmas Tree collection depot at the former Murray Street School in Corunna is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Dec. 18. In south St. Clair Township, call George Moran at 519-677-5773 for more information.

Please share your love this holiday season. It's a great way to get onto Santa's 'Nice' list.

Tim Horton's sponsors free skating

Tim Horton's will sponsor free holiday skating at the Moore Sports Complex as follows: Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Dec. 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Dec. 28, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Dec. 29, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Locally Lambton map project seeking participants

The Lambton Federation of Agriculture is seeking advertisers and sponsors for its *Locally Lambton Food and Fun* map. The map will feature farm businesses within Lambton County that sell locally-grown products or host activities of interest to the public. It is distributed as a way of letting the public know about interesting agricultural attractions. For more information call 519-828-5028.

Optimist cash calendar tickets on sale

The Optimist Club of Moore is now selling 2008 cash calendars, with a prize board of \$8,700. The early bird draw of \$500 is slated for Dec. 25 and tickets are available from any Moore Optimist.

CCPC meets monthly

The Corunna Community Policing Committee (CCPC) meets the first Tuesday of each month. For more information, go online to www.corunnapolicing.ca

Contact The Beacon!

If you belong to a non-profit organization or group, why not let the community know what you're up to? E-mail The Beacon at:

beacon@twp.stclair.on.ca

Free of charge, we'll give the community advance notice of your up-coming fundraisers, activities and events. To make sure your submissions aren't late, please note that your information must be submitted no later than the third Monday of each month and that The Beacon arrives in St. Clair Township mailboxes the first Thursday or Friday of each month.

The Beacon exists to serve the residents of St. Clair Township.

Answers to page 4 holiday quiz:

1(b), 2(g), 3(h), 4(f), 5(a), 6(c), 7(d), 8(e).

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Just think how happy you'd be if you lost everything you have right now...and then got it back.