



# The St. Clair Township BEACON



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## LARGA golf gals tee-up in Mooretown



A group of retired women from the LARGA golf group recently visited the St. Clair Parkway Golf Course for their regular Monday game. The group of age 50+ women meet to play and relax at a different golf course in Lambton County (and surrounding areas) each week. This happy foursome, shown planning their game strategies outside of the newly refurbished pro shop while waiting to tee off, includes Karen Brown, left; Muriel Wright; Heather Emmons; and Audrey Hunter. The group is always looking for other golf-minded women to join their ranks, so for more information visit the LARGA Facebook page.

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*

### "Vax To School" Program underway

Lambton Public Health encourages students ages 12 to 17 to be fully vaccinated in order to ensure a safer return to in-person school classes. Those who require a first dose are urged to be vaccinated in time to return to school on September 7.

For more information, visit [GetTheVaccine.ca](https://www.getthevaccine.ca)  
or call LPH Vaccine call centre at 226-254-8222.

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## MUNICIPAL NOTES

### Metal giant to prowl Corunna streets

St. Clair Township industry is growing once again and with growth comes the need for infrastructure.

At Shell in late September, growth will include the arrival of two half-million ton Regen Vessels. They will arrive at the Sarnia government dock and be transported along the new oversized load corridor to their final destination at the Shell Corunna site.

The logistics of such a move have been a source of concern for Shell, Mammoet (responsible for the move), and St. Clair Township.

At the Aug. 9 meeting of council, Project Manager Dave Binkley presented the transport plan that has been chosen to ensure the huge vessels safely reach the Shell facility.

The usual route for such large loads includes a southerly trip along Highway 40, a turn west down LaSalle Line, and then onto the St. Clair Parkway, where it proceeds south to Shell. However, Mr. Binkley explained Mammoet has requested the loads be brought west along Hill Street and north along the parkway to Shell.

The rationale for this change is that utility work along that route is already completed because of the NOVA Rokeby project, COGECO cables are buried along Hill Street (not suspended overhead), and the cost of using the LaSalle route was not feasible due to the dimensions and weights of the vessels. Additionally, the rehabilitation of the Talfourd Creek bridge on LaSalle Line is underway, reducing traffic to one lane, and that project is expected to continue through the fall.

The Ministry of Transportation has given approval for the move. Escorting the two "super loads" will be members of Sarnia Police Services. The OPP has stopped providing escort service, which makes it necessary for Sarnia police to operate outside of their jurisdiction.

Council expressed concern that the weight of the vessels could do substantial damage to Hill Street which would require repair after the move. In addition, the overnight transport of the vessels would block the entire street, making it impossible for emergency responders from the Corunna fire house to quickly reach emergency scenes. However, approvals have already been given by Lambton County and the MTO.

Mayor Arnold noted that the oversized load permit fees applicable to these extraordinary super load moves are grossly undercharged. The standard oversized load permit fee is \$150, plus a \$25,000 refundable deposit and proof of \$5 million in insurance. He added that the current permit fee rate and compensation schedule needs to be updated to allow for the potential damage and community hazards that could be caused by a super load.

"It's pretty pathetic that we're going through the middle of the largest section of our community with a vessel that's 33 feet high off the transport deck...disrupting all four lanes through Corunna, and keeping the parkway closed, no matter what time of the day or night it is," he said. "We have fire emergency vehicles that might be called out and that road is blocked."

Although he acknowledged Mammoet has safely completed many large moves in the area already, he pointed out the Community Commitment Fund may be called upon to address any damage done during this or other such moves, and that the fund could use some financial help from the companies to

### Council Meeting Schedule

All regular public council meetings are being held online until the COVID-19 threat has subsided enough to allow public gatherings. The public may view these meetings online by going onto the township website at: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca). On the St. Clair Township home page, look for a link to the meeting at the top of the page. The Facebook link is added just before the meeting is slated to begin.

**Upcoming meetings include: Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 3 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.; and Monday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m.**

St. Clair Township offices at the Civic Centre in Mooretown will remain closed to the public during council meetings. Opening will be considered on a meeting-to-meeting basis until it is safe to reopen the facility. Anyone wishing to contact the municipality can call 519-867-2021 for further information.

### Pay taxes and water online

Ratepayers now have the option to pay taxes or water bills online with any major credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Amex) or PayPal with PaySimply, a secure third-party provider. Visit the St. Clair Township website and simply click on 'property taxes payment' or 'water payment'.

Please allow three business days for processing. A convenience fee will be applied to cover payment handling and processing charges.

**Final 2021 Tax Due Date  
Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021**

deal with the repercussions of such moves.

### No One Stands Alone publications supported

A health issue that has been affecting a whole new sector of our global community is now the subject of an important new publication council heard about at its Aug. 9 meeting.

Presenter Debb Patel is currently promoting the booklet, *No One Stands Alone*, which quickly and easily guides those in need of psychological assistance to crucial first contact connections that can help them access the resources they so desperately need. It also strives to break the stigma associated with the term "mental health". Ms. Patel explained Lambton County and Sarnia have the resources to help people, but people experiencing psychological difficulties for the first time have a hard time locating the help they require. She says the goal of publishing *No One Stands Alone* is to make the search for assistance less troublesome. "What hasn't happened historically is the ability to find these (appropriate) resources very easily, very affordably, and very effectively in one booklet," she said.

According to Lambton Public Health, the pandemic has caused a significant surge in the number of people reporting the onset of mental health issues. This booklet contains information on resources from all agencies that address the various issues

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## More MUNICIPAL NOTES

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faced by those in need of assistance, even though some may not fall strictly under the auspices of Canadian Mental Health. "People struggle to find the resources and help; they struggle with the stigma around mental health - admitting that they need the help, they need the resources. Too often, they Google the symptoms and not the resources, without the familiarity of knowing where to go."

The booklet lists all local mental health resources available in Sarnia and Lambton, allowing immediate access to the appropriate resources without the need to ask around for help, which can be overwhelming.

Funding for this important publication has been gathered through donations from sponsors and municipalities that believe this issue must be addressed. To assist Ms. Patel in her effort to ease access to mental health care, St. Clair Township Council approved a donation of \$2,500 toward the distribution of *No One Stands Alone*.

Ms. Patel is an author, wife, and mother who has witnessed the effects of mental health issues and the ensuing need for timely, compassionate care. She is a devoted advocate for mental health and suicide awareness.

The FREE booklets are self-published and available in every part of the municipality including; grocery stores, coffee shops, golf courses, arenas, fire stations, EMS, and libraries.

The website associated with the booklet is accessible at:  
[info@noonestandsalone.ca](mailto:info@noonestandsalone.ca)

### Community service operations reported

Kendall Lindsay, Director of Community Services, reported the **St. Clair Parkway Golf Course** is now open with some safety precautions still in place. Indoor dining is permitted under these precautions, some group outings are allowed and a straight tee format is permitted.

**Campgrounds** are operating under provincial guidelines and outdoor gatherings are limited to 25 or less. Pavilions and outdoor event space may be rented with 25 per cent capacity observed, with a maximum of six people seated together and observing six-foot spacing. Contact tracing and screening is also required.

**Ball diamonds** will be maintained later into the autumn this year although the department will be operating with reduced staff. Duggan and Stewart ball field dugouts are in operational condition, although some vandalism had been noticed at the Stewart Park dugout.

The **Moore Sports Complex** is not yet in full operation and only Rink #1 is open. The arena refrigeration project design process is complete but the cost of several arena jobs has increased as a result of the pandemic.

The **Courtright shade structure** was installed but structural issues had to be addressed.

The minor and adult sports leagues have all submitted

their safety plans and signed contracts stating they will follow all regulations, so the township sports fields are busy once again.

### Volunteers being harassed

During councillor reports, it was revealed that some people who volunteer in township parks are being harassed by local residents.

One of the recurring incidents at a Port Lambton park is of particular concern. Deputy Mayor Steve Miller reported one resident adjacent to the park was "...over there yelling and screaming at people and has no right to do that to volunteers or even people we're paying to work in the park."

He suggested the township should start keeping track of this behaviour and give workers a policy or procedure they can follow to report it when it occurs.

Mayor Arnold suggested legal consultation be sought to look at options. A motion to that effect was carried.

### Sombra Ferry dock (Marinetech)

Sombra ferry dock owner Marinetech asked permission to submit a form application for a rezoning and, potentially, an Official Plan Amendment. The purpose of this request is to acquire a residential zone designation that would allow the storage of Marinetech's business equipment in the outbuildings and customs building on the dock. A motion of council permitting the submission of this request was passed, with the caution that further discussions with staff must take place once the new planner is available to discuss requirements for the proposal.

### Flood easements—Darcy McKeough Floodway

The renewal of expropriation leases associated with the Darcy McKeough Floodway was discussed at the Aug. 9 meeting of council. The 40-year leases were created when the Darcy McKeough Floodway was built to prevent flooding in Wallaceburg, and that term will expire in 2022. Closure of the floodway dam floods low-lying neighbouring properties, many of which are cultivated and can be damaged or destroyed by that flooding. The leases were created to provide compensation for that damage.

The new lease renewals were undertaken by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCa) to cover the next 40 years of floodway operation, but council is concerned that the affected landowners did not receive an opportunity to express their views and, if necessary, negotiate fair compensation. This is especially important since the dam, which was expected to only operate occasionally, has been closed many times in recent years and flooding of the low-lying properties has presented extraordinary hardships for those affected by the closures.

During discussion of this situation, consensus was that the new agreement needs to be developed with input from those affected by the floodway's operation. Council approved a motion to send a letter to the SCRCa from St. Clair Township Council requesting all affected landowners be contacted for discussion regarding easement renewals.

See page 11 for drone's eye view of Darcy McKeough Floodway

## THEODORE to visit Mooretown on Sept. 3!

If you missed Theodore TOO's first visit to the Mooretown Dock on Aug. 26, you can still see him there when he returns on Sept. 3! Up-close viewing will be held both days between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

This full-scale working replica, based on the Canadian-made children's television program *Theodore Tugboat*, was built in Nova Scotia and launched in 2000. Since then, the ocean-going craft has toured extensively around North America, including trips through the Great Lakes. It currently resides in Hamilton Harbour, Ontario.

The original CBC television program debuted in 1993 and ran for five seasons to 2000, using humanized vehicles to teach life lessons to young viewers. The only human usually seen on-screen was the *Harbourmaster* character who narrated the show, played by Denny Doherty, a native Canadian known to millions as a former member of the popular 1960s group, *The Mamas and the Papas*.

Theodore is touring to advocate on behalf of the marine industry, which currently has a shortage of industry professionals. It is sponsored locally by: Tourism Sarnia-Lambton; Village of Point Edward; MAT funds; Friends of the St. Clair River; Carpenters Local 1256; Coldwell Banker-Southwest Realty Brokerage; and Bluewater Power Group of Companies.



## More MUNICIPAL NOTES

### SOME ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP SERVICES SUSPENDED

St. Clair Township complies with provincially-enacted COVID-19 protocols

The reopening of the municipal office may align with the Province's Phase 3 strategy

*Up-to-dated details for municipal office operations can be found at the St. Clair Township website*

Some of the Township of St. Clair's services may be suspended.

Those services still being offered can be expected to have a delay.

Several employees are working from home but will have access to their email.

Please email or leave a voicemail and the employee will get back to you as promptly as possible.

**The following services have resumed but significant delays can be expected:**

- a) Issuance of Marriage Licenses
- b) Issuance of Lottery Licenses
- c) Processing of all Planning Act Applications

**The following Township buildings are closed until further notice:**

- a) St. Clair Township Civic Centre
- b) Emergency Services Building (Fire Department)

The Township thanks you for your continued patience throughout these

difficult times and it remains our priority to offer professional and courteous service when we're able.

*All Planning Applications can be accepted at the Civic Centre by appointment.*

**Employees will continue to occupy these buildings and can be reached their email or by phone at:**

- a) Moore Sports Complex 519-867-2651
- b) Public Works 519-867-2993
- c) Finance/Drains/Clerks/Building/Planning 519-867-2021
- d) Fire Department 519-481-0111

### SLEP offers free services to small businesses and entrepreneurs



The Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership now offers local business owners free access to specialized services provided by professional advisors through its Business Enterprise Centre. Services include: human resources, legislative compliance, operations management, marketing, brand development, and sales strategies.

One hour consultation services are now available through video platforms. Confidential consultations are provided by highly-qualified experts in their fields, from a certified Human Resource Professional with 15 years experience to a successful Sales and Marketing innovator who has pitched ideas to the television business pros on *Dragons Den* and *Shark Tank*.

The SLEP Business Enterprise Centre focuses on supporting entrepreneurs who are functioning within the new small business economy. The centre will assist: those who are in start-up mode; purchasing a new business for the

first time; or looking for support to add a new revenue stream as they pivot to meet the evolving needs of their customers.

The Virtual Service Advisor initiative is part of Small Business Centres (SBC) Ontario, launched in February, 2021. It is functioning as the Ontario Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Network. Funding for this network connects 54 Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBEC) locations that have been in operation for 30 years through support from the Ontario Government, as well as local and regional governments.

The formalized network offers local services, events, locations, and e-learning in one web portal- [www.sbcontario.ca](http://www.sbcontario.ca) - to increase awareness and access to supports available for small businesses as they recover from the economic impact of the pandemic.

**Don't try to struggle through your small business challenges alone.**

To learn more about this program, contact SLEP at 519-332-1820, email: [smallbusiness@sarnialambton.on.ca](mailto:smallbusiness@sarnialambton.on.ca), or go online to: [sarnialambton.on.ca/BEC](http://sarnialambton.on.ca/BEC)

**This enhanced program will be available until Sept. 30, 2021.**





## Public Works Department

After hours emergency  
~ 1-888-441-4204 ~

Public Works/Roads...519-867-2993

Engineering.....519-867-2125

Website..... [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)

Water Utility.....519-867-2128

Fax.....519-867-3886

Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown

### COVID-19 Measures in Effect

The St. Clair Township Works Department will be continuing to observe **COVID-19** guidelines regarding social distancing for the well-being of employees and the public. Residents will still be able to call for assistance or information. Public Works staff have resumed work that requires entry into a premise, however precautions will

be taken such as pre-screening residents, masks will be worn by staff and 6 feet distance will be maintained between the employee and resident.

**Please be patient during this emergency.** The health and safety of the community will be the priority for all St. Clair Township staff.

#### Waste Collection - Bag and Tie Waste

A reminder to bag and tie all waste (garbage) to secure litter, especially napkins, paper towels and tissues. Also, napkins, paper towels and tissue are not recyclable!

Failure to do so could result in uncollected waste.

#### Water utility appointments require 48 hours notification

St. Clair Township By-Law 41 of 2017, requires at least 48 hours notice in advance of scheduling appointments with the Public Works department, to avoid service fees.

#### Hydrant Flushing

Public Works will be undertaking annual flushing of fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township Water Distribution System, during the hours of:

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

May 2021 - Fall 2021

For current areas affected,  
refer to [stclairtownship.ca](http://stclairtownship.ca)

During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some water discoloration using your taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry etc., as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend that you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discoloration disappears.

If discoloration of the water continues after 10-15 minutes of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

#### Sewer Main Flushing

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township Sewer System, during the hours of:

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

May 2021 - Fall 2021

For current areas affected,  
refer to [stclairtownship.ca](http://stclairtownship.ca)

During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some gurgling noises in your drains.

If conditions persist after 24-48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

#### Road work scheduled - expect road closures and delays

Starting in August, expect intermittent road closures and delays due to road surface treatment and repairs on Rokeby Line between Telfer and Mandaumin Roads and on Moore Line between Ladysmith and Tecumseh Roads.

#### Waste & Recycling Placement

This is a reminder to all residents to place waste & recycling on the boulevard approximately one metre from the curb, or where no curb exists, one metre from the shoulder of the road.

**Waste should NOT be placed  
on the road or over  
any portion of the curb.**

It should not be placed any further than one metre to ensure it is collected. Waste that is placed on the road or curb can affect public works operations (street sweeping, snowplows, etc.)



#### WORKS works for you

*Township roads are always in need of maintenance and St. Clair Township Works Department crews are always on the job.*

*This crew is working in the rain to repair a culvert that is causing concern to local residents.*



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**Drivers are required to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian who is standing at the curb waiting to cross.**

When a pedestrian is crossing on the roadway within a pedestrian crosswalk, the driver of a vehicle approaching the crosswalk

- MUST stop before entering the crosswalk.
- MUST not pass another vehicle already stopped at the crosswalk
- MUST not proceed into the crosswalk until the pedestrian is no longer on the roadway.

When a vehicle is approaching a pedestrian crosswalk and is within 30 metres of it, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear must not allow the front of their vehicle to pass beyond the front of the other vehicle

Pedestrians must not leave the curb or other place of safety at a pedestrian crosswalk and walk, run, or move into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver of the vehicle to be able to safely stop.

Failure to do so can result in the following fines:

Offence	Fine*	Demerits
Failing to yield at pedestrian crosswalks, school crossings, and crossovers	Up to \$1000	Four demerit points



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### Yard Waste/Brush Collection

In order to reduce the amount of compostable material directed to landfill, St. Clair Township provides yard waste collection (directed to the compost site) in the spring and fall (see calendar for dates). During this collection period, paper bags or containers clearly marked with a large X must be used.

During time periods outside of yard waste collection dates, yard waste will be collected with the regular waste collection, subject to the 6-item limit. During this period of time, compost will be directed to landfill, not the compost site.

**Please note:** Residents will no longer be able to take yard waste directly to Sarnia Compost

Fall Yard Waste Collection will begin the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### Collection Days:



#### MONDAY

- St Clair Parkway (South of Emily St., Mooretown)
- Brigden, Courtright, Mooretown, Wilkesport
- Sombra, Port Lambton, Chenal Ecarte, Leeland Gardens



#### THURSDAY

- St Clair Parkway (North of Emily St., Mooretown)
- Corunna (including Froomfield)

### Gotta' dig? Contact *OntarioOneCall* first!

Property owners who have to dig anywhere on their property are reminded to know what lies beneath their land BEFORE digging. Damaged or severed cable, power, water, and gas lines can be dangerous and cause major disruptions to service. The can also be costly to repair.

**Be sure to call 1-800-400-2255 or visit [OntarioOneCall.ca](https://www.ontarioonecall.ca) 5 days before you dig.**



#### PUBLIC WORKS IS NOW LIVE ON FACEBOOK!

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Emergency preparedness starts with you  
**be prepared**



**make a plan**

[ontario.ca/beprepared](https://ontario.ca/beprepared)



**build a kit**



**stay informed**

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## 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

The County of Lambton and its partner Clean Harbors Canada Inc. will be holding the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program on Saturday, Sept. 25. These popular events offer Lambton County residents an opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste at no cost.

**The final opportunity for residents to safely dispose of their household hazardous waste will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30.** All events are held at the Clean Harbors Lambton Facility (4090 Telfer Road, St. Clair Township) from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Additionally, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, event attendees are asked to follow physical distancing and safety protocols, including the following:

- > Package materials in disposable containers (i.e. cardboard boxes) as they will not be returned;
- > Place materials in the trunk or back of their vehicle to maximize distancing for event staff when collecting items; and
- > Remain in their vehicle at all times, as event staff will be removing materials from the vehicle.

"Corrosive, toxic, reactive and flammable materials will be collected at these events," says Matt DeLine, Public Works Manager, County of Lambton. "These items should never be placed in a regular landfill because they have the potential to injure workers and damage the environment."

Examples of these types of accepted materials include:

### Corrosive

Batteries  
Drain Cleaners  
Oven Cleaners

### Toxic

Pesticides  
Rat Poison  
Cleaning Fluids  
Pharmaceuticals

### Reactive

Pool Chemicals  
Ammonia  
Bleach  
Aerosols

### Flammable

Gasoline  
Paints  
BBQ Starter  
Oils  
Solvents  
Propane Cylinders

Items NOT accepted include: PCBs, commercial, industrial, radioactive wastes, electronics, and explosives (flares and ammunition).

For more information visit the County of Lambton's website at:  
[lambtononline.ca/hhw](http://lambtononline.ca/hhw) or call 519-845-0801.

## Province provides more community support during COVID-19

Provincial funding announced on Aug. 16 has provided \$2,751, 200 to Lambton County to help deliver critical services, create longer-term housing solutions, and keep vulnerable people safe.

Acknowledging the continuing need in the community brought about by the pandemic, this funding is part of an additional \$307 million investment in Ontario municipalities and Indigenous community partners. This brings to over \$1 billion the Ontario government has contributed to help sustain communities during the pandemic through the Social Services Relief Funding (SSRF), which was first announced in 2020-2021.

Some of the uses this funding may support include the protection of homeless shelter staff and residents, shoring up rent banks, building of affordable housing, and the development of support plans to prepare for potential future outbreaks and emergencies.

Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey said, "Partnering with the County of Lambton, our government is addressing the immediate needs of people who are struggling to make ends meet - and ensuring they receive the shelter, food, and other necessities that are most urgently required."

## Vaccination clinics reduced in size - more accessible

The two mass vaccination clinics in Sarnia have been closed and replaced by smaller, more sustainable, routine clinics, including drop-in clinics and pop-up locations throughout the county. These clinics will continue to operate over the next several weeks to accommodate first and second doses.

Residents can register for their vaccination or attend a drop-in clinic. Full details are available online at [getthevaccine.ca](http://getthevaccine.ca).

Several local pharmacies are also administering vaccinations. Information is available at the Lambton Public Health website where a new dedicated "Pharmacy page" can direct individuals to these options.

Transportation to vaccination sites are available for people age 50 and over who do not have any other transportation options to use. Contact Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) at 519-845-1353, ext. 360, or the Canadian Red Cross at 519-332-6380.

**Will you be prepared if a Fourth Wave hits Lambton County this fall? Please get vaccinated.**

## Find The Beacon online during the pandemic

Email: [beacon@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:beacon@stclairtownship.ca) to subscribe—FREE!

Just type the word 'Subscription' in the Subject line

Find the St. Clair Township home page at: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca), then click on The Beacon on the black, top right corner information bar.



# Emergency Preparedness

## FACT SHEET

for COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS



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### How to Contact Hydro One

In the case of an emergency or power outage you can reach us by calling one of our emergency numbers below.

- **Hydro One Power Outage & Emergency Line:**

**1-800-434-1235**

Use this number to report a power outage, fallen tree hazard or emergency (24 hours, 7 days a week)

- **Hydro One Media Relations:**

**416-345-6868 or 1-877-506-7584**

**After-hours, on weekends and holidays: 1-888-254-3992**

- **Hydro One Community Relations**

Hydro One's Media and Community Relations staff members are available to answer questions and concerns from elected officials (e.g. MPP's, Mayors, Reeves)

**Monday - Friday: 1-877-345-6799**

### For More Information

In the event of an emergency or power interruption we encourage you to take a moment to visit [www.HydroOne.com](http://www.HydroOne.com), follow [Hydro One on Twitter](#) or check any one of the links below for more information:

- [Power Outages & Safety Information](#)
- [Interactive Power Outage Map Outlining Planned & Unplanned Power Outages](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

Hydro One transmits and distributes electricity in the province of Ontario however; there are other local distribution companies that may serve your community. Visit the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) website at [www.ieso.ca](http://www.ieso.ca) to find your local utility.

### Hydro One's Emergency Preparedness Team

- Emergency Preparedness  
**416-603-4308 / 1-844-791-1155**

Hydro One's Business Continuity & Emergency Preparedness team plans for and assists with Hydro One's internal response to any significant disruptions to our electricity system. Please use the communication resources listed above for power outage and restoration information. In the event of an extraordinary situation, contact the team and special arrangements will be made to facilitate appropriate levels of support to you and your community.

### Would you be ready to handle a minimum of 72 hours without outside aid?

**Emergencies don't wait for us to be prepared.**

Do you have an adequate supply of , water, flashlights, food, safe drinking water, daily medications, a First Aid kit, pet supplies, baby supplies, and a designated safe shelter location in your home? Do you have a fire escape plan in place? Make sure your emergency strategies are prepared and be ready for unexpected emergencies.

**Go online to: [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca) for more information.**

# When fire trucks talk, will people listen?

**Your St. Clair Township  
Fire Department  
hopes you will.**

Every time you see a fire truck go by, whether you're at a parade or on the street watching a truck respond to an emergency, new message boards like the one shown here will be reminding you to keep fire safety in mind.

Andrew McMillan of the St. Clair Fire Department says, "Expect to see some new fire prevention messaging on St. Clair Township fire trucks. The messaging is to remind citizens about the importance of working smoke alarms and the dangers of unattended cooking." He added anyone with questions about fire safety can contact the fire department at 519-481-0111.

**Fire happens fast - don't let it happen to you!**



## Virtual appointments offered at Lambton County Archives

The extensive archival resources at the Lambton County Archives can now be accessed via a virtual service. The service also allows patrons access to the researchers and genealogists who can facilitate family, property, and historical searches.

Virtual appointments must be booked in advance with the Archivist. They will include two 15-minute video or telephone meetings, and one hour of research time. The Archivist will also assist by reviewing research and answering questions. The cost is \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members, which includes 1.5 hours of research support. Additional research time can be purchased as required.

Those who wish to be introduced to the various online genealogical and local history resources can ask to be introduced to *AncestryLibrary*, *Onland*, and other programs.

To book appointments or make a reservation, visit the **Lambton County Archives** website.

## RAPIDS FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

The **Rapids Family Health Team** clinic, located in the Shell Health Centre at **233 Cameron Street** in Corunna, is not yet offering in-person programs. However, the clinic can be contacted online at [www.rapidsfhteam.ca](http://www.rapidsfhteam.ca) or by calling 519-339-8949 to speak to reception.

### Virtual Dining with Diabetes series set

Starting Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, Rapids Family Health Team will offer a 4-week program on **Dining with Diabetes**. This educational series will run on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 via Zoom. This program is designed to help people who are newly diagnosed with Diabetes or for people who could use a refresher course. To register ask your physician for a referral or call 519-339-8949.

### Virtual Healthy Eating and You

This 6-week program will start on Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. A registered dietitian will lead this program, which is designed to help you make permanent lifestyle changes.

You will set your own healthy eating and physical activity goals and learn how to make plans for achieving

them. Some topics include: Carbohydrates, protein and fat; how often to eat/ balancing meals; sensible portions and portion control strategies; physical activity - what types and amounts are beneficial; and emotional eating strategies. Group discussions will help you learn from others' experiences.

Weekly self management goals will help you reach your full potential

All classes will be presented on Zoom. To register call 519-339-8949.

### LABORATORY SITE OPEN

Lab services are offered  
from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monday through Friday.

The lab is a specimen collection site only. Patients with concerns regarding billing or their online profile for test results, may contact Lifelabs at 1-877-849-3637.





## Applications being accepted for renovation and homeownership programs



The County of Lambton is accepting applications for the Lambton Renovates and Homeownership Down-Payment Assistance Programs.

The Lambton Renovates program provides one-time financial assistance for home repairs, and the Homeownership Down-Payment program offers one-time financial assistance in the form of a 20-year forgivable loan for a 10% down payment to be used towards the purchase of a new or resale home.

Applications can be downloaded at [lambtononline.ca/lambtonrenovates](http://lambtononline.ca/lambtonrenovates) and [lambtononline.ca/homeownership](http://lambtononline.ca/homeownership). Interested applicants can also call the Housing Services Department at 519-344-2062 to request a paper application via mail.

The Lambton Renovates program offers financial assistance to eligible households in one of two ways:

One-time assistance in the form of a 10-year forgivable loan, secured by registration on title, for home repairs to a maximum of \$20,000 per household.

One-time assistance in the form of a grant, which does not require repayment, for accessibility improvements to a maximum of \$5,000 per household.

Eligible repairs under the Lambton Renovates program may include major repairs and rehabilitation required to make your home safe while improving energy

efficiency, or modifications to increase accessibility.

The Homeownership Down Payment Assistance program offers financial assistance to eligible households living in rental accommodations. The program offers one-time assistance in the form of a 20-year forgivable loan, secured by registration on title, for a 10% down payment to be used towards the purchase of a new or resale affordable home.

"Both the Lambton Renovates and Homeownership Down-Payment Assistance programs offer unique funding opportunities to eligible Lambton County residents," says Mackenzie Kada, Project Coordinator. "We encourage all residents to review the eligibility requirements and, if eligible, apply to the program that best suits their needs."

Applicants for these programs must meet a number of qualifications related to residency, income, asset level and home value, which can be found online at [lambtononline.ca/lambtonrenovates](http://lambtononline.ca/lambtonrenovates) and [lambtononline.ca/homeownership](http://lambtononline.ca/homeownership).

Applicants are asked to review the [Lambton Renovates Information Sheet](#) and the [Homeownership Down Payment Assistance Information Sheet](#) prior to completing an application.



### Darcy McKeough Floodway at rest



You're looking west along the Darcy McKeough Floodway diversion channel under normal conditions, when its floodgates are open and the channel is above water. It's the largest flood diversion project in Ontario and it limits the flooding risk to Wallaceburg when water levels in the East and North Sydenham Rivers are high.

The floodway can control all flood water upstream of the dam by diverting it and temporarily storing it. When Wallaceburg is threatened by flooding, the control gates are closed to divert the flow of water down the diversion channel and into the St. Clair River.

High water caused by record precipitation events over the past two years have required floodway gates to be closed with unusual frequency, causing low-lying properties and cultivated lands to be flooded.

*Photo courtesy of Mike Coene, Bluewater Drone Pix*



## HERITAGE CORNER

### *Local history lives again as museums reopen*



Moore Museum at 94 Moore Line in Mooretown re-opened to the public on Friday, August 6, after the pandemic forced authorities to close all public spaces for safety. The first visitors to arrive were Karen Burns and her grandchildren. The one-room schoolhouse was of particular interest to her grandkids, because this former S. S. #13 Dawn was the school Mrs. Burns attended as a child. During the fall, Moore Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, so there is plenty of time to plan a visit; enjoy the refreshing autumn weather while strolling through the 13-building site.

*-Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason*

### *Newly updated Heritage St. Clair page features map showing historic plaques and storyboards situated throughout the township*

Heritage St. Clair has updated its page on the St. Clair Township website, and one of the features now on view St. Clair Township's Historic Points of Interest map. This interactive map points out the locations of these colourful and educational installations and includes photographs of them so you'll be sure not to miss them. Here's a link you can use to go directly to St. Clair Township's Historical Points of Interest page:

<http://stclairtownship.ca/st-clair-townships-historical-points-of-interest/>

See more Heritage, page 13



## MORE HERITAGE CORNER

### Long-awaited reopening of Moore Museum shows off new exhibits and additions



The cabinet of attractive yellow-green glassware to the left is pretty, but it hides a secret that can only be revealed when the lights go out.

To the right, the same cabinet is illuminated with UV light to reveal the fabulous luminescence of Vaseline glass. The colour is created when molten glass is mixed with as little as 0.1% to 0.2% uranium oxide during the manufacturing process.

This may sound like new technology, but the first examples of this technique have been found in glass murals from a first century AD Imperial Roman villa near Naples, Italy.

The label, "Vaseline glass" was given to this incredible glassware because it resembled the colour of petroleum jelly.

Don't let the uranium content of the glass frighten you. Although the glass is minimally radioactive, the display case provides a safe viewing environment for visitors.

This is a new display that will welcome back Moore Museum visitors, but there are many others waiting to enchant and delight, whether you're a first timer or a returning friend.

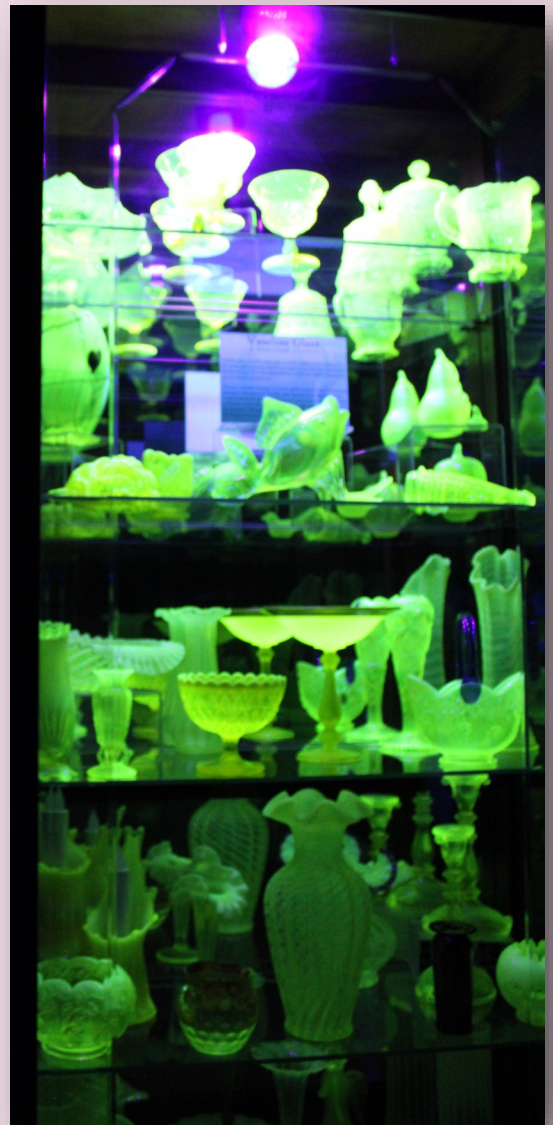
The local Moore Township baseball scene is documented through the decades with many donated artifacts and photographs, bottom left. The baseball tradition continues today in St. Clair Township, which boasts a thriving sports culture, with baseball, hockey, and soccer teams that take to the fields and rinks throughout the year.

One of the old favourites that still thrills those who come to the Moore Museum is the assembly of mastodon bones. These 10,000 year old bones were discovered on a property along the Second Line of Moore over a century ago while farmer Thomas Little was digging a water well for his cattle. The bones created a sensation then and continue to fascinate museum visitors of all ages.

*If you're curious about the 13 beautifully restored outbuildings on the Moore Museum site, treat yourself to a self-guided tour. Booklets detailing the provenance of these grand old buildings, as well as the displays inside the main museum building, are free with admission.*

*September hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Don't miss this chance to get reconnect with your community's living history. Strict COVID-19 safety measures are in effect, so please wear a mask and observe social distancing.*

Bonnie Stevenson photos





## MORE HERITAGE CORNER

### *Sombra Museum reopens; relive the 'good old days' of Sombra*

*By Curator Kailyn Shepley*



Do you remember your phone service being on the party line? Perhaps you would hear your neighbours ring signal and pick up to hear the latest gossip in the neighbourhood. Or do you remember the neighbourhood wives taking turns ringing the families on the line in the morning, like a community alarm clock?

In the former Sombra Township, party lines remained in use into the 1960s and 1970s, even as magneto box crank phones, like the one pictured left, went out of service in the 1950s.

The local list to the right of the old phone shows a list of the 22 people who subscribed to one-party line. Users couldn't make or receive any calls if the line was in use by someone else, even in an emergency. If your lengthy subscriber list included the town doctor, as this one does, it may have taken some time to place a call.

This year at Sombra Museum, take a step back through the years to learn how the people of the Sombra Township (now St. Clair Township Ward 2) communicated with each other and the world. From handwritten letters to records, to the first televisions and cell-phones, we've dug into our extensive collections to share our community's story with our visitors.

**We look forward to welcoming you soon!**

**Hours of operation for the remainder of August are Monday to Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. until Sept. 5 (closed Labour Day weekend on Sunday and Monday). September Hours: Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; October Hours: Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. until Oct. 25, and don't forget our Halloween Hours from Oct. 27 to 30.**

*Thank you to our first visitors of 2021, Deirdre and Jean, who enjoyed a tour on August 15.*

*Sombra Museum is now open to visitors and for artifact donation in Sombra village on the St. Clair Parkway at Smith Street. Please call 519-892-3982 for more information.*

### **All Lambton County Library locations open; hours of operation adjusted**

All 25 Lambton County Library locations will be open to the public beginning on Sept. 7. They will all offer in-person browsing according to each site's provincially designated capacity limit, and scheduled computer use, wi-fi use, and academic research. Curbside pickup will continue.

Library COVID-19 protocols require visitors over the age of two must wear masks or face coverings and no food or beverage is permitted. Computer appointments are limited to 45 minutes once per day, patrons browsing may spend no more than 45 minutes in the library, and capacity limits are in effect at all sites.

To book an appointment for public computer use, wi-fi use and academic research, cardholders can call the location they wish to visit, book online at [www.lclibrary.ca/appointments](http://www.lclibrary.ca/appointments) or call the central booking line at 519-337-3291 ext. 5900, toll free at 1-866-324-6912 ext. 5900. Walk-in appointments will be accommodated as space and time allows.

Library hours of operation have been adjusted to better align with individual community and operational needs. St.

Clair Township locations and public hours of operation are as follows:

**Brigden** (519-864-1142): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Corunna** (519-862-1132): Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Courtright** (519-867-2712): Tuesday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Mooretown** (519-867-2823): Monday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Sombra** (519-892-3711): Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Port Lambton** (519-677-5217): Monday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

To become a Lambton County Library cardholder, call or visit your local library during open hours.

For more information on locations, services and hours of operation visit [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca)

### **Lambton County Library passes for Ontario parks still available**

The Lambton County Library still has seasonal day-use permits valid library cardholders can borrow to take in the natural beauty of provincial parks like Pinery Provincial Park near Grand Bend. The permit will allow unlimited daily entry for one vehicle plus all of its passengers. The permit will come with a \$5 day-use coupon for future regular day-use, as well as a park guide.

Ontario parks passes and other library materials can be reserved for contactless curbside pickup using the online catalogue at [lclibrary.ca](http://lclibrary.ca) or the Iguana Library mobile app, or by calling a participating curbside loca-

tion during hours of operation.

If you haven't got a library card, call 519-845-3324, ext. 5266 or 1-866-324-6912, ext. 5266, or email: [librarytechhelp@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:librarytechhelp@county-lambton.on.ca).

For more information on locations, services, and hours of operation, go online to: [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca).

**Right: The Ontario Parks pass, park guide and \$5 coupon.**





## MORE HERITAGE CORNER

### Moore Museum seeks information about history of old Moore Township schools

Moore Museum continues to accept information for a virtual exhibit for the museum's website. It will feature brief histories and photos of the schools in the former Moore Township prior to centralization in 1963. There were 19 school sections in Moore, four of which were union schools - two shared with Sombra Township and two with Sarnia Township. To see the map that indicates where the schools were located, see the March or April 2021 Beacon (can be found on the St. Clair Township website- click on *The Beacon*). It can be accessed, along with further information, by going online the St. Clair Township website home page. Click on *The Beacon*, top right of the page.

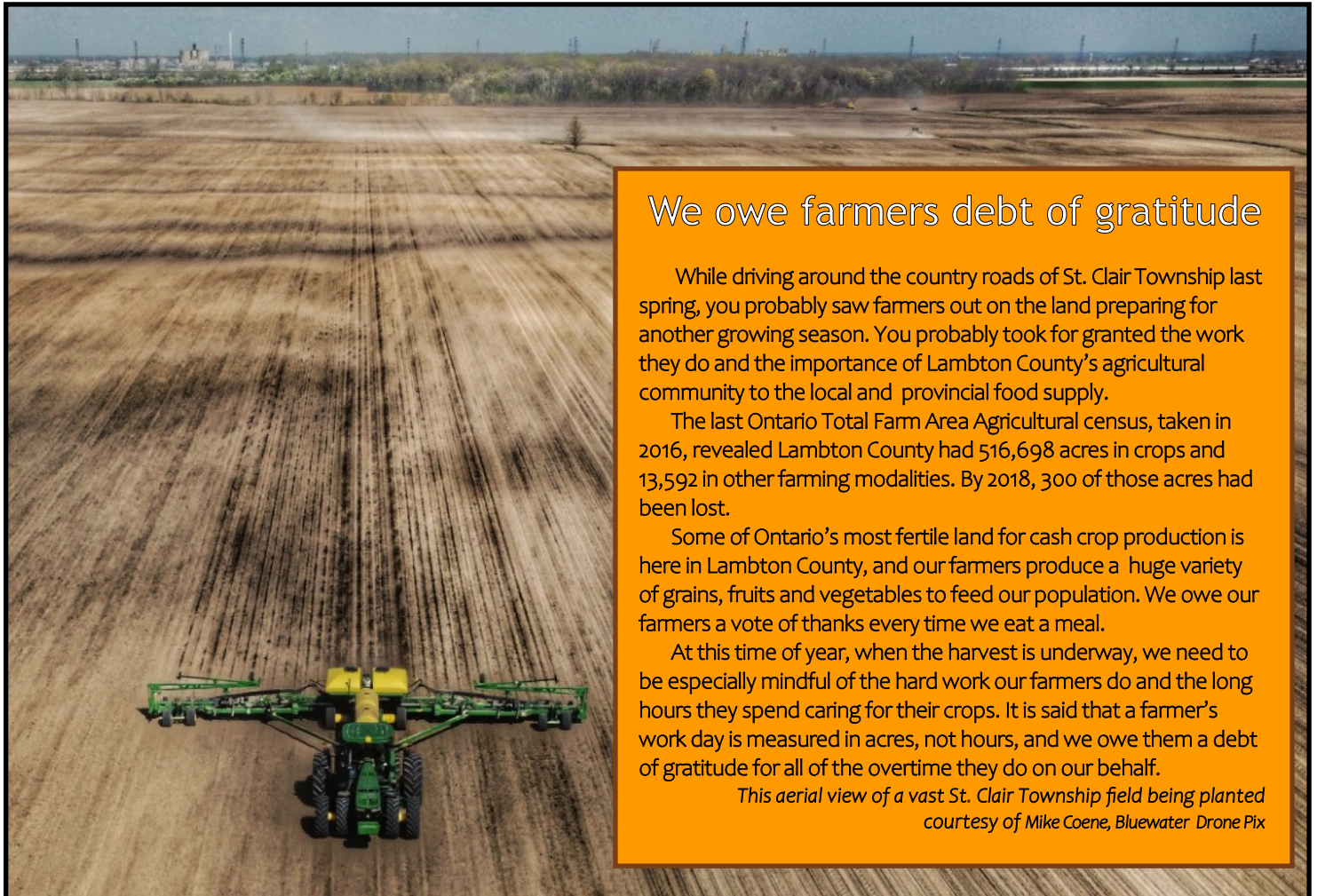
~Laurie Mason, curator, Moore Museum

### Riverside Cemetery

Riverside Cemetery has submitted by-laws to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Any interested parties may contact Dennis Robinson at: 519-892-3316 for information or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at 3164 St. Clair Parkway, Sombra, Ontario. These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Contact can be made by telephone to: Bereavement Authority of Ontario, 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356.

### Bear Creek Cemetery Company

Bear Creek Cemetery has submitted by-laws to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Any interested parties may contact Russell Marsh at 519-331-1798 for information or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at 3393 Telfer Road, Mooretown, Ontario. These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Contact can be made by telephone to: Bereavement Authority of Ontario, 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356.



### We owe farmers debt of gratitude

While driving around the country roads of St. Clair Township last spring, you probably saw farmers out on the land preparing for another growing season. You probably took for granted the work they do and the importance of Lambton County's agricultural community to the local and provincial food supply.

The last Ontario Total Farm Area Agricultural census, taken in 2016, revealed Lambton County had 516,698 acres in crops and 13,592 in other farming modalities. By 2018, 300 of those acres had been lost.

Some of Ontario's most fertile land for cash crop production is here in Lambton County, and our farmers produce a huge variety of grains, fruits and vegetables to feed our population. We owe our farmers a vote of thanks every time we eat a meal.

At this time of year, when the harvest is underway, we need to be especially mindful of the hard work our farmers do and the long hours they spend caring for their crops. It is said that a farmer's work day is measured in acres, not hours, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for all of the overtime they do on our behalf.

*This aerial view of a vast St. Clair Township field being planted  
courtesy of Mike Coene, Bluewater Drone Pix*



## *Bird's eye view shows progress being made on demolition of Lambton G. S.*



The skeleton of Lambton Generating Station south of Courtright becomes more exposed with each passing week as the once-imposing structure is demolished by Montreal-based contractor Delsan-AM. According to Ontario Power Generation spokesperson Neal Kelly, the 1,300 acre site is to be remediated to a brownfield condition and is expected to be completed in late 2022 or early 2023.

The three stacks are slated to fall in mid 2022. Although an implosion method, which proved successful when Nanticoke Generation Station's two 200-meter-tall stacks were brought down, is favoured, concerns about this method have been ex-

pressed by St. Clair Township Council, the Indigenous communities, and Michigan residents directly across the river. They fear that dust clouds and debris scatter could present a serious problem.

The still-viable Hydro One switch yard behind the main building, which is still an important part of the southwestern Ontario power grid, will be spared. To date, the property has not been designated for any future use.

Lambton Generating Station supplied over 1,976 megawatts of power when operating at full capacity.

*Photo courtesy of Mike Coene, Bluewater Drone Pix*

## ***Wanted: Motivated youth seeking adventure***

The Royal Canadian "1st Hussars" Army Cadet Corps Petrolia is welcoming boys and girls ages 12-18 to learn join the ranks and learn valuable skills they can use for a lifetime. Cadets are not required to join the military. For more information, call 519-332-6555 or visit: [www.petroliacadets.com](http://www.petroliacadets.com)



## ***EarlyON Child and Family Centres***

The Early ON Child and Family Centres Sarnia-Lambton is a **free** family drop-in program operated by Sombra Township Child Care Inc. for families with children ages 0 to 6.

### **Best Start Hub - Riverview Central School**

3926 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton, 519-892-3151

### **Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday, & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### **Best Start Hub - St. Joseph's School, Corunna**

535 Birchbank Drive, Corunna, 519-862-5071, ext. 224

**Hours of Operation:** Monday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;

Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

& 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### **Brigden United Church,**

2420 Jane Street, Brigden

519-892-3151

**Hours of Operation:** Friday: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For a complete listing of hours and parent/caregiver workshops, go online to: [www.ontarioearlyyears.ca](http://www.ontarioearlyyears.ca).



## COMMUNITY CONTACT

### EDITOR'S NOTE TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS

Some groups that contribute notices to Community Contact have not yet submitted updated information for their notices. If the item is no longer current, please notify the editor at:

[beacon@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:beacon@stclairtownship.ca)

### Sacred Heart food bank - help your community thrive

The community side effects of the pandemic is still creating a constant need for supplies at local food banks. Many people lost their jobs due to shut downs and closures during the pandemic, and recovery is still in progress. The need is still great. Our neighbourhood food banks continue to come to the aid of the community. Nourishing food and daily supplies like toiletries, baby needs, and household cleaning supplies are still needed. In Ward 2, The Sacred Heart Food Bank has shelves that need to be replenished on a regular basis. Please keep the Sacred Heart food bank in mind when you shop for your own groceries.

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### St. Andrew's foodbank sustains those in need

The food bank at St. Andrew's Church on Colborne Street in Corunna is open every Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. It operates in association with the Inn of the Good Shepherd in Sarnia.

The food bank serves those in need, offering a variety of food products to help people eat healthily, including milk, eggs, bread, and meat, as well as daily requirements like household cleaning supplies, toiletries and baby needs. The fresh food supplied at the food bank costs approximately \$75 per week to purchase. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation to the food bank can do so through Food Bank, C/O St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Drive, Corunna, Ontario, N0N 1G0. Gift cards to Foodland and No Frills are also welcome.

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### St. Joseph-St. Charles Catholic Church Community to participate in food program

The St. Joseph-St. Charles' Catholic Community in Corunna, along with the Catholic churches in Petrolia, Forest, and Watford, has worked collaboratively with the Boys and Girls Club of Sarnia-Lambton to extend Project Backpack, a food assistance program, into Lambton County. The program provides a bag of nutritious food that can be easily assembled to people ages 14-24 who are in need of a healthy meal. Each bag also contains hygiene items and helpful information from community partners. People who qualify for this program can find these bags at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish office at 346 Beresford Street in Corunna during regular office hours (Monday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Program organizers say the program will continue into the fall and they hope to continue it as long as there is a need for it.

### Moore Agricultural Society membership

Interested in becoming a member of the Moore Agricultural Society or need to renew your membership? Memberships can be paid either by dropping off payment and member information (name, telephone number, email address, home address) at the Brigden Fair office or through e-transfer at [Finance@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:Finance@brigdenfair.ca). Memberships are \$10 per person until further notice. For more information on the membership role, contact [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca).

### The Optimist Club supports community youth - new members welcome

The Sombra Optimist Club is looking for new members who want to help their community thrive. This volunteer organization exists to make their community a better place by doing great things for the youth in their area. Be a friend of youth - join the Optimist Club of Sombra. For more information or to become a member, call Carla Aarsen at 226-402-3870.



*Friend of Youth*

*Please note: The Down River Jr. Optimist group (Sombra) has been disbanded.*

### New members welcome - Lambton County Junior Optimist Club

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club is always on the lookout for youth who want to make a difference in their community. Club members ages 10 through 18 volunteer in the community and fundraise to put on their own programs and to donate to other youth programs. Hours spent volunteering with the club can be used toward members' volunteer hours at school. The club meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Courtright Community Centre (closed during COVID-19 shutdown). For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

### Local TOPS weight control group meetings

Local TOPS weight control groups can be contacted for information as follows: **Brigden**—519-864-1865; **Corunna**—519-381-5584. People of all ages are welcome to attend.

### Good listeners wanted - Family Counselling Centre

Good listeners are needed by the Family Counselling Centre to staff the Distress Line, speaking with individuals who need support and need to feel connected. Volunteers are also needed to staff the Tel-Check program line, placing daily calls to seniors and persons with disabilities who live alone and are feeling isolated. **To register or to find out more about this effort, call Donna at the Family Counselling Centre, 519-336-0120, ext. 251.**

### Brigden United Church activities/service

Brigden United Church holds regular Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. More information regarding the Brigden United Church schedule is available on Facebook. **(Dependent upon provincial COVID-19 shut down requirements for places of worship.)**

See More Community Contact, page 18

ST. CLAIR PARKWAY GOLF COURSE

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**St. Clair River TRAIL**

*actively connecting communities*

Photos taken along the trail continue to be in demand, so use your camera or phone when you see a photo-worthy scene while enjoying the trail and message your photos to us.  
**Don't forget to check out the St. Clair River Trail Facebook page, video, & website**



## Beacon Bit

*"Reverse every natural instinct and do the opposite of what you are inclined to do, and you will probably come very close to having a perfect golf swing."*

~Golfer Ben Hogan

## MORE COMMUNITY CONTACT

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### Recovery support group meets weekly

Recovery International, a self-help group for those who struggle with mental health issues, meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For more information about support options during the COVID-19 emergency, contact Rita at 519-867-2932. More mental health resources include: Lambton Mental Health Distress Line, 519-336-3445 or 1-800-307-4319; Lambton Public Health mental health and addiction line, 519-464-4400, ext. 5370.

### HISTORIC HILLSDALE CEMETERY TOUR

Historic Hillside Cemetery west of Petrolia on Petrolia Line will be the scene of the popular guided walking tour on Sept. 18 from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are just \$20 each and a tour begins every 15 minutes. Walk into Lambton County's past to the days of oil barons, tragic tales, quirky characters, and maybe, even a love story or two. For more information about this intriguing and unusual event, or to obtain tickets, please call 519-882-2350.



## MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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**Shibashi - In Person:** \*New time\* 1 p.m. on Fridays at Canatara Park. Meet at the pavilion with the blue roof (beside the bandshell at the west end of the parking lot).

**Virtual Chair Exercise:** Held Monday at 11 a.m. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) to receive the Zoom link.

**Virtual Low Impact Exercise** is held Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) to receive the Zoom link.

**Virtual Master Your Chronic Pain:** Techniques to deal with stress, pain, depression, and improve sleep, fatigue management, pain medications, and treatments. Build confidence, create personal action plans, deal with everyday challenges of living with chronic pain. Light exercises are offered to improve strength and flexibility. Offered Tuesdays, Sept. 14 through Oct. 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. via Zoom. To register, visit [myhcp\\_sept14.evenbrite.ca/](http://myhcp_sept14.evenbrite.ca/)

**Virtual S.O.S.—Start Overcoming Stress:** This workshop, planned for Sept. 15 at 2:30 p.m.,

focuses on the nature of stress, how stress impacts us, and strategies to manage stress. To register, call Rebecca at 519-344-3017, ext. 277.

**Virtual Healthy Eating:** This class will be offered Sept. 22 at 1:30 p.m., led by RD Lynne. To register, call Rebecca at 519-344-3017.

### Annual Paint Ontario Art Show

The 25th annual Paint Ontario Art Show and Sale at the Lambton Heritage Museum south of Grand Bend on Hwy. 21 is slated to run from Sept. 3 to 26. Hours of operation: Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays to Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show will be an in-person event operating with COVID-19 protocols similar to those employed during the successful September 2020 show. This will be a juried art show, which will include sculptures, with approximately \$12,000 be awarded in prizes. Monies raised from the show will support art initiatives through the Grand Bend Art Centre.

For more information, go online to: [www.paintontario.com](http://www.paintontario.com)



## Brigden Fair quilt draw tickets on sale

Tickets for the Brigden Fair Quilt Draw are on sale now and are available from any member of the Brigden Fair Homecraft Division or can be purchased through e-transfer.

Email: [quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca) to let the draw organizers know how many tickets you wish to purchase, and include names and contact information for the tickets.

The cost is \$2 per ticket or three for \$5. They can also be purchased in larger quantities.

The draw will be held on  
Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 11, 2021.



**United Way**  
**Sarnia-Lambton**

## United Way SarniaLambton announces fundraising goal

The fundraising goal for the up-coming United Way Sarnia-Lambton fall campaign has been set at \$1.75 million and will focus on new funding priority areas.

The three focus areas are: From Poverty to Possibility; All That Kids Can Be; and Healthy People, Strong Communities, addressing the three critical community needs—poverty, youth development, and individual well-being.

A new United Way S-L site, sponsored by Enbridge, will soon be available for easier navigation!

The campaign kicks off Sept. 7 and runs to Dec. 31, 2021.  
Please give what you can.


Keep your community strong. Please support your local businesses.

## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Virtual Craft-ernoon planned for Sombra Museum

Sombra Museum will once again be offering Craft-ernoon activities this fall in a DIY @ Home format. Museum staff also hopes to host a small, in-person family event, depending on the evolving Covid-19 situation. Please follow @SombraMuseum on social media or at [sombrauseum.webs.com](http://sombrauseum.webs.com) for the latest updates.


### Swim club to operate at MSC



The newly formed St. Clair Current Swim Club will be operating at the Moore Sports Complex as soon as COVID-19 protocols allow. The registered non-profit club will offer a fitness swimming program for ages seven through 18 on Tuesday/Thursday evenings, and Saturday morning, and families can choose from one to three sessions per week. If the competitive league opens up in this area, club members who are interested will travel to monthly swim meets.

More information will be available in the weeks to come.

### Pickleball played at C.A.P.



Pickleball is now being played at the Corunna Athletic Park courts in Corunna every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The pickleball/tennis courts have recently been upgraded by the St. Clair Township Parks and Rec crew. All adults are invited to visit the courts to see the game in action. Newcomers are always welcome to join the group and anyone new to the game is invited to learn how to play.

### St. Clair Township campgrounds

Clients are now able to book online at any St. Clair Township camp ground for up to six

consecutive nights for the remainder of the 2021 season and for the 2022 season. (Mooretown-519-867-2951; Cathcart-519-892-3342; or Branton-Cundick-519-892-3968) Seven or more nights can be reserved if you prebook and state the campground where you wish to stay. The usual camping season runs from May 1 through Oct. 20 each year. For more information, go online to: [stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca](http://stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca), click on 'camping'.



### West Lambton Community Health Centre classes

**Opening Doors:** Healthy lifestyle program for individuals living with mental illness or seeking mental health support. For information, call 519-344-3017, ext. 277.

**Pulmonary Rehabilitation:** Held Monday and Thursday for people living with lung disease. Learn to self-manage through education and exercise. To register or for more information, call Brenda at 519-786-4545, ext. 265 or Lorie at 519-491-2123, ext. 227.

**Virtual Breastfeeding support:** To learn more about our free virtual breastfeeding support, please contact April at 519-786-4545 or email [ageorge@nlchc.com](mailto:ageorge@nlchc.com) for more information.

**Virtual Shibashi:** Tai chi/qigong is a practice of aligning breath and movement for exercise and health. Shibashi consists of 18 simple steps, is easy to learn, and is perfect for beginners. It is held Mondays at 1:30 p.m. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) to receive Zoom link.

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If you have a non-profit or charity event or activity coming up in St. Clair Township, or an event that will benefit the residents of the township, put your event in the spotlight free of charge here in The St. Clair Twp. Beacon.

**Please note:** Photos submitted close to the deadline may be held until the following issue due to lack of space.

### Know the truth about vaccination

For those who are still curious about vaccine safety, there are three websites that provide good, science-based information.

>Lambton Public Health information is online at:

[LambtonPublicHealth.ca](http://LambtonPublicHealth.ca)

>The Government of Canada has an extensive COVID-19 site at: [canada.ca/covid-19/vaccines](http://canada.ca/covid-19/vaccines)

<The World Health Organization (WHO) site can be found at:

<https://www.who.int/covid-19/vaccines>

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