



# The St. Clair Township BEACON

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THE TOWNSHIP  
OF ST. CLAIR

## Over four decades of service disappears in 35 seconds



Lambton Generating Station south of Courtright was finally erased from the landscape on Feb. 12, brought down with masterful precision, and announced by the thunder of rapid-fire explosions, shattering concrete and collapsing metal. Thirty-five seconds from the first detonation, the final stack disappeared into a billowing cloud of grey dust. After over 40 years of service to the province, the station had outlived its usefulness as the future of power generation careened into the age of “green”. Thanks to a video documenting the event, commissioned by Ontario Power Generation and made available on YouTube, The Beacon has been able to document the last days of Lambton G.S.

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## MUNICIPAL NOTES



### TOWNSHIP OFFICE REOPENING

As of March 1, the St. Clair Township municipal office at 1155 Emily Street in Mooretown reopened to the public.

Access will still require that COVID-19 protocol be observed. For the safety of staff and visitors alike, please wear a mask and maintain physical distancing when in the building. Please do not enter if you are symptomatic.

### Shell turnaround to be one of the largest

Representatives from the Shell Manufacturing Centre (SMC) in Corunna met virtually with council to explain the upcoming 2022 spring turnaround (TA). Representative Jason Woodward, the turnaround event coordinator, noted this turnaround will be one of the largest ever done at the SMC. An estimated 350,000 manhours of work will be undertaken by a work force of about 1,000 at a cost of \$120 million.

The first unit will be shut down in mid-March with a projected completion time of early- to mid-June.

The project will employ the use of one of the largest cranes in the world, the PTC35. The crane will be transported to the site in pieces contained in 115 sea cans and it will take six weeks to build. It will be used to make lifts as heavy as 500,000 pounds.

During the project, there will be a need to transport oversized loads to the site, including the sea cans as well as major pieces of equipment being fabricated off-site.

As part of the project, Shell has committed to a Goal Zero Donation program to benefit *Access Open Minds*, a Sarnia mental health centre for youth ages 11 to 15 who require access to core services. For every zero incident day of the turnaround, Shell will donate \$1,000 to the centre, supporting over 200 individual treatment cases.

The TA will also make a hefty local investment, hiring about 700 workers through local halls and accessing local vendors for such things as materials, services, and pre-fabricated equipment.

The overall goal of this large turnaround is to reduce the need for frequent TAs that inconvenience and disturb the community. Only two such TAs will be required over a period of six years. While the project is in progress, police and security personnel will be brought in to ensure that traffic flow is as

### Council Meeting Schedule

All regular public council meetings will continue to be available to the public 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 near the top of the page. The Facebook link is added just before each meeting is slated to begin. **Upcoming meetings include: Monday, March 7 at 3 p.m., Monday, March, 21 at 6 p.m.; Monday, April 4 at 3 p.m. at 3 p.m.** Anyone wishing to contact the municipality or to find out more about making a presentation via Zoom meetings, can call 519-867-2021 for further information.



**ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP  
2022 INTERIM PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE**

**Thursday April 28, 2022**

**\*\*Please note: The office is closed to the public until further notice\*\*  
All bills will be mailed by Jan 31st**

Payment Options available are as follows:

- ☒ Monthly Pre-Authorized
- ☒ Due Date Pre-Authorized (4x per year)
- ☒ Pay online or by telephone with your bank
- ☒ In person at your bank branch
- ☒ Drop a cheque into the secure drop box at Civic Center doors
- ☒ Mail a cheque
- ☒ Credit card, debit available for a fee on [www.paysimply.ca](http://www.paysimply.ca)

**If you did not receive your tax bill(s) in the mail by Feb 11th, please email to**  
[taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca](mailto:taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca)  
[www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)

### Winter Parking by-law

The amended St. Clair Township winter parking by-law will continue until April 1, 2022. Under the amended by-law, it is against the law to leave vehicles or obstructions of any kind parked on public streets and roads overnight from **midnight to 7 a.m.** The by-law ensures that snow removal crews can do their jobs efficiently and safely without being hampered by parked vehicles.

#### Keep laneways clear

All boats and trailers parked in laneways **MUST** be set back at least to the front yard set back of the zone in which you reside. In Corunna and all built-up areas, any trailer or boat **MUST** be a minimum of six (6) metres setback from the property line through April 1, 2022.

**Note:** According to the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, it is against the law to shovel snow onto a public street, highway, or roadway, and anyone caught doing it can be fined under that law.

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Have you ever considered

# Running for a Seat on Council?



**Have you ever wondered what responsibilities  
come with sitting on Municipal Council?**

Now is your opportunity to find out... You're invited to join us!

**Candidate  
Information  
Session**

**Monday  
May 2  
2pm & 6pm**

Sessions will take place electronically via zoom with two opportunities to receive information and participate in a question session.

Sessions can be accessed via Zoom and will last approximately 2 hours.

2:00 pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88262519874>

6:00 pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86385878927>

*We hope you can join us!*



THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
LAMBTON SHORES



## More MUNICIPAL NOTES

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unimpeded as possible during shift changes and the transport of oversized loads.

### New hydro project will support future growth

At the Feb. 7 virtual meeting of St. Clair Township Council, Hydro One representative Alex Moskalyk presented an overview of the St. Clair Transmission project, which will see the expansion of the Hydro One transmission system in Southwestern Ontario. The expansion is being done to provide a reliable, safe, and sustainable electricity system that will support residential, commercial and industrial growth in this area well into the future. The project has been deemed necessary because population growth is outpacing the rest of Ontario by about 50 per cent, and electricity usage is expected to triple by 2026.

The former Lambton Generating Station switchyard is part of the project's Phase 1, with a 230kv transmission line extending south to Chatham. Other Phase 1 projects will include 230kv transmission lines between Chatham and a new Lakeshore transmission station (T.S.), a 230kv line between Leamington and Kingsville area plus two new transformer stations, and a 500kv transmission line between Longwood to Lakeshore.

### Ministry alert to LDD moth infestation

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry has issued an alert regarding an outbreak of the LDD (formerly called gypsy moth) in Ontario, especially in southern Ontario and some areas of the northeast.

Aerial and ground surveys conducted by the Ministry in 2021 mapped damaged areas and produced a forecast that there would be defoliation in 2022 due to high populations of the LDD moth. Private landowners and municipalities are responsible for managing the moth. Mayor Arnold told council that landowners will not receive government assistance to fight the moth infestation.

A letter from the Ministry to council noted some landowners wrap bands of burlap around tree trunks in the spring; this gives the moth larvae a place to gather during warm months so they can be physically removed and destroyed. In the fall, a burlap wrap can also allow landowners to remove and destroy egg masses. Sprays are available but should be applied by licensed insect control providers.

For more information about how to reduce defoliation and the damage caused by these destructive insects, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry offers resources and information online at [Ontario's Invasive Species Centre](https://www.ontario.ca/government/ontario-invasive-species-centre).

### Food waste recycling method explained

Council heard a presentation from Alex Hayman, spokesperson for Foodcycle Science. The Canadian company based in Ottawa is advocating the use of a new type of food recycling appliance to process food waste. The countertop unit, which must be purchased, was compared to the size of a bread maker. A 2 litre bucket inside the unit would collect food waste including non-compostable items such as meat, dairy products, starches and tea/coffee grounds. "You put your food waste into a small appliance and a few hours later you have created a nutrient rich soil amendment," said Mr. Hay-

man. "Every cycle takes between four to eight hours." He added the process reduces the food waste by about 90 per cent.

Processing the organic waste in the house can cause odor issues and Mr. Hayman says the use of the unit's filter is strongly recommended.

For people who don't farm or have a garden, he suggested the material be donated to a community garden or farmer.

Council raised the question of using the appliance in the winter when there is no place to distribute the results of the process. Mr. Hayman recommended storing the product until spring.

Mr. Hayman said the company already partners with over 30 communities.

He says households produce from 25 to 50 per cent organic waste and millions of tons of greenhouse gas is created when this material breaks down in landfills.

A 12-week pilot project has been developed where users purchase a food cycler at a subsidized rate, use the unit and track their usage over a 12 week period, then fill out a survey and provide feedback about the program.

Mr. Hayman noted if the program was to be tried in St. Clair Township, 100 households would be required to assess the program at a cost to the municipality of \$12,500. He added the program would pay back this cost in the reduction of waste being hauled to the landfill.

Council referred the information to staff for further investigation to see if such a program might benefit the township.

### CSX level crossing

For some time now, the township has made repeated requests to CSX railway to have repairs made and tracks removed at various locations in the area. They have all failed to encourage compliance from the company, a Class 1 freight railroad operator based in Florida which operates in Ontario, Quebec, and the eastern United States. A report to council from Works Department Coordinator of Operations David Neeley and Director of Public Works Brian Black prompted a discussion regarding the company's failure to effect the badly needed improvements.

To date, all of the CSX crossings along gravel roads in the area have been covered over by the township, but the crossing at Broadway Street in Port Lambton is still exposed and in disrepair. Mayor Arnold suggested a motion requesting Lambton County to pave over the crossing with asphalt even if the township has to pick up the bill for it. The motion was made and carried. "We've suffered long enough in the village," said Mayor Arnold.

The need for repair on the CSX crossing at Bentpath Line was also discussed. Since it is a county road, Lambton County must make the request for the repair of Bentpath Line. A motion was made to bring the matter to the county and, should CSX refuse to make the repair in a timely manner, the repair would be done either by the county or the township, with the cost of the repair being referred back to CSX. A motion to pursue that course of actions was carried.

### Annual water testing report available

Council received the 2021 Water Annual Report and Summary. Copies of the report are available to the public from the Water Department on the township website at:

[stclairtownship.ca/government/departments-2/water-sewer/](https://stclairtownship.ca/government/departments-2/water-sewer/)





## 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.

### Bulk Waste Collection

Bulk items will be collected on your regular collection dates. Up to six items allowed per collection day, bulk items are limited to two per pick up. Ensure items are no more than 23 kg (50 lbs). Please ensure all bulk items are also free of prohibited content (e.g. hazardous materials, needles, construction/renovation materials, vehicle parts)

### 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.

## State of Infrastructure - Bridge Structures

| Asset Type | Inventory | Asset Value | Condition<br>2020 OSIM | LOS Target |
|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|------------|
| Bridges    | 37        | \$ 37M      | 66 (Fair)              | 70 (Good)  |
| Culverts   | 55        | \$ 14M      | 73 (Good)              | 70 (Good)  |

### In Summary

- Strategy generally follows recommendations from OSIM bi-annual Reports
  - Rehabilitation works, on Structures identified as Urgent
  - Major maintenance (cleaning & maintenance) ongoing
- Bridge Improvements since last 2020 OSIM Report
  - 2 Rehabilitations- *Completed* & 1 Replacement- *In-Progress*
- Annual budget \$'s based on recommendations from OSIM Reports

The Asset Management Plan is posted on the Municipal Website

<http://stclairtownship.ca/asset-management/>

AMSC – Asset Management Steering Committee

## Public Works Department

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The Township of St. Clair is seeking motivated and enthusiastic individuals for the following positions within the Public Works, Fire and Community Services Department:

### Student Positions

|                                  |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Public Works Students            | Fire, Office Administration Student  |
| Moore Museum Students            | Sombra Museum Students               |
| Golf Course Maintenance Students | Parks/Sports Fields Students         |
| Campground/River Parks Students  | Horticulture Student                 |
| Mooretown Campground Students    | Fire, Maintenance/Public Ed. Student |

### Community Services Seasonal Staff

|                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mooretown Campground Seasonal       | Cathcart Campground Seasonals     |
| Branton Cundick Campground Seasonal | Various Golf Club House Positions |

### Public Works Fulltime Staff

Lead Wastewater Operator  
Operator, Water/Wastewater

The full postings including closing dates and application instructions can be viewed under “Job Opportunities” on our website: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)

The health, safety and well-being of Township of St. Clair employees is paramount, and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional measures have been implemented throughout the corporation to protect our employees and ensure their continued health and safety.

St. Clair Township values the diversity of the people it hires and serves. Diversity at our Corporation means fostering a workplace in which individual differences are recognized, appreciated, respected and responded to in ways that fully develop and utilize each person’s talents and strengths.

Personal information submitted will be used for the sole purpose of this competition. It is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for employment purposes.

Please note this document is available in alternative formats upon request, to accommodate individuals with a disability beginning with the recruitment process. The Township of St. Clair is committed to providing accommodations for people with disabilities. If you require an accommodation, please contact the Clerk’s office and we will make all necessary arrangements to meet your needs.

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## Public Works Department

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### FROZEN WATER METER AND PIPES

#### Preventative:

It's that time of year again! With the winter weather here, your home is at risk of frozen water meters and pipes. This can stop your flow of water and may be costly to repair. Property owners are responsible for protecting water pipes and meters from damage. Here are a few tips to help prevent frozen water meters and pipes:

- Eliminate cold drafts near water pipes
- Turn off service to external water taps
- Insulate your pipes that are most prone to freezing
- Make frequent use of your water supply
- Know where your shut off valve is inside, in case a pipe bursts

If you suspect your pipes are frozen check the following:

- Most likely the pipes near an outside wall, or where the water service enters the house through a foundation wall are frozen. Start by opening a faucet near the frozen pipe to avoid a burst line, when water starts flowing
- NEVER use a blowtorch or open flame to thaw a line
- Begin by warming the pipes using a blow dryer, heating pad or portable heater (Do not leave electrical devices unattended or place near flammable materials)
- Once water starts flowing, allow a small stream of water to continue until heating is restored
- Eliminate drafts and allow heat to circulate to avoid refreezing

#### Water Department

##### Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

519-867-2128

After Hours Emergency: 1-888-441-4204

### 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. They can also be costly to repair.



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

Follow or like our page for all the latest updates and notifications. Visit our page at <https://www.facebook.com/stclairtwppw>

Emergency preparedness starts with you  
**be prepared**



make a plan



build a kit



stay informed

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



# Emergency Preparedness

## FACT SHEET



for COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS

March 2020

## 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 warm blankets and clothing, flashlights, food, safe drinking water, daily medications, a First Aid kit, \*pet supplies, \*baby supplies, and a designated safe shelter? Do you have a fire escape plan in place? Make sure your emergency strategies are prepared and be ready for unexpected emergencies.

*\* if applicable*

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



## Lazy January day fishing for perch at McKeough floodway



On a lazy winter day in January, when there should have been thick ice in the floodway and snow on the ground, fishermen were out with their lawn chairs and sun hats hoping to catch a good feed of perch for their Sunday dinner. A few days after this photo was taken, the frozen floodway was a slippery white mecca for ice fishing huts and busy ice augers.

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*

### *Businesses benefit from Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) programs*

#### **Grant received for Digital Service Squad**

Small businesses have experienced challenges during the pandemic that have made it difficult to thrive. Traditional methods of conducting business have given way to new ones through the use of digital technologies.

Small businesses now have access to the assistance of trained DSS digital specialists who can help them cope with online technologies and digitally transform their sales, marketing and back-office operations, all at no cost. The squad is already visiting businesses in Sarnia and Lambton County.

This is the third year SLEP has been able to offer OGP, which is administered by the Ontario BIA Association in partnership with the Toronto Association of BIAs. Locally, the program will provide

3,000 Digital Transformation Grants to qualified brick-and-mortar small businesses. It will include support for basic website setup, Google My Business profiles, 360° photos, social media presence, and more. Where COVID-19 restrictions are in place, DSS members can provide support through phone and video tools such as Zoom.

The SLEP Apprentice Job Match tool can connect Sarnia-Lambton employers with apprentices seeking available opportunities. Registration is free and can be found at [www.sarnialambtonapprentice.ca](http://www.sarnialambtonapprentice.ca).

More information about the Job Match Program can be found by calling 519-332-1820, ext. 225 or online at: [apprentice@sarnialambton.on.ca](mailto:apprentice@sarnialambton.on.ca)

## RAPIDS FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

### **Laboratory services being discontinued**

Rapids Family Health Team would like to thank our St. Clair residents for making us feel so welcome.

Effective Feb. 28, 2022, we will no longer be providing lab services at the Shell Health Centre. All other services, such as diabetes and nutrition counselling, smoking cessation support, mental health counselling, etc., are still available in person at 1150 Pontiac Drive in Sarnia or virtually by phone or Zoom.

Patients with a standing order at this site, please call 519-339-8949 for additional information.

Rapids Family Health Team thanks the St. Clair Township community for supporting us these past nine years and we look forward to offering support in many other ways for many years to come.

*Cynthia McColeman*  
Health Promotions and Communications  
[www.rapidsfhteam.ca](http://www.rapidsfhteam.ca)



## Lambton County Council considers the 2022 draft county budget

Lambton County Council got its first look at the draft of the 2022 Lambton County budget on Feb. 16. The draft document calls for \$85 million to be raised through property taxes and \$246.9 million in total spending.

A 1.9% operating budget increase and 0.6% increase in the capital budget accounted for a proposed 2.5% overall tax increase.

The document notes cost pressures and revenue losses from the pandemic are likely to continue in 2022. The County's capital grant program has been suspended for 2022 and no new capital grant requests will be enter-

tained in the 2022 budget.

Budget deliberations are slated to begin on Wednesday, March 2 at 9 a.m. and, if required, continue on Thursday, March 10 at 9 a.m. These deliberations will be streamed live and made available for archival viewing through the meeting calendar on the Lambton County website at [lambtononline.ca/meetings](http://lambtononline.ca/meetings).

Hard copies of the 2022 Draft County Budget can be requested by contacting the Finance, Facilities, and Court Services Division at 519-845-0809, ext. 5321, or documents can be viewed online at [lambtononline.ca/budget](http://lambtononline.ca/budget).

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

All 25 Lambton County Library locations are now open and offering in-person browsing according to each site's provincially designated capacity limit, and scheduled computer use, wi-fi use, and academic research. Curbside pickup continues.

Library COVID-19 protocols require that visitors over the age of two must wear masks or face coverings, and no food or beverage is permitted. 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)

## Winter's "swan song" is playing out on the river



Winter isn't quite over yet, but the birds are already congregating and pairing off in large numbers along the St. Clair River. Even the occasional tundra swan has been heard and spotted on the river mingling with our year-round swans. It's not a surprise since the tundras have been showing up in Grand Bend in early March for the past few years, resting in the Thedford bog on their way north from their winter residence in Chesapeake Bay, Virginia. This gaggle of geese and swans, seen here near Fawn Island, seemed to enjoy each other's company.

Beacon Bit: A group of geese in flight is called a *skein* and a group of swans in flight is called a *wedge* (not a *bevy*). On the ground, there is a *gaggle* of geese and a *bank* of swans.

Bonnie Stevenson photo

Keep your community strong. Please support your local businesses.



# IMPLOSIONS SOUND: LAMBTON G.S. BECOMES HISTORY

The brief thunder of explosives detonating at the former Lambton G.S. power station on Saturday, Feb. 12 sounded the death knell for the well-known St. Clair Township landmark.

Commissioned in 1969 by Ontario Hydro, the four-unit, 2,000 megawatt coal-fired station operated by Ontario Power Generation was decommissioned Sept. 20, 2013 as OPG transitioned away from coal.

The last weeks of the station were marked by workers positioning blast barriers to minimize the impact of the implosion on off-site properties.

**Top right:** A three-high stack of blast barriers (filled "sea cans") and debris control fencing can be seen at the front of the stripped station skeleton. Visible to the extreme right of the photo is a glimpse of the large switch yard that had to be left standing as part of Hydro One's expanded transmission system. (See **Municipal Notes page 2**)

**Middle right: Photo A -** This fantastic aerial shot, provided by OPG and Delsan-ALM, shows the blast in progress. A barrier of sea cans can be seen (bottom right of the photo) moments away from being struck by the blast.

**Bottom left, Photo B: -** The progress of the initial blast, which began at the south base of the station structure, is shown here.

**Below:** Only sky remains where Lambton G.S. once stood. The blast barriers seen in **Photo A** are now just part of the rubble they have helped to contain.



*Before and after photos-Bonnie Stevenson*



## HERITAGE CORNER

### Community builder George Stewart leaves lasting legacy

George Stewart was born in West Calder, near Edinburgh, Scotland on April 7, 1825, one of two children born to John and Mary (Gowans) Stewart. John Stewart died in 1828 and a few years later Mary Stewart married James Nesbitt. George's formal schooling ended at the age of 9 when in 1834 his step-father decided to move with his wife and step-children to Canada.

Eight weeks aboard the sailing ship *Margaret Bogle* brought the family to Quebec and on to Ontario. The family first settled along Bear Creek in Moore Township but soon relocated to the riverfront along the St. Clair River. George worked alongside his step-father to clear their land for farming.

At the age of 18, George left home to make his own mark on the world. He signed on as cook on the lake vessel *Athol*. Seventeen years of sailing saw him rise through the ranks. He served as mate of the steamer *Benjamin Franklin* and the *Huron*. The passengers of the *Huron* presented him with a spy glass as a memento of the voyage on one trip in 1854.

At Port Sarnia, on Jan. 25, 1856, George Stewart married Miss Jean Gibb, who's name appears as Jane on the marriage certificate, but all other records indicate Jean.

The Stewarts had nine children: Margaret, Mary, John James (who died in infancy), John James Stewart (2), Jessie, Eliza Jane, Robert Gibb, Agnes Isabella, and Annie Laurie.

Annie Laurie married John James and they were the parents of Stewart James, who became a world-renowned magician who lived in obscurity most of his life even though he gained world-wide notoriety as the greatest inventor of tricks and puzzles of his time.

In 1859, George gave up life on the lakes for life along the river. He bought large parcels of land around Courtright and began a cord wood business that thrived over the next fifteen years. George also built a planing mill in Courtright, manufacturing and selling lumber. Bringing together his two careers, he also owned and operated a vessel to carry the lumber to various ports. Disasters brought these businesses to an end, however, when his ship was wrecked on Georgian Bay and his mill burned down after being struck by lightning. George retired to manage his 700 acres of farm land, which made him the largest individual taxpayer in Moore Township at the time. All of the land was rented out for cultivation.

In 1866, George Stewart's military career began in response to the Fenian Raids. He served as lieutenant of a cavalry troop of 70 men stationed at Mooretown to guard the river from Sarnia to Sombra. This service, and similar service in 1870, earned him a Fenian Raid medal. He rose to the rank of major and, in 1894, he was retired by the Dominion government with the title of Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1902 he received a gold medal that had been ordered by the late Queen Victoria for all officers with over 25 years

of service in the colonial auxiliary forces. George Stewart was also very active in community life. He served on the Council of Moore Township, as well as on Lambton County Council. He was a member of both the Masonic Lodge and of the I.O.O.F. Lodge. As a member of lodges in Michigan, he also organized the Masonic Lodge in Mooretown, which later re-located to Courtright.

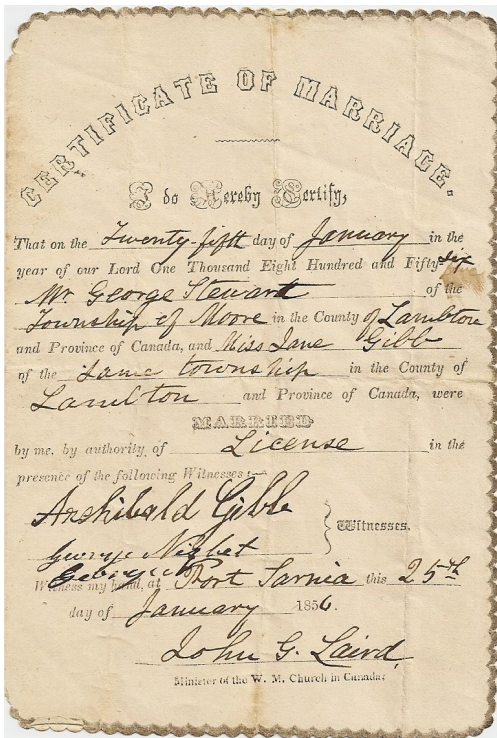
When the Presbyterians in Courtright, who had previously worshipped at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Mooretown, decided they wanted a church in Courtright, George was instrumental in establishing the new church. As donor of half the cost of the new building and donor of the needed lumber from his mill, the new church was named Stewart Presbyterian in his honour. The church was officially opened in 1892 and his wife, Jean Stewart, lived to celebrate the occasion with him before she preceded him in death on March 23, 1895.

Lt.-Col. George Stewart lived to the age of 87, passing away on Feb. 6, 1912. Jean and George are both buried in Moore Union Cemetery, Mooretown.

-Photos and content courtesy of Laurie Mason, curator, Moore Museum



Lt. Col. George Stewart





## MORE HERITAGE CORNER

### Celebrating the Women of Sarnia-Lambton



Lambton County's eight museums that comprise Heritage Sarnia-Lambton will host a new virtual Heritage Hour on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. The panel presentation, *Celebrating the Women of Sarnia-Lambton*, will acknowledge the incredible contributions women have made to our community since it began. This free virtual event is being presented just two days after International Women's Day. "Women have played very influential roles in Sarnia-Lambton over the years and we look forward to sharing stories of great significance," said Dana Thorne, Curator/Supervisor, Lambton Heritage Museum. Museum

representatives from across Lambton County include: Dana Thorne; Laurie Mason (Moore Museum); Kaitlyn Shepley (Sombra Museum); Erin Dee-Richard (Oil Museum of Canada); Nicole Azsalos (Lambton County Archives); David McLean (Forest Museum); and local history expert Greg Stott (University College of the North). **See page 19** Above: Taking a break from daily chores, two women take time out to do a little fishing.

*Lambton Heritage Museum photo*

The International Women's Day breakfast will be held on March 8. See page 17 for more information.

## Knowledgeable candidates needed for upcoming municipal election

As the 2022 municipal election approaches, some community-minded St. Clair Township citizens will choose to run for council. The new council, like those that have gone before, will be required to build upon a legacy that began almost 200 years ago.

Moore began on New Year's Day in 1840, when a group of settlers met to elect the first municipal officers. The assessment roll included 138 ratepayers with taxes ranging from 50 cents to \$1.50 for every 100 acres owned.

Sombra became a township unto itself in 1826, when records showed 64 ratepayers and taxes of £12 16s (12 pounds sixteen shillings) collected that year.

The days of foot paths and dusty trails, water wells and outdoor plumbing left councils free to address basic

issues for the survival of their communities. The job of running a municipality required basic decisions.

In 2022, councils are faced with complicated financial responsibilities and sometimes harrowing decisions, property disputes, and decisions that affect whole communities. It's a demanding position and councillors must understand it thoroughly in order to properly execute their duty.

To help prospective candidates understand what it means to be a member of municipal council, two special virtual sessions are planned for May 2 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. **See "Running for a seat on council?" on page 3 to find out how to obtain the information you will need to make your decision.**

## 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/>

## 2020 Outstanding Farmer of the Year named

Plympton-Wyoming farmer Brian Schoonjans has been named the 2020 Outstanding Farmer of the Year. The award is determined by the Lambton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, and award sponsor Parkland Farms.

Raised in Plympton-Wyoming on a farrow to finish pig farm, Brian studied Agriculture at Ridgetown. After school, he bought a 150 acre farm along Douglas Line in Plympton-Wyoming where he grows corn, soybeans and wheat, and occasionally, oats for his goats and for cover crop seed.

Brian is also active in the community where he participates in the Bridgen Fair's Agriculture in the Classroom program and recently visited classrooms through the Lambton Kent District School Board.

In 2019, Brian started the Miracle Max's Minions program inspired by the passing of little Max Rombout and his involvement in the Kaden Brown Foundation. He planted a patch of sunflowers which has evolved into a corn maze that spelled out Miracle Max, he grew pumpkins called Max-O-Lanterns, donated greenery, and turned some sunflowers into S.M.I.L.E. ale at Stonepickers Brewery. The program has grown to include four sunflower locations attracting thousands of visitors and raising about \$140,000 in one season. The money helps support organizations like ChildCan to assist paediatric research and families of children fighting cancer.

Brian's devotion to the cause and to the community in general garnered this comment from the award committee. "Brian has done many great things as a tribute to Max Rombout and has been a very strong farmer's voice within Lambton County and beyond."



The 2020 Outstanding Farmer of the Year award is presented by, from left: Clark Aitken, Parklands Farms; Don McGugan, Lambton Soil and Crop Improvement Association; recipient Brian Schoonjans; and Donna Blue, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.

-SCRCA Photo



## SLEP Apprenticeship Network provides employer/apprentice connection

Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership has launched the Apprenticeship Network in an effort to help keep recent graduates in Sarnia and Lambton County and grow the local economy.

The goal of the project will be to help employers navigate apprenticeship resources and processes, access training incentives, and connect directly with apprentices. Activities will include: one-on-one consultations; information sessions; employer recognition; and a new online platform to streamline the recruitment of suitable apprentices.

"As we continue growing our population, this program is aligned to the longer-term economic strategy

of retaining and attracting in-demand skills to our area," said Stephen Thompson, CEO of the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership. "A strong talent pool, including apprentices, is also important in attracting future investments and growing our existing businesses."

Employers interested in knowing more about the project or how to participate can contact Cari Meloche at SLEP by email: [cari@sarnialambton.on.ca](mailto:cari@sarnialambton.on.ca) or by calling 519-332-1820.

The Employment Ontario Project is funded in part by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

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## *Time to dine*

The health of the St. Clair River is steadily improving thanks to the careful stewardship of groups on both sides of the river. International groups such as the Friends of the St. Clair River, the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, and the St. Clair River Binational Public Action Committee have worked diligently to reduce the Areas of Concerns (AOCs) and restore a healthy habitat for humans, wild and aquatic life.

One of the species that returned to the river over a decade ago is the Bald Eagle, now known to reside on Stag Island, and some less populated areas along the river. Since they often return to the same nest

year after year, many of the birds we see may be the avian version of our “snowbirds”.

In the winter months, it's not uncommon to see these magnificent birds in flight over the river or sailing happily along on an ice floe while hunting for a tasty meal of fish.

Above: An adult bald eagle, having successfully snagged a sizeable prize, was recently spotted taking a dinner cruise down the St. Clair River on an accommodating ice floe. After checking his surroundings to make sure he would not be disturbed while dining, he dug in. (Inset top left.)

*Bonnie Stevenson photo*

### **Fair Share 50/50 Draw - final three draws**

1. Purchaser must be 18 years or older to play.
2. Tickets will be sold using electronic raffle system supplied by Ascend Fundraising Solutions.
3. Tickets can be purchased from the website [www.fairshare5050.com](http://www.fairshare5050.com). The sales and draws will operate as follows:
  - Draw #3 - Starting February 14, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. ET to March 31, 2022 at 7 p.m. ET. Draw will take place on March 31, 2022 at 8 p.m. ET.
  - Draw #4 - Starting April 1, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. ET to May 8, 2022 at 7 p.m. ET. Draw will take place on May 8, 2022 at 8 p.m. ET.
  - Draw #5 - Starting June 1, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. ET to July 15, 2022 at 7 p.m. ET. Draw will take place on July 15, 2022 at 8 p.m. ET.



## COMMUNITY CONTACT



### Lambton County Library eliminates fines for overdue books

The Lambton County Library will stop charging fines for overdue books as of March 1 at all of its 25 branches across the county. Existing fines will be removed from library card holder accounts. This move has already been adopted by hundreds of libraries across North America. The removal of fines has been the subject of research by many libraries and library professional organizations, and it has been shown to disproportionately affect those with low or no income.

**However, items not returned by 30 days after the due date will be considered lost and borrowers will be charged replacement fees for those items.**

Fines for children's materials were eliminated in March of 2020 to ensure children have access to library material at an early age to build literacy skills that will benefit them for life.

Library membership is free. In addition to books, cardholders can borrow a wide variety of items including DVDs, electronic books, music, movies, audiobooks, and even snowshoes.

To become a Lambton County Library cardholder, call or visit your local library branch. For more information on locations, services, and hours of operation visit [www.lclibrary.ca](http://www.lclibrary.ca).

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

A constant need for donations of food, personal and household supplies is still being experienced by local food banks and the need is still great. Our neighbourhood food banks continue to come to the aid of the community. Nourishing food and daily supplies like personal hygiene items, baby needs, and household cleaning supplies are always needed. In Ward 2, The Sacred Heart Food Bank has shelves that need to be replenished on a regular basis, not just on special occasions. Please keep the Sacred Heart food bank in mind when you shop for your own groceries.

### St. Andrew's food bank continues to help 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 Samia.

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.

### 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 Samia-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).

### 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)

### The Optimist Club supports 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. **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

The Family Counselling Centre needs good listeners 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.)**

### 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.**



## There's always something happening on the great blue highway



One of the regular sights along the St. Clair River shoreline is the Huron Spirit, a 150-foot, self-unloading barge, seen here anchored at the Trillium Distribution Dock near Sombra with its companion powerhouse, the 4,000 horsepower tug, Sharon M. The barge has a capacity of 4,542 tons of dry or liquid bulk cargo and is suited to accessing shallow draft docks.

~Mike Coene, Bluewater Drone Pix photo

### *International Women's Day Breakfast planned for March 8*

The theme of this year's International Women's Day on Tuesday, March 8 is **#BreakTheBias**. A special breakfast to celebrate the day will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Legacy Restaurant in the Insignia Hotel, 283 Christina Street near Sarnia City Hall.

The event, hosted by CIBC in partnership with Sarnia Lambton Economic Development, will feature guest

speaker Karen Chalmers, Senior Director, Brand and Engagement of TechAlliance, Southwest Ontario.

The networking event will celebrate women's achievements, raising awareness against bias, and taking action for equality.

Tickets to this event can be purchased by calling 519-336-2400 or emailing: [info@slchamber.ca](mailto:info@slchamber.ca)

### **Lambton College receives \$2.2 million to modernize**

The Province of Ontario has invested \$2.2 million to modernize postsecondary infrastructure at Lambton College. The funding will provide modern, safe on-campus and virtual learning environments for students, faculty and staff.

According to the Research Infosource Inc. 2020 annual list of Canada's Top 50 research colleges, Lambton College ranked #1 in Ontario and #2 overall in Canada for its research and innovation strengths.

The funding will be used in three areas:

- To purchase technology, physical and electrical infrastructure.
- To fund a variety of equipment for the Pre-Service Firefighter Education and Training, and Fire Science Technology programs at the Fire and Public Safety Centre of Excellence.

- Support a variety of projects, including HVAC upgrades and lighting improvements.

Rob Kardas, President and CEO of Lambton College, says the funding will help maintain and further improve the quality of education students receive.

"At Lambton College, we pride ourselves on the quality of education we provide to our students, including the experimental learning we're able to offer with our state of practice facilities and equipment," he said. "This funding will help us continue to build upon our excellent career-focused programs and support us in preparing our graduates to make an impact on our region of innovation. We truly appreciate this investment in our college, students, and community."







## INAF now accepting funding applications

Funding applications are now being accepted for local capital projects through the Judith and Norman Alix Foundation (The Foundation). The deadline to submit applications is set for Sunday, May 1 at 4 p.m. Successful projects announced later that month. The stated goal of The Foundation is "To improve the community at large and the lives of residents of Lambton County."

Over its 30 year history, the long list of projects supported by The Foundation have ranged from: portable bleachers for Lambton County fairs; a food trailer for the Lions Club; and a simulated intensive care unit for Lambton College; to Withdrawal Management Services at Bluewater Health; and the expansion of the outdoor patio for Day Program space for the Alzheimer's Society.

To be eligible, projects must be in Lambton County. To determine eligibility for funding, criteria can be found on The Foundation's website at [www.inaf.ca](http://www.inaf.ca), under *Contribute an Idea*.

### Day Tripping to the U.S.? Be informed first!

COVID-19 has made it a lot more complicated to take a day trip across the Bluewater Bridge. Get the information you need at these two sites:

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)  
1-833-784-4397

[phac.covid19aspc@canada.ca](mailto:phac.covid19aspc@canada.ca)  
[phac.quarantine.covid19.quarantine.aspc@canada.ca](mailto:phac.quarantine.covid19.quarantine.aspc@canada.ca)

Canadian Border and Service Agency (CBSA)  
1-800-461-9999  
[contact@cbsa.gc.ca](mailto:contact@cbsa.gc.ca)



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**Shibashi (Virtual):** For a Zoom link to join the class, email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com)

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

**Virtual Pulmonary Rehab (existing clients):** Mondays & Thursdays at 3 p.m. 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. 22.

**Virtual BMI (Body & Mind Inspired):** With a Registered Dietitian. Monthly topics focused on nutrition and healthy lifestyle targeting your best weight. Classes are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m. Please contact [ageorge@nlchc.com](mailto:ageorge@nlchc.com) or 519-786-7878, ext. 307 to register.

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

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### Lambton Shared Services Centre ~Access changed~

The George Street access to the Lambton Shared Services Centre (LSSC) is now closed to accommodate the building of the new above-ground parking lot.

The temporary entrance is now off Vidal Street and visitor parking will be available in the parking lot off of Cromwell Street. Applicable signage has been posted to guide new visitors and staff. The LSSC remains open with restricted access to the public during construction.

*In-person activities will be dependent upon COVID-19 safety measures and requirements in force at the time of the activity.*

### Celebrating the Women of Sarnia-Lambton

To honour International Women's Day, the museums of Lambton County will host Celebrating the Women of Sarnia-Lambton, a virtual presentation to recognize how women contributed to and helped to shape the communities we live in today.

This is the latest presentation in the Heritage Hour series that focuses on aspects of Lambton's history.

To register for this virtual event, go to:

<https://>

[calendar.lambtonmuseums.ca/heritagemuseum/Detail/2022-03-10-1900-Heritage-Hour-Celebrating-the-Women-of-Sarnia-Lamb4](https://calendar.lambtonmuseums.ca/heritagemuseum/Detail/2022-03-10-1900-Heritage-Hour-Celebrating-the-Women-of-Sarnia-Lamb4)



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The Great Lakes Super Series (GLSS) tournament schedule will bring the second qualifying event of the season to the Sarnia Bay Marina in Sarnia. Two-person teams of anglers will launch from the marina and will be able to fish for the top five heaviest bass in the St. Clair River or in Lake Huron. The top 30 teams will win a berth in a two-day championship taking place on Sept. 10 and 11 in Belle River, Ontario.

For information and registration, go to the event website: [www.glss.ca](http://www.glss.ca) or *The Great Lakes Super Series Facebook page*.

Sponsorship opportunities are available by calling Mike Kizis at 519-919-7260 or emailing: [glssseries21@gmail.com](mailto:glssseries21@gmail.com)

## Beacon Bits

"Science is a first-rate piece of furniture for man's upper chamber if he has common sense on the ground floor."

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.  
Physician and writer  
1809-1894

## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Corunna Legion hosts ham bingos

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host an Easter ham bingo on Friday, April 1, 2022. Doors open at 6 p.m. with play at 7 p.m. There will be 25 regular games with five cards for \$25, plus a special game at \$2 per strip. First prize will be \$1,000, second will be \$200, and third will be \$100. Food will be available and all are welcome. The hall is wheelchair accessible and all COVID-19 protocols will be in effect. For additional information call 519-862-1240.

### West Lambton Community Health Centre classes

Registration can now be done online. Just visit <https://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/> (Please be sure to specify, on the top of the form, which program you are registering for.)

For in-person classes, if you are feeling unwell, please do not attend. Screening will take place prior to every in-person class & Public Health Guidelines will be followed.

#### LOW IMPACT EXERCISE

**Virtual - Low Impact** - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 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.

**Mooretown Sports Complex (MSC) exercise:** \*\*Masks and proof of vaccination is required and capacity rules will be followed. Please call to reserve your spot. The Mooretown Sports Complex is at 1166 Emily Street in Mooretown. (To check for current information about in

-person activities in the event that government protocols have changed, call 519-867-2651.

**Thursday Low Impact** - 9 a.m. To register call 519-344-3017, ext. 237, or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com)

**Thursday Shibashi** - 10 a.m. To register call 519-344-3017 ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com)

**Virtual Chair Exercise:** Monday at 1:30 p.m. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) to receive the Zoom link.

**Seated Yoga (virtual):** Tuesdays at 11a.m., Jan. 11 to May 10. For more information call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com).

**Yoga (virtual):** This class is held Thursdays at 11a.m. until May 12. To register, call 519-344-3017 ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) to receive the Zoom link.

**SHIBASHI offered:** (Tai chi/qigong is a practice of aligning breath and movement for exercise and health. Shibashi consists of 18 simple steps. It is easy to learn and perfect for beginners.

**Shibashi: (in-person)** \*\*proof of vaccination required & capacity rules will be followed \*\* Call to reserve your spot\*\* Classes will be held at All Saints Anglican Church, 248 Vidal Street N. on Fridays at 11 a.m. To register, call 519-344-3017 ext. 237.



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### Know the truth about vaccination

**“Normal” will not happen without vaccination!**

Get the facts, not the lies. If you're concerned or you still fear the vaccine, talk to your doctor or pharmacist, or go online to these legitimate websites:

>Lambton Public Health (LPH)/Vaccine information is online at:  
[LambtonPublicHealth.ca](http://LambtonPublicHealth.ca) or [GetTheVaccine](http://GetTheVaccine)

>[Province of Ontario](http://Province of Ontario) website

<The World Health Organization (WHO) can be found at:  
<https://www.who.int/covid-19/vaccines>

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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.**

### Booster doses now available for youth aged 12 to 17

Booster appointments can now be made for this age group when they are 168 days (6 months) past their second dose. Appointments can be made at [GetTheVaccine.ca](http://GetTheVaccine.ca) or at selected pharmacies that stock Pfizer vaccines.

