



# The St. Clair Township BEACON

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THE TOWNSHIP  
OF ST. CLAIR

## *Distillery for world famous whisky coming to township*



Mike Coene photo

This country field is about to undergo a dramatic change. One of the most popular Canadian whisky brands in the world will soon be setting up shop at the corner of Highway 40 and Moore Line. The new Crown Royal distillery, blending, and warehouse facility will be part of a \$245 million investment by the whisky's parent company, Diageo. For more about the township's newest corporate citizen, see **Municipal Notes**, page 2.



*April is Cancer Awareness Month*

*Please wear a daffodil and  
help hope bloom*

**Canadian Cancer Society**



Courtesy Sombra Museum archives



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## MUNICIPAL NOTES



### **Respect and Safe Access for All policy addresses harassment on township properties**

Council has taken steps to curb the growing tendency toward bad behaviour and disrespect being noticed on St. Clair Township properties. The *Respect and Safe Access for All* policy is designed to safeguard the well-being of service users and township staff. The policy is meant to nurture an environment where there is respect for others and accountability for all negative actions. The policy provides guidelines and expectations for everyone within township facilities, and it makes clear the township's zero-tolerance approach for any form of violence, discrimination, vandalism, or inappropriate behaviour in its programs or facilities, or on its properties.

The policy is broad in its scope, covering township staff and volunteers, and all those who use, attend or are patrons of structured and unstructured activities.

As owner/occupier of all township property, the township may take action against those who breach the policy under the *Trespass to Property Act* and the *Occupier's Liability Act*. A few examples of actionable behaviour include: aggressive or intimidating verbal or physical actions; vandalism of township-owned buildings, structures, or property; being on the premises while under the influence of alcohol or drugs; refusal to follow township permit details/township policies/procedures; possession of weapons or use of weapons of opportunity; racial or ethnic slurs; harassment or bullying; etc.

Signs bearing a brief description of the policy and a QR code will be posted at township properties. Instructions for the use of the QR code will link the reader to the policy and a form which can be filed out if anyone has a concern regarding the township property.

The *Respect and Safe Access for All* policy can be found online at: [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca).

### **Crown Royal whisky distillery planned for township**

*By Bonnie Stevenson*

St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold believes forward-thinking, environmentally-responsible industrial facilities like the new Crown Royal whisky distillery/blending/warehouse complex will become a paradigm for future industrial builds in St. Clair Township. The Crown Royal complex will be built on a 400-acre site at the southwest

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### **Does your dog have a 2022 tag?**

Please make sure your dog(s) has a 2022 St. Clair Township tag. Application forms are available online at: [stclairtownship.ca/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/dog\\_tag\\_form.pdf](http://stclairtownship.ca/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/dog_tag_form.pdf) or tags can be obtained at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown.

### **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, April 4 at 3 p.m. at 3 p.m.; Tuesday, April 19 at 6 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)



### **Notice to property owners to destroy noxious weeds**

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 13, 16, and 23, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the municipality of the Township of St. Clair are destroyed throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the cost against the land, plus an administration charge as set out in the Act. (Minimum charge per parcel is \$80.) The cooperation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Jeff Baranek, Clerk  
519-867-2021





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corner of Highway 40 and Moore Line. Construction is due to begin in the second half of 2022 and the distillery is expected to be operational by 2025.

"It's a really positive thing for us," said Mayor Arnold. "One of the big things for me is that they're going to have a carbon neutral footprint. It's their first carbon neutral distillery on a new build and their goal is to be carbon neutral by 2030 in all of their existing facilities in North America."

The township's newest corporate resident will be the first original carbon neutral distillery for Diageo, a global beverage alcohol leader and Crown Royal's parent company. The facility's annual production will be up to 20 million LAA's (litres of absolute alcohol, equivalent to 10.5 million proof gallons). The company notes dozens of jobs will be created locally but the approximate number of permanent jobs has not yet been established.

When the facility is operational, it will supplement Diageo's existing manufacturing operations in Amherstburg, Ontario; Gimli, Manitoba; and Valleyfield, Quebec, representing a \$245 million investment in Canada.

"Crown Royal is the heart of our whisky business...the most valuable whisky brand," said Sophie Kelly, Senior Vice President of Whiskies, Diageo North America. "We are thrilled by this new world-class distillery. It will enable us to drive momentum to 2030 and beyond to elevate Crown Royal as a best-in-class whisky brand that leads innovation in the industry." Ms. Kelly says Diageo has operations in over 180 countries and produces in over 140 sites around the globe.

According to a Diageo media release issued March 9, 2022, Crown Royal is the #1 selling Canadian whisky in the world and it is North America's most valuable whisky brand. Other popular brands produced by Diageo include: Johnnie Walker, Smirnoff, Captain Morgan, Baileys, Tanqueray, Don Julio, and Guinness. The media release explained Diageo is part of a group of organizations championing a green recovery and supporting Sustainable Development Goals through membership in the United Nations Global Compact. Diageo is also a signatory to the global Race to Zero campaign, a commitment to achieving net-zero-emissions by 2050.

When considering a suitable location for the new distillery, a number of factors were considered. Amy Cole, spokesperson for Diageo, noted (property) size, current zoning, access to the necessary utilities, and a number of other factors were discussed. "Ultimately, this was the right one for the business," she said.

Easy access to main roads and highways, and perhaps the special oversized load corridor, will also be helpful, especially during the construction of the new distillery. (The corridor, developed through a partnership between Lambton County, St. Clair Township, the City of Sarnia, Sarnia Lambton Industrial Alliance, and Sarnia-Lambton

Economic Partnership, allows for the unimpeded, cost-effective transportation of oversized loads, such as pre-fabricated pipe assemblies and processing vessels.)

Lambton County's wealth of skilled workers and heavy industrial support businesses are resources Mayor Arnold sees as the keys to a bright, healthy future for the municipality and the county. "In Lambton County and the chemical area, with the people who work and live around here, you have the best engineering firms, the highest and best safety records for tradesmen, and people with the skills to build and work in your facilities," he said. "We have a lot of good infrastructure here to attract those types of businesses. And we have a lot of knowledgeable suppliers right here who specialize in heavy industry."

The trend toward environmentally-responsible growth is a sentiment shared by the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) group. Spokesperson Matthew Slotwinski says SLEP expects the trend will favour non-petroleum-based growth. "We're incredibly optimistic about the next decade. Given the assets and stakeholders in Sarnia-Lambton, and with our location, infrastructure, and strengths, there is tremendous opportunity to see significant investment and job creation, especially related to low carbon and no carbon investment, whether that is related to the sustainable chemistry industry, the chemical industry or, similar to the Diageo investment, the food and beverage industry," he said.

Mr. Slotwinski noted the success of the Crown Royal negotiation was a group effort. "This wouldn't have been a success without all the other community partners that were involved," he said, citing one partner who excelled throughout the process. "The St. Clair Township staff has been fantastic to work with, providing the information and knowledge base required to bring this investment to the area," he said.

"We're looking to the future," said Mayor Arnold. "We have to get to that same place with all new industries being developed. The technology exists now."

### Township to participate in new way to compost

Council has approved the township's participation in the Pilot Option 2 Food Waste Diversion trial. With the use of a small, quiet unit the size of a bread maker, households will have an easy way to recycle a wide range of food waste, including a lot of unusual items such as egg shells, meat, cheese, chicken and fish bones, pet food, and tea bags. A small amount of useful powdered fertilizer will be all that's left without the arduous fussing, smell, and possible attraction of nuisance animals and insects associated with most compost heaps.

The subsidized pilot proposal for the trial is meant to introduce the community to a new compost alternative with the goal of having 150 homes in St. Clair Township utilizing the FoodCycler™ over a 12-week period. At the end of the 12 weeks, residents will be asked to report their usage and answer a number of survey questions. As

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<https://www.voterlookup.ca/home.aspx>

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an incentive to complete the survey, FoodCycler™ will provide an opportunity for residents to win several prizes. The estimated value of prizes is \$150-\$200. Trial participants may keep the units they purchased for the subsidized price when the 12-week trial is completed.

The township will purchase 150 FoodCycler™ units and 300 replacement filter packs to be funded from the Education and Environment Fund at a “trial” cost of \$325 per unit, including a one year supply of replacement filters. (The regular cost per unit is \$550 plus HST.) The units will then be sold to residential customers at a subsidized cost of \$175 plus HST per unit.

The FoodCycler™ is a closed-loop indoor compost alternative, which speeds up the natural decomposition process through aerobic digestion of waste. The unit dries and grinds food waste into a dry, odorless, nutrient-dense by-product that is significantly reduced in weight and volume from its unprocessed state. The resulting product is free from bacteria and weed seeds, and food-borne pathogens are eliminated in the process. A carbon filtration system eliminates odors so that the unit can be kept in the kitchen or anywhere in the house with access to hydro. The company estimates the cost to operate the unit to be from \$2 to \$4 per month in electricity depending on how often the unit is operated.

The FoodCycler™ is easy to use. The unit takes up only one cubic foot of space on a kitchen counter and is plugged into an electric outlet. Open the lid, put food scraps into the small bucket inside the unit, press the button, and the process is underway. The FoodCycler™ breaks down food waste into a tenth of its original volume and creates a nutrient-rich fertilizer ready to use for plants or grass.

FoodCycler™ has been chosen as a semi-finalist in the Government of Canada's *Food Waste Reduction Challenge*, run by Impact Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for their project entitled: “Residential On-Site Food Waste Diversion for Northern, Rural, and Remote Communities.”

As a way for council and township staff to independently use and assess the FoodCycler™, Food Cycler Science, the company running this trial, will be providing St. Clair Township with one of its units for use in the St. Clair Township Civic Centre lunchroom. Township residents will be able to make their own assessments of the product by ordering their FoodCycler™ from the municipal office.

Council will also donate one FoodCycler™ to each Public and Catholic school in St. Clair Township to promote

the reduction and diversion of food waste within our schools. The donation will cost \$2,275.00 which will come from the Education & Environment Fund.

The diversion of organic waste from landfills is an important component in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the waste sector and achieving the goal of a zero-waste future. Ontario's waste stream is comprised of approximately 32% organic waste (Source: Adapted from Reports on Organic Waste Management in Ontario, prepared for the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, 2015).

Anyone interested in participating in this pilot trial can purchase a FoodCycler™ at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre. To order a unit, call Public Works at 519-867-2993 or contact Erica Cote, Works Administration, via email at: [ecote@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:ecote@stclairtownship.ca)

The Foodcycler™ pilot project is currently underway in 33 municipalities in 7 provinces across Canada.

### Mermaids and Mariners requirements discussed

The logistics of a major summer event slated for Brander Park was discussed at council's March 21 meeting. The *Mermaids and Mariners on the St. Clair*, the recipient of a County of Lambton Creative County grant as well as sponsorships from local businesses and organizations, will be a “family-friendly event celebrating all things nautical”. The event was originally planned to take place before COVID-19 pandemic protocols were put in place. A request from event organizers asked that township staff help prepare the site for the event.

See page 14 for more information about the Mermaids and Mariners on the St. Clair 2022 festival.

### ORV draft by-law not required

A recent report to council recommended draft Bylaw 2 of 2021 remain withdrawn and not enacted. The problematic bylaw has been considered at several meetings and amended many times, but council has decided not to pass a bylaw to regulate the use of ORVs on township roads at this time.

The bylaw was made in reaction to a change in Province of Ontario legislation which would effectively authorize the use of ORVs on municipal roads if there was no municipal bylaw to prohibit their use.

The report noted that, since the provincial regulations were enacted on January 1, 2021, there has not been a noticeably higher volume of complaints to the township regarding the use of ORVs on township roads.

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### Foodcycler™ on trial at St. Clair Township Civic Centre

**Right:** Brian Black, Director of Public Works, is shown here with the Foodcycler™ along with the black enclosed bucket where food waste is collected and processed.

**Top Right:** This “bottom-of-the-bucket” view was taken after food waste, including egg shells, banana peels, chicken bones and apple cores, had been processed. The four-hour process resulted in this small amount of flaky dried powder that was ready to be used as nutrient rich fertilizer on the Civic Centre's lawn.

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### Request for Proposal (RFP) for refreshment vehicles in township parks

The Corporation of the Township of St. Clair is inviting refreshment truck operators to submit proposal to operate food and beverage trucks within township parks at designated locations.

Proposals shall be properly labeled with proposal number, sealed in an envelope, and delivered to the Moore Sports Complex, Attention: Kendall Lindsay, Township of St. Clair, 94 Moore Line, Mooretown, ON, N0N 1M0 OR emailed to: [klindsay@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:klindsay@stclairtownship.ca) and submitted NO LATER than April 14, 2022, at 12 p.m.

Submissions received after the closing time will be labeled accordingly and will remain unopened and disqualified.

### Bowen's Creek designated a protected area

Bowen's Creek Habitat Management Area, situated along the St. Clair River, now qualifies as a Protected Area. It is one of the first municipal conservation lands confirmed to be managed to the national standards for protected and conserved areas. It will contribute to Canada's target to protect 25 per cent of the nation's lands and waters by 2025.



The protected perimeter is indicated in black. It will contribute to Canada's target to protect 25 per cent of the nation's lands and waters by 2025.

This designation came about as a partnership between Lambton County, St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, and Ontario Nature.

The area, comprised of wet prairie and mature deciduous trees, harbours over 15 locally rare varieties of Carolinian flora and fauna, and four *Species at Risk* - Riddell's Goldenrod, Shumard Oak, Hooded Warbler, and Climbing Prairie Rose. For more information on managed lands, visit: [www.lambtononline.ca/managed-lands](http://www.lambtononline.ca/managed-lands)

## Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) offers Summer Company Grants

Students in Sarnia-Lambton who wish to start and run their own business this summer can apply to the Ontario Summer Company program for a \$3,000 grant. The program is a joint venture between SLEP and the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade. Students ages 15 to 29 who are returning to school this fall and have not received a Summer Company Grant in the past, are eligible to apply. Successful applicants will receive \$1,500 to get started and, upon successful completion of the program, another \$1,500.

For 23 years, this program has given Ontario students the opportunity to learn by doing to obtain entrepre-

neurial experience.

"Over the years, this initiative has impacted the lives of many local youth and has created small businesses that continue to thrive and contribute to our local economy long after the program ends," said Judith Morris, interim CEO of the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership.

Students interested in this program are urged to visit: [www.sarnialambton.on.ca/summercompany](http://www.sarnialambton.on.ca/summercompany) for more information. Information about the application process can be obtained by contacting Chantelle at: [chantelle@sarnialambton.on.ca](mailto:chantelle@sarnialambton.on.ca).

## Businesses benefit from SLEP programs

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)

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

All 25 Lambton County Library locations are now open and offering in-person browsing 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 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)

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!*



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LAMBTON SHORES



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## 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.

#### St. Clair River Trail- Opening Soon!

The St Clair River Trail will open on April 15, Please practice social distancing during this time. Reminder; The trail is maintained between April to November.

#### Water utility appointments require 48 hours notification

St. Clair Township By-Law 29 of 2021, requires at least 48 hours notice in advance of scheduling appointments with the Public Works department, to avoid service fees.

## State of Infrastructure Sidewalks & Trails

Asset Type	Inventory	Asset Value	Condition	LOS Target
Sidewalks	36 km	\$ 2 M	83 (Excellent)	70 (Good)
Trails	34 km	\$ 3.4 M	84 (Excellent)	70 (Good)

#### In Summary

- Currently exceeding Levels of Service condition targets
- Primarily managed through work identified during annual inspections
  - Maintenance funded thru annual Operations budgets
  - Rehab/Replace funded thru annual Capital budgets
  - No funding gap currently expected

The Asset Management Plan is posted on the Municipal Website

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

AMSC – Asset Management Steering Committee

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## Yard Waste Collection 2022

Spring yard waste collection will be the week of April 25, 2022

Yard waste includes; grass, leaves, garden plants, hay and straw (loose not baled). Sticks and Branches *are not permitted* in yard waste and could result in a rejected collection.

Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or open containers with handles clearly marked with an "X" on both sides (open container does not include recycling bins or cardboard boxes). Any yard waste placed in clear plastic bags will not be collected during yard waste collection dates.



For more updates on information related to Public Works including Water and Recycling collection, follow up on Facebook @stclairwppw.

## Bill Reminders From the Water Department

Here are a few helpful tips when scheduling your water payment...

1. Please make sure if you are paying your water bill through your online banking that you are selecting "Water" and not "Taxes" if this is applicable to you.
2. If you have moved within the Township, make sure that you have changed your payee to reflect the new account number. Water account numbers change when you move to a different household-even within the township.
3. If you have changed your contact number, please contact our office and update your contact information in your file. Email addresses are great to leave with us as well. This helps with communication if issues do arise.
4. If you have not received your water bill in your billing cycle timeframe you can always contact the office to inquire about your current account balance. Failure to receive a water bill does not relieve your account from being charged late penalty.



## Public Works Department

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### Hydrant Flushing

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 2022 - Fall 2022

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

During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some water discolouration 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 discolouration disappears.

### Sewer Main Flushing

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 2022 - Fall 2022

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.

**Welcome Back! Our office is now open to the Public.**

**Civic Centre , 1155 Emily Street , Mooretown, Ontario**

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. The can also be costly to repair.

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



#### **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>

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**be prepared**



**make a plan**



**build a kit**



**stay informed**

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# 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.**



## HERITAGE CORNER

### *Balloon Mystery subject of spooky virtual presentation*

The McDonald house in Sombra Township, *left*, will be the subject of the Lambton County Archive Awareness virtual presentation, *The Balloon Mystery*, on Thursday, April 7 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The house was the site of disturbing paranormal activity that terrified a family in 1829 and 1830, and became the stuff of nightmares, stories, and plays. **On page 17**, you will find out more about this spooky saga and how you can view the virtual presentation.

*Warning: Don't watch alone...*



### Moore Museum's Downriver Craft and Gift Sale returns



Moore Museum is excited to announce the Downriver Craft and Gift Sale will return in 2022. After two years of cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the sale will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We know shoppers are looking forward to this opportunity to find an incredible variety of great gift items, and that vendors are eager to showcase their creations once again.

Application forms for vendors were emailed in mid-March to our list of past contacts. Any crafts-person who did not receive theirs should contact Moore Museum at 519-867-2020. Registration forms are also available on the Moore Museum website at:

[www.mooremuseum.ca](http://www.mooremuseum.ca)

*"See you downriver!"*

*~Laurie Mason, curator*

*Inquiries from new vendors  
are always welcome.*



### Heritage St. Clair bids farewell to a dear friend



Murray McAllister, a dear friend of Heritage St. Clair and the Sombra Museum, passed away on Oct. 22, 2020. He possessed a wealth of knowledge about St. Clair Township that was unsurpassed, his sense of humour was a delight, and his abiding love for his community was undeniable.

*Rest well, dear friend  
~ Heritage St. Clair ~*



## MORE HERITAGE CORNER

It's that time again...PLAY BALL!...or whatever sport you choose



Courtesy Sombra Museum archives

It's the end of the 1955-56 baseball season and the St. Clair River League Jr. Champs have fought hard to make this glorious day happen. The coveted league trophy is theirs. The team members are, back row: Bill Mundy, Ron Walker, John McKeegan, Dave Walters, Barney Hodgins, Bob Johnson, John Gaw, and Joe Chalk. Front row: Jack Scott, Jim Hodgins, Ron Chalk, Al Adams, Bill Nahmabin, Bill Churcher, and kneeling, bat boy Dave Pirrie.

Good luck to all of the teams that will do battle on the St. Clair Township sports fields this season!

## 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 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/>



## Busy time ahead for Brigden Fair Homecraft Division



Things at the Brigden fairground have been pretty quiet over the two years that COVID-19 held Lambton County hostage.

So now, there is a lot of work for MAS and its Homecraft Division to do to get things up and running smoothly again. Three popular monthly events are already planned, with a musical event in the works for Friday, June 17. (See **Around the Township**, page 20).

The first order of business for Homecraft was to hold its first formal meeting in two years and elect a new executive. It includes: President Cheryl McGuire; 1st Vice President Diane Murray; 2nd Vice President Kathy Scott; and Past President Michelle Evanitski.

Clockwise from above left: \*Norma Jean White, Marilyn Shaw and Joan Bogaert took a walk down memory lane at the photo wall before enjoying a sumptuous pot luck dinner. \*Michelle Evanitski, (now Past President) presided over the meeting, which included the election of the new Homecraft Division executive. \*Maureen McKellar and Diane Murray received a special aprons in appreciation for their tireless effort to help the Homecraft "Pie Ladies" produce a 300-pie order on short notice.

*Bonnie Stevenson photos*



Guest MAS President Malcolm Rogers raised his hat to remind everyone of the 2022 fair theme, "Hats Off to Brigden Fair".

Here comes the summer we've waited for! The Mermaids and Mariners are coming!



St. Clair Township will welcome back several of the annual family-friendly special summer events we look forward to. In Port Lambton, the “new kid on the block” will be *Mermaids and Mariners on the St. Clair*, a family-friendly event celebrating all things nautical on the scenic St. Clair River. On Saturday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Brander Park will come alive as lovely mermaids mingle with hearty mariners. Pirates, privateers, sea captains, sirens, selkies, wenches, landlubbers, and all manner of jolly fun seekers are invited to find some treasures and have a splashing good time. Organizers invite everyone to “Swim on over to [www.mermaidsandmariners.ca](http://www.mermaidsandmariners.ca) to “sea” what’s happening”. You can also sail with the Mermaids and Mariners crew on Facebook and Instagram.

“SAVE THE DATE and #SHELLebrate the shoreline with us!”

[www.mermaidsandmariners.ca](http://www.mermaidsandmariners.ca)

Watch the St. Clair Township Beacon for more messages in a bottle from the Mermaids & Mariners crew!



## 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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## COMMUNITY CONTACT



### Lambton County Library eliminates fines for overdue books

The Lambton County Library stopped 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.**

# CORUNNA LEGION PRESENTS

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## *SCRCA holds 2022 annual general meeting*

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority held its 2022 annual general meeting on Feb. 24. The meeting's annual report highlighted the innovation, resilience, and creative work of the Authority's staff and board to maintain services, adapt to the ever-changing requirements presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, and connect with the local community.

One of the ways the SCRCA celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2021 was a small event held on National Tree Day. It acknowledged a significant milestone in the Authority's history; the planting of over four million trees and the creation of 100 hectares of wetland. "Our accomplishments this year would not have been possible without the support, patience, and understanding of our local communities and partners," said Authority Chair Lorie Scott.

Conservation Awards were handed out to two deserving recipients. The first was BASES (Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment, and Sustainability), a cooperative effort comprised of three organizations - Sarnia-Lambton Community Awareness and

Emergency Response, Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association, and Sarnia-Lambton Industrial Education Cooperative. The organization was recognized for sharing the collective expertise of its member organizations and its efforts to work with other community groups to improve the environment, and respond quickly and effectively to the emergencies that threaten it.

The second award was presented to landowner David Livingstone who worked with the SCRCA to naturalize his 100-acre farm near Komoka, Ontario. In the past eight years, Mr. Livingstone has planted over 27,500 trees on 35 acres of his land to augment the 45 acres of old growth forest already in existence. His intent is to return the majority of the property to Carolinian forest.

Elections held at the meeting resulted in the following 2022 Executive: Authority Chair and Vice-Chair Mike Stark, representing Sarnia, was elected Chair of the SCRCA; Pat Brown, who represents St. Clair Township, was elected as Vice-Chair.



Right: SCRCA Vice-Chair John Brennan, left, presented the SCRCA Conservation Award to BASES General Manager Vince Gagner. Left: Emily Elder accepted the SCRCA Conservation Award from Vice-Chair John Brennan on David Livingstone's behalf.

SCRCA photos





## Lambton County Archives Awareness talk reveals Baldoon poltergeist

Our Lambton County Archives provide valuable archival services that reveal the county's rich and fascinating past. To celebrate and raise the public profile of this important institution, the Archives Association of Ontario (AAO) has organized Archives Awareness Month.

To celebrate this occasion, Lambton County Archives will host a virtual talk - *The Baldoon Mystery* - on Thursday, April 7 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. This well-known story reveals information about Canada's oldest and most widely reported poltergeist, dating back to late 1829 and 1830.

The virtual talk is free and pre-registration is required. Register online at: [lambtonmuseums.ca/en/lambton-county-archives/lambton-county-archives.aspx](http://lambtonmuseums.ca/en/lambton-county-archives/lambton-county-archives.aspx)

### Background

The McDonald homestead in Baldoon has been the subject of numerous plays, short stories, and novel focusing on the plight of the McDonald family at the hands of unseen forces. However, little serious historical analyses has been done about this mystery. The archival record reveals fascinating insights into the events in early Sombra Township, where the occurrences took place.

See the McDonald homestead, page 11.



## JNAF 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*.



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- SUMMER CAMP registration starts April 6 at 9 a.m.

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## Moore Agricultural Society preparing for Brigden Fair 2022 and familiar favourite events

After a two-year absence, the Brigden Fair will be back this Thanksgiving weekend, and community favourites like the Sunday Jamborees and popular brunches are back! (See page 20).

The 170th anniversary of the fair was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, so the theme originally proposed for it, *Hats Off to Brigden Fair*, will be retained for the 2022 edition.

Sponsors are being sought to be part of this year's fair. Companies or individuals who have thought about being a part of Brigden Fair can now call and discuss opportunities to become a class sponsor. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please email [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca) and put SPONSOR in the subject line.

If you would like to sponsor a class listed in the Brigden Fair Prize Book, be sure to call prior to **May 20, 2022** so you can be sure your name will be noted in the Prize book. As an example, to sponsor a typical Homecraft class it could cost as little as \$25. Livestock class sponsorship is higher, so please call for details.

Other advertising opportunities for your company are also available by calling 519-864-1197 or email: [michelle.evanitski@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:michelle.evanitski@brigdenfair.ca)



## MESSAGE FROM MAS

The membership of Moore Agricultural Society understands that everyone is excited about the 2022 Fair this year.

Plans are being put in place, so please be patient with the directors and committees as the 2022 Brigden Fair will be a large undertaking after two years without a fair.

Fair books for 2022 will be issued and a notice will be put on the webpage as soon as they are ready, which is normally after June.

If you are interested in being/or returning as a vendor, please email [Finance@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:Finance@brigdenfair.ca) and mark VENDOR in the subject line.

If you are interested in being one of the entertainers, please email [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca) and put ENTERTAINMENT in the subject line.

Information will be posted as soon as the details are worked out, so keep checking the Brigden Fair Webpage or Facebook page.

Thank you for your patience. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

~MAS Board of Directors, Office Staff, and Committee Chairpeople

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MOORE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Moore Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting will be held at the Exhibition Hall, Brigden Fairgrounds, on Saturday, April 9.

Registration & Membership Renewal: 11:45 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

The meeting will commence at 1 p.m. The AGM is open to anyone who would like to attend, however, you must meet the Voting Eligibility

Requirements to make a motion or participate in the voting process. Voting Eligibility Requirements: Must be a member/honorary member in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws and Guidelines of MAS. You must be a paid member in good standing for 2021 and 2022 and must have attained the age of 18.

## PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL AG SOCIETIES WITH 50/50

Supporting our local Agricultural Societies in these unpredictable times has never been more important as they are today. By purchasing 50/50 tickets, you are helping Moore (Brigden), along with Petrolia & Enniskillen and Brooke-Alvinston Agricultural Societies with fairground improvements. Our grounds are used by many organizations in our respective communities.

Watch for the three Early Bird Draws by checking each fair's web and Facebook pages. Lottery License #RAF1214882 Tickets can be purchased online but will also be available at "in person" events.

## Fair Share 50/50 Draw - final two draws

Lottery License #RAF1214882

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 #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.



## MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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

**Virtual Physical Activity Presentation: (Benefits and guidelines)** Monday, April 11 at 2:30 p.m. For information, contact Rebecca at 519-344-3017, ext. 277.

**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 [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) to register.

**Virtual Kids Cooking:** This class is slated for April, so please email: [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com) or call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 for more information.

**Virtual Baby Food Making:** Wednesday, April 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Learn up-to-date guidelines, how to progress with textures, baby-led weaning, and healthy meal and snack ideas. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext 259, or email: [cbaron@nlchc.com](mailto:cbaron@nlchc.com) to receive the virtual link.

**Virtual Grocery Store Tour:** Wednesday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m. Virtual grocery store tour with Lynne Brown, Registered Dietitian. Learn tips and strategies to successfully navigate a grocery store while shopping for nutritious foods. To register, contact Rebecca at 519-786-4545, ext 279.



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**Night Light: Virtual or in-person:** Thursdays until May 12, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Find hope and wellness while managing mental illness. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 223.

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

### BRIGDEN FAIRGROUNDS WINTER STORAGE REMOVAL

Anyone with RVs, trailers, boats or other items stored at the Brigden fairgrounds will now be asked to remove those items beginning on April 2 **by appointment only**. Item owners will be notified once all other items blocking their departure have been removed.



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)

### Well water testing advised after flooding

Lambton Public Health (LPH) is encouraging all residents with private water wells to test the water whenever the well is flooded during the recent high water levels and flood conditions. Water from a flooded well should be subjected to a rolling boil for at least one minute before use until tested. Free water sample kits can be obtained and dropped off at: Lambton Public Health, 160 Exmouth Street, Point Edward, or at CEE Hospital Lab (basement), 450 Blanche Street, Petrolia. Call in advance: 519-383-8331 or 1-800-667-1839, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. & Friday, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. CEE Lab, Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Free rabies clinics in Lambton

Lambton Public Health will hold several low-cost rabies clinics are slated for Lambton County throughout April and May. The are open to dogs and cats age three months and older, who are in good health and not vaccinated within the past year, at a cost of \$25 cash only. Animals must be leashed or contained, and COVID-19 protocols must be observed. **Rutherford:** April 2, 9 a.m. to noon, public works garage, 4590 Lambton Line; **Alvinston:** April 23, 1-3 p.m., BAI Community Centre, 3310 Walnut Street; **Oil Springs:** May 7, 9:30 a.m.-noon, fire hall, 4589 Oil Springs Line; **Eniskillen:** May 14, 9 a.m.-noon, township garage, 4465 Rokeby Line.

## 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. For additional information call 519-862-1240.

### Popular Moore Agricultural Society events are back!



The Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) is back in action at the Brigden fairgrounds with its most popular events set for April and May.

**Sunday, April 10: The Country Jamboree** is back at the Brigden Exhibition Hall. Come and dance the afternoon away to the sound of our talented local musicians and singers. Doors open at noon with music starting at 1 p.m. and a cash bar. The famous scalloped potato and ham supper will be available at 5 p.m. for just \$15. All musicians are welcome.

**Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday brunch** will be served, with seating from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost will be \$15 per adult, \$8 per child ages six to 10, and free for children five and under. For details go to [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca) or Brigden Fair Facebook. No reservations are required.

**Sunday, May 8: Mother's Day brunch** is a good way for you to show mum how much you care. Give her a break any time from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brigden exhibition hall. The cost will be \$15 per adult, \$8 per child ages six to 10, and free for children five and under. For details go to [www.brigdenfair.ca](http://www.brigdenfair.ca) or Brigden Fair Facebook. No reservations are required.

**Friday, June 17: Musical event featuring Shane Cook.** Details and ticket information to be announced.

Check out the Brigden Fair website or Facebook page, and watch the Beacon as details become available.

### 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: \*\*COVID-19 protocols will be observed and capacity rules apply. 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)

**Shibashi (Tai chi/gong)** is a practice of aligning breath and movement for exercise and health. Shibashi consists of 18 simple steps, is easy to learn, and perfect for beginners.

**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., until May 10. For more information call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email [adinell@nlchc.com](mailto:adinell@nlchc.com).

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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.

Please keep your vaccinations up to date and be kind when you see masks still in use. Masks are a personal choice and some people must remain cautious.

### 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.

