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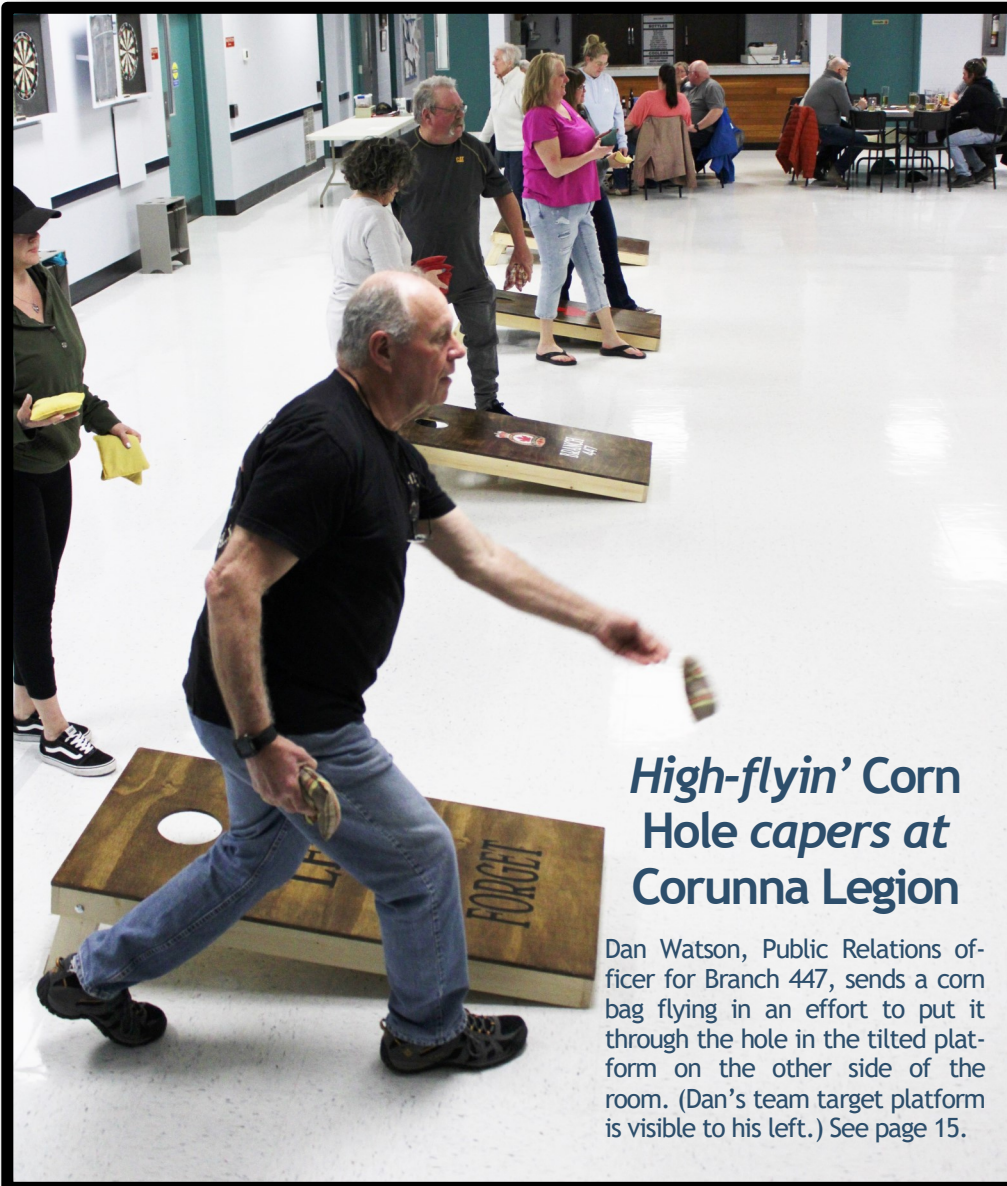
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THE TOWNSHIP  
OF ST. CLAIR



*Remember your special lady  
on Mother's Day, May 8*



## High-flyin' Corn Hole capers at Corunna Legion

Dan Watson, Public Relations officer for Branch 447, sends a corn bag flying in an effort to put it through the hole in the tilted platform on the other side of the room. (Dan's team target platform is visible to his left.) See page 15.

## Community-minded candidates: municipal election is your chance to make a difference

As the 2022 municipal election approaches on Oct. 24, community-minded St. Clair Township citizens will run for a seat on council. The new council, like those that have gone before, will be required to build upon a community legacy that began almost 200 years ago.

Council will be faced with complicated financial responsibilities and sometimes, harrowing decisions, property disputes, and decisions that will affect St. Clair Township for many years into the future. It's a demanding but rewarding position for those who feel they can make a positive difference.

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 6 to find out how to obtain the information you will need to make your decision.

If you missed the presentation on May 2, call the St. Clair Township Clerk at 519-867-2021 to find out how to view it.



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## MUNICIPAL NOTES

### Important Dates for the 2022 Municipal Election

Changes have been made to the Municipal Elections Act, and as such, the Nomination Period has been shortened.

For those interested in running for a position on Council, for Lambton Kent District School Board Central Lambton School Board Trustee; or for St. Clair Catholic District North and Central Lambton School Board Trustee, the first day you can file your nomination papers is May 2, 2022. The final day to file your nomination for any office noted above, known as Nomination Day, is August 19, 2022. Election Day is October 24, 2022.

#### Key Dates

**May 2, 2022** - First day to file nominations with the Clerk

**Aug. 19, 2022** - NOMINATION DAY-nominations close at 2:00 p.m.

**Aug. 19, 2022** - Final day to withdraw a nomination

**Oct. 24, 2022** - ELECTION DAY

**Nov. 21, 2022** - Inaugural meeting of new Council

#### Lame Duck Council

According to Section 275 of the Municipal Act, a Council becomes *Lame Duck* when it is possible after Nomination Day that less than three quarters of the sitting Council can return after Election Day. In the case of St. Clair Township, if two or more sitting members of Council opt not to seek re-election, or run for a different office, Council becomes *Lame Duck* and their power to exercise normal powers becomes restricted.

*See More Municipal Notes, page 3*

### Moore Community & Recreation Foundation deadline

The deadline for the Moore Community & Recreation Foundation financial assistance is May 31st. Should you require further information please contact George Lozon, Treasurer at 519-867-2024 or 1-800-809-0301.

### 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, May 2 at 3 p.m. and Monday, May 16 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 Final Property Tax Due Dates

**Thursday, July 28 & Thursday, September 29**

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 bills in the mail, please email:

[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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### **Respect and Safe Access for All policy targets harassment on 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 negative actions. 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.

It 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, including bullying and the use of racial slurs and profanity, in its programs or facilities, or on its properties.

The township may take action against those who breach the policy under the *Trespass to Property Act* and the *Occupier's Liability Act*.

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 filled out if anyone has a concern regarding a township property.

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

### **Township to participate in new way to compost**

A Pilot Option 2 Food Waste Diversion trial will soon be in operation within St. Clair Township. 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 items not usually recycled such as egg shells, meat, cheese, chicken and fish bones, pet food, and tea bags.

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 12 weeks, residents will be asked to report their usage and answer a number of survey questions. As an incentive to complete the survey, FoodCycler™ will provide an opportunity for residents to win several prizes. The estimated value of the prizes is \$150-\$200. Trial participants may keep the units they purchased for the subsidized price when the 12-week trial is completed.

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."

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)

For details about the Foodcycler and the trial program, see pages 10 and 11.

### **Volunteer firefighters training regulation reviewed**

Council recently reviewed a letter from Acting Ontario Fire Marshal Tim Beckett which provided an update reflecting changes related to the exceptions, transition, and certification standards applicable to firefighter certification regulations. The changes will provide flexibility for local municipalities while supporting firefighter and public safety.

Certification is a process of verification, ensuring that firefighters train to the standard they are required to perform. Mandatory certification in Ontario will validate the training firefighters receive and create safer communities.

### **Fire chief reports on island emergency response**

A January 1 structure fire on Fawn Island and the problems encountered during the fire department's response was discussed at the April 4 meeting of council.

During the incident, when St. Clair Fire Department firefighters reached the shoreline across from Fawn Island, they had no immediate access to suitable water transport. Fire Chief Richard Boyes told council, "We had to use private water craft to get there, which was contrary to our by-law." He noted the crew was uncertain as to how to proceed. Firefighters currently have to use the commercial island ferries to answer emergencies, but there are no clear guidelines governing how emergency responders can safely transport personnel and equipment across the water.

Council requested information regarding solutions to the matter, including the cost of dedicated water craft to transport firefighters and their equipment to off-shore emergencies, as well as training firefighters how to effectively respond to this kind of emergency. The matter is currently being considered due to the health and safety considerations posed by off-shore incidents.

See More Municipal Notes, page 4

# Are you on the voters' list?

HAVE YOUR SAY.  
LOG ON TODAY.

Voter  
LookUp.ca

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

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### Permanent washrooms/clock proposed for Courtright Waterfront Park

Representatives advocating for permanent washrooms and a decorative clock for Courtright Waterfront Park made a presentation via Zoom at the April 4 meeting.

The presenter pointed out that summer usage of the park can number as many as 80 visitors each day and there are currently no washroom facilities to accommodate that kind of traffic. He also said the group had purchased a large clock that had currently occupied a hallway position at the former Bayside Mall in Sarnia, and it was their hope the clock, housed in a protective structure, would become a focus for the park.

Mayor Arnold said the township would fund up to \$200,000 of the project and look after the washroom component if the group could raise the remainder of the estimated cost and look after the clock.

The group was instructed to work out a suitable location for the washrooms and clock within the park, discuss the project with Director of Community Services Kendall Lindsay, and bring the plan back to council for approval.

### State of Plank Road discussed

The state of Plank Road between Petrolia Line and Mandaumin Road has been a point of contention for council over the past months. The condition of the tar-and-chip road surface has continued to deteriorate and its deterioration has been accelerated by the wet conditions the area has experienced.

Township Coordinator of Operations David Neeley told council the effort to patch bad spots on the surface has become "very expensive, time consuming, and impractical." And if patching cannot be maintained, the road will have to be closed to all through traffic.

Three options were put before council for consideration: continue patching at an estimated cost of \$265,148; reconstruct the road by excavating the road bed down to its native base, redoing the roadside ditching, installing sub-tile on both shoulders, and laying down double lift asphalt, at an estimated cost of \$3.5 million; or temporarily return the road to a gravel surface at a cost of \$30,000 until more planning and design improvements can be slated for allocated capital funds.

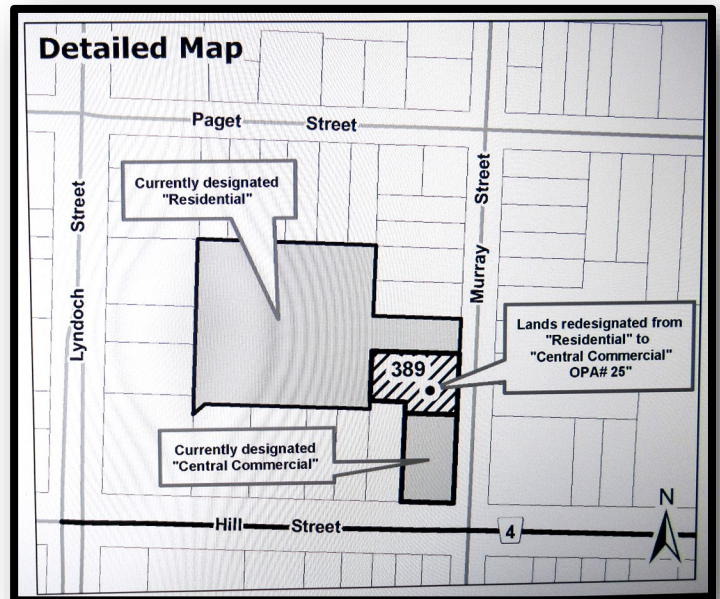
Council chose to return the road to a gravel surface until it can be properly resurfaced in a way that will provide a permanent solution to the problem. The decision was reached by a recorded vote of 4 to 3.

### New medical centre/residential plan proposed for school property

A problematic section of the Corunna core area at the corner of Murray Street and Hill Street may soon become a welcome new commercial and residential area.

A deputation to the April 18 council proposed the school structure be demolished, removed, and replaced by a new medical centre, with space for several doctors' offices, and other medically-related specialties, with some single and semi-detached residential units adjacent to the centre.

Planning considerations were discussed at the April 18 meeting of council, with a complete analysis of zoning changes that would be needed to accommodate the project. The zoning by-law must be changed from Institutional to Central Commercial to accommodate the medical centre. The Official Plan area must be re-zoned from Residential to Central Commercial. The playground area will remain Residential.



Overview of the proposed project site and its zoning designations.  
~From zoning presentation

It was pointed out the Central Commercial zoning designation limits the business uses that can locate there.

Local resident John Flesher attended the public meeting to ask questions and gather more information. On behalf of some of his neighbours, he said the new development would be a welcome improvement to the current state of the property. However, he cited the considerable amount of traffic that uses Murray Street due to the presence of the post office at the corner of Hill Street and asked if the development would make the problem worse. He also asked about the demolition of the school and what threats it might pose to neighbouring residences. Snow removal was a third concern he raised.

Mayor Arnold assured Mr. Flesher that any concerns surrounding the project as it progressed could be conveyed to the township at any time.

The project proponent presented two artist's streetscapes showing the medical centre from a Murray Street view and a Hill Street view showing a modern commercial building, with the medical centre entrance off Murray Street and several medical specialty office entries off Hill Street, including a pharmacy.

A fence will be installed to separate commercial from residential zones as required by municipal law. Outdoor lighting for commercial areas will be installed so as not to be irritating to neighbours.

The planner's report concluded, "Based on the forgoing (information) there is an ongoing need for health services in the community and there is compliance with planning policies at other levels of



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government. Amending the St. Clair Township Official Plan based on this request is justifiable and in the spirit of good planning for the community.” The report was accepted by a motion of council.

*The residential component of this project has not yet been finalized and brought to council. Another public meeting will be held at that time.*

### By-law being developed regarding Airbnb's and short-term rentals

The growing number of Airbnb's and short term rentals in St. Clair Township has many residents concerned about how these dwellings will be regulated. To date, the township has no zoning regulations to protect communities from the misuse of such properties, so council has asked staff to look into a new zoning by-law that would apply specifically to them. Clerk Jeff Baranek reported he has been looking at by-laws enacted by other municipalities to get a sense of what to include in the township's by-law. “We have a series of things we'd like to see included in our Official Plan and our planning by-laws,” he said. He added he had

also seen a number of good policies while attending municipal conferences.

**ATTENTION ATV/ORV RIDERS**  
Sidewalks are for pedestrians.  
Do not endanger them by riding on the sidewalks.

### Scholarships being offered by SRCU

Southwest Regional Credit Union will award up to 10 scholarships totaling \$10,000 this year. Recipients must be active members of the Credit Union or a child/grandchild of an active member. Recipients may apply for each year of post-secondary certificate, diploma, and degree level programs, but primary consideration will be given to first-time applicants.

Submissions will be accepted until June 30 and the scholarship recipients will be decided on July 15. To obtain details of this scholarship program, go online to: [southwestcu.ca/scholarship2022.ca](http://southwestcu.ca/scholarship2022.ca) or call your local branch: Corunna at 519-862-1421; Wallaceburg at 519-627-6744; or Sarnia at 519-383-0750.

## 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 allow. 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!*



THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
LAMBTON SHORES



Keep your community strong. Please support your local businesses.





## 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 returned to work that requires entry into a building, but 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 the resident.

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

#### Water utility appointments require 48 hours notice

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

### Streetlights & Signalized Intersections

Asset Type	Inventory	Asset Value	Condition
Signalized Intersections	2.75	\$433 K	Excellent
Streetlights (Fixtures)	1,471	\$1,18 M	Excellent
Streetlights (Supports)	643	\$2,26 M	N/A

#### Streetlights

- Strategy to meet minimum maintenance standards
- Routine maintenance identified through inspections
- Replacement Strategy- 6 aged concrete poles/yr

#### Signalized intersections

- Works based on inspection report recommendations

Current operational budget allocation (\$55,000/yr

Township should consider reserves as the assets are currently in very good condition.

The Asset Management Plan is posted on the Municipal Website

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

AMSC – Asset Management Steering Committee

More Works, see page 8

## Public Works Department

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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 Wates 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.

### Dig Safe flag-raising a reminder to all

St. Clair Township recently hosted the Ontario Region Common Ground Alliance (ORGCA) flag-raising which kicks off Dig Safe Month, a reminder that promotes safe excavation and the protection of underground infrastructure.

The ORGCA fosters an environment of underground infrastructure safety across Ontario through the promotion of public awareness and the communication of ground disturbance law and best practices.

St. Clair Township is a member of the ORGCA, taking part in the organization's regional meetings as well as public awareness events within Southwestern Ontario.

Property owners are reminded that, before digging or disturbing the ground in any appreciable way, it is wise to call **OntarioOneCall** to arrange for a locator who will check the property for buried cables, wiring, and pipelines. *See page 9 for information.*



Photo right-Attending the flag-raising from left: St. Clair Township Councillor Tracy Kingston; Director of Public Works Brian Black; St. Clair Township Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; and Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey. Bonnie Stevenson photo



## 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!

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Emergency preparedness starts with you  
**be prepared**



**make a plan**



**build a kit**



**stay informed**

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



## Public Works Department







# FOODCYCLER

MUNICIPAL PILOT PROGRAM

**We are looking for residents to participate in a 12-week in-home food waste diversion pilot project!**

The purpose of the FoodCycler™ Pilot Program is to measure the viability of onsite food waste processing technology as a method of waste diversion. By reducing food waste at home, you can support your municipality in their environmental goals, reduce your household's carbon footprint and extend the life of your community's local landfill. The Township will purchase 150 Food Cycler units and 300 replacement filter packs. The units will be sold at a reduced cost to St. Clair Township residents. St. Clair Township will also be donating one FoodCycler to each Public and Catholic School in St. Clair Township to promote the reduction and diversion of food waste within our schools.

**WHAT IS A FOODCYCLER?**

-  Closed-loop indoor compost alternative, which speeds up the natural decomposition process.
-  It dries and grinds food waste into a dry, odourless, nutrient-dense by-product in 4-8 hours.
-  Use the byproducts as a fertilizer and add it to your garden, lawn or existing composting system.
-  Odourless, easy to use and energy efficient alternative



The FoodCycler is a compact counter-top food recycler which transforms food waste to fertilizer within hours. Odorless and quiet, the unit comes with a removable waste bucket for easy loading, and an intuitive carbon filtration system.

Similar in size to a bread machine, the FoodCycle fits almost anywhere as long as you have one cubic foot of space with a power outlet. Keep the bucket in the kitchen, under the sink, or by the trash can, and store the FoodCycler in the garage, in a closet, or on the counter. Since the FoodCycler is odorless, you can run it indoors and reduce food waste year round, no matter the outside temperature.



**More Foodcycler information, see page 11**



## Public Works Department

# FOODCYCLER

## MUNICIPAL PILOT PROGRAM



The Foodcycler lowers solid waste costs for the community by diverting food waste through the Foodcycler and reducing trash tonnage by 50%. Food waste in the garbage creates odors and attracts pests. Up to 40% of carbon emissions from waste are created during transport. On-site processing eliminates all emissions from transport and leaves residents with a nutrient-rich mulch for their gardens. You can use this bi-product to speed along your composting or simply add it to your garden beds 4 weeks prior to planting to get the best results.



Erica Côté

✉ [ecote@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:ecote@stclairtownship.ca)

☎ (519) 867-2993

# 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.**



## Mega-machine in residence at Shell Manufacturing Centre



Towering above the tallest stacks at the Shell Manufacturing Centre, Corunna, the Mammoet PTC35 superheavy lift crane, one of the biggest cranes in the world, is getting down to work on one of the largest turnarounds in the history of the facility. The 1,600 ton crane is so massive that it couldn't be shipped to the site in one piece. Its components and the tools to assemble them had to be brought to the site contained in 115 sea cans, where the monster was reassembled over a period of about six weeks. Its unique "ring" design, which features a boom the length of a hockey rink, gives it the flexibility, the reach, and the adaptability to handle oversized and heavy loads of up to 5,000 tons. The \$120 turnaround, which has a workforce of about 1,000 construction and trades personnel, is expected to be completed by mid-June.

*Mike Coene aerial photo*

## NOVA Corunna turnaround will connect new facility

The NOVA Corunna site turnaround currently in progress has been in the planning phase for four years, and it will be the most extensive and largest in the facility's history. It is due to be completed by early July.

In addition to taking care of routine maintenance chores like repairs, inspections, and equipment upgrades, one important part of the turnaround will involve the connection of the existing facility to the newly-constructed NOVA Chemicals polyethylene plant. It will mark the completion of NOVA's \$2.5 billion investment, first announced in 2017.

The Rokeby project, which began construction in 2018, has carried on through the pandemic and is expected to be completed by the end of this year. Electrical and instrumentation systems that control and monitor the function of the facility, as well as other finishing touches and testing, are said to be

underway.

When the new site is commissioned, the expansion will increase the existing facility's current ethylene capacity by 50 per cent. (The Rokeby facility employs the advanced SCLAIRTECH™ technology (AST2). It is capable of producing about one billion pounds of polyethylene annually. It will become one of three St. Clair Township NOVA sites that produces ethylene, a product that is used to produce polyethylene. When pelletized, it is used to make plastic products such as plastic packaging, garbage bags, and plastic containers for a wide range of uses. It is also found in some types of fabric.

About 150 permanent jobs have been created, the hiring is already complete, and training of the new facility personnel has begun. They will be involved in the commissioning process.



## HERITAGE CORNER

### MOORE MUSEUM CURATOR LAURIE MASON RETIRING AFTER 36 YEARS OF SERVICE

One of St. Clair Township's long-time caretakers of local heritage is retiring after over 36 years of service. Moore Museum Curator Laurie Mason had her last day of work on April 29.

Laurie was honoured for her service at a Heritage St. Clair meeting in early April, where she was praised for her tireless commitment to the preservation of local history and her caring stewardship of the Moore Museum.

To acknowledge Laurie's love of the museum site and the heritage represented by the carefully preserved



*Above: Retiree Laurie Mason is presented with a canvas photo of the old schoolhouse. Built in 1887 for School Section #13, Dawn Township, the one-room school served the education needs of local children until schools were centralized in the mid-1960s. The school was moved to the Moore Museum site on Aug. 13, 1991, and renovated back to its earlier appearance.*

buildings that have been established there, Committee Member Dave Taylor presented her with a canvas print of her favourite building, the school house.

The group also assembled a memory album filled with photographs of the years she spent overseeing the operation of the museum. It recalled the many events held at the site, and the educational programs that introduced

school children and adults alike to the rich and varied history of Moore Township and, after the amalgamation of Moore and Sombra Townships, the newly formed Township of St. Clair Township.

Dave Taylor praised Laurie for her dedication to her role as curator. "Laurie's patience with volunteers and the public was wonderful," he said, adding, "Her knowledge of the Moore Museum and its archives of Lambton County history is extensive."

Laurie's excellent service to the Moore Museum was noted by Deputy Mayor Steve Miller. "Thank you, Laurie, for all your years of dedicated service to our community. May you have a long and happy retirement," he said. Linda Wood, a long-time staff member at the Moore Muse-

um, said, "I worked with Laurie for over 30 years. She was dedicated to the Museum collection and its educational programming, and for all that we provided for the public. We had sad times and lots of funny and joyous times. She watched out for the safety of her staff and volunteers, and we will miss her very much. We wish her blessings for her retirement."

Over the years, hundreds of school children have come to know Laurie as a brilliant interpreter of pioneer life as it was in the early days of what is now St. Clair Township. She was never on the sidelines when it came to the welfare of the museum, and was always willing to roll up her sleeves to help. From helping to prepare lunch for the Tuesday volunteers who make sure the museum site is always in good repair, to serving hot dogs to hungry Downriver Craft Sale visitors, she pitched in whenever needed.

Now that Laurie has more time to focus on other pursuits, she will, no doubt, have more time to focus her binoculars on the varying species of birds she loves to watch, and more time to work on the gardens she loves to plant and nurture. And come Sunday, she'll have more time to share her faith with the children she loves to teach at Sunday School.

*Bonnie Stevenson photos*



*Above: Another special gift Laurie received was a book filled with photo memories of her career at Moore museum, plus notes from her many friends who share her love of local heritage.*



*Laurie and a museum helper joke around in the kitchen during food preparation (and quality control) for a volunteer appreciation dinner.*

### Museum gets new curator

As of May 30, the Moore Museum will have a new curator. Fiona Doherty will take over the position from retiring curator, Laurie Mason.

Fiona has worked at the Moore Museum as a

museum assistant for the past three-and-a-half years, so she is familiar with the operation of the museum and those who volunteer there.

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

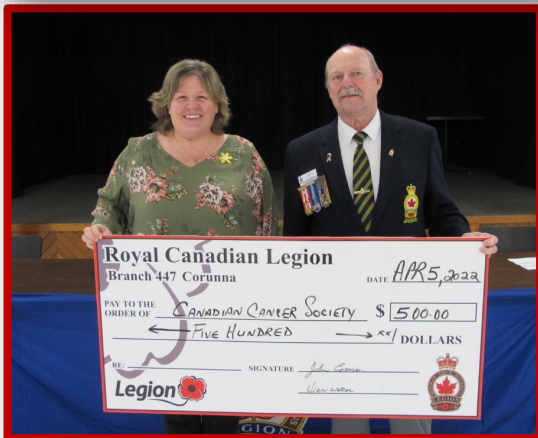
Heritage St. Clair has updated its page on the St. Clair Township website, and one of the features now on view St. Clair Township's Historic Points of Interest map. This interactive map points out the locations of these colourful and educational installations and includes photographs of them so you'll 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/>



## Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 helping community thrive

The Royal Canadian Legion Leslie Sutherland Branch 447 of Corunna is back to helping community groups fulfill their objectives and thrive. In April, four donations were recently presented to four worthy community groups and causes. Top two presentations - Left: Sarnia/Bluewater Wrestling Club received a donation of \$2,000 from Legion President John Cormier, centre, with club members Henry Dickson, left, and Zack Dickson on hand to accept on behalf of their club. Right: The First Corunna Scouts received a donation of \$1,000. Attending the presentation to accept the donation were, from left: Cubs Zachary and Benjamin Gilbank, Legion President John Cormier, Beavers Jillian and Charlotte Gilbank, and Scout Leader Jon Gilbank.



Above right: Canadian Cancer Society, Sarnia/Lambton, represented by Paula McKinley, receives a donation of \$500 from Legion President John Cormier. Above left: Legion President John Cormier presents a donation of \$250 to Dave Taylor, representative for the Moore Museum. The funds will go to the museum's model train exhibit.

## Corunna Branch 447 of the Royal Canadian Legion aims for the Corn Hole League

The Monday night Corn Hole League at 6:30 p.m. brings out some very skilled pitchers, as well as players with varying degrees of skill and sometimes, no skill at all, like The Beacon reporter who was invited to try it. Player Toni Gander enjoys the experience. "It's a great game, a fun night out," she said. Tammy Rivest shares the enthusiasm for the game. "I'm a retiree and it gives me something to do," she said.

Legion 1st VP Eric Hancock says the adult league has been very popular and it might be expanded, or another night added to accommodate an increased number of players. The Legion is also looking in to new activities that will appeal to local youth.

Bonnie Stevenson photo



For more information about this or other Corunna Branch 447 events, call 519-862-1240.

The league in full swing.



## Fish and wildlife habitat recreated at Branton-Cundick Park



Mike Coene photo

The St. Clair River has long been an Area of Concern when it comes to the loss of fish and wildlife habitats that has occurred through human and industrial disregard for the environment. During a recent virtual information session hosted by the Canadian Remedial Action Plan Implementation Committee (CRIC), Branton-Cundick Park north of Sombra was the subject of one of the highlighted habitat rehabilitation success stories.

The rehabilitation effort, described by Jake Lozon of the Rural Lambton Stewardship Network (RLSN), restored a five-acre section of coastal wetland fish and wildlife habitat which had once been an important spawning ground for Northern Pike. Over a period of about 30 years, the land no longer experienced normal flooding and the water course became choked with sediment, debris, and trash thrown in by thoughtless people. It soon dried up, destroying the natural habitat.

The rehabilitation effort was undertaken by the Rural Lambton Stewardship Network in consultation with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Ducks Unlimited Canada, and St. Clair Township, the owner of the land.

Since the dried up habitat had been directly connected to the St. Clair River, permits had to be obtained from the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries to begin the project. To make the water course viable again, 22-ton trucks hauled away 72 loads of excavated dirt and the dirt was taken to the former Lambton G.S. site to restore the coal landfill. A drill seeder was used to reseed the land, and the natural landscape of wildflowers and wild grasses has been restored.

The water course is now filled with water and once again, the habitat connects to the St. Clair River, creating a perfect spawning habitat. Mr. Lozon said pike have already been spotted in the water. St. Clair River Trail users now cross the reopened stream on a new bridge funded by the St. Clair River Trail and St. Clair Township.

Where there was wasteland, natural beauty and indige-

nous wildlife now flourishes thanks to the efforts of CRIC and its member organizations. Projects like this are making the same miracle happen all along the St. Clair River and down to Mitchell's Bay.

Projects undertaken by CRIC contributors have effected positive change with initiatives that saw the installation of a 2,000 metre stretch of natural armour stone along the St. Clair River shoreline, (much of it in St. Clair Township), that protects the shoreline from erosion and enhances near-shore fish habitat. In addition, 250 hectares of wetland habitat have been restored and protected in public and privately-owned locations, and sewer overflow volumes from municipalities have been reduced by about 50 per cent through upgrades to waste treatment plants. Many other habitat restoration projects have been completed, are underway, or are being planned.

CRIC project contributors include: St. Clair Region Conservation Authority; St. Clair Township; Aamjiwnaang and Walpole Island First Nations; Rural Lambton Stewardship Network; Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association; Municipality of Chatham-Kent; City of Sarnia; Lambton County; Binational Public Advisory Council; Environment and Climate Change Canada; Fisheries and Oceans Canada; and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

Another group involved with the repair/restoration and de-listing of the St. Clair River Areas of Concern (AOC) is the Friends of the St. Clair River, a volunteer-based registered Canadian charitable organization that works to promote conservation, beautification, and environmental restoration projects along the Canadian shore of the St. Clair River. The group was created to assist with the development and implementation of the St. Clair River Area of Concern Remedial Action Plan. Want to learn more or, better still, join the fight for environmental health into the future? Find out how you can help. Go online to:

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

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## COMMUNITY CONTACT

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

### **Moore Agricultural Society membership**

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

### **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.

### **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 still 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.

### **Lambton County Library branches offer "hands-on" enjoyment**

Library membership is free and the "hands-on" experience of holding a book and turning pages is still a popular way to enjoy the immersive satisfaction of reading; even snowshoes are available to get some fresh air between chapters when the snow flies. In addition to books, magazines, and other solid literacy resources, cardholders can borrow a wide variety of items including DVDs, electronic books, music, movies, and audiobooks. 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).

### **Lambton Public Health reopening some services**

Lambton Public Health (LPH) has reopened, on a walk-in basis, its [Harm Reduction Program](#) to distribute supplies such as Naloxone kits; and [Well Water Testing](#) to provide water sample kits for pick up and drop off. All other clinical services will be continued by appointment only. More information can be found online at: [lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/service-changes/](http://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/service-changes/)



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

## Brigden Fair 2022: sponsors for fair classes being sought



The Brigden Fair has been missed for the past two years, but the Moore Agricultural Society is well along with plans for the 2022 fair.

All of the familiar events, livestock shows and displays that are the hallmark of the fair will appear on Thanksgiving weekend, plus new features and entertainments to satisfy the senses and send spirits soaring.

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)

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## 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.



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## Sombra Days

Friday, July 8- Sunday, July 10



Sombra Days is on the way this summer for its 10th summer. Plans for this family-friendly weekend are still in the works and after a quiet two-year break, it's sure to be a blast!

Check out the July issue of The Beacon for details.

## BASES Emergency Preparedness Week

The Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment, and Sustainability (BASES) and its member companies will hold a number of special initiatives to celebrate the nationally recognized Emergency Preparedness Week, which starts on May 1.

These initiatives include: a simulation exercise hosted by Imperial Oil on May 2; a simulation breakfast debriefing on May 3; an IEC (Industrial Educational Corporation) joint health and safety committee forum on May 4; a Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association Air Monitoring Station Installation at Paddock Green Park on May 5; and a Clean Air Sarnia and Area Air Monitoring Station dedication at Aamjiwnaang First Nation on May 6.

Three organizations make up BASES: Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER); the Industrial Educational Corporation (IEC); and Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association (SLEA). New companies are always being added to the system and all are encouraged to register for the free of charge service at:

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



## Triple 'C' Carvers resume weekly meetings: carving helped members cope with COVID

The Triple 'C' Carvers have resumed in-person meetings at the Navy Club, 1420 Lougar Street in Sarnia.

Their weekly meetings have taken place Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon. Members bring their carving tools and work on their creations, or sections of their creations if they're working on large projects. At the end of each month, they have a Theme Day, where members can bring work based on the theme of the month to vie for first to fourth place (right).

When there are no pandemics to halt club activities, some members travel to wood carving events and several Triple 'C's have come home with top honours for their efforts.

Inspirations for a carving project can come from anywhere, as Randy Oliver, below left, discovered. A piece of basswood he found while walking near Six Mile Lake became a beautifully carved and painted cane, embellished with a whimsical motif of greenery and tiny wildlife images, like the turtle that decorates the cane's handle (see inset).

The long-time carver also used his carving skills as therapy while recovering from a hand injury he sustained at work. His physiotherapist liked his work and asked him to carve a duck for her mother. She liked it so well, she asked him for a second one. He says his doctors asked him



Above: Gary Freer uses Dremel sanding attachment to bore out the top of a tiny wooden work boot.



Triple 'C' Carvers winners, based on the theme "Spring", were, clockwise from standing left: Walter Vidler, barn owl, 2nd place; Jim Buckingham, pileated woodpecker, 1st place; Keith Grant, 3rd place (tie), hummingbirds; Mary Insley, 4th place, tulips; Grace White, tied for 3rd place (tie), wood duck.

how he recovered so well.

Club President Garry Willock says there are currently about 35 members in the club and new members are always welcome to come out and see what the Carvers are all about. He says beginners are welcome to try their hand and members are always glad to help them.

Bonnie Stevenson photos

## Fish TV coming to Lambton

Lambton County is full of avid fishermen who enjoy sport fishing, and some are likely familiar with *Fish TV*, which airs on OLN, Wild TV, Cottage Life, and Global TV. The hosts of *Fish TV*, Ron, Leo, and Jeff, visit fishing hot spots around North America to provide viewers with tips and ideas for future fishing getaways.

It's not surprising the Sarnia-Lambton area will soon be one of the places they visit. In the next two years, the trio will be in the area to do two 30-minute shows.

They will not only focus on fishing; they will be showcasing the beautiful waterfronts as well. For more information, visit: [www.fishtv.tv](http://www.fishtv.tv)

## COVID vaccination update

A fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccine will now be available for individuals aged 60 and over who are at least 140 days (5 months) past their third dose of Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccines. Also eligible are First Nations and Metis individuals aged 18 and over who are 140 days (5 months) past their third dose of Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccines. Fourth doses have been made available to high-risk individuals who are living in long-term care and retirement homes, as well as individuals who have compromised immune systems.

Individuals 80 and over, First Nations, and Metis individuals 18 and over will have access to book the fourth vaccination earlier than others. Appointments can be booked online at [GetTheVaccine.ca](http://GetTheVaccine.ca). Anyone requiring assistance with booking can call the Vaccine Call Centre at 226-254-8222 from Monday to Friday (except statutory holidays) from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## United Way & Rayjon offer WILL POWER



The United Way of Sarnia-Lambton and Rayjon Share Care are the only two Sarnia and Lambton county-based charities participating in the WILL POWER campaign. They have joined forces to participate in this new program, which helps donors support important community aid organizations as a legacy.

WILL POWER is a Canada-wide initiative sponsored by the Canadian Association of Gift Planners. The objective of WILL POWER is to inform Canadians that, not only can they leave money in their wills to Canadian charities, but they can do so in addition to leaving money to family and loved ones.

"It is our hope to get out to promote to local residents that the campaign exists, and both the United Way and Rayjon are participating. We anticipate meeting with financial advisors, lawyers, and other professionals in our area to inform them of WILL POWER, and the initiative that both our groups are a part of," said Brian Rea, Rayjon Board Member. For more information, call United-Way at 519-384-9270 or Rayjon at 519-381-5929.

Above: Brian Rea and Heather Smith of Rayjon meet with Al McChesney from the United Way to go over details of a new partnership between the two groups to encourage Sarnia-Lambton residents to consider donations to either, or both, charities in their Wills.

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## United Way of Sarnia-Lambton grateful to generous community

At its 65th annual general meeting, the United Way of Sarnia-Lambton announced \$1,648,000 plus an additional \$100,000 was raised through the Donor Option program in 2021. "The generous gifts to United Way of Sarnia-Lambton came through for our community," President Jason Killingsworth, who added the organization is exploring new ways to be more efficient and effective using new platforms and processes that allow for additional cost savings. The board will set the 2022 campaign target this summer.

Don't forget to click and play with United Way!  
Get your 50/50 tickets online at:  
[www.united5050.ca](http://www.united5050.ca)

## Lambton College receives more funding for rapid micro-credential training programs

Lambton College has received additional funding from the Ontario government for its micro-credential rapid training programs. These programs help learners rapidly upgrade, upskill, and reskill for in-demand jobs. They are short in duration, often offered online, and can be designed for the specific needs of employers and jobs. Student financial assistance is offered for these programs.

For more information, check out the Lambton College Website.

## ARLANXEO Retiree Dinner 2022 cancelled

Organizers of the ARLANXEO Retiree Dinner have decided it is still too risky to get together for the dinner. It has been rescheduled until Friday, May 26, 2023. To be added to the database, call Mike Nagle at 519-845-1004 or email: [mikenagle00@hotmail.com](mailto:mikenagle00@hotmail.com).



## NEW! CS19 PRO TOURNAMENT SCALE SYSTEM

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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)

## 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. They 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. **Oil Springs:** May 7, 9:30 a.m.-noon, fire hall, 4589 Oil Springs Line; **Eni Skillen:** May 14, 9 a.m.-noon, township garage, 4465 Rokeby Line.



## AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

### Popular Moore Agricultural Society events are back!



The Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) is back in action at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall.

**Mother's Day brunch on Sunday, May 8** 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.

**Country Jamborees** at the Brigden Exhibition Hall will be back in November.

### Shane Cook and the Woodchippers

This super-talented group takes to the stage at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall on Friday, June 17.

The band's core sound is rooted deeply in Ontario's traditional music, songs, and dances, but it also draws on styles that range from Celtic, folk, and roots, to bluegrass and swing. *Shane and the Woodchippers' CD, Be Here For A While*, drew national attention earlier this year as a nominee in two categories at the 2022 Canadian Folk Music Awards; *Instrumental Group of the Year* and *Traditional Album of the Year*.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Tickets will be \$15 per person and will be available in mid-May. Advance tickets can be picked up in person at the Brigden Fair office, the Brigden Feed Mill, Cash and Carry Feed Bin in Petrolia, Myers Insurance Broker in

Wallaceburg, and Corunna locations. You can also send funds via e-transfer and your tickets will be held at the door.

### Shane Cook and The Woodchippers

Shane Cook is no stranger to the Brigden area, having played at the Brigden Fair many times.

This Canadian and U.S. National Fiddle Champion and his band, *The Woodchippers*, will bring their joyful and diverse



brand of music to the Brigden Fair Exhibition Hall on Friday, June 17, and it will be a show not to be missed. Cook is a multi-instrumentalist who captivates audiences with technically thrilling and adventurous performances.

The Canadian Fiddlers' Hall of Fame calls him "one of the finest fiddlers in the world today." He has distinguished himself as a master of the Canadian old-time fiddle tradition.

The Dorchester, Ontario native is backed by a group of three musicians who are talented virtuosos in their own right. They are: pianist, vocalist and dancer Emily Flack (Leahy); Joe Phillips (Claire Lynch and London Symphonia) on double bass and guitar; and guitarist Kyle Waymouth, (also a five-time national step dance champion).

The June performance will be part of Shane and The Woodchippers' Ontario *Be Here For A While* CD release tour, which will take them on to the Maritimes in August, then to Alaska and the American mid-west this fall.

### Brigden Fair Ambassador contest back: candidates wanted

The Brigden Fair Ambassador doesn't need to be an expert in agriculture, live on a farm, or have grown up in Brigden. All she or he needs is to be between the ages of 17 and 24 (as of August 1, 2022) and have an eagerness to learn. This program is about learning - being seen as a leader in the community and taking on new challenges. Watch the Brigden Fair website at <http://www.brigdenfair.ca> or the Brigden Fair Facebook page for details as the 2022 program develops. If you have questions, don't hesitate to forward them to [office@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:office@brigdenfair.ca) with "Ambassador Program" in the Subject line and it will be forwarded to the Committee.

### West Lambton Community Health Centre classes

Visit: <https://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/> and check out the many great classes available through WLCHC.

### Registration can now be done online.

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.

### Bluewater International Granfondo is back

The 6th annual Bluewater International Granfondo is set for Sunday, July 31 at Mike Weir Park on Lakeshore Road near Bright's Grove. For more information, visit:

[bigf.ca/b-i-g-slow-roll/](http://bigf.ca/b-i-g-slow-roll/)

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**June deadline for submissions: Monday, May 16**

Late submissions MAY be accommodated IF page space allows.

NOTE: The deadline for submissions is the **third Monday** of each month for the following month, with the exception of an early deadline in December.

E-mail:

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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.