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Don't forget your favourite man on Father's Day - Sunday, June 19



Sydenham Canoe Race goes up the creek with lots of paddlers



Photo courtesy SCRCA

Lots of paddlers participated in the 2022 Sydenham River Canoe and Kayak Race held in early May. Find out more about this race and why it was especially noteworthy on page 13.

“Hybrid” Beacon on the way with online AND print versions

The St. Clair Township Beacon has enjoyed great success with a coloured online-only format during the pandemic, but we've also received input from those who prefer a hands-on hard copy. So, a hybrid Beacon will begin publication in July. The online coloured format will still be issued and subscriptions will still be welcomed, but a cost-effective black-and-white printing of each issue will also be done each month. To save the high cost of postage, small stacks of it will be distributed to several locations throughout the township. **Copies will be available at all St. Clair Township library branches, Thompson Gardens, Wellings, and the seniors apartments in Sombra.** Those who wish to have a paper copy of *The Beacon* but have no way to acquire one should contact the municipal office or have someone email the person's full residence address to beacon@stclairtownship.ca to obtain a copy. *Please do not request this option if you have access to one of the distribution locations listed above.*



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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, nominations are now being accepted at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre. The final day to file your nomination for any office noted above, known as Nomination Day, is Aug. 19, 2022.

KEY ELECTION DATES

Nominations are now being accepted by the St. Clair Township 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

By-Law for election signs

A by-law to regulate the use of campaign signs was discussed at the May 4 council meeting. Draft By-Law 27 of 2022 requires that campaign signs not be posted until Sept. 1 and not exceed 20 square feet in size. No permit is required to install election signs in any zone, but they cannot be installed on private land unless the owner's

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Candidate Update—who's running

As of May 25, candidates who have submitted nomination papers include:

MAYOR-Tracy Kingston; Jeff Agar; Chad Shymko

DEPUTY MAYOR- Steve Miller.

COUNCILLOR Ward 1 (north of Bickford Line)—Charles Mortley-Wood; Cathy Langis.

COUNCILLOR Ward 2 (south of Bickford Line)— Bill Myers

LKDPS BOARD TRUSTEE—Heather Skolly

SCCDSC BOARD TRUSTEE—nil

Candidates are listed on the township website as they are nominated.

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 or tags can be obtained at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown.

Council Meeting Schedule

All regular council meetings are open to the public, but will continue to be available online by going onto the township website at: 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, June 6 at 3 p.m.; Monday, June 20 at 6 p.m.; Monday, July 11 at 3 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 8 at 3 p.m. Anyone wishing to contact the municipality or to find out more about making a presentation in-person or via Zoom, 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

If you did not receive your tax bills in the mail, please email:

taxes@twp.stclair.on.ca
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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permission is obtained.

Signs posted on municipal road allowances will be restricted to areas and locations that do not obstruct vision for vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and they are subject to the consent of the adjacent land owner. They are also not permitted in municipal road allowances abutting public lands, including parks.

If the Chief Returning Officer believes the sign violates any provisions of this by-law, it will be ordered removed, or may be removed by the township.

Any signs removed in this way will be done at the expense (\$200 per sign) of the candidate, and this money will be considered part of the candidate's own contribution to their campaign. Signs must be removed within 48-

hours after the day of the election. Confiscated signs will be recoverable after Oct. 24.

Request for resumption of border services in Ecarte channel

The temporary suspension of Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) operations at several small border reporting offices was discussed in response to a widely-distributed letter from a concerned business operator.

The letter argued this suspension would negatively affect the community, causing safety issues such as prolonging the time small boat operators must spend on the river with international shipping traffic. It also pointed out the reporting offices had been in place for decades, which influenced the quality of life, the local economy and, potentially, real estate values of the properties in

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Paddock Green Park air monitoring station site recognized



Photo courtesy BASES

As part of activities to recognize Emergency Preparedness Week, the site of the new Paddock Green Park air monitoring installation was recognized on May 5. The monitoring station is a project spearheaded by the Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association (SLEA), a member of the Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment and Sustainability (BASES). The event was part of a week-long series of activities highlighting BASES commitment to regional excellence across Sarnia and Lambton County through the operation of sites like the one planned for Paddock Green. This effort includes the involvement of local contractors, building trades, all levels of government, educators, and the broader community.

BASES has also introduced the MyCNN (My Community

Notification Network) to alert the public of onsite activities. Over a dozen companies have begun using the platform and new companies are continuously being added to the system. The service is offered free of charge by visiting: www.lambtonbases.ca.

ABOVE: Attending the recognition event are, from left: Derek Veenendaal, Intertec Project Manager; St. Clair Township Fire Chief Boyes; St. Clair Township Councillor Pat Brown; St. Clair Township Mayor Steve Arnold; Pauline Buitink, General Manager, Shell Manufacturing Centre; Randi Rogers, Intertec Inside Sales; Nathan Van Belois, Senior Scientist, RWDI.

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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the area.

Community Hall updates

Director of Community Services Kendall Lindsay presented an update report to inform council of the current status of township community halls. Brigden and Port Lambton Community Halls are now open and taking bookings.

Courtright Community Hall is to be demolished. The Optimist Club of Moore, previously located in the building, has moved to the upper floor of the Emergency Services Building on Lyndoch Street in Corunna.

The Sombra Community Hall is closed pending necessary repairs. Funding for the project is still being explored.

The Wilkesport Community Hall did not meet fire code for cooking and the work done by a contractor hired to bring it up to code failed to pass the building inspection. Inspection of subsequent work done to address shortcomings was slated for May 11. In addition, a leak along the peak line of the hall's roof is being investigated to see if the work can be done under warranty. The hall is still open for non-cooking events.

Environmental impact study along pipeline

Council was informed of an environmental study that is now in progress along the four-kilometre ammonia pipeline corridor from the OPG Lambton G.S. site south to CF Industries. Field work will be weather-dependent, with researchers walking along the pipeline route at intervals throughout the summer and into the fall.

The study is being done to document and protect the environment in the event that any section of the pipeline should be scheduled for removal later this year. The 50-millimetre diameter ammonia pipeline was purged, cleaned and decommissioned after the decision was made to demolish the station.

Pedestrian crossing installation tenders considered

Tenders were considered by council for the installa-

tion of three Level 2 Type B pedestrian crossings at the following locations: Hill Street at Queen Street; St. Clair Boulevard at Sir John Moore School; and St. Clair Parkway at Brander Park. Council approved the tender from Cope Construction and Contracting for \$339,183.45 net HST.

The crossings at Hill Street and St. Clair Boulevard are being installed following a recommendation of staff, and subsequent approval by council, to phase out the use of crossing guards within the township. Hill Street is also being completed following the receipt of a petition from Corunna residents to improve the safety and connectivity in that area.

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Economic damage caused by pandemic sparks strike

By Bonnie Stevenson

The economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have precipitated hardships for a broad section of the population and strikes in many sectors of the labour force. In St. Clair Township, these effects have been clearly demonstrated by the picket lines stationed around the Shell Manufacturing site. Members of the IUOE (International Union of Operating Engineers), Local 793, and from LiUNA, (Labourers International Union of North America), Local 183, began their strike here and at hundreds of job sites across Ontario in early May.

At stake for these workers is the need to negotiate a substantial pay increase, from 8.8 per cent to 9.15 per cent, depending on the individual's job role. This raise is meant to compensate for the upward-spiralling cost of living brought about by the pandemic over a period of three years and the measures that were taken to offset its devastating effects.

A total of over 15,000 construction workers are directly affected by this strike as the search for an acceptable settlement continues. Other union workers are affected as well, as they refuse to cross picket lines.

St. Clair Township one of four sites considered for hydrogen production facility

The former Lambton G.S. site south of Courtright is one of four Ontario sites being considered as a location for a large-scale hydrogen generation facility. If the facility is built, the Sarnia Lambton Economic Partnership is hopeful the hydrogen it generates could serve heavy industry in Sarnia-Lambton.

Aturo Power, a subsidiary Ontario Power Generation, plans to begin a feasibility study of the Lambton G.S. site this summer, dependent upon the approval of federal funding.

The initiative to generate hydrogen as a power source for everything from automobiles to power generation plants is in keeping with Ontario's low-carbon hydrogen strategy, which is aimed at reducing greenhouse gases, developing a self-sustaining sector, and promoting energy diversity.

The use of hydrogen as a source of energy is not a new concept. For decades, hydrogen has been used in many industrial settings, such as steel mills, and is mixed with nitrogen to create electronics such as semi-conductors, LEDs, and lighted displays.

Aturo Power already has combined-cycle facilities in Toronto, Windsor, Halton Hills, and Napanee. The combined-cycle plants can use a combination of steam and hydrogen to operate. They are said to be

clean, efficient facilities that capture wasted heat, which is used to increase the plant's electrical output. The company's stated goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and become a leader in facilitating economy-wide adoption of hydrogen across the province.

Matthew Slotwinski, Senior Economic Development Officer for the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) commented Sarnia-Lambton is "tremendously well positioned" to vie for the new hydrogen facility.

Hydrogen FYI

The basic process for generating hydrogen involves passing an electrical current through plain water (H₂O). The current separates the two elements into hydrogen and oxygen molecules through a process called electrolysis. The resulting hydrogen is collected and can be stored for future use, while the oxygen can be vented. It is inexpensive to produce using ready-made commercial generators. In addition, Lambton County has salt caverns that can safely store this energy until it is needed during times when other energy sources, such as wind and solar power, are not sufficient. Hydrogen-powered vehicles, such as fuel cell vehicles, fleet vehicles, and rockets, are already being produced and used by some companies.

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The pedestrian crossing on St. Clair Boulevard is being completed to improve pedestrian safety and to meet the requirements of the Ontario Traffic Manual-Book 15.

All three crossings were designed by traffic engineers in accordance with the latest pedestrian facility requirements. The Level 2 Type B Pedestrian Crossovers will have additional overhead rectangular flashing beacons.

After some discussion about the cost of the three crossings putting the project over budget, the point was made that deferring the installation of the third crossing to next year would not be cost-effective due to the current high rate of inflation.

Shoreline protection report

The Shoreline Protection report for 2022-2023 recommended the shoreline at Seagar Park be the next for site inspection, shoreline design, permit application, and tender preparation, followed by Reagan Park. Centennial Park will have 100 feet of seawall replaced, and repairs will be done at the Courtright River Park dock.

Special Events guide and application form being developed

Increased requests for special events to be held on township property and the liability concerns that accompany them have brought forward the need to implement a St. Clair Township special event guide and application

Highway 40 widening study

If you've lived in this area long enough, you've heard rumblings about widening the two-lane stretch of Highway 40 that runs from north of Wellington Street to Indian Road. The 7 kilometre stretch of road, which becomes a bottle neck in heavy traffic, is now the subject of a study to review and consider alternatives to a previous Preliminary Design Study done in 2004. More information on the study can be obtained online at: www.highway40widening.ca

form to streamline the process. This will help users interested in booking parks and open spaces for events, and guide them as to what can and cannot be done on township property. It will also help township staff process the requests for booking and destress the process for users, making their event as successful as possible.

After reviewing a draft of the new guide and application form, some additions and changes were suggested to enable staff to produce the finished material.

Bluewater Health surgical innovation projects funded

Three surgical innovation projects for Sarnia-Lambton are being funded through the Ontario government comprehensive surgical recovery plan. Bluewater Health will receive funding for the following projects: Foreign Exam Management (FEM) for PACS; Breast Cancer Surgical Innovation; and Urology Relocation.

The funding is part of a new \$30 million Surgical Innovation Fund to help hospitals and health system partners address barriers to surgeries and procedures not addressed by other funding streams. Further funding of \$56.2 million will help support surgical recovery now that hospitals continue to increase surgeries and procedures.

Over 200 projects across Ontario were submitted for review by hospitals across the province, and 187 projects were approved. They focus on training nurses and allied health staff, purchasing and upgrading diagnostic imaging technology and operating room equipment, and completing small capital projects. The funding is meant to help hospitals recover by restoring and enhancing important health services, such as surgeries and procedures, that have been affected by recent pandemic challenges.

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

All Lambton County Library locations open; hours of operation adjusted

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 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.

***Wilkesport** (519-864-4000): Tuesday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Not a cardholder yet? 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

SCRCA receives grant to support professional development

Three young professionals who are pursuing a career in the environmental field are receiving valuable additional training thanks to a \$172,000 grant from the Ontario Skills Development Program. The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority recently received these funds, which will give the three young biologists a chance to enhance their skills, expertise, confidence, and employability. They will be working in one of the most biodiverse watersheds in Canada.

Species at Risk Technician Krista Nicolson said, "...thanks to this funding program, I'll be able to gain valuable hands-on work experience while learning from the experienced and seasoned staff at the SCRCA."

Funding will also allow for other professional development opportunities such as courses and workshops held by other industry professionals.

The SCRCA's biology team completes a precise program of monitoring work each year to assess local water quality and report on the population dynamics of at-risk and invasive species, such as the endangered Eastern Spiny Softshell Turtle and the invasive Round Goby.

Successful candidates hired through the Skills Development Program will be major contributors to several of the SCRCA's biological programs, including: Benthic (flora and fauna found on the bottom, or in bottom sediments, of a sea or body of water) invertebrate monitoring program; freshwater mussel and fish monitoring program; outreach programs; water quality monitoring; and the captive hatch-and-release program for the endangered Spiny Softshell Turtle.

Right: Watershed Health Technician Sarah Snetsinger, one of the young professionals funded by the Ontario Skills Development Fund, is shown with seedling trees that will be planted throughout the St. Clair Region watershed. SCRCA photo



Child Care and Early Years professionals celebrate inaugural professional development day



Submitted photo

Child care professionals from across Lambton County gathered recently at the St. Clair Township Golf Course to celebrate the inaugural professional development day for the licensed child care sector in Lambton County. The event theme, *Heartwork and So Much More*, brought early years professionals, including staff from Sombra Township Child Care, together to join their peers celebrating the occasion across Ontario. The event provided opportunities and discussions on the impact and value of child care to families and communities. The building of a strong, high quality, accessible child care system was stressed during these discussions.

In Lambton County, over 450 educators participated through Zoom or in-person in the one-day event that included over 4,300 early learning professionals from across Ontario. The event was made possible by the federal and provincial governments through Child Care and Early Years Workforce Funding.

Left: A group of Child Care and Early Year educators posed for a photograph to mark the inaugural professional development day for licensed child care providers in Lambton County.

Global talent recruited to support local hiring demand

A new initiative by the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership (SLEP) will address local workforce development by attracting international talent. It is hoped the local economy will benefit and grow from *Bridging Global Talent in Sarnia-Lambton*, a project partly funded by Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada.

The program will connect local employers with suitable job seekers. Local employers will be able to communicate their hiring needs, and a series of job fairs and sessions will create networking opportunities for highly skilled jobs seekers.

A new online employment platform will connect employers with international graduates. Pre-employment services will be offered to international graduates, providing assistance with resume writing, video resumes, and connection to local hiring businesses.

"It is essential that we have a highly skilled, diverse, adaptable workforce and responsive initiatives that meet the workforce's evolving needs," said Judith Morris, interim SLEP CEO.

Lambton College has attracted international students from around the world and SLEP's new initiative is aimed at adding some of them in the local labour pool. "International students are an integral part of Lambton College and this initiative will support the retention of top talent in our community," said Hanna Eroglu, Associate Dean of Lambton College International Education.

Employers or international graduates interested in knowing more about the project or how to participate can contact Cari Meloche of the Sarnia-Lambton Economic Partnership, cari@sarnialambton.on.ca or call 510-332-1820.

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

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.



Yard Waste Collection 2022

Spring yard waste collection is now underway.

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 Waste 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.

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For current areas affected,
refer to 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

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. They can also be costly to repair.

Be sure to call 1-800-400-2255 or visit OntarioOneCall.ca 5 days before you dig.



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

Emergency preparedness starts with you
be prepared



make a plan



build a kit



stay informed

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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.



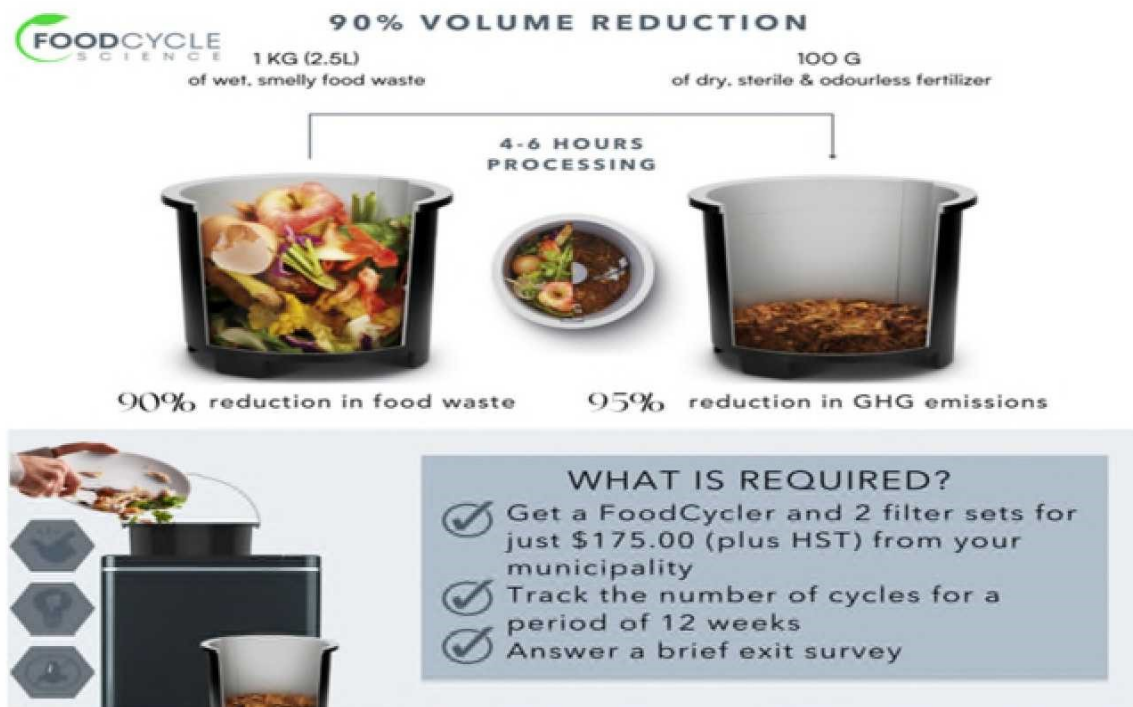
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The Foodcycler lowers solid waste costs for the community by diverting food waste through the Foodcycler and reducing trash tonnage buy 50%. Food waste in the garbage creates odors and attracts pests. Up to 40% of carbon emissions from waste are created 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 gardens beds 4 weeks prior to planting to get the best results.



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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, 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 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?

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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*

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HERITAGE CORNER

New coordinator takes the helm at Moore Museum

By Bonnie Stevenson

The Moore Museum has a new coordinator. Fiona Doherty took over the role from Laurie Mason, who recently retired.

Fiona is not a newcomer to the museum. She has been a part-time/permanent museum assistant there since 2018. She brings with her a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Western University and an advanced diploma in Museum Studies from Algonquin College. But the hours she spent at the Moore Museum are something Fiona believes helped to fine tune her abilities to oversee the facility.

"I'm really grateful to Laurie," she said. "She's been a wonderful mentor, always gracious, kind and supportive. She made me believe I could take this on...It's a big responsibility but a good opportunity."

The Point Edward native remembers attending a Moore Museum Christmas craft program as a young student. "I still have the tree ornament I made here," she said. "We put it on the tree every year."

The complete halt to operations during the pandemic has been difficult for the museum staff, but Fiona says the challenge is not beyond the capabilities of the many volunteers who take on everything from daily maintenance and assistance with heritage programs, to major projects. "I like the feel of the museum," she said. "It's exciting to get back to it. We're focusing now on getting back to where we were before the pandemic."

As an example, she mentioned the resumption of work on the new train display that was started before the shutdowns occurred. The display, situated in the impressively equipped Train Room, will be the highlight of a special Train Day event this summer. And the Downriver Craft

sale is already receiving vendor applications to participate in the September event, with 51 outdoor spaces booked so far. Bookings for school programs are also being accepted.

"We're at our best when we're involved with the community," said Fiona. Although the museum is not a huge operation, Fiona is pleased with her new position and the variety of roles she will play. "The good thing about a small museum is that you get to do everything," she explained. "I want to keep up Laurie's tradition of getting involved in everything."



Above: Fiona Doherty at her new dream job.



More info in Around the Township, page 20

Read about history when it was still news

The Lambton County Library now offers ProQuest, which allows library card holders from anywhere with Internet service access to historical copies of The Windsor Star, The Globe and Mail, and The Toronto Star dating from 1844 to 2019. Full digital archives of these newspapers are now available at: lclibrary.ca/localhistory.

Model trains, dinosaurs and more at the Moore Museum

By Tom Walter, train master

Mark Sunday, July 3 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on your calendar so you won't miss the **Model Train Event** at the Moore Museum.

There's a lot of excitement surrounding the reopening of the train room, with two new layout themes being prepared for the summer of 2022. Just before the pandemic, one of the layouts was invaded by **DINOSAURS!** Now, they can be seen riding the trains, digging up fossils, and exploring the landscape. On train day, visitors young and old will be able to mingle with them at Dino Roars Park and drive the **Dino Roar** trains.

The newest layout, introduced in 2019, is still undergoing extensive redevelopment. It will feature an aerospace/aviation theme, with trains running on three levels. The theme was inspired by the product lines of the Lionel Company in the late 1950's, when they introduced a new range of clever and exciting trains. There were airplanes and space capsules on flat cars, rockets and launchers, radar and microwave installations. These toy trains and accessories capitalized on the excitement that stories of the space race and supersonic jets were creating at the time. (The rebuilding of this layout, halted during the pandemic, will still be a work in progress on July 3.)

A large roster of new engines and train cars will also be running for the first time, so **DON'T MISS TRAIN DAY!**



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/>

Sydenham Canoe Races benefit SCRC's conservation education programs

The threat of rain failed to dampen the Sydenham River Canoe and Kayak Race, which attracted over 70 canoe and kayak enthusiasts to the river on May 1. The event was co-hosted by the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRC) and its Foundation (SCRCF). The 2022 edition of the race was the first to be held since 2017, when unsafe high-water levels led to the cancellation of the race in 2018 and 2019. The COVID-19 pandemic did the same in 2020 and 2021.

The race, which is typically held in April, was pushed back to May 1 in hopes the water level challenges experienced in the past would not impact the ability of the SCRC to host the event. "We are so happy that the event could go forward this year," said Melissa Levi, Race Coordinator and Conservation Education Coordinator for the SCRC. "It was a great day, and I think everyone enjoyed getting out on the water."

The annual canoe and kayak race serves as a fundraiser for the SCRC's Conservation Education programs, and participants are encouraged to seek sponsorships for their efforts. Over \$5,000 was raised through the event, with the top fundraiser award presented to Emery Huszka and Jerry Fiddler (see photo).

The race featured eleven different race classes and three different race lengths. Results from the 2022 Sydenham River Canoe and Kayak Race have been posted on the Authority's website. For more information on the Sydenham River Canoe and Kayak Race and the SCRC's Conser-

vation Education programs, visit www.scrca.on.ca.

About St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation

The St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation (SCRCF) is a registered, charitable organization with the purpose of raising funds to support the conservation programs of the SCRC. The organization accepts donations and raises funds through the dedication of volunteers and staff who organize local fundraisers. The Foundation supports a number of initiatives including: conservation education; tree planting; the protection of wetlands, soils and forests; and upgrades to conservation area facilities and amenities.



Top fundraisers Emery Huszka (left) and Jerry Fiddler (right) show off their Top Fundraiser award at the 2022 Sydenham River Canoe and Kayak Race.

Kids Bike Safety Day

Sat. June 18 11 am - 2 pm

Royal Canadian Legion

350 Albert St., Corunna

WIN A BIKE!
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This FREE event is for children up to the age of 12 and includes a bike inspection and riding the safety circuit of obstacle courses.

FREE Bike Light for the first 150 Kids
FREE Hot Dogs from the Legion



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or www.MooreOptimist.com

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Corunna Skateboard Park
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COMMUNITY CONTACT

Sacred Heart food bank - help your community thrive

Summer doesn't reduce the 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. Memberships are \$20 per person until further notice. For more information on the membership role, contact 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

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.

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/

Greenfield power plant second largest in Canada



Mike Coene drone photo

The Greenfield natural gas-fired generating station is located along Bickford Line south of Courtright. It produces up to 1,005 megawatts of clean energy.

The plant, built in 2008, is the second largest natural gas-fired power plant in Canada, and is one of three such stations in St. Clair Township.

COVID vaccination update

A fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccine is now available for those 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.

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.

Masks still required in clinical settings.

United Way of Sarnia-Lambton



Don't forget to click and play with United Way!

Get your 50/50 tickets online at:
www.united5050.ca

Well water testing advise 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.

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 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

Beacon Bits

Canadians are getting stronger. Thirty years ago it took two people to carry \$20 worth of groceries. Now a four-year-old can do it!

Tourism Sarnia -Lambton presents the *Unlock Lambton* Self-Driving Tour

To celebrate National Tourism Week, Tourism Sarnia-Lambton will re-launch *Unlock Lambton*, a self-driving tour featuring 19 different Lambton County sites and attractions. The free event, slated for Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will allow visitors to visit any site in any order they chose.

During the tour, visitors will have a chance to win some great door prizes. Ballot locations include: **Sombra Museum, Moore Museum, Brander Park, Lambton Heritage Museum, Oil Museum of Canada, Forest Museum, Rock Glen, Stones 'N Bones, Kettles Concretions, Arts Council of East Lambton, the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton office, and many more.**

The link to obtain the *Unlock Lambton* map of tour sites can be accessed at:

www.ontbluecoast.com/media/TSL-Unlock-Lambton-2022-1.pdf

It's the perfect mini stay-cation



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 and put SPONSOR in the Subject line.

Other advertising opportunities for your company are still available by calling 519-864-1197 or email: michelle.evanitski@brigdenfair.ca

New Moore Agricultural Society members welcome

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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 draw

Lottery License #RAF12144882

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. The sales and draws will operate as follows:

- o 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.

Mermaids and Mariners on the St. Clair

Of all the community festivals that are returning to St. Clair Township this summer, 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 mesmerizing mermaids mingle with mighty mariners and merry-making families.

Here are some of the things visitors can look forward to on Aug. 20: *10 a.m. to 6 p.m., there will be: over 50 vendors; food trucks (Brit Boys Fish ‘n Chips, Dog Days Southern BBQ, Dips Soft Serve Ice Cream, Ohana Ice Hawaiian Shave-Ice & Treats; boat dealership displays; and collaborative painting with Cyn Fay Studio. *From 10 a.m. to noon, have *Breakfast with Mermaids* (ticketed event); *noon to 6 p.m., *Meet the Mermaids* (Pavilion Photo Ops); *noon to 6 p.m., Landshark Lager “Watering Hole (licensed beverage area with bartending services by Memoire Lane; *1 p.m. to 5 p.m., *Southwind Boys LIVE* musical entertainment; and much more.

Go online to: www.mermaidsandmariners.ca to “sea” what’s happening”. You can also sail with the Mermaids and Mariners crew on Facebook and Instagram.



Teen photo contest open to teens 13 through 18

Lambton County residents ages 13 through 18 are invited to enter the *Take Your Shot* teen photo contest sponsored by the Lambton County Library and the Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery (JNAAG).

The theme for this contest is *Feels Like Home*, and submitted photos should represent their take on the feeling of home. Photo subjects can be of entrants’ actual homes, an object or people who remind them of home, or their hometowns. Entries must be submitted online at lclibrary.ca/teenphotocontest by July 10, 2022.

The entries must be submitted in one of three categories: 1. People/Pets; 2. Places; 3. Things.

A winner will be chosen from each category, plus one grand prize winner. The grand prize winner will receive their choice of \$100 to Mainframe in Sarnia, \$100 to Carmen’s Foto Source, or a virtual one-hour one-on-one session with award-winning photographer Peter Power.

“Take Your Shot is intended to inspire budding young

photographers and provide opportunities for them to develop their skills and build their resumes,” noted Vanitia Campbell, Public Services Coordinator-Youth, Lambton County Library.

The grand prize winner, plus the winners of each sub-category, will receive professionally-matted and framed versions of their photographs. The four winners and a number of other selected contest entries, as well as the work of internationally-known photographer Larry Towell. Mr. Towell’s brilliant photography has covered subjects ranging from environmental issues and international war zone subjects, to human rights documentation of Canadian First Nations. His work will be featured in an exhibition at the JNAAG from Aug. 12 to Oct. 8, 2022.

For more information, contest rules, and instructions on how to submit your photo, please visit:

lclibrary.ca/teenphotocontest



New Lambton County Library cards can make you a winner

Is your library card looking a bit ratty or has it expired? Do you even have a library card? Want to be a winner? The Lambton County Library and its community library branches are offering newly designed cards that could give card holders a chance to win the grand prize of a \$500 Tourism Sarnia-Lambton gift voucher, or one of five \$100 gift vouchers. They can be used at over 300 retail, restaurant, attraction, and accommodation locations throughout Lambton County.

Patrons can enter to win this portion of the draw by simply getting a card and checking out an item from the library. **The cards are FREE for anyone who lives, works, attends school, or owns property in Lambton County, or lives in a First Nations community in Ontario.** Another chance to win will be entered each time a patron checks out an item from the library’s physical collection during this promotion of the redesigned library cards, which will run until June 12, 2022. All small print rules and criteria of library card membership can be found at lclibrary.ca/discover.

So, what are you waiting for? Get in on this win-win promotion and the grand prize might be yours on Monday, June 13. Even if you don’t win the prize, think of the money you’ll save by using your free card to access the information/entertainment resources you want at your local library branch.

Your local library branch is more than just 210,000books; it’s an expansive array of other services and resources that can be borrowed, including: DVDs, electronic resources like eBooks, eAudiobooks, video streaming services, online courses, databases and journals. Each branch has computer workstations and access to programs and other services. For more information on library branch locations, services and hours of operation, visit: lclibrary.ca

Bird's eye view of springtime in Wilkesport



MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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Mermaids and Mariners at Brander Park

See page 17 for more information about this family-friendly one-day festival at Brander Park south of Port Lambton.

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.

WLCHC hosts Line Dancing

West Lambton Community Health Centre, funded by the Ministry of Health, will be hosting **LINE DANCING WITH CHRISTINA**. This free daytime class will be held on Monday's until June 20 at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 261 Christina St. N. in Sarnia. All abilities are welcome and no previous experience is needed. Registration is required because spaces are limited. Call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email: adinell@nlchc.com.



SOMBRA DAYS

JULY 8-10, 2022

Friday

- 6:00 pm Co-Ed Two Pitch Tournament begins
- 6:00 pm Refreshment Tent Opens
- 8:00 pm Dance – must be 19 years or older

Admission charge \$10.00 before 10 pm, \$15 after 10 pm

NO ADMITTANCE AFTER 11 PM

- 9:00 pm Musical Entertainment –
- 1:00 am **The Down River Band**

Saturday

- 8:00 am Co-Ed Two Pitch continues
- 9:00 am Food Booth Opens
- 12:00 pm-4:00 pm Children Inflatables
- 11:00 am Refreshment tent opens
- 1:00 pm Fishing Boat Draw
- 1:00 pm Horseshoe Tournament begins
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Face painting
- 2:00 pm Musical Entertainment –
- 6:00 pm **The Rhythm Junkies**
- 7:00 pm Refreshment tent/Food Booth closes

Sunday

- 8:00 am-4:00 pm Soap Box Derby
- 9:00 am Food Booth Opens
- 9:00 am Co-ed two pitch continues Finals – late morning
- 12:00 am-4:00 pm Children's Inflatables
- 12:00 pm Refreshment tent opens
- 12:00 pm Co-Ed Volleyball begins
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Children's Crafts & Face Painting
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Horse drawn Wagon Rides
- 2:00 pm-6:00 pm Musical Entertainment – **VR Revival**
- 6:00 pm SS&R 50/50 Draw
- 7:00 pm Refreshment tent/Food Booth closes



Beacon Bit

Remember there is no such thing as a small act of kindness.
Every act creates a ripple with no end.

MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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Virtual-Talks-2022/Petroleum-and-Environmental-Impacts

Moore Optimists holding two Fundraisers this summer

The Optimist Club of Moore is back in full community support mode this summer with two great events: a bicycle rodeo and a fantastic raffle. For full details, see the posters on page 13.

Bluewater International Granfondo is back!

The 6th annual Bluewater International Granfondo bicycle event 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

Brigden Fair Ambassador contest returns: candidates wanted

The Brigden Fair Ambassador contest is coming up on Aug. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Brigden Fair exhibition hall. The 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 with "Ambassador Program" in the Subject line and it will be forwarded to the Committee.

Country Jamborees at the Brigden Exhibition Hall will resume in November.

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Saturday June 18th, 2022



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16th Annual

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COLD DRINKS
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further updates including programming.

Contact us by email or phone if you have any questions.

www.stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca / E-mail: info@stclairtownship.ca

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Corunna Legion to host Dave Mounsey Memorial walk

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Branch 447 will host the annual Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund (DMMF) 100 km walk on Saturday, June 4 to Sunday, June 5. The Grand Bend to Corunna walk is held to raise funds for the DMMF so Branch 447 can continue to purchase and donate defibrillators to public facilities such as arenas and recreation centres. Each defibrillator is named in honour of a fallen military, EMS, fire, or police member. Dave Mounsey, a fallen police officer, was an early supporter of the defibrillator program.

Shane Cook and The Woodchippers in Brigden

This super-talented group takes to the stage at the Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall on Friday, June 17, showtime 7:30 p.m.

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*.



Shane and The Woodchippers

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 purchased 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 (please put "Shane Cooke Tickets" in the subject line of your e-transfer) and your tickets will be held at the door.

10th anniversary at Sombra Museum

A Sombra Museum Cultural Centre open house will be held on June 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its opening. The first decade of the facility will be reviewed and exciting plans for its future will be revealed. Admission will be free and refreshments will be offered. Come out and help celebrate the opening of this heritage preservation treasure.

Corunna Legion to host steak bingo

The Royal Canadian Legion Corunna Br. 447 will host a steak bingo on Wednesday, June 29, with doors open at 6 p.m. for play at 7 p.m. The evening includes 25 regular games, with five cards for \$25, plus a special game at \$2 per strip. First prize will be \$1,000, second, \$200, and third, \$100. Food will be available and everyone is welcome. The hall is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 519-862-1240.

Sombra Days are back!

Join the fun at Sombra Days the weekend of Friday, July 8 to Sunday, July 10. The two-pitch tournament will be held and entry fee is \$125 per team. For more information, call Blair at 519-331-0983 or Robyn at 519-381-7748. Volleyball registration is also being taken by calling Amelia Henry through Facebook messenger or by texting 519-330-7334. See complete schedule on page 18.



L. C. Archives Lunch and Learn series

The Lambton County Archives is currently running a free virtual half-hour lunchtime series called *Lunch and Learn* to inform viewers about the archival resources available to the public.

The series is being led by Archivist/Supervisor Nicole Aszalos, and viewers are invited to enjoy their lunch while being educated about the surprising resources offered at the Archives. "It's always a pleasure sharing information about how to conduct research," said Nicole. "We hope people will take this opportunity to connect with us, ask questions, and expand their knowledge of the Archives."

Viewers can register for these sessions on the Lambton County Archives website to learn more about the topics, **Property Research on Tuesday, June 14 at 12:30 p.m.** and **Online Resources on Tuesday, June 28 at 12:30 p.m.** For more information about the Lambton County Archives and upcoming programs, sign up for e-news or follow @LambtonCountyArchives on Facebook or @HeritageLambton on Twitter.

LHM to host Petroleum and Environmental Impacts

Lambton Heritage Museum will host a virtual talk, **Petroleum and Environmental Impacts: The Path Towards Sustainability**, on Thursday, June 2 beginning at 7 p.m. The talk will also review how the industry has evolved into the present time. The free talks require registration, which can be done at: <https://forms.lambtonmuseums.ca/Lambton-Heritage-Museum/>

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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.

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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.

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