



# The St. Clair Township BEACON

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THE TOWNSHIP  
OF ST. CLAIR



## Happy Canada Day 2022!



*Heart-warming 100km walk ends in Corunna*  
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### The printed BEACON is back in glorious black-and-white!

In addition to the coloured online version of the St. Clair Township Beacon, **a limited quantity of printed black-and-white Beacons will be distributed to all township library branches and Thompson Gardens.** Other distribution locations are currently being sought.

If demand for the print version exceeds the July limited trial as a pick-up publication, a larger printing will be done for subsequent months.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have an online subscription to The Beacon, or are able to access it online at [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca), please leave the paper copies for the people who do not have access to a computer or are more comfortable reading an in-hand publication.

Those who wish to have a paper copy of The Beacon but have no one to ask about picking one up for them should contact the municipal office at 519-867-2021. A friend or family member can also email the person's full residence address to [beacon@stclairtownship.ca](mailto:beacon@stclairtownship.ca) to have a copy sent. **Please do not request this option if you are mobile and able to access one of the distribution locations.**

The Beacon Bin will be highly visible at all locations. An example of the bin is shown on page 20.



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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

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 permission is obtained.

Signs posted on municipal road allowances will be re-

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## Candidate Update—who's running

As of June 23, 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; Pat Brown

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.

**Do you have what it takes  
for run for council? Find out at:**  
[www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)

Click on **ELECTION** for more information.

## 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](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. **The summer schedule is now in effect, with one meeting in July and one in August. Upcoming meetings include: Monday, July 11 at 3 p.m.; Monday, August 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](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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stricted 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.

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.

### Bids being sought for waste collection

Dissatisfied with the waste collection provided by Waste Management, council has retracted its motion to extend the contract with Waste Management by two years. In his report, David Neely noted service by the company has been very poor and not conducive to offering an extension to the contract. Staff was directed to tender waste collection (garbage and yard waste) for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027.

### Offshore emergency response report

Following the confusion over emergency response procedure precipitated by a January, 2022 incident on Fawn Island, Fire Chief Richard Boyes presented a report to council outlining a number of options that could be implemented to ensure that three hard to reach areas would be serviced in a safe, timely manner.

Chief Boyes explained that two working groups were established within the fire department and given the task of researching the type of response the three problem areas would require. The teams then determined what type of equipment would be necessary to mount a safe, timely response to emergency situations in each of those areas.

In the Sydenham area, the recommended equipment for an emergency response included: an all-terrain eight-wheel-drive vehicle capable of carrying four firefighters, a stretcher, rescue equipment, and a trailer to transport the vehicle to the emergency area.

The vehicle was chosen instead of a boat because water levels in the area fluctuate and the riverbed is littered with sunken debris and trees that could damage a water craft. There is also a need to travel over fields to access remote areas of the river or township. The eight-wheeler is also a vehicle of choice for fire departments in many areas of Ontario that have similar landscapes.

For Fawn and Stag Islands, several scenarios were considered and two watercrafts with specific capabilities were recommended. The boats would have to carry six firefighters and allow adequate entry and exit for them. They would also need to carry a stretcher, a fire hose and other necessary equipment, and have a self-contained water pump capable of providing effective firefighting flows. The boats would be of sufficient width, length, and power to safely and effectively negotiated the St. Clair

River in most weather conditions. And they would be hauled on trailers that would get them to the shoreline nearest the incident in a timely manner. The cost per boat, including the trailer, is estimated at \$300,000.

Chief Boyes's report was accepted and tabled until staff could get further information on the recommended vehicles.

### Fawn Island parking lot lighting

The Fawn Island parking lot has experienced vandalism, the theft of boat fuel, and the theft of a Fawn Island resident's boat this year. Lighting for the lot has been requested by the Fawn Island Association in the hope it may be a deterrent to further criminal activities.

At a public meeting on June 6, an island spokesperson asked if council would be willing to contribute some funding to acquire the lighting. He was informed the parking lot is not the township's property; it is St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) land. It was suggested Fawn Island residents approach the SCRCA with a quote for the purchase of efficient solar lighting.

### Parking along parkway at Brander Park discussed

When large events are held at Brander Park, some motorists have a tendency to park their vehicles at the side of the St. Clair Parkway even though the area is marked with No Parking signs. Council discussed possible ways to stop this dangerous disregard for the signs. They agreed ticketing was always a possibility, though not a desirable one since enforcement during community events would dampen the experience for the person receiving the fine.

A by-law has been proposed to address situations such as this, but for the remainder of 2022, those attending large events, such as the upcoming Aug. 20 *Mermaids and Mariners* family event, are asked to obey the law. And those who have to drive along that stretch of the parkway when it is choked with illegally parked vehicles are asked to slow down and exercise caution.

### Technical upgrades approved for council chambers

The Zoom telecommunication system set up in the Council Chamber during the pandemic, which allowed council to televise meetings and communicate face-to-face with delegations from industry and the community, was done with minor upgrades throughout the two years public buildings were closed. A report to council noted that, because it was believed the need for such a system was only temporary, a telecommunications or electronics company was never consulted to have a proper system installed.

During the time the staff-installed system was in use, audio and video issues arose from time to time making it difficult for those using the system to hear and/or see the proceedings. Further, the pandemic has so radically changed the way business is done that a dependable system is becoming necessary.

Council has authorized staff to seek quotes and proposals from companies that specialize in communication

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## Are you on the voters' list?

HAVE YOUR SAY.  
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<https://www.voterlookup.ca/home.aspx>

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tech so the Council Chambers can be outfitted with appropriate microphones, speakers, and cameras.

*Note: During the pandemic, the number of viewers tuning in to the Facebook live stream of council sessions varied widely, from a few up to 30.*

### Reedy Lane parking situation

Reedy Lane in Port Lambton has a parking problem - there isn't much. But a 44-vehicle parking lot at McDonald Park will soon provide relief for local residents who must deal with the sometimes-inconsiderate motorists that park along their street. The new parking lot is slated to be completed by early fall, 2022. No Parking signs currently installed along the street have been unenforceable because there is no mention of a related municipal by-law on them. Draft By-Law 32 of 2022 was developed to address this situation, but after some discussion and at the recommendation of staff, council tabled the motion to approve the by-law. It was pointed out that the threat of ticketing illegal parking along the street would cause park visitors to park along the St. Clair Parkway and perhaps block driveways, which could result in safety issues.

In the meantime, it is hoped that motorists will be considerate when searching for a parking place near McDonald Park.

### Foodcycler™ trial going well

The Food Waste Diversion Pilot program in St. Clair Township has been a success, says Brian Black, Director of Public Works. The Foodcycler™ is now being tried by 134 township residents, as well as seven township public and catholic schools (each school received a unit as a dona-

tion from the township) and the township office. Mr. Black recommended a unit also be donated to the Wallaceburg District Secondary School, which is attended by many St. Clair Township students.

The units are still available at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown, for the subsidized price of \$175, and more will be ordered if demand continues. The retail price for the Foodcycler™ is \$325

(See Foodcycler™ details, page 7 & 8.)

### Fire Chief clarifies Fireman's Field Day misinformation

Council was informed by St. Clair CAO John Rodey that two items of misinformation are currently circulating in the community. He pointed out that the Corunna Facebook post regarding the cancellation of the Fireman's Field Day was not accurate. The interim fire chief did not order it to be cancelled.

Current Fire Chief Richard Boyes explained the real reason for the cancellation was that an operating beer tent on firehall property was inappropriate if the hall was called out on an emergency while the event was underway. He had suggested the beer tent be moved to the Corunna Athletic Park where the tent would not interfere with the hall's operation as a fire station.

Chief Boyes said the Fireman's Field Day benefited the community and it was hoped the event would continue. Township Community Services was prepared to assist with the use of the CAP. However, the Corunna Station decided the move to the park would be too much work for everyone. Chief Boyes also clarified that no request for fire truck participation in a local parade had been denied and that fire trucks will continue to do so.

## Optimist Car Show: a beauty, a buggy, and adorable



### Car Show Winners

- \*Best Foreign/Crowd Favourite-#20-Dale DUDLEY, Wallaceburg, 2001 Rolls Royce Park Ward Limo
- \*Special Interest -#85-Amanda ZIELINSKI, Chatham,... 1959 Nash Metropolitan
- \*Ford-#27- Jim POWELL, Sarnia... 1964 Ford Galaxie
- \*GM-#52-Ron KENNEDY- Sarnia...1969 Oldsmobile Hurst Olds
- \*Chrysler-#50- Mike JARDINE, Sombra...1969 Dodge Charger R/T
- \*Truck-#32- Dave FOWLER,Sarnia...1933 Ford Truck
- \*Peoples Choice-#55-Pat TEAHAN, Corunna... 1964 Lincoln Continental
- \*LONG DISTANCE- 103.3 MILES/ 166.25 KM  
Ray BLACK, Goderich... 1964 OLDS F-85

The Optimist Club of Sombra Car Show on June 18 attracted over 200 vehicles of all sizes and descriptions, from the luxurious Rolls Royce, left, to the small but feisty soap box racers, right.

During the day, two bands provided music to keep the park jumping. *Timeless*, a frisky group from Wallaceburg with a passion for the oldies handled the music during the day, then *Pull 3* kept the music going in the refreshment tent.

### Photos from the show

1. The Rolls Royce, voted *Crowd Favourite*, is owned by Dale Dudley of Wallaceburg, who is shown here with Optimist Carla Aarssen.

2. The orange #85 soap box derby racer, driven by Owen Scott of Corunna in the 'D' Class competition, came in third with an impressive time of 9.656 seconds.

3. The winning vehicle in the Oldest category was the 1902 Rambler Carriage driven by James Guzi of Port Lambton, seen here with Optimist Carla Aarssen, right, and a mystery Optimist member.







## Public Works Department

Public Works/Roads...519-867-2993  
 Engineering.....519-867-2125  
 Website..... [www.stclairtownship.ca](http://www.stclairtownship.ca)

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

Water Utility.....519-867-2128  
 Fax.....519-867-3886  
 Civic Centre, 1155 Emily Street, Mooretown

### 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.

Download the St. Clair Township app  
 and never miss  
 another collection day.



Want the latest updates on recycle and waste collection?  
 Download the **Recycle Coach App!**

Recycle Coach is an app paid for by St. Clair Township so residents can get up to date notifications regarding waste collections. Any resident in the township can download the Recycle Coach app at no cost and get the notifications in real time.



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

Recycling  
 information  
 at your  
 fingertips!



Download the FREE  
**Recycle Coach™** app



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

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

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



### PUBLIC WORKS IS NOW LIVE ON FACEBOOK!

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

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

### 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

*See Foodcycler information, pages 7 & 8*

## St. Clair Township Public Works department at work

### Gravel road maintenance poses challenges

The best protocols a township can develop are often no match for the whims of Mother Nature. Average rainfalls, snowfalls, and other meteorological conditions used to predict the type of care and treatments township infrastructure may require are often foiled by abnormal weather events. The recent heavy rainfalls and strong winds have posed many challenges for the Public Works staff. The township's battle with its gravel roads are a perfect example.

Council recently requested a review and report on gravel road conditions in the township be made after several complaints about their condition had been received.

In his report to council, David Neeley, Coordinator of Operations, wrote that spring is normally a time of poor gravel conditions due to the thawing of road surfaces, increased precipitation, and the lack of favourable weather and road conditions to properly grade the 327.6 kilometres of the townships gravel roads.

When road surfaces thaw, water frozen under the road bed rises to the surface creating soft spots in the granular that easily becomes potholes, especially if rainfall is plentiful. At the end of March, graders are dispatched to "spot grade" the worst areas, and minimize

potholes and soft areas. As weather conditions improve in April, the graders begin grading all roads, but it generally takes about three grading runs to eliminate potholes, depending on depth. Graders must work the road gradually to set up a solid platform for the application of new granular.

Dust control is applied by a contractor as grading on each road is completed. Once the dust control is applied, grading is limited, letting future rainfall spread and wash the calcium chloride over the remaining road surface.

July 1 through September 30, spot grading is required and most grading is not recommended because it creates more dust and cancels the benefits of dust control.

Autumn grading typically requires three trips to prepare the roads for winter. In winter, grading is done when required and weather permits.

The seasonal work done by Public Works staff requires constant attention to this schedule, as well as random weather events that may affect the schedule, in order to ensure that roads are maintained.

Motorists are asked to be patient when encountering the trucks and graders required to carry out road maintenance.





## 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 50 Food Cycler units and 100 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?™

Close-looped 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 by-products 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 FoodCycler™ 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.



## 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

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☎ (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 prepared to handle a minimum of 72 hours without outside aid?

**Emergencies don't wait until we're prepared for them!**

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.**

## 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)

## A CANADA DAY Beacon Bit

You can't buy  
happiness,  
but you can  
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that's pretty much  
the same thing



### LAMBTON FARM SAFETY ASSOCIATION

PROUDLY PRESENTS

PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURE

FAMILY

SAFETY DAY®

Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Legacy Recreation Centre

16 Allen St., Thedford, ON

Registration begins at 8:30

**NOTE:** Group Presentation is going to take place at beginning of day

*This is going to be a family walk through event. Please register as a family and you will be going through the safety day together in your own group. Masks are optional.*

Tractor Safety  
Underground Safety  
Fire Safety  
Chemical Safety  
Internet Safety

Lawn Mower Safety  
PTO Safety  
Outdoor Safety  
Personal Wellness  
Animal Safety

Stop Think Act

Please note since this is a family event parents/guardians are required to stay and accompany participants to stations, there will be **NO Group Leaders**

To Pre-Register please email:

**[lambtonfarmsafety@gmail.com](mailto:lambtonfarmsafety@gmail.com)**

Or Call - Agnes Dickenson @ 519-344-7858

\*Pre-Register to ensure your child gets a t-shirt and a hat

This safety day includes lunch, snacks, a t-shirt, and a take home "info/goody" bag.

If your child has allergies, please bring a lunch.



FARM CREDIT



ENBRIDGE



Keep your community strong. Please support your local businesses.



## HERITAGE CORNER

### 10th Anniversary of Sombra Museum Cultural Centre celebrated

The Sombra Museum Cultural Centre officially joined the Victorian-era Bury House on the corner of Smith Street in Sombra on June 19, 2012.

And on June 19, 2022, a small celebration was held at the Cultural Centre to mark 10 years of heritage preservation.

The Bury House, built in 1881 and purchased by the Sombra Township Historical Society in 1958, had been housing collections and exhibits, and preserving local heritage of the township since June 19, 1959, when it became the first museum in Lambton County.

In 1972, the former Sombra Township assumed ownership of the house from the Historical Society, with a board comprised of two members of Sombra Council and five Historical Society members. Through the years, board membership has grown to 14 and they have worked hard to promote the community's rich heritage.

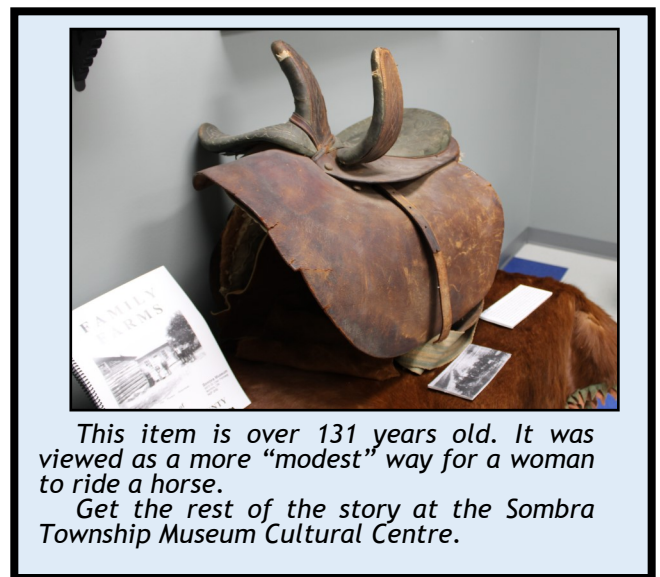
In 2011, thanks to strong community support, enough funds were raised to begin construction on a second building. And on June 19, 2012, the Sombra Township Museum Cultural Centre, as it has been renamed, opened its doors to the public. It now houses: the Marine Room (Great Lakes Hall); World War II Exhibit; Maude Dalgety Reference Room; and the Conference Hall (Shawanese Hall.) And since opening, it has provided a community venue for valuable, illuminating programs such as the winter lecture series. It continues to be a scholarly space where history is the spoken language.

**Group photo:** Attending the celebration were some of the municipal and community supporters who brought the project to life. From left: Mayor Steve Arnold; Darrell Randell; Eldon Grant; Deputy Mayor Steve Miller; Sombra Museum Curator Kailyn Shepley; museum volunteers Catherine Bouman; Kathy Elliott; retired museum curator Shelley Lucier-Lord; and St. Clair Township Councillor Rose Atkins.

*Please note: Conference room rentals are available for meetings or events. The room includes the use of a kitchenette and the optional use of electronics. To inquire about renting the room, please contact the Museum at 519-892-3982 or go online at: <https://sombrauseum.webs.com>*



*It wouldn't be a celebration without cake.*



*This item is over 131 years old. It was viewed as a more "modest" way for a woman to ride a horse.*

*Get the rest of the story at the Sombra Township Museum Cultural Centre.*

### 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/>

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## MORE HERITAGE CORNER

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### Lambton County Historical Society holds first post-pandemic meeting

The Council Chambers at the St. Clair Township Civic Centre was the site of the first post-pandemic meeting of the Lambton County Historical Society on May 26. At the recent meeting, it was agreed the executive elected at the last meeting before COVID shutdowns began would be retained for the 2022. Officers include: President Ron Urry; Vice-President Marie Stephenson; Treasurer Carol Thompson; and Secretary Deb Narr. Member Catherine McKinnon of Corunna spoke about a relative, Leslie Ernest, who had worked in the oil fields and traveled to foreign countries to help them develop their own oil. He also fought in WWI, earning honours for his service.

The Lambton County Historical Society meets monthly. Each meeting features a speaker on local history. The Society welcomes new members and there is no cost to attend a meeting. Membership is only \$25/year.



*Right: Mayor Steve Arnold welcomed the group on behalf of council and after taking care of 2 years of Historical Society business, the group was treated to refreshments and tasty snacks courtesy of St. Clair Township.*

### County dignitaries gather to re-open Oil Museum of Canada

The Oil Museum of Canada, a designated National Historic Site, recently held a grand re-opening ceremony with local dignitaries on hand to cut the yellow ribbon. The ceremony drew a happy crowd of museum supporters and visitors, local dignitaries and museum/county staff members.

The museum had been closed to undergo a \$1 million renovation project which involved a number of substantial infrastructure changes and upgrades. During the closure, the creation story of the petroleum industry and the crucial role the Oil Springs area and its people played in that story, was streamlined to better-inform visitors.

The modernization of the museum, built in 1960, included the replacement of all plain glass windows with UV-filtering panes that will now help preserve precious exhibits that would otherwise be damaged by the light. The HVAC system and much of the inside layout is also updated to enhance the visitor experience.

The emergence of the oil industry in Lambton County helped the entire area flourish. For instance, Plank Road was one of the first super highways through Lambton County. It was the first true paved road, surfaced with sturdy white oak planks to support the movement of the heavy horse-drawn wagons that hauled huge wooden tanks of oil across the soft, swampy heart of Lambton County. The wagons, a pioneer version of our modern tanker trucks, moved the oil from Oil Springs and central Lambton into Sarnia, where it was refined at the Black Star Refinery. Its presence provided inter-county movement that helped to connect county residents with the outside world and with each other. Find information about all Lambton County museums online at: [www.lambtonmuseums.ca](http://www.lambtonmuseums.ca)

*Right: The yellow ribbon falls away as Warden Kevin Marriott uses a pair of mammoth scissors to make the cut. He was assisted by: Laurie Webb, Manager for Museums, Archives, and Galleries; Lambton-Kent Middlesex MP Lianne Rood; Sarnia-Lambton MP Bob Bailey; Oil Springs Mayor Ian Veen; Erin Dee-Richard, Oil Museum curator/supervisor; and Andrew Meyer, General Manager, Lambton County Cultural Services Division.*

*Stevenson photo*



### Lambton County Library branches offer much more than books

Summer is a great time to relax with a good book or take up a new hobby or interest. If you have a library card, you have access to the books, paper or digital, and a lot more. *And if you don't have a library card, get one. They're free!*

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



# 100km walk of remembrance may save lives in the future

By Bonnie Stevenson

A weary procession of walkers made their way down Hill Street on Sunday, June 5 morning to finish the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund (DMMF) Walk, which started early on June 4 in Grand Bend.

Book-ended by an Ontario Provincial Police and St. Clair Township Fire Department escort, the small procession of walkers, who had covered the complete 100 kilometre route, soldiered on. They were accompanied by a few local supporters who joined the walk to show support and appreciation for the way they had benefited from past DMMF walks.

When the group reached their final destination, an excited welcoming committee of friends and relatives, officials, and well-wishers were at the Corunna Royal Canadian Legion Hall parking lot to greet them.

The 24-hours the group spent on the road, with only a two hour rest period, was all for a good cause. Money raised during the event is used to purchase and donate defibrillators for local public buildings. Each defibrillator is donated in the name of a fallen military, EMS, fire, or police member.

A new defibrillator, bought from the proceeds of this year's walk, was donated to the St. Clair Township Corunna fire station in the name of Graham Emslie of Corunna, a Sarnia firefighter who lost his life to cancer five years ago. Mr. Emslie's family was on hand to accept the donation in his name, and his daughter, Tiegan Scott, delivered a moving message of thanks for the tribute being paid to her father's memory.

Although the DMMF Walk is only two years old, the long-walk donation effort has been in effect for over a decade. Huron and Area Search and Rescue (HASAR), a large Zurich-based group of about 70 professional civilian volunteers that covers the Huron, Bruce, Perth and Lambton area, has been donating defibrillators for public spaces for 12 years.

The first 100km DWWF walk, which took walkers from Ilderton to Wingham, honoured OPP officer Dave Mounsey, who was an early supporter of the defibrillator program. He died as the result of injuries sustained in a

vehicle collision while on the way to an emergency call. To date, six of the donated defibrillators have been used to save lives.

OPP Sgt. Patrick Armstrong, a HASAR commander, and OPP Det. Sgt. Dave Matheson, along with equine care specialist Sam Crozier, represented HASAR at this year's 100 kilometre walk.

The walk was a grueling feat all by itself, but one of the walkers didn't find mere walking enough of a challenge. London firefighter Bob Geilen (shown in photo below, left), did the walk in his firefighter's bunker suit with an air cylinder on his back for much of the journey. The London firefighter participated in this year's walk in appreciation for the three defibrillators MASAR has donated in the London area.



Walkers arrive at the Corunna Legion



Above: HASAR volunteers Sam Crozier, left, Dave Matheson, and Patrick Armstrong.



100 km mission accomplished

Left: A new defibrillator is presented in the name of Corunna resident Graham Emslie with his family on hand to speak on his behalf. The ceremony included, from left: London firefighter Bob Geilen (holding the mounting case for the defibrillator); Heather Emslie, with 10-month-old Perry, and her husband, Dara Emslie holding 2-year-old Graham; Tiegan Scott with 4-year-old Lola; HASAR Commander/OPP Sgt. Patrick Armstrong presenting commemorative plaque to St. Clair Township Corunna Station Deputy Chief Scott Brown; Corunna Station Firefighter Mark Perrin, holding defibrillator; and HASAR member/OPP Det. Sgt. Dave Matheson.

Bonnie Stevenson photos

## COMMUNITY CONTACT

*Please remember those who are struggling:  
Please support your local food bank.*

### **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](mailto:Finance@brigdenfair.ca). Memberships are \$20 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 welcomes new members**

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.

### **Lambton County Junior Optimist Club invites new members to get involved**

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club invites youth from age 10 through 18 to join and discover the fantastic feeling of volunteering in the community. Members put on their own programs and find creative ways to fundraise for other youth programs. Hours spent volunteering with the club count toward the volunteer hours needed at school. The club meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. Meetings are now held at the Emergency Services Building in Corunna at the intersection of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. 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 needed by 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.

### **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.



Sarnia-Lambton  
ONTARIO HEALTH TEAM

### **Mental Health & Addictions Supports**

*For those who face the mental health or addiction challenges, the world can be a bleak place. The Sarnia-Lambton Ontario Health Team has the information that can point the way to a happy, sober life.*

*The place to start is with your primary care provider. He or she will know more about treatment options and local support/resources available to you.*

*To talk to someone about local resources, call Connex Ontario, 1-866-531-2600, or the Family Counselling Centre Care Pathways, 519-336-3600.*

*In crisis? Call CMHA Lambton-Kent and talk to a mental health professional 24/7 at 1-800-307-4319. These are just a few of the resources available to you. Don't hesitate to call.*

*For full local listings, visit:  
[agefriendlysarnialambton.ca](http://agefriendlysarnialambton.ca)*



## UNLOCK LAMBTON tour gave Lambton residents and visitors freedom to explore



The Unlock Lambton self-guided driving tour on June 4 allowed Lambton residents and many visitors to the area the opportunity to roam Lambton County with the help of a special map. Museums and other places of interest were open to the public free of charge.

**Photo 1: MORRETOWN** - At the Moore Museum, twins Rosalyn and Frederick Moran of Corunna were introduced to a vintage rocking horse their great-grandmother, the late Connie Moran (nee Aiken) enjoyed as a child. The horse is visible in the vintage toys showcase, middle bottom.

**Photo 2: SOMBRA** - A group of motorcycle enthusiasts associated with the International Christian Motorcyclists Association stopped briefly in Sombra for a much-needed ice cream break. The diverse club, whose members come from all over southwestern Ontario, share two passions: their faith and a love of motorcycles. Their sweet fleet of stunning motorized two-wheelers include: a highly modified aquamarine Harley Davidson; ; a 92hp Victory 106; two Vulcans; a Kawasaki Ninja; Suzuki Boulevard, and a jet black, carbon fibre-bodied Italian-made Moto Guzzi GX-21.

**Photo 3: PORT Lambton** - On a kids' day out, some moms affiliated with Wallaceburg's St. Elizabeth Catholic School parent advisory association brought their children to Brander Park. They told The Beacon the park was the perfect kid-friendly place for the group to spend an afternoon and that several of the schools they are aware of intended to bring their students to the park to mark the end of the school year.

Bonnie Stevenson photos



92hp Victory 106



### 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.

**NEW! CS19 Pro Tournament Scale System**

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GREAT LAKES SUPER SERIES

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)



## Children learn valuable safety lessons during SCRCA's Spring Water Awareness Program

Water levels continue to be a problem in all parts of the township, especially in the spring. Floodwaters can pose a very real danger to anyone who gets near swollen rivers and streams, especially if they are small children.

For the fourth year, Plains Midstream made a \$5,000 donation to the St. Clair Region Conservation Area's Spring Water Awareness Program (SWAP). SWAP teaches students about the hazards of spring floodwaters with words and with simple, but effective, demonstrations.

"Through our annual Spring Water Awareness Program, we talk with students about

the potentially dangerous conditions associated with streams and rivers during the spring, and provide them with safety guidelines," explained Melissa Levi, Conservation Education Coordinator at the SCRCA.

The program, which attracted 1,000 students this year, focuses on the hazards associated with the cold, deep, and fast-flowing waters of the spring season. The children take part in a number of experiments, activities and games that help them understand how dangerous floodwaters can be when approached carelessly.



*Left: Students listen as Myra Spiller, SCRCA Conservation Education and Community Partnership Technician introduces them to the dangers of spring floodwaters.*

*Right: Students take part in an experiment that demonstrates how quickly ice-cold water can affect their sense of touch and dexterity. They are asked to hold their hands in a container of ice water to feel how it affects them.*

SCRCA photos



## 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.

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

**New Moore Agricultural Society members welcome**

Interested in becoming a member of the Moore Agricultural Society or need to renew your membership? Memberships are now \$25 per person. For more information on the membership role, please contact [info@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:info@brigdenfair.ca).

## 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](http://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.



## MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

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### Mermaids and Mariners on the St. Clair

*Mermaids and Mariners on the St. Clair*, the new “Key West festival” type summer event coming to Brander Park, will be 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.:** 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 Memorie Lane; **\*1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**, *Southwind Boys LIVE* musical entertainment; and much more.

**DRESS UP FOR THE OCCASION!** Visitors are encouraged to dress up for the occasion by dressing up to re-

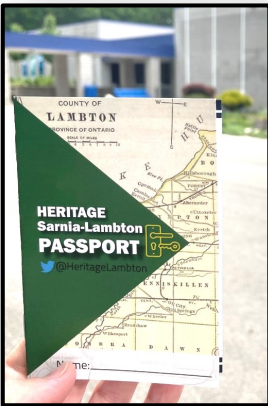


flect the nautical theme. The more mermaids, mermen, pirates, pirettes, wenches, and sailors there are strutting around the park, the more festive the day will be.

*Note: Please practice safe swashbuckling, stay away from Davy Jones’ locker, and be sure to compliment others on the cut of their jib.*

Go online 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.

## Passport Challenge showcases seven Lambton County museums



Re-discover Lambton County museums by completing the Heritage Sarnia-Lambton Passport Challenge.

“Many local museums have been closed over the past two summers due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Dana Thorne, Curator/Supervisor with Lambton Heritage Museum. “We thought this year was a great time to organize this type of initiative to invite our community and visitors to re-discover Lambton’s treasured museums, and for the museums to welcome back visitors in a fun, engaging way.”

Throughout July and August, guests are invited to visit each participating Heritage Sarnia-Lambton Museum, correctly answer a trivia question, and collect a stamp at each site to complete their passport. Once completed, you can submit a ballot for a chance to win a \$100 Tourism Sarnia-Lambton gift card and museum prize pack.

Participating Heritage Sarnia-Lambton museums include: Arkona Lion’s Museum; Forest Museum; Lambton County Archives; Lambton Heritage Museum; Moore Museum; Oil Museum of Canada; Sombra Museum.

Passports are available at all participating sites.

Admission rates apply, where applicable.

The Passport Challenge contest ends August 31, 2022.

## 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](http://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 pho-

tographer Peter Power.

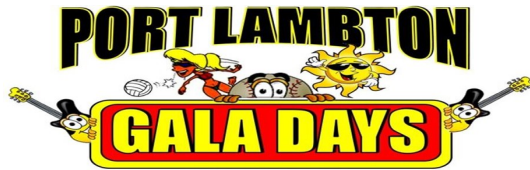
“Take Your Shot is intended to inspire budding young photographers and provide opportunities for them to develop their skills and build their resumes,” noted Vanitia Campbell, Public Services Coordinator-Youth, Lambton County Library.

The grand prize winner, plus the winners of each subcategory, 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](http://lclibrary.ca/teenphotocontest)

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### PARADE

**Saturday, July 30 at 11 a.m.**

Enter a float, truck, classic car,  
farm equipment!

Great opportunity to advertise!

Join in the fun! Entry is FREE!

**NEW! CASH PRIZES FOR BEST FLOAT!**

To register, call Jordan-519-312-7499

Staging at Pt. Lambton United Church,

William Street at Hill Street

Floats and vehicles-10 a.m.

Walkers-10:30 a.m.

Judging-10:40 a.m.

Following the parade on Saturday,  
July 30<sup>th</sup> there will be kid activities  
from about 12pm – 3pm.

Activities will include Dotsy's  
Entertainment with balloon twisting  
and tattoos, the Port Lambton Fireman  
water hose activity, face painting, and  
for the younger kids, there will be a  
duck pond and prizes.

**Men's and Women's 2-pitch tournament**  
**Homerun derby**  
**Volleyball tournament**

**50/50 draw is online at**

**[www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/plaa](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/plaa)**

Friday	20:30-00:30	Downriver Band top 40
Saturday	13:00-15:00	Southwind Buys
Saturday	16:00-20:00	The Chasers
Sunday	12:00-16:00	Painkiller Jane

**Port Lambton Pirates Rock!**

Visit us at the  
Sombra Ball Diamond  
Sunday, July 10, 2022, from 1-3

Dig up, identify, and  
learn about a variety  
of fossils!

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**1st YETI Tundra 65 Cooler**

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**3rd 2 YETI Mugs & 2 Can Coolers**

**Buy your tickets now!**

**\$10 each or 3 for \$20**

Tickets available at Corunna Home Hardware,  
from Optimist Members or message  
Moore Optimist Facebook page or  
[mooreoptimist@gmail.com](mailto:mooreoptimist@gmail.com)

**Draw July 31 at Capt. Kidd Days**

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## SOMBRA DAYS

**JULY 8-10, 2022**

*Loads of fun from Sombra Sports and Rec!*

### 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- Children Inflatables  
4:00 pm  
11:00 am Refreshment tent opens  
1:00 pm Fishing Boat Draw  
1:00 pm Horseshoe Tournament begins  
1:00 pm Face painting  
3:00 pm  
2:00 pm- Musical Entertainment –  
6:00 pm **The Rhythm Junkies**  
7:00 pm Refreshment tent/Food Booth closes

### Sunday

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





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on Saturday, and 50/50 draws. For more information, call Bill Myers at 226-627-1679 or the fair office at 519-864-1197. You can also go to the Brigden Fair Webpage or FB page.

### Ambassador contest 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. You will only need 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. Please stay tuned to <http://www.brigdenfair.ca> or our Facebook page for details as the 2022 program develops. If you have questions, please forward to [office@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:office@brigdenfair.ca) with Ambassador Program in the subject line and it will be forwarded to the Committee.

### Brigden Market seeking vendors

The Brigden Market is looking for vendors for July 30, 2022. All types of vendors, crafters, antiques, farmers market, yard sales, direct sales. This year, there is a "Referral Program" where you can earn your vendor fee back. If you refer another vendor and they sign up to be a part of the Brigden Market on July 30, you will get \$5 back to a maximum of \$35. Email your referral or any questions about this event to [Alison.Dion@brigdenfair.ca](mailto:Alison.Dion@brigdenfair.ca) or reach out to us on Facebook @brigdenmarket. This will be a great weekend to be in Brigden with the Town Wide Yard Sale also going on.

### Country Jamborees take summer break

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

### Mermaids and Mariners at Brander Park

Mermaids and Mariners is on its way on Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Brander Park. See page 17 for more information about this family-friendly one-day festival at Brander Park south of Port Lambton.



### Bluewater Anglers Family Fun Fishing Day

The Bluewater Anglers will host Family Fun Fishing Day on Saturday, July 9 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. This free family activity will take place in Centennial Park, Sarnia, where families can sign up near the "fishy fountain" and receive a bucket for their catch of gobies. No license is needed for this fishfest and some fishing rods and bait will be available. Free pop and hot dogs, and there will also be prizes. For more details, check the website at [bluewateranglers.com](http://bluewateranglers.com)

## 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.

### JNAAG summer teen workshops set

The Judith an Norman Alix Art Gallery (JNAAG) invites teens ages 14-18 to the summer **Random Acts of Art** workshops. **Photography with Sierra Rei Hart** is set for July 6-8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and **Poetry with Shelly Grace** is slated for July 20-22 (time to be announced). For more information about these workshops, visit the JNAAG website at [www.jnaag.ca](http://www.jnaag.ca).

## Captain Kidd Days 2022



### Thursday, July 28

**Mainstreet Movie Night**  
7 pm-9 pm-Face Painting  
by Dreamweaver  
7:15-Captain Corbin  
The Magical Pirate  
9 pm-(dusk) Movie:  
*Encanto*

3 pm -Rebound  
Rocks  
5 pm-Kid Zone  
closes  
9 pm-*Upside of Maybe*  
11:15-*See Spot Run*

### Friday, July 29

6 pm-Earl Doan Memorial  
Two Pitch  
Tournament Begins  
6:30 pm -**Best Dressed**  
**Pirate Contest**  
7 pm-Captain Kidd  
**Ambassador Contest**  
9 pm-Jacklyn Wills  
10 pm-*Full Disclosure*  
11:30 pm-*Rumblefish*

**Sunday July 31**  
10 am- Car show  
Presented by Sarnia Street  
Machines  
10 am-1 pm-Scavenger  
Hunt  
11 am -Grand Opening of  
skatepark  
((tentative))  
12 pm-Miss T the Bubble  
Queen  
1 pm- Little Rays Reptile  
Show

### Saturday, July 30

9 am -StandUP! Ball  
hockey tournament begins;  
volleyball tournament be-  
gins; two pitch continues

2 pm -*Wheelhouse*  
3 pm -Talent Show  
8:30 pm -*Brothers Wilde*

### 11 am -Parade

12 pm-ish-Kid Zone  
opens  
12 pm-5 pm-Artisan show  
1:30 pm-Saidat(children's  
entertainer presented by  
Sarnia -Lambton Tourism)

### 10 pm- Fireworks

Presented by  
Riverview Dental

10:20-*Brothers*  
*Wilde*  
11:15-*Song*  
*Machine*



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### Moore Museum model train event

The Moore Museum model train room will be featured on Sunday, July 3 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. during the fabulous model train event. Dinosaurs are roaming around their new layout and a second new tri-level layout will have an awesome aviation/aerospace theme. Admission, which will include admission to the entire museum site, will be \$6 per adult and \$3 for children.

**ALL ABOARD!**

### 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.**

### Port Lambton Gala Days return

Port Lambton Gala Days will take place the weekend of July 29-31. **PARADE! Bands! 50/50! 2-pitch/Volleyball and lots of kid stuff! See page 18 for more info.**

### Sombra Museum Blueberry Social

Blueberry fans will be happy to know the Sombra Museum Blueberry Social will be back on Saturday, July 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., just in time for **Sombra Days weekend**. Enjoy live entertainment, freshly-baked blueberry desserts, and a walk-through of the Bury House, the museum's 1800s Victorian home. The suggested donation will be just \$5 per person. **See you there!**

### Hunt for fossils during Sombra Days

The Sombra Museum will host an interactive fossil-digging exhibit at the Sombra ball diamond on Sunday, July 10 from 1

p.m. to 3 p.m. in conjunction with the Sombra Days community festival. Don't miss a chance to find out how and why a palaeontologist really "digs his work"!

### Brigden Legion spaghetti dinner planned

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 635 Brigden will host a spaghetti dinner on Friday, July 15 at a cost of \$15 per ticket. Advance tickets will be sold until July 16 at the Brigden Legion or by calling 519-864-1395 or 226-886-1693. There will be two sittings: 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

**And during the Brigden Townwide Sale on the morning of Saturday, July 30, the Brigden Legion will be selling peameal and cheese on a bun in front of the Legion hall.**

### Brigden Country Campout Jamboree

#### Brigden Fair

The Brigden Country Campout Jamboree will be held the weekend of July 27 to Aug 1. There will be lots of events going on including: the Brigden Market (Saturday, July 30); Ontario Vintage Tractor Pull (Saturday, July 30 at 12 p.m.); Music, Dancing, Fun, Fellowship, Daily Jam at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Gospel at 9 a.m. on Sunday in the exhibition hall, Ontario Vintage Tractor Pull at 12 p.m., Brigden Market

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