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community events and services



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## Message from the Mayor - Margaret Lupton



In preparation for writing this article I review previous blogs, meeting minutes etc. trying to decide what to include. Each time I am amazed at the number of events, meetings and decisions that have occurred since the last Zorra Now Edition. I can really only skim over the highlights. For a more representative coverage of local events you might consider reading my blog found on the Zorra Township website. This site has

been newly developed by employees Karen Graham and Lisa Teeple. It is very professionally presented and contains much information very useful to residents.

Over the summer many major events occurred for your enjoyment including the Calithumpian Weekend, Weinerfest, Highland Games, Embro/West Zorra Fair, etc. We are becoming well known in municipal circles for our ability, in spite of our relatively small population, to put on events that yearly bring thousands of people together. If you have not attended these special days mark your calendar for next year.

Broadband service has been completed in Zorra with the exception of a few "dead zones". Execulink, as part of their contract, will be dealing with these areas as soon as possible so that high speed internet will be the norm all over Oxford County.

An interesting zone change process involved a fairly large business operating in a home in a rural area in Zorra. High speed internet service has made this sort of operation possible without impacting the surrounding farms. The Official Plan seems to indicate this type of business is better suited to the urban areas but I think it is very obvious that these businesses no longer need to locate in urban areas in order to use the services offered there. They can access the services they need via Internet. I believe planning at the Provincial and County levels will have to change many of their policies in order to keep up with newer practices that function well in both urban and rural areas.

Strategic Plans are being produced at the County—both for the Administration and for the Council itself. Zorra Township needs to

begin a similar process very soon. The new Council of last year is now ready to tackle some of the many projects being proposed. While we cannot possibly manage to do all of them we have to prioritize those suggested and lay out a viable plan of action so that we do not get overwhelmed and end up accomplishing little or accomplishing much without any guiding plans.

Solar panels are a big source of interest for many Zorra residents. It is time for Council to investigate the potential for using the very large surfaces we have on many buildings and some of the marginal parkland as potential sites for panels. It not only has the potential for financial gain for the Township but also is the environmentally responsible thing for us to be considering.

Zorra welcomes Trevor Sanderson as our new Recreation and Facilities Manager. He is very experienced in this line of work and I expect him to be a very valuable addition to our Staff.

The Heroes of Zorra project has completed their application for funding from Trillium. If they are successful you will soon be able to access much valuable information regarding service men and women from Zorra since the earliest beginnings of the original townships.

I hope everyone was able to come out on November 29 in Thamesford to be a part of history in the making during the Rick Hansen cross country fundraiser. Mike Heath, Zorra's Special Gold Medal Olympian, was our representative for the Zorra leg of this event.

One little request: I try to faithfully reply to all emails, phone calls, etc. but I know I have at times lost messages. If you contact me and do not receive a reply please give me the benefit of the doubt and try again. I will be very grateful for your understanding.

It seems premature as I write but likely will be appropriate by the time you receive this. On behalf of all of us who work for you in the many different Township departments that make up Zorra, I want to extend to you and your family the very best wishes of the Season. Remember how blessed we are and then do whatever you can to help someone less fortunate. As always we look forward to serving you in 2012.

*Margaret Lupton*

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## Safe Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling has become a very popular winter sport for Canadians. There are currently over 700,000 registered snowmobiles in Canada and over 125,000 kilometers of snowmobile trails.

Every year people are injured and killed while participating in a pastime that should be remembered with only fond memories. Injuries and deaths that are related to snowmobiling can be prevented. Frequently reported contributing factors in collisions include excessive speed, drowning, unsafe operation, inattention, and operating under the influence of alcohol.

One of the safest snowmobiling rules is never to cross lakes or rivers. Besides the danger of plunging through the ice, you have less traction for starting, turning and stopping on ice than on snow. Collisions on lakes account for a significant number of accidents. Don't

hold the attitude that lakes are flat, wide-open areas, free of obstructions. Remember, if you can ride and turn in any direction, without boundaries, so can other riders. The threat of a collision, then, can come from any direction.

However, if you do snowmobile on the ice, make absolutely sure the ice is safely frozen. Don't trust the judgment of other snowmobilers. You are responsible for your own safe snowmobiling. Drowning is a leading cause of snowmobile fatalities. Consider buying a buoyant snowmobile suit. If you go through the ice, remember that your snowmobile suit (even a non-buoyant one) and helmet may keep you afloat for several minutes. Slide back onto the ice, using anything sharp to dig in for better pull. Kick your feet to propel you onto the ice, like a seal. If the ice keeps breaking, continue moving toward shore or the direction from which you came. Don't remove your gloves or mitts. Once on the ice, roll away from the hole. Don't stand until well away from the hole.

Source: Canada Safety Council [www.safety-council.org](http://www.safety-council.org)



## WINTER PARKING

Please be advised that the winter parking restrictions will be enforced starting November 15th and remain in place until March 31, 2012 in accordance with By-law 7-95. For snow removal purposes, parking is not permitted on any road or street from 1:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. 7 days a week during this period. Any vehicle owner found in violation of this by-law could be fined or have their vehicle removed/towed at owners expense. The set fine for this violation is set at \$50.

## SNOW REMOVAL ONTO ROADWAYS

This is a reminder to all residents that depositing snow from private property onto a public roadway is dangerous and in contravention of the Road Protection By-law 6-95. Pushing or placing any snow or ice or any other obstruction of a roadway is an offence that carries a Provincial Offences Fine of \$105.00.

## PROHIBIT SMOKING NEAR MUNICIPAL ENTRANCES AND LANDS BY-LAW

A reminder for residents that Township Council enacted By-law 23-11 on March 8th, 2011, to prohibit smoking near municipal entrances and lands. A portion of the by-law reads as follows:

No person shall smoke outdoors on any Township owned sports field including but not limited to soccer fields, baseball diamonds, or basketball courts whether or not a "No Smoking" sign is posted.

No person shall smoke outdoors on any walkway set out on or through Township owned and occupied property whether or not a "No Smoking" sign is posted.

No person shall smoke outdoors within 9 meters of any Township facility entrance or exit including but not limited to the Thamesford District Recreation Centre, Thamesford Area Swimming Pool, Embro West Zorra Community Centre, Thamesford Library & Resource Centre, Embro Town Hall & Library, Harrington Community Hall, North Park & Scout Hall, Embro Fire Hall, Thamesford Fire Hall, Uniondale Fire Hall, Public Works Department and Public Washrooms.

No person shall smoke within 9 meters of the following designated Township facilities for the purpose of this by-law:

- a) Playground Equipment
- b) Spectator Seating Area/Outdoor Bleacher Area
- c) Baseball Diamonds and Concession Booths
- d) Soccer Fields
- e) Basketball Courts
- f) Outdoor pavilions
- g) Numerous Parks including, but not limited to:
  - Grace Patterson Park
  - Harrington Community Park
  - Lion's South Park
  - Matheson Park

A full copy of By-law 23-11 is available on the Township's website at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca) or by contacting the Township office.

If you have any questions please contact the By-law Enforcement Officer at 519-485-2490 ext. 230



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## ROUNABOUT - Highway 2 & County Road 6 - Back Open!

Work on the new roundabout is complete and the intersection of Highway 2 and County Road 6 is back open. Public Works is reminding motorists to yield to traffic as you approach the roundabout. If emergency vehicles approach, exit the roundabout before pulling over. Please visit the County of Oxford website at [www.oxfordcounty.ca](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca) for more information.

## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

### WINTER ROADWAY MAINTENANCE ON TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA ROADS

The Council of the Township of Zorra has defined the period when Township of Zorra employees will be performing winter roadway maintenance (salting, sanding, ploughing, and related activities) on the Township roadways. The level of service to be delivered is prescribed in the Minimum Maintenance Standards – Ontario Regulation 239/02 regarding snow and ice control. The Minimum Maintenance Standards are a regulation of the Municipal Act, 2001.

The period of Winter Roadway Maintenance is defined from: **November 14, 2011 to April 13, 2012**. Service will be delivered during the following hours: Monday to Friday - 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with additional hours as determined by weather conditions. Saturday, Sunday and holidays - as determined by weather conditions.

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If you are currently enrolled in the pre-authorized payment plan, you do not have to re-apply each year, only if there is a change with the account.

## WHY NOT TRY PAYING YOUR TAXES ON-LINE???

Online or telephone banking is available for making monthly, arrears, or regular installments. All banks accept Zorra as a client and the account number required is your ROLL NUMBER from your tax bill, starting after 3227.

## COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY!

### VACANCY REBATE PROGRAM

If your commercial or industrial property was vacant for a period of up to three months for 2011 you are eligible for a vacancy rebate. Applications can be found on our website or picked up at the Township Office.

The deadline for filing is February 29, 2012.

**JUST A REMINDER**, if you remove a structure from your property, it is your responsibility to contact our office to have the structure written off.

**For further information or if you have any other tax questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

*Season Greetings and Merry Christmas from the Tax Department and all the best for the New Year.*

**Kelly Hall, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer  
519-485-2490 x 222 [khall@zorra.on.ca](mailto:khall@zorra.on.ca)**

## Embryo Sewer Debentures

Property owners in Embro will be billed for their Sanitary Sewer Bill in the spring of 2012. This bill will be issued by the County of Oxford for approximately \$16 000.00 per lot. There will be only two options for payments – either payment in full or a debenture for 10 years. The debenture will be based on the fixed annual interest rate determined at the time of the debenture issue. The debenture will be added to your annual property taxes and split over all of the tax installments. Please find listed below a few pros and cons enclosed for your consideration of using a debenture or paying the sewer in full with a line of credit or bank loan or cash.

Pros	Cons
<b>Debenture</b>	
quarterly payments added with annual taxes	must stay with the property, if selling within the 10 years
the debenture stays with the property, not with the tax payer	10 years of paying a fixed interest rate  if selling your property, the new owner assumes the debenture
<b>Personal Line of Credit or Bank Loan</b>	
flexible interest rate applying for the line of credit at our bank	applying for the line of credit at our bank
can be paid off at any time	
able to borrow as much or as little as required	
does not increase my yearly taxes	
great selling feature, that the debenture is paid	
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more control over your finances	

The Building and Drainage Department is responsible for the administration and enforcement of various pieces of Provincial legislation and policies including the Ontario Building Code Act, Drainage Act and Planning Act as they apply to buildings, structures and their occupancy and drainage issues as well as numerous municipal by-laws such as the Building Control by-law, Zoning by-law, Nutrient Management by-law and Fencing by-law.

The main role of the Building and Drainage Department is to ensure that the building environment in which we live and work is safe and healthy. This is accomplished through the issuance of building and demolition permits, approval of nutrient management plans and by conducting inspections.

A Building Permit is the written authorization which grants legal permission to begin construction of any new structure, addition or renovation. It is issued only when the plans for construction comply with the Ontario Building Code, the Township of Zorra Zoning By-law and other applicable laws and regulations.

A Building Permit Application can be obtained on the Township Website ([www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)) or at the Municipal Office from the Chief Building Official. This application must be completed for the issuance of the building permit. In addition to the completed

application form, applicants must also submit building drawings, plans and other documents to the municipality for processing. A detailed description of the planned work and intended occupancy, identification of the building lot or site, a valuation of the proposed work including materials and labour costs are required.

For exterior work, a floor plan, a cross section, a site plan and elevations will be required. For interior work, a floor plan and a cross section drawing will be required. Buildings that are over 3 stories or greater than 600 square metres will require an architect or an engineer to design and prepare plans for the building. Each application shall be accompanied by 2 complete sets of building plans and specifications unless otherwise specified.

The Building Permit fees are determined by the cost per square foot, dollar value, and flat rate for some buildings. The permit fee is payable at the time the Building Permit is issued. Applicable fees are available on the township website.

For any inquiries or comments about any services provided by the Building & Drainage department, please contact Mike Hughes, Chief Building Official/Drainage Superintendent at 519-485-2490 ext. 224 or by email at [mhughes@zorra.on.ca](mailto:mhughes@zorra.on.ca).

## Projects that do require a building permit:

- New construction and additions (including new homes, additions, renovations, decks, porches)
- New windows and doors that are wider than the existing ones
- Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems
- Farm buildings
- Plumbing (including septic systems and repairs)
- Accessory buildings greater than 10 square metres (108 square feet), e.g. sheds, garages
- Swimming Pools
- Wood-burning stoves or fireplaces
- Permanent sign structures
- Change of use
- Solar Panels
- Demolition of buildings and removal of walls or columns
- Mobile Homes

## Projects that do not require a building permit:

- Painting and decorating
- Fences (other than pool enclosures)
- Sheds under 10 square metres (108 square feet) in area
- Asphalt roof shingling
- Minor masonry repairs
- Damp proofing of basements
- Kitchen/bathroom cupboards
- Eaves troughs
- Free standing satellite dishes
- Siding replacement
- Window replacement (same size as existing ones)
- Replacement of plumbing fixtures
- Pool heaters
- Other cosmetic work

Please note that although a building permit may not be required, you must still comply with the requirements of the Building Code and the Zoning By-law. For any inquiries please contact Michael Hughes, Chief Building Official, at 519-485-2490 ext 224.



# ROED Rural Oxford Economic Development

Prepared by Carla Garrett and Karen Nelson Hamilton  
Rural Oxford Economic Development BR+E Project - Nov. 12, 2011

Beginning this month, community businesses will be given the opportunity to voice their opinions about the local economy.

In early November trained volunteers and staff started meeting with local businesses to identify their needs and concerns, ask their opinions about government, and determine in what ways the local business climate can be improved.

The project is known as the Rural Oxford Economic Development Business Retention and Expansion Project. The business visits have four purposes. First, we want to show our local businesses that we really appreciate the contributions they are making to our local community. Second, we want to see if they have any concerns, and, if so, if there are ways we can help. Third, we will be offering to help our local businesses take better advantage of business resources. Finally, we want the businesses to help us set priorities on future directions of local economic efforts.

Businesses should have received an information package containing an introduction letter, discussing the purpose of the project, as well as a copy of the survey. All information collected from the surveys will remain confidential. The data will be entered into an online tool, which will provide reports on the information that was collected.

We have created a website to showcase the profiles of the rural communities as well as provide updates on the BR+E project. Please take the time to visit the website ([www.roed.ca](http://www.roed.ca)) and provide us with any feedback you have. Also, please link us to your site, and distribute this website to all your friends, clients and coworkers who may be interested in the project!

And lastly, if you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Visitor, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Carla Garrett at [cgarrett@zorra.on.ca](mailto:cgarrett@zorra.on.ca) or project coordinator Karen Nelson Hamilton for more information.

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# From Ice Breaker to Call Maker

Kintore's Sylena Mutsaers-Gignac

When Janet Mutsaers rushed her six year old daughter Sylena to St. Joseph's Hospital Emergency Department on October 31, 1984, she had little idea it would be the beginning of an incredible life journey she and her daughter would share for years to come.

Sylena's breathing was laboured and difficult; the diagnosis, a tumour in her airway; a capillary haemangioma, commonly known as a strawberry birthmark. Throughout the next few years, Sylena would endure numerous surgeries, treatments and extensive speech therapy, five days a week. Her mother Janet was by her side throughout.

When it was all over, Sylena was left with a quiet, but deep and raspy voice, which was not unnoticed by others. Sylena remembers, "I endured a lot of teasing from children and adults, for that matter; so did my mom, but she didn't let that hinder my involvement in the community or in sport."

Sylena and her sister Sonya were figure skaters in Embro. Sylena excelled at the sport and, at the age of eight years old, was skating with the eleven year old skaters. With this higher level of competition came the additional costs of ice and equipment; costs the Mutsaers were unable to afford due to Sylena's extensive speech therapy, Sylena reflects, "From the day I could no longer figure skate I wanted to play hockey like my younger brother (Brian), who started out figure skating in Embro and then moved on to play travel hockey in Thamesford, then AA in Woodstock and eventually playing Junior C in Norwich. Unfortunately my mom would not let me play with the boys and I had to wait until a girls program started in the area."

That program was soon to come and Sylena commenced her hockey career with the Embro Ice Breakers in the team's inaugural season, 1997-1998. The team was coached by Ron Piett who, at the time, said about the team, "The girls were very committed to the game and are a very enthusiastic group of kids."

Commitment to and enthusiasm for the game are something Sylena certainly had; she wanted to be the best she could be. Prior to her first hockey season she enrolled in a power skating clinic run by Bob Hogg and Pat Crossman at the arena in Thamesford, "Skating in hockey skates became natural."

Janet and Henry Mutsaers were both active members in the Kintore Optimist Club. Henry is still active today. During the same time that Sylena started playing hockey; Janet encouraged twelve year old Sylena to take a soccer refereeing clinic. It became Sylena's first summer job; a



The Mutsaers Family L to R: Brian, Henry, Sylena, Janet and Sonya

job she fondly remembers, "I loved being outside in the summer and it turns out I was a pretty decent official."

Others also felt she was a good official and let Janet know. With much positive feedback about Sylena's officiating and with her passion for the game of hockey, Janet decided to enrol her then sixteen year old daughter in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's (O.M.H.A.) Ice Hockey Referee Clinic in Guelph. This was a surprise to Sylena, who remembers crying when her mom told her she was going to become a hockey referee. Later that year Sylena stopped refereeing soccer so she could concentrate on hockey.

After graduating from A.J. Baker Public Elementary School in Kintore, Sylena chose to attend St. Mary's Catholic High School in Woodstock because the school had a girls' hockey program. Sylena was an all-round student; she was on the volleyball, basketball, soccer and triathlon teams; while at the same time maintaining a





high average. Her efforts and achievements did not go unnoticed as she was the recipient of the London Free Press Athlete of the Year award two consecutive years, 2002 and 2003.

In 2007, Sylena earned her Bachelor of Science of Nursing (BSCN) from the University of Western Ontario and has just started working in the Paediatric Emergency Department at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton. "I became a nurse, again with encouragement from my mother (because mothers always know best) but also because I wanted to give back to those who gave to save my life. I love emergency medicine and I have always wanted to work with the paediatric population so I am excited for this new challenge."

Throughout her high school and university years, Sylena refereed at many levels of hockey; she continues to this date. Janet thought refereeing would be a perfect student job for her daughter; she was right, but she could not have seen the successes and achievements Sylena would have by doing so.

Sylena is now a Registered LEVEL IV Official; her extensive resume includes: the Canada Winter Games, Women's Four Nation Cup, University CIS Nationals; the International Championship in Stockholm, Sweden for Under 18 World Championships. Sylena shared with ice with hockey greats Marie Philip Poulin, Haley Wickenheiser and Kim St. Pierre when she refereed the first Canada-U.S.A. match up following the gold medal game of Vancouver 2010.

Sochi 2014 is well within this young woman's sights, "My goal is to continue to work hard, skate fast and represent Hockey Canada at both the International and

National levels, while pursuing the ultimate dream and officiate at the highest level, the Olympic Winter Games." An

ironic statement given she played her first hockey season the same year that Women's Hockey became an official Olympic event at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano.

On October 17, 2009, Sylena married her best friend Mark Gignac. Mark too has a passion for the great game of hockey and works for Bauer Canada. It was he that wrote the phrase, "H.C.F" in a letter to Sylena



Janet & Sylena (this is Sylena's personal favourite)



Wedding Party on ice at Embro's arena

during an international event. When she asked what it meant he replied, "Hockey Comes First". This phrase now represents this couple's commitment to support each other, not only in hockey, but in life; they truly support each other's dreams, ambitions and commitment. Sylena says it best, "Whether it is officiating at 2014 Olympics, Mark pursuing a career at Bauer, having wedding photos on the ice, or waking up at 6:00 AM when we have children to take them to the rink, we will always stand by each other along the way in reaching our goals." The couple reside in Smithville with their faithful and beloved dog, Tuuk.

Twenty-seven years have passed since Janet Mutsaers rushed her young daughter to the hospital. During the trials and accomplishments, Sylena has never forgotten the sacrifices made by her parents, in particular her mother, "When I talk to her about how she has been such an influence in my life she is humbled and doesn't get why I talk so highly of her." Not too worry Sylena, those reading this know why.



Wedding Day Skate with Mark at Embro's arena



# Thamesford Wall of Recognition

The Township of Zorra Council and Staff would like to congratulate all inductees to the Thamesford Wall of Recognition.

The Criteria for the persons named on the Recognition Wall is:

**“This person has made a positive, long-lasting contribution to the Thamesford community and/or beyond; setting a high standard and displaying diligence, integrity and generosity.”**

The Township of Zorra was pleased to recognize their contributions to our Township and Community by placing their names on the Wall of Recognition. The Official Dedication was held on November 2, 2011 in the Beaty Room, Thamesford Library.

The inductees (pictured below) were added to the Wall of Recognition with the existing names that are as follows:

John Finkle	George Robbins	Kristy McCabe
Jacob David Allen	Duncan Hossack	Dorothy Forbes
Christopher Brock	Harvey Beaty	Marion Payne
Eleazer McCarty	Tony Kelly	Ron McLellan
John McWilliam	Charles Ward	Don Martin
Thomas Filmore	Pat Sageman	Michael Kerr
Dr. T. Moffat Weir	Marg Marshall	Brian Kerr
Joel McCarty	Ron Calhoun	Mark Hominick
Grace Patterson	Beryl Baigent	Kristy Coleman
Ted Nancekivell	Kim Lightheart	Jason Coleman
George Teather	Randy Sageman	
Anabel McKay	M. Jeanette Alyea	

### *Volunteer Firefighters serving over 25 years:*

Harland Betzner, Gordon Calder, Wayne Gilbert, Jack Taylor, Lloyd Weir, Joe Wallace, Albert Darlison, Harry Martin, William Thom, Lawrence Dawson, Robert McFarlan, Ted Wallace, William Cairns, Fred Dennison, Douglas Taylor and Alex Weir.



**Back (LtoR):** Robert Fisher, Linda Schwientek, Betty Semeniuk, Richard Hryniw, Dick Howard, Robert Henderson, Keith Webb (for Thamesford Trojans Hockey Team).

**Middle (LtoR):** Dr. Robert Houston, Charles Clipperton, Erika Lorenzen, Joan Hryniw, Pat Woods, Ellen Wallace, Jack Broadfoot.

**Front (LtoR):** Kay Patience, Howard Patience, Mrs. Robert Forbes, Mrs. Sy Glover, Norman Lansdell

**Absent:** Larry Taylor

## Thamesford Events

### Thamesford Santa Clause Parade – December 18th, 2011 at 6:00 pm

#### Beachville Museum Open House

December 4th – 2:00 to 4:00 pm with  
“Greetings” at 2:30 pm. Lots of cookies,  
squares and beverages provided by the  
Historical Society.

#### Thamesford Arena

##### Public Skating:

Every Sunday (ends March 25th)  
2:00 to 3:00 pm Except Holidays

##### Parent/Tot Skate:

Every Tuesday (ends April 17th)  
9:30 to 10:30 am

##### Adult/Senior Skate:

Every Tuesday (ends April 17th)  
10:30 to 11:30 am

#### December 2011

Lions Community Carol Sing  
Sunday, December 4th

##### Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons

December 27, 2011 2:00 to 3:00 pm  
December 29, 2011 2:00 to 3:00 pm

#### January 2012

##### Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons

January 2, 2012 2:00 to 3:00 pm  
January 5, 2012 2:00 to 3:00 pm

##### Higgins Old Shifters Tournament

January 26-29th, 2012

#### February 2012

Lions Family Day Event  
February 20th, 2012

#### March 2012

##### Public Skating

March 15th, 2012 2:00 to 3:00 pm

#### April 2012

Lions Ham Hassel April 5th, 2012

Ice Ends April 20th, 2012 (depending on the  
Thamesford Trojans Playoff Schedule)

## Embro Events

### Embro West Zorra Community Centre

##### Public Skating:

Every Sunday (ends March 25th)  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Except Holidays

##### Parent/Tot Skate:

Every Wednesday (ends March 28th)  
10:00 to 11:00 am

##### Adult Skate:

Every Wednesday (ends March 28th)  
11:00 to 12:00 pm

##### Yoga Sessions:

Every Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 am  
and 9:00 to 10:30 am  
Contact Kinga Burjan 519-410-5756

##### Pick-Up Hockey

Every Saturday 9:30 to 10:30 pm  
Contact Dave 519-860-6058

#### January 2012

##### Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons

January 3, 2012 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
January 4, 2012 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
January 5, 2012 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

#### March 2012

Ice Ends Saturday March 31st, 2012

**Special thanks to Tim Hortons  
for sponsoring our Christmas  
Public Skating.**

### ZORRA SPORTS!

Please contact the Township  
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News regarding local athletes!!

## Council

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## Upcoming Council Meetings:

### 2011

December 6 9:30 a.m.  
December 20 6:30 p.m.

### 2012

January 10 9:30 a.m.  
January 24 6:30 p.m.  
February 7 9:30 a.m.  
February 21 6:30 p.m.  
March 6 9:30 a.m.  
March 20 6:30 p.m.  
April 3 9:30 a.m.  
April 17 6:30 p.m.

## Township of Zorra Employee Announcements

*The Township of Zorra Staff would like to Welcome Trevor Sanderson to our Team!  
Trevor is the new Recreation & Facilities Manager.*

## Employees

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*Thamesford District Chief* - Bill Cairns  
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519-285-2236  
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Embros West Zorra Community Centre  
519-475-6061  
Email: ewzcc@zorra.on.ca

Thamesford Area Swimming Pool  
519-285-3063

*Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year from the Township of  
Zorra Council and Staff!*



## Minor Sports

### Embryo:

Embryo Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-475-6515
Zorra Skating Club	519-475-4646
Embryo Minor Ball Association	519-475-4012
Embryo Minor Soccer Association	519-475-4210

### Kintore:

Kintore Minor Soccer	519-283-1120
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### Thamesford:

Thamesford Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-285-3401
Thamesford Skating Club	519-461-0291
Thamesford Jr. "D" Hockey Club	519-285-3107
Thamesford Minor Ball	519-285-5521
Thamesford Minor Soccer	519-285-9936
Thamesford Rec. Men's Slow Pitch	519-268-2232
Thamesford NBC League	519-285-2164
Zorra Girls Hockey	519-461-0347

## Schools (Elementary)

### Embryo

Zorra Highland Public School	519-475-4121
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### Kintore

A.J. Baker Public School	519-283-1098
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### Thamesford

Thamesford Public School	519-285-2043
Tollgate Central French Immersion	519-537-7321
St. Joseph's Catholic School	519-660-2784
John Knox Christian School	519-539-1492

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## School Boards

Thames Valley District School Board	519-452-2000	1-888-224-3354
London District Catholic School Board	519-663-2088	

## Service Clubs & Community Groups

Thamesford Taking Action Group	519-285-3919
Thamesford Lion's Club	519-285-2734
Kintore Optimist Club	519-283-6321

## Other

Alzheimers Society	519-421-2466
Beachville District Museum	519-423-6497
Caledonian Society	519-475-6765
Calithumpian Committee	519-285-2515
Canadian Blood Services	888-236-6283
Canadian Cancer Society	888-939-3333
Canadian Red Cross	519-539-0265
Children's Aid Society, Oxford County	519-539-6176
Crime Stoppers	800-222-TIPS
Cuckoos Nest Folk Music	519-473-2099
East Nissouri History Book	519-349-2069
Embryo West Zorra History Book	519-475-4443
Embryo Library	519-475-4172
Embryo & Zorra Agricultural Society	519-475-4437
Fanshawe Pioneer Village	519-457-1296
Girl Guides - Thamesford	519-285-3749
Harrington & Area Community Association	
President: Sam Cogan	519-475-4097
Harrington Public Library	519-475-6909
Hardeman, Ernie, MPP.	519-537-5222
Horticultural Society (Ingersoll)	519-485-1808
Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre	519-485-4691
Ingersoll Theatre of Performing Arts	519-485-3070
MacKenzie, Dave MP	519-485-5225
Ontario Early Years Programs	800-539-9800
OPP	800-265-7191
Oxford County Jr. Farmers	519-469-3281
Thamesford Block Parents	519-285-1126
Thamesford Business Association	519-285-3496
Thamesford Public Library	519-285-3219
Thamesford Snowmobile Club	519-285-5014
Township of Zorra	519-485-2490
Scouts - Thamesford	519-285-5835
Welcome Wagon	519-485-2990
Women's Canadian Club	519-471-8924

## Municipal Holiday Closures

The Municipal Office will be closed at 2:30 p.m. on Friday December 23rd, 2011 and will re-open Monday January 2nd at 8:30 a.m. In case of an emergency requiring Township staff, please call 519-485-2490 and leave a message at extension 226. Messages will be monitored on a daily basis and forwarded to a contact person. At any time during this holiday season, the

Township Public Works Department will provide service if weather conditions warrant snow removal to ensure public safety.

## The Oxford County landfill will be closed on the following days for the holiday season:

Monday, December 26, 2011 and  
Monday, January 2, 2012

# Safety Tips for Winter Walking

When the winter air is crisp and the ground is covered with snow, there's nothing like taking a walk to enjoy the beauty of the season — and walking is one of the best ways to keep fit.

On the other hand, winter can be a challenging time of year to get out and about. Freezing rain, icy surfaces and piles of hard-packed snow pose a hazard for the innocent pedestrian.

A few simple measures can make it safer to walk outdoors in the winter. Removing snow and ice, putting sand or salt on areas where people walk, and wearing the right footwear all make a big difference.

## Basic Precautions

The Canada Safety Council offers seniors some practical suggestions to stay active in winter.

As winter approaches, outfit yourself for safe walking:

Choose a good pair of winter boots. For warmth and stability look for these features:

- well insulated and waterproof;
- thick, non-slip tread sole;
- wide, low heels; and
- light in weight.

Ice grippers on footwear can help you walk on hard packed snow and ice. But be careful! Grippers become dangerously slippery and must be removed before walking on smooth surfaces such as stone, tile and ceramic. Before buying the grippers, be sure that you are able to attach and remove them from your boots, this is best done sitting down.



Use a cane to help with balance. Have it fitted to the right height for you. When your cane is held upside down, the end should be at wrist level. Speak to your doctor, pharmacist or local public health department about how to use your cane properly. Attach an ice pick at the end of your cane. Cane picks will be slippery on hard surfaces so be sure to flip it back as you get indoors. Picks are available at most drug stores.

Wear a hip protector (a lightweight belt or pant with shields to guard the hips). It can help protect the hips against fractures and give added confidence.

Help other road users see you by wearing bright colors or adding reflective material to clothing.

Prevent heat loss by wearing a warm hat, scarf, and mittens or gloves. Dressing in layers may also keep you warmer.

Source: Canada Safety Council [www.safety-council.org](http://www.safety-council.org)

# Dave MacKenzie

Member of Parliament for Oxford, Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Please contact any of my offices for assistance with federal government issues, such as employment insurance, citizenship, immigration and passports.

**Celebrating a birthday? An anniversary?**  
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DAVE MACKENZIE

## HOLIDAY HOURS

*The Thamesford District Recreation Centre* will close at 12:00 pm on December 24th and will re-open on December 27th. It will also close at 12:00 pm on December 31st and re-open on January 2nd.

The Centre will also be closed on December 25, 26, and January 1, 2012.

*The Embro West Zorra Community Centre* will close at 12:00 pm on December 24th and will re-open on December 27th. It will also close at 12:00 pm on December 31st and re-open on January 2nd. The Centre will also be closed on December 25 and 26, however will be open for ice rentals on December 31st – Please contact 519-475-6061 for availability.

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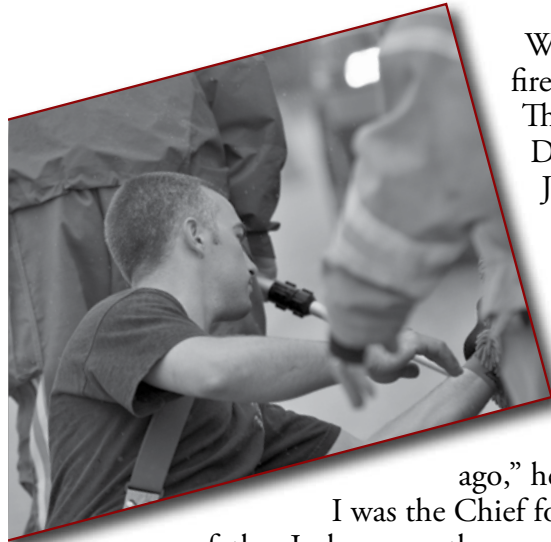
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# Pride in the 60-year-old Thamesford Fire Department

By GEOFF DALE



When it comes to firefighting for past Thamesford Fire Department Chief Joe Wallace, it's clearly in the blood.

"I joined the department when I was 23 or a little before, about 51 years

ago," he says. Of that time,

I was the Chief for 40 years. My father Jack was on the committee to start the department. We had some fires, in fact where the hall is now, the church burnt down and the London fire department had to come out and that took them more than half-an-hour to get there.

"My dad was the owner of Wallace Brothers Lumber and was on the committee to get the department going here in Thamesford. Then my older brother Ted joined the department and he was there for about 50 years or so. I've got two sons Gary and Tim that were on the department and a grandson Jeremy now there."

Joe makes it abundantly clear he is proud of both the current firefighters and the department he was an integral part of for half a century.

"They have an excellent department, always have," he says. "It's first class. I really can't single out any particular events that come to mind as the most memorable but I know we saved a lot of lives and a lot of buildings over the years. You may be up and down at times but I am so proud of the boys because they are really good firemen.

"We always got along well and never had any trouble with anybody. They are all well trained and right now Bill is doing a really nice job of being the Chief. I've bought quite a few of the trucks that are there and helped

with the rebuilding of the old one-storey hall we had up by the United Church.

"I helped the people who built the Uniondale department and was also on the committee when it started the addition on the Embro department. We got things in pretty good shape and I'm pretty proud."

The current Chief's love of firefighting made a transatlantic journey more than four decades ago.

"Prior to my emigrating from Scotland to Canada in October, 1966 I worked as a full time firefighter with the Central Scotland Fire Brigade stationed in Stirling for five years," says Bill.

"I joined the Thamesford Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter January 1, 1967 under Chief Joe Wallace. In 1979 I was promoted to Deputy Chief and then in 2001, when Chief Wallace retired, I was promoted to Chief."

While he admits it is difficult picking out occasions that stand out in his mind over the past 44 years with the Thamesford department, he says the most memorable event was when Cold Springs Farm Limited's soybean plant caught fire on February 9, 2005.



“With 350,000 bushels of soybeans and 500,000 bushels of corn it took five days and 938 man hours to extinguish the smoldering grain,” he recalls. “We also had the Embro Fire Department, the Uniondale Fire Department and the Ingersoll Fire Department with their aerial truck assisting us at the early stages of the fire.

“Looking back over the years I have a real sense of pride about belonging to this department and working alongside the 25 who volunteer their time and community effort.”

Looking for more historical data on the Thamesford Fire Department?

It can be found on the unique place mats used in the commemorative open house held Sunday, November 13 at the Thamesford Fire Station.

Photos by Karen Calder



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# THAMESFORD FIRE DEPT.

# 60<sup>TH</sup>

## Thamesford & Area



# Anniversary

On March 19, 1950 the Orange Hall, which was the former Methodist Church, on the northwest corner of Delatre and George Streets, burned to the ground despite the efforts of the local "Bucket Brigade". At this time it was decided to form a fire department and buy a fire truck. The organizational meeting was held in the Public Library on August 7, 1950. Fire Chief Donald McKay had been elected at a previous meeting. Alan Noad was nominated assistant fire chief with Jack Wallace and Percy Elgie as captains. Other firefighters were Ken Hogg, Merrit Hogg, Bill Thom, Bob McFarlan, Nelson Oliver, Albert Darlinson, Jim McKay, Bill Stevens, Howard Clark, Wes Nairn, Don Hutchinson, Lawrence Dawson, Bill Payne, Bert Vandeburgh, Cal Hogg and Bruce McGregor. A siren in an alarm box was to be installed at the corner of Dundas & George Streets, in front of the post office building which was standing there at the time. A small garage was built at 133 George Street to accommodate a fire truck and hoses. The bell from Gordon Hogg's garage was put on the roof to act as a reserve alert signal. An alarm, activated by a push button on the outside of the building was also installed. The vehicle purchased in 1951 was a triple combination fire with an ability to pump 625 gallons per minute and with a capacity of 450 gallons of water, built by Bickle-Seagrave of Woodstock. The first trip for the new truck was major fire at Riverside Poultry, just north of the village. In the 1950's and early 1960's, when someone phoned for assistance at a fire, the telephone operator accepted the call and alerted the volunteer firefighter by setting off the siren, located in the fire-hall tower. When Thamesford lost its operator to technology in 1963, fire alarms came into the home of six designated firemen, and the alarm was set off by whoever received the call. By 1985 a county-wide system went into effect whereby all calls were received by a Woodstock dispatcher who alerted the volunteer firemen by pager.



# 1950



## 60 Years of Service in our Community

*This ad was generously put together by JC Graphics*



The holiday season is approaching and some residents will be affected by the holiday garbage and recycling schedule. If Monday is your regular day for garbage and recycling pickup, then the following changes will affect your household:

- Monday December 26th garbage will be collected on Saturday December 24th.
- Monday January 2nd garbage and recycling will be collected on Saturday, December 31st.
- Be sure to have your items at the curb by 7am on your collection day.

If Tuesday is your regular collection day, then you will not have any changes to your collection schedule.

## Waste Diversion Calendars 2011/2012

The County of Oxford mailed the 2011/2012 Waste Diversion Calendars to all households in Oxford County during the month of March. If you did not receive a calendar, please contact our office and we will have one mailed to you or visit the Oxford County Website at [www.oxfordcounty.ca](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca) to order one online. This publication contains all pertinent information on garbage, recycling and special waste programs scheduled from April 2011 to March 2012.

## Christmas Tree Disposal

For all Township residents, natural Christmas trees can be taken to any Leaf and Yard Waste Depots to be recycled.

Please remember to remove all decorations and plastic bags used for transportation.

The Leaf and Yard Waste Depot is located across from the Kintore Public Works Yards at 783036 Road 78.



## Oxford County Landfill Site

Location: 384060 Salford Road (County Road 46), Salford  
Landfill Hours: Monday to Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Please note that the Oxford County Landfill site is closed on statutory holidays.  
Tipping Fees will be applied to each load (some exceptions apply).

The Thamesford Lions Club will pick-up natural trees within the Village of Thamesford on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Trees are to be placed at the curb no later than 9 a.m. on January 4th, 2012.

## WINTER GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION NOTICE

### Winter Garbage and Recycling Collection

Inclement weather in the winter months often leads to many problems for garbage and recycling collection. In some cases of severe weather, collection may be suspended or delayed. Check the Oxford County Website for details as it will be posted there immediately or call your local municipal office.

### Tips for successful winter garbage and recycling collection:

- Place your garbage and recycling where it can be clearly seen and safely collected.
- Ensure material is free of snow and ice and is visible to the collection crew. Do not place material on top of snow banks.
- White garbage bags are difficult to see in the winter. Black or green garbage bags are best to use in winter weather.
- Keep a path from the road to your collectibles clear of snow and ice.
- Collection staff cannot climb over snow banks to pick up material. Safe placement of collectibles helps avoid worker injury.
- Keep material out of the path of snowplows and sidewalks. This may mean placing bags curbside (before 7:00 am) on collection day. Broken bags may not be collected, and clean up is your responsibility.
- Should you have acceptable on-site storage, you may wish to not set out materials during times of extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall).
- Place bag tag around the neck of the garbage bag so that the ends of the tag are stuck to one another. This will prevent lost tags as some tags may not stick to a cold plastic bag.

For more information please call the Oxford County Public Works Department at 519-539-9800, extension 3114.

Robert Walton, P. Eng.  
Director of Public Works  
County of Oxford



# Health Starts at Home

VON is a not-for-profit, national health care organization and registered charity offering a wide array of community health care solutions. Since 1914, VON Oxford has consistently responded to the health and social needs of the people in our community including many programs available in Zorra Township.

**Need help around the house?** Home Help is a program that can assist with routine household activities such as light housekeeping, errands and meal preparation.

**Need to eat better but don't have the energy to prepare a healthy meal?** Meals on Wheels offers nutritious, well balanced meals available hot in Tavistock and Woodstock and frozen in surrounding areas. A wide array of entrees, desserts and soups, frozen meals are delivered biweekly by a friendly volunteer.

**How's your feet?** VON Footcare clinics or in home footcare is available by specially trained professional nursing staff.

**How's that Blood Pressure?** Blood Pressure drop in clinics occur monthly throughout the county including locations in Tavistock, Woodstock and Ingersoll.

**Need to get in shape?** SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Exercise Program is a VON accredited program for seniors 55+ and is based on a goal of increasing mobility, stamina and having fun!

**Need some socializing?** Volunteer Visiting meets a variety of needs of isolated seniors and adults with disabilities throughout Oxford County. Volunteers provide companionship through weekly visits and are matched with clients based on their personalities, mutual interests and availability. Adult Day Programs provide supervised activities in a group setting and are located in Ingersoll, Tillsonburg and Woodstock

**Need some support?** Volunteer Hospice trained volunteers provide emotional and practical support to people experiencing a life threatening or terminal illness. Their knowledge and experience help the client and families through diagnosis, treatment and outcome of their illness, including bereavement support in home or hospital. Caregiver Support programs are for caregivers to help provide specific care and emotional support.

**Want to help?** Volunteers are integral to VON's Mission, working in partnership with staff to develop, implement and deliver a wide array of services that meet community needs. Volunteer opportunities include Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Programs, Volunteer Visiting, Hospice Volunteer Services, Foot Care, Sakura House, Blood Pressure Clinics and SMART (Exercise) Programs. Experience all the enjoyments of volunteering – meeting new people, formal recognition for your service, social events, educational opportunities and the satisfaction of helping in your own community.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, donating, or any of the VON Oxford programs please contact us at the information below.

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## Township of Zorra Memorial Trees

The Township of Zorra Memorial Tree Program was established in 1995 by the Zorra Cemetery Committee and Council in co-operation with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (U.T.R.C.A) and various funeral directors in the immediate area. Memorial trees are planted in various public locations throughout the Township. Planting takes place annually in the Spring at a pre-selected and approved site made in consultation with the U.T.R.C.A. A donation may be arranged through the Township of Zorra or one of the participating funeral directors. The name of the deceased will be published in the "Memorial Tree Dedication Record."

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