

Zorra now

community events and services



Spring 2014





There are many issues of interest and/or concern for residents of Zorra Township but none are more serious than Walker Environmental Group's landfill proposal. I will not go into details as information is on the Township website and those of you without computer access can contact the Township Office for any information you require.

It is sufficient to say that the proposal is for a very large site planned to receive garbage from anywhere in Ontario, and possibly beyond, but I have no details. People continue to say that Zorra favours this project. Nothing could be further from the truth. Your Council is on record as opposing this proposal. I cannot understand anyone being in favour with the information available to this point.

There are many concerns regarding the site: noise, dust, odor, traffic---the list goes on---but nothing is more important than protecting our ground water. Zorra depends on groundwater and I feel strongly that we have a responsibility to see that water leaving our municipality is as clean and safe as the water we receive. Under no circumstances should we be willing to accept potential contamination of our aquifers.

There is a regulated process that is to be followed and whether we agree with the company making the proposal or not, we must allow them the opportunity to make their case. This is a very long and involved legal process and we do not want to be accused of dealing "in bad faith".

It is very unfortunate the proposal is for a landfill. Putting garbage into the ground is the very last alternative to consider. Surely there are other (and better) options. I am not familiar with incineration but I continue to read about countries in Europe who seem—at least as far as I determine—to be able to do this in an environmentally safe way and are producing energy and heat which they use to great advantage in their communities. I spoke on Friday with a gentleman who told me about a group of people from Europe who toured a landfill in Ontario who laughed and made fun of the site saying such things as "Don't you know how valuable the material is that you are burying in the ground?" I have been told of European countries that face shortages of garbage for their more positive methods of disposal.

I admit I am not expert in any of these ways of dealing with garbage but certainly would favour investigations being made as to processes used and the results both practically and environmentally.

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I continue to be disappointed at the very few residents who have contacted me about this proposal. There are people who tell me that fighting is a waste of time because "It has already been decided." I know that I must fight. I have a responsibility to you and to my children and grandchildren. How can we hope to have the government stop this if Zorra residents are not showing any opposition? Even if the Provincial ministries become convinced this project can be done safely and they give their approvals, won't you feel better knowing you took a stand?

There have been information meetings held recently in Zorra but attendance has been somewhat disappointing. I was free to attend only one but found it to be most interesting. Why not now decide to attend the ones planned for the future? Listen to the speakers; do your own research; get involved; form your own opinion; talk to your neighbours; contact me; (You know how I feel about trying to represent people who don't share their thoughts about issues.) This is not a time for complacency. Rather it is time for serious investigation, serious thought and serious decisions.

Whatever your decision, I need to hear from you. There is much work to be done and your input and support is critical.



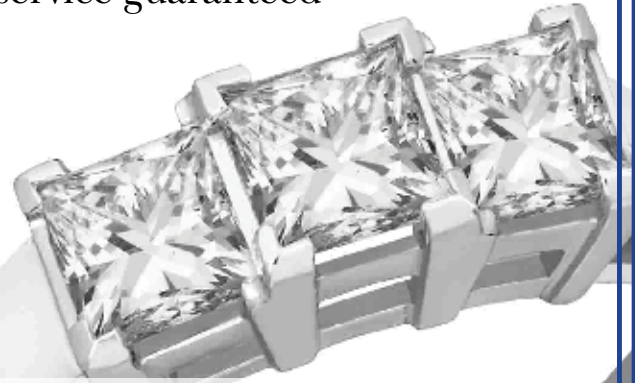
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The Township of Zorra Memorial Tree Program was established in 1995 by the Zorra Cemetery Committee and Council in co-operation with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (U.T.R.C.A) and various funeral directors in the immediate area. Memorial trees are planted in various public locations throughout the Township. **Planting takes place annually 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."

The current cost of having a memorial tree planted is \$40.00. (An income tax receipt will be issued by the U.T.R.C.A.)

Contact Karen Martin at kmartin@zorra.on.ca or (519) 485-2490 ext. 228 for further information.



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Waste Management and Special Collection Programs



Waste Diversion Calendars 2014/2015

The County of Oxford mailed the 2014/2015 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. This publication contains all pertinent information on garbage, recycling and special waste programs scheduled from April 2014 to April 2015.

Oxford County Landfill Site

Location: 384060 Salford Road (County Road 46), Salford
Landfill Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hours subject to change. Closed statutory holidays. Tipping Fees will be applied to each load (some exceptions apply)

Special Waste Collection Event

June 7th 8:00am – 12:00pm • Cami Parking Lot, Ingersoll



BATTERY RECYCLING

The Township of Zorra has started a free program for recycling of household batteries through Raw Materials Company Inc. (RMC). The program is being offered at four locations throughout the Township:

- Township of Zorra Municipal Office, 274620 27th Line, RR 3, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3J6 – phone 519-485-2490
- Thamesford Arena, 85 Middleton Street, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0 – phone 519-285-2236
- Embro Arena, 355644 35th Line, Embro, ON N0J 1J0 – phone 519-475-6061
- Harrington Hall & Library, 539 Victoria Street, Harrington, ON N0J 1J0 – phone 519-475-6909

Please feel free to drop off your batteries at any of the above locations.

Since the start of this program in September of 2012, the Township of Zorra has collected and returned 392lbs. of batteries to Raw Materials Company for recycling.



Healthcare Undergoing Optimization

The Alexandra Hospital Foundation has undertaken a \$1.1 million campaign to raise funds for a patient safety initiative that will also increase efficiencies at Alexandra Hospital in Ingersoll. The new system called HUGO (Healthcare Undergoing Optimization) was introduced in November.

This investment in technology has many benefits including:

- increased patient safety
- simplified work processes
- reduction of medication errors through improved pharmacist dispensing and medication administration with barcode scanning
- improved transcription process with the Electronic Medication Administration Record
- meets required organizational accreditation standards
- standardizing of order sets and plans of care based on the most up-to-date evidence
- localizing the standard order set and plans of care to best meet the needs of the unique patient

The campaign kicked off in June with a donation of \$50,000 from Verspeeten Cartage. The total raised has now reached \$205,000! We are in need of the support of our local community to help us to reach our goal of \$1.1 million. For more information regarding HUGO go to www.hugoingersoll.ca or call Robin Schultz in the Foundation Office at 519-485-1700 ext. 8213.

ZORRA COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee is continuing to ask residents to complete a survey inviting concerns and comments that will help improve Safety and Security. The survey can be found online at

www.zorra.on.ca/Our-Township/Committees/ZCPC

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Zorra Fire & Emergency Services

SAFE BATTERY RECYCLING

CAUTION: Be careful when recycling batteries, specifically 9 volt batteries found in many smoke detectors today! Smoke detector batteries should be replaced regularly and therefore they may still be carrying a charge when you remove them, causing a potential fire hazard if stored incorrectly. There is more

of a concern with 9V batteries over other household batteries (i.e. AA or AAA types) because both terminals are at the same end and can be more easily bridged with conducting material. Recycling and disposing of these batteries is simple. Place a piece of electrical tape over the terminals when storing or recycling them to prevent the potential occurrence of fire.

Emergency Preparedness Week 2014 is May 4-10

The Ontario Fire Marshall and Emergency Management Ontario's theme this year is "I am ready. We are ready." The theme reinforces the importance of individual preparedness with the need to support community resiliency.

Create an Emergency Preparedness Action Plan and track how many Zorra residents become involved at: beprepared.emergencymanagementontario.ca/myplan

SMOKE ALARMS ... IT'S THE LAW

2013 became the busiest year yet for Zorra Fire & Emergency Services, responding to 188 incidents within the township. Although the calls range from motor vehicle accidents, medical assists or public hazards but to name a few, 17 of them were fire calls. Four of the fire calls involved either a home or business, with property damages exceeding \$2,000,000. Fortunately there were no fatalities or injuries. Despite increased awareness, each year we still encounter homes and businesses without working smoke detectors/alarms. These are proven tools to provide early detection of fires, and allow the occupants those precious extra seconds to escape a fire.

The Fire Services should be considered one of the last lines of defense. You need to be responsible yourself - fire is unpredictable and can happen at any time. One of the best ways for people to become proactive in their fire safety measures is to have smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors installed according to code on every floor of the home. The smoke alarm is the first line of defense in case of a fire.

When purchasing a device for your home/business, it is important to understand the difference between a smoke detector and a smoke alarm.

A smoke detector is exactly that, a device designed to sense smoke. It DOES NOT sound an alarm UNLESS used in conjunction with a paneled fire alarm system.

A smoke alarm is a two in one device (Most common). It detects smoke AND sounds the alarm. It can be battery operated or hardwired - installed and powered by the electrical current in your home. A hardwired unit should also have in its mechanism a battery backup in case of power failure.

There are two types of technology available in smoke detection/alarm devices. One is Ionization and the other is Photoelectric. When properly installed and maintained, both types of technology can and will save your life. For more information about these technologies and each of their advantages, see the Zorra website at www.zorra.on.ca

In Ontario, the Fire Code **REQUIRES ALL SINGLE FAMILY, SEMI-DETACHED AND TOWN HOMES HAVE A WORKING SMOKE ALARM ON EVERY FLOOR OF THE RESIDENCE, AND OUTSIDE ALL SLEEPING AREAS.**

If people in the house sleep with their doors closed it is recommended that smoke alarms be installed in each bedroom as well.

There is a penalty for failing to comply with the Fire Code smoke alarm requirements. An individual can be fined over \$200 and in the case of corporations and businesses, failing to comply, the fines can be from \$50,000 to \$100,000. It is also against the law to tamper with or disable a smoke alarm. This is considered a provincial offence and people guilty of tampering may be subject to fines (and yes, even removing a battery is considered tampering with the smoke alarm).

There is no price on peace of mind when it comes to your family's safety. Research and understand the differences between a smoke alarm and smoke detector and the difference and advantages of the two technologies available. Then make an educated decision as to what device will best protect your family. It is recommended that you purchase the highest quality smoke alarm that you and your family can afford.

We have excellent tips about installing fire alarms, and the locations to avoid when installing your alarms. Also available is more detailed information about different types of fire alarms, and about replacing fire alarms. To view this valuable information, please see our web site at www.zorra.on.ca, or contact the Zorra Fire Department.



INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS IT'S THE LAW!

BURNING REGULATIONS

Don't want to end up with a fine this year? Follow the Township of Zorra Burning Regulations!!

Open Air Burning

Open-air burning within the boundaries of the Township of Zorra is prohibited unless permission has been given by the Fire Chief or District Chief in the form of a Fire Permit. 24 Hour

notice is recommended to ensure your permit will be issued. Further information is available on the Township Website.

Recreation Burning

Recreational fires may be permitted which are contained within non-combustible containers or pits specifically designed for open-air burnings. General Provisions are outlined on the Township of Zorra website at www.zorra.on.ca

FOLLOW ZORRA EMERGENCY SERVICES ON TWITTER @ZORRAZCPC

Zorra Fire Services – Thamesford Station Car Wash. Sunday May 18 11am-1pm at the Thamesford Arena. All proceeds go to Muscular Dystrophy

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

RULES ABOUT DOGS

As the weather is now changing and dogs are outside for extended periods of time, please be aware of the Noise by-law, 69-12 Section 2 (2.1), as it relates to barking; the result of which may be a fine of \$125. Dogs require a leash at all times when walking off of your property. They shall not wander (Running at Large) on public or other private properties, the result may be a \$105 fine. In addition all excrement must be picked-up as outlined in the Stoop and Scoop By-law 54-97, failure to do so could result in a fine of \$105.

LAND CLEARANCE

The main purpose of the Land Clearing By-Law is to ensure that all properties are maintained with consistency and with regards to safety and appearance. Grass and weeds must be maintained at a height less than 8 inches. Further, properties shall be free from industrial and domestic wastes, unlicensed motorized vehicles, excessive brush, heavy undergrowth and all noxious weeds.

The process for a Land Clearance inspection is as follows:

Upon inspection of a yard that does not conform to the by-law, the Owner will receive a Work Order from a By-Law Enforcement Officer in person or by mail. The order will notify the property owner of the items in need of attention, provide a reasonable deadline, and a notice that the property needs to stay within compliance for a 12 month rolling period. If, within time noted on the work order, the property still does not conform, the Township will charge an inspection fee of \$95 + HST collected the same as taxes and will arrange to have the yard remedied at the Owner's expense.

SWIMMING POOL FENCING

As the spring and summer weather quickly approaches, those who are considering installing a backyard pool must ensure that the pool and fencing meets the requirements of the By-law.

Please be advised that every owner of a privately owned swimming pool in Zorra Township shall erect and maintain a fence completely surrounding such pool in accordance with the provisions of By-law 23-08 known as the Pool Fencing By-law.

A privately owned swimming pool is any type of pool, when filled, contains a depth of 18 inches or more of water at any given section and is not enclosed and covered by an accessory structure but does not include fish ponds, hot tubs, spas or irrigation ponds. If the pool is an above-ground swimming pool a fence is not required if the structure is at least 4 feet in height

above grade, and has no permanently attached ladder which is removed when the pool is not in use. It cannot contain any exterior foothold or handholds including a pump or accessory appurtenance or structure.

Where a deck is erected at or near the rim level of an above-ground privately owned swimming pool, the deck shall be fenced and gated and such deck fencing and gates shall conform to the requirements. In addition, no owner shall fill a privately owned swimming pool with water or allow water to remain therein unless a fence has been erected in accordance with the by-law. Once the fencing has been completed to the specifications as outlined in the by-law, the owner shall notify the Chief Building Official or the Township Building Inspector within 24 hours or by the next business day so that an inspection may be conducted.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUED

THEFT OF DEER CROSSING SIGNAGE

There has been a number of Deer Crossing signs stolen from locations around the Township of Zorra. The Township of Zorra intends on pursuing criminal charges to anyone caught stealing signage or is in the possession of stolen property of any Township asset. Theft is a Criminal Offence described under Section 322 of the Criminal Code of Canada. The maximum punishment is set at 6 months imprisonment and or a \$2000 fine. If you have any information to the theft of any Township assets, please contact By-law Enforcement at 519-485-2490 Ext 230 or the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122.



Deer Crossing signage is very important for safety reasons as cars and deer can be a lethal combination. There is a significant Deer population in Oxford County. With Deer migration and mating seasons many Deer find their way onto highways and in urban neighbourhoods. Without proper signage to alert drivers, there is an increase in the potential for a collision.

Drivers should be aware of the following:

- Deer are not just found on rural roads near wooded areas; many deer crashes occur on busy highways near cities.
- Deer are unpredictable, especially when faced with glaring headlights, blowing horns and fast-moving vehicles. They often dart into traffic.
- Deer often move in groups. If you see one, there are likely to be more in the vicinity. Source: www.njca.org/pages/Safety/DeerWarning.pdf

Tax Department



The 2nd Instalment of your 2014 Taxes is due May 30, 2014.

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Monthly Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for Property Taxes

There is still time for you to sign up for our Pre-Authorized Payment Plan offered by Zorra Township. Online or telephone banking is also available for making monthly, arrears, or regular instalments. All banks accept the Township of Zorra as a client and the account number required is your ROLL NUMBER from your tax bill.

Any tax questions or inquiries, please direct them to Kelly Hall at 519- 485-2490 ext. 222 or khall@zorra.on.ca

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2. **PICK UP YOUR DOGS POOP - don't make others do it.**
3. Dog must have all vaccinations up to date and dog licenses.
4. Use the off leash dog park at your own risk.
5. Leash your dog while entering and exiting the park.
6. Keep your dog in sight and verbal control at all times.
7. No puppies under 6 months of age, female dogs in heat, sick dogs or aggressive/out of control dogs.
8. No play toys, balls or food of any kind allowed in the park.
9. Unsupervised children under 14 years are not permitted.
10. If your dog digs holes in dirt, please repair holes.
11. Pitbulls as defined under the Ontario law must be muzzled and leashed at all times whether they are in an off leash dog park or not.
12. No glass containers allowed at dog park.

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2013 Departmental Highlights

RECREATION

Embryo

- Embro Ball received a Trillium Grant of \$36,000 to improve lighting at the ball diamond, and to install a home run fence
- Two sets of new benches for soccer were built, installed at no cost, supplied by local member of community
- Lighting retrofit for Embro Arena, to reduce hydro usage
- Replaced old compressor that was no longer repairable
- New tables purchased for hall

Thamesford Arena

- Applied for and approved Trillium Grant for North Park improvements \$79,000
- Dog Park Committee formed, community raised all funds required and the dog park was officially opened in late fall at Grace Patterson Park.
- Lighting retrofit for Thamesford Arena, to reduce hydro usage
- Beach volleyball courts building behind arena where created
- Joint effort between TBA, Lions Club and Township staff for the improvements to Kozmal Park, installed flag pole, planters, 2 park benches, removal of invasive plants and trees, old dead tree stumps.
- New tables purchased for hall
- Pool cover purchased and installed, which provided increased safety for off season and decrease start-up cost.

General Information

- Applied for and approved for CIIF grant of \$40,000
- Recreation Department started using an internet web based program for all scheduling and or bookings for halls and ice.

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

In 2013 Zorra Fire & Emergency Services responded to 188 emergency 911 calls, making it the busiest year yet. Fortunately there was no loss of life or injury to either the residents or the firefighters who responded to those calls. The fire losses alone from the 4 major house\ business fires totalled over 2.1 million dollars.

Zorra Fire is fortunate to have been the recipient of several funding programs and resources allocated to assist in training the department to meet the ever changing buffet of challenges

PUBLIC WORKS

The following are the highlights of the major Township of Zorra Public Works projects in 2013.

- On Road 64, we applied a 65 mm lift of recycled asphalt between the 17th and 19th Lines. We then applied granular shouldering followed by line painting.
- For our Bridge 0630 on Road 60, we removed the existing asphalt, restored any damaged concrete on the bridge deck, applied a waterproofing membrane, installed new guiderail and paved the bridge deck with two lifts of hot mix asphalt.
- In Harrington, we removed trees to improve sightlines, removed substandard road bed material, placed and compacted proper granular material in the streets.
- On Line 25 between Roads 84 and 92, we removed trees, removed topsoil along the road edges, made new ditches, raised the road in specific areas and placed and compacted granular materials. This project was planned as a two year project and is expected to be completed in 2014.

BUILDING & DRAINAGE

Building Department had a total of 204 permits issued for 2013, with a large percentage of the permits being agricultural. This is an increase of 6.3% from 2012, there were also 24 new house permits issued.

Drainage Department had 5 new construction drain petitions filed for 2013, and has currently 2 that were filed in 2012.

presented to them. Our thanks to Oxford Mutual's Community Grant Fund, Enbridge Energy, Union Gas and the Fire Safety Council of Canada for allowing us the opportunity to purchase specialty equipment and develop a training library second to none. The Zorra Fire Training committee has already begun using these resources in preparing our firefighters for that next call.

Help us make 2014 a quiet and safe year for all. It's a good thing when we're not busy. Have Fun, Play Safe.



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Sandy Baigent



Within Zorra Township are individuals who graciously give of their time and efforts to make their community the best it can be. They do so quietly and, quite often, without recognition. The Township has received a nomination for SANDY BAIGENT to be featured in this edition's MY ZORRA.

When Sandy Baigent first stepped up as the President of the Thamesford Minor Baseball Association in 2006, there were two teams made up of 25 registered players. Sandy's passion for the sport of baseball quickly spread and so did the number of players, and by 2013 TMBA had 119 registered players with teams in every age group from Tee-ball to Junior. Not only was Sandy the President of the Association, she was also the coach of 2 tee-ball teams and the Junior team, as well as being very involved in the operation of the concession booth at the park.

Over her 8 years as President, Sandy devoted countless hours to making sure that the TMBA was known as one of the best associations in the league. Under Sandy's leadership, TMBA has become known for its strong

coaching and players who pride themselves on having fun and exhibiting sportsmanlike behaviour at all times. Thamesford has become well known in the baseball community for the beautiful small town charm that North Park offers, as well as the delicious food being served from the concession booth there.

TMBA is grateful to Sandy for the countless hours she has spent building up the baseball program in Thamesford and making this great sport available to so many of our youth in Thamesford and surrounding area.

The Township of Zorra would like to thank Sandy for all her hard work and dedication to the community.

If you know one of these special individuals within your community and would like to see them recognized for what they do, we'd love to help you by featuring them in MY ZORRA in the next edition of Zorra Now. Simply forward, your name, your community, the individual's name, the reason(s) why, and a picture of the individual to admin@zorra.on.ca prior to August 10, 2014. Be sure to mark the subject as MY ZORRA!

The Zorra Caledonian Society is pleased to announce that on March 21, 2014, 5 of its members were presented with Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. The recipients are as follows:

- Eugene Ross - a past president, 40 year
- Fred Howe - a Past President, 40 year
- Neil Dolson - public address announcer, 20 years
- Carol Turvey - 10 km run organizer, 15 year
- Kaitlin McKay - dance competition, Student volunteer 5years

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA!

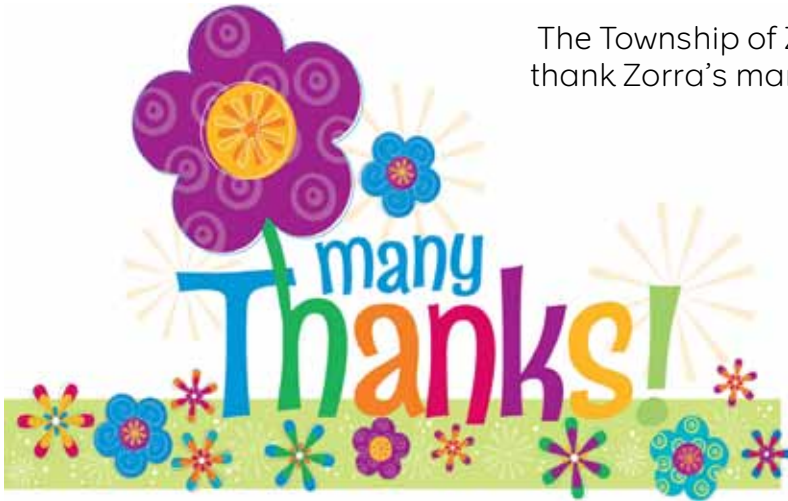
Each year the Embro Highland Games hosts 5,000 people at the Embro Zorra Community Center on July 1st. Without the participation of its members the Games would not have been able to call itself the Oldest Highland Games in Ontario.



L to R: Warren McKay, Kaitlin McKay, Fred Howe, MPP Ernie Hardeman, Neil Dolson and Eugene Ross. Carol Turvey – absent.

ZORRA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The Township of Zorra would like to recognize, celebrate and thank Zorra's many volunteers that we are so lucky to have in our community.



One generous act can have a large impact on an entire community. Zorra Volunteers strengthen our community and improve quality of life. It is impossible to encompass all Volunteers within Zorra however the pictures below show some of the spaces throughout the Community that volunteers have had a large impact on.



"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." - Warren Buffet

If you're a Volunteer in Zorra Township, thank-you for your volunteer contributions.

Thamesford - Kintore - Uniondale

Your Community

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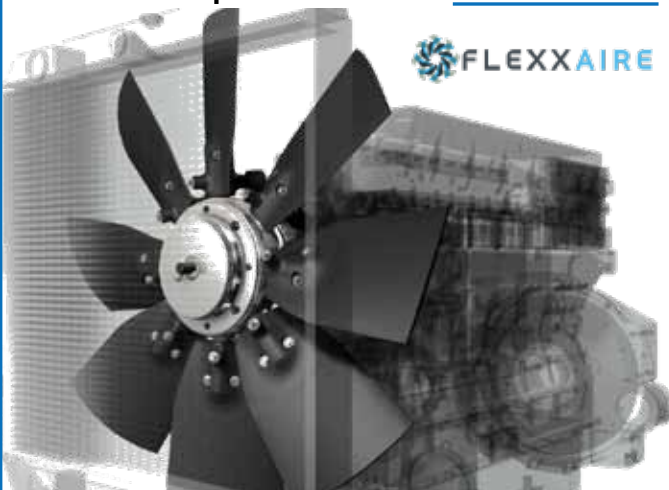


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Laying down: Liam Fickling, Hunter Collins

Zorra Bantam B

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Back row (L-R): Jayne Whetstone (Trainer), Morgan Thomson (Asst Coach), Mark Bates (Asst Coach), Mackie Winter, Brynn Oliver, Alison MacKay, Abby Luther, Lindsay Bessegato, Grace McLeod, Jeff Irwin (Asst Coach), Rob Oliver (Coach)
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Recreation Department

Thamesford Events

Calithumpian Weekend

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Contact Andrea Wright at
andrea_wright41@sympatico.ca or 519-285-5129
www.thamesford.org

Thamesford Lions Club Trout Brunch

Thamesford District Recreation Centre
Sunday, May 18, 2014
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Contact Jim Keron – 519-285-2825

Thamesford Trojans Fish Fry

Thamesford District Recreation Centre
Friday, June 20, 2014
Dinner – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Dance – 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
Tickets - \$125.00 (includes dinner and dance for 2
& chance to win 9 door prize draws)
Contact Connie Henderson at (519) 285-3510

Thamesford Trojans Men's Slow Pitch Tournament

May 30-31 & June 1, 2014
Contact Stu MacPherson 519 285 3222 or Steve
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Thamesford Area Swimming Pool

Early season hours: June 16-20, and 23-25,
weekday public swims 4-6pm, weather permitting.
Regular schedule starts Thursday June 26 with 6:30-
8pm public swim. Pool closes Friday August 22 with
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Contact 519-285-3063 starting June 1, or
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There are a variety of events that take place at Wienerfest which include: costume contests, bobbing for wieners, wiener races, musical paws and The hunt is on to name a few. Dachshunds

Embro Events

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June 21, 2014 9:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Contact Linda Collier at 519-285-5123
info@wienerfest.ca or visit www.wienerfest.ca
Also visit our Facebook for show details.

Embro Highland Games

Embro West Zorra Community Centre
Tuesday, July 1, 2014
Contact Warren McKay at (519) 475-4148
www.embrohighlandgames.ca

Embro Truck & Tractor Pull

Corner of County Roads 6 & 33
Friday, August 1 & Saturday, August 2, 2014
Contact Frans Knoops at (519) 475-4381

Embro Fair

Embro West Zorra Community Centre
September 12-14th, 2014

of all sizes, shapes and colours actively participate and insist their owners bring them each year. Dashies run to get their photos taken in the wienermobile and show off their best side.



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Zorra

Embroid Fair

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Saturday, September 13

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Sunday, September 14

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www.embroidfair.com or contact Carol at 519-485-0668

Annual Fish Fry

Saturday, November 1

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Upcoming Council Meetings:

2014

May 6	9:30 a.m.
May 20	6:30 p.m.
June 3	9:30 a.m.
June 17	6:30 p.m.
July 15	9:30 a.m.
**One meeting in July	
August 12	9:30 a.m.
**One meeting in August	

Above meetings are all at the Council Chambers - Township Office

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Zorra Skating Club	519-475-4646
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Embro Minor Soccer Association	
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Thamesford Rec. Men's Slow Pitch	519-268-2232
Zorra Girls Hockey	519-461-0347

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Kintore

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Harrington & Area Community Association	
Doug Diplock	519-475-0060

Other

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November:

Remembrance Exhibit

December:

Christmas Display
 and Open House

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Brooksdale 4H Club

On Friday, March 28th, members of the Brooksdale 4H Club met at the home of Paul and Jane Hartman and there, with wood, equipment, tools and equipment supplied by Parent volunteers and the Hartman Family they made 20 Bird houses which they then donated to the Harrington Community Association for use in the soon to be open 'Harrington Conservation Area Bird Trail'

The Bird Houses, which have been created for many different species from Screech Owls to Chickadees, to Bluebirds to Woodpeckers will be placed throughout the Harrington Conversation Area to provide safe habitat for the numerous species of birds that live there.

The Harrington Conservation Area Bird Trail, which is a joint project between Harrington Community Association, Upper Thames Conservation Authority, Service and Nature Groups, and the residents of Harrington, is expected to open this Spring.

The Brooksdale 4H Club has been involved in several Community Enhancing Projects and the Bird Houses they provided are a welcome addition to the Bird Watching Trail.



Pictured in the photos, along with Parent Volunteers and the Hartman Family, are Erin Shrigley, Abigail Kittmer, John Harrigan, Amy Gras, Iain Grieve, Alee Hargreaves, Brittanie Fraser, Livia Passarelli, Jack Dingwall, Devin Gras, Scott Hanlot, Raymond Hartman and Brayden Gras.

Harrington & Area Community Association

Harrington Gem Gets Facelift

Work at the Harrington Grist Mill continues at a slow but steady pace. Thanks to many contributors and volunteers the work of restoration and repair has made progress this past year. The mill continues to be the focus of the Harrington & Area Community Association which holds many community events that serve in raising funds and in creating an awareness of this 1846 landmark. In addition, these events have served as a catalyst to become acquainted with our local community as well as bringing in many from far and wide who have an interest in the mill progress. Some who have moved from the area have kept tabs on what was happening to our mill, one of which was the late George Clark who contacted our Association some years ago to inquire about the mill's progress. George was invited to tour the building and to see for himself the progress that had been made over the years. George was born in Brooksdale, a son of Huron Clark and Margaret (Bossence) Clark. His grandparents were Jack Clark and Minnie (Whetstone) Clark who ran a general store in Harrington, and although George was raised in Ingersoll and lived in Toronto most his adult life, he had fond memories of Harrington from his childhood. As a result of that contact George acknowledged he was very pleased to see the progress and has contributed to the ongoing work.

Upon his death our Association was informed that George had not forgotten the little mill in Harrington and had left a generous endowment for which we are very grateful. This has enabled us to redo the exterior of the building with board and baton cladding, a job that was completed by a local contractor Paul Hartman and sons. This has been a huge step forward for this project of which we are very pleased. If you are in the area, have a look for yourself at this building that proudly stands on the bank of the Harrington Pond just across from the dam.

The association continues in its commitment to "Building Community" by "Rebuilding the Mill". What has been achieved to date could not have been done without the generous donations made by many businesses and individuals - some of which are shown on the "wall of donors" display in the mill. The Association also appreciates the cooperation and support of Upper Thames River Conservation Authority who work closely with us as we make repairs and restorations. The Harrington & Area Community Association is not registered as a charity, so Upper Thames has agreed to issue tax receipts of donations that are made to the mill through them. Additional signage giving a historical synopsis will soon be added for the benefit of those who visit when the building is closed. The mill is available for private group showings, school tours, or

photography sessions etc. Please call 519-475-4376 to make arrangements.

We hope one day to get the wheels turning again as they have for so many years. The preferred power source would of course be water from the adjoining pond, which is well known for its fishing and has been recreational landmark for many generations of Zorra residents.



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