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TOWNSHIP

## MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM

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*Families and Friends have honoured the lives of those they love by planting a tree in the Township of Zorra*

# Trees, Trees, Trees!

**Township of Zorra Memorial Trees and Memorial Tree Forest** Find out more on page 18



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## Message from the Mayor

I hope everyone is having a pleasant summer. Both Zorra and County councils are not quite as busy but there are some interesting issues for you to think about.

Last year we began a project in Zorra of identifying some of the historical crossroad communities that no longer exist. With the help of several donors we were able to sign four areas: Browns Corners, Pasedina, Holiday and New Eden. We are hoping to do more this year. We have about a dozen on our list and we are willing to have residents express their desire as to the ones we choose each year. I am working on some information about each centre and in the future a link will exist between the signs and the information on our Township website. Your help with this is also needed. If you have pictures and/or information please send it to me so people interested can learn more about our past. When we have this part of the project completed I hope we can add links to signs already in place at local churches, school sites, historical buildings etc. We will be working with Tourism Oxford so that visitors interested can learn more as they visit Zorra.

Some concern has been raised about plugged drain grates in both Embro and Thamesford. Investigation reveals that most of the material causing the problem is grass clippings. Public Works employees can be sent to remove the debris but I know many of the residents do this little job simply to make sure the drains are able to provide the drainage they were installed for. Please take a minute to clean any in front of your property—or your neighbour's. Most residents mow grass on boulevards and other properties not technically owned by them but do so as a community service. I hope some will add the "grate cleaning" to their "todo" list. Many thanks.

I was contacted regarding a request for pictures of the farmhouse where George Leslie Mackay was raised. I realize the property was in East Zorra and the building is gone but there is hope someone may have a picture. I would be glad to pick it up and have a copy made for the people making the request.

Congratulations to the North Oxford History Book committee. Their book is finished so we have three excellent sets of books recording Zorra history. I believe books are still available and you can contact the Township Office for more information.

Several years ago Zorra was given the Harvey Waud collection of tools and other artifacts from early Zorra. These items have been in storage but I hope soon to be able to announce they will be displayed for you to see. The Beachville Museum is working on a suitable display area and I know family and friends of the Wauds are pleased that finally people will be able to view this very interesting collection.

The landfill proposal in Zorra continues to be a huge concern. At this point we are still waiting for a response from the Provincial Government. I am aware that there are many in Zorra working quietly using whatever contacts and information they have to try to inform those making the decision of the concerns we have and the dangers we believe this proposal contains. I urge you not to be discouraged and to continue working in ways you feel are most appropriate. There are many ways to fight this and every effort matters.

You are probably aware of some changes coming to Garbage and Recycling pickup starting in mid-September. Please look for the information being sent to you and read it carefully. Information will be there to register by phone or email for automated reminders weekly regarding pickup. Under the new system all of Zorra Township will have pick-up on Monday. Also a few new items will be collected—certain types of styrofoam (trays, plates etc.) spray cans and plastic film. I was not too impressed until I remembered that I have often commented that the majority of my garbage is plastic bags and wrap. There will be a complete list included in the information sent but I have already started collecting the material for inclusion next month—vegetable and fruit bags, shopping bags, bubble wrap, newspaper and magazine wrap, "saran", film coverings on so many packages, etc. This potentially could make a real difference to your garbage volume. Garbage and recycling will both be picked up weekly and recycling does not have to be sorted—although I think many of us will continue to do this. One truck will pick up all materials but it has two sections—one for garbage and one for recycling.

Again I want to thank so many for their care over the past few months. I look forward, as always, to continue serving you. Please contact me as needed.

Margaret Lupton

# Jack Broadfoot

## 2015 Ontario Senior of the Year Award Recipient!

Congratulations to Zorra's 2015 Ontario Senior of the year - Jack Broadfoot! Jack has been an active member of the Thamesford Lions Club since 1974 and is currently serving his second term as President. Jack spearheaded the campaign to raise funds for a new generator for Sakura House and the campaign raised over \$100,000! Jack is a former trustee at Westminster Church. Through the Lions

Club, he supports children's recreational events and pet rescue organizations. Jack works tirelessly to support local food banks. Never without a smile on his face, Jack is a valued member of our community! The Ontario Senior of the Year award gives each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one outstanding local Ontarian who after the age of 65 has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of his/her community.



## Dave MacKenzie, MP

Member of Parliament

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?  
I would be pleased to arrange for a special  
greeting to be sent.**

### Woodstock Office

208 Huron Street, Woodstock, ON N4S 7A1  
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Fax: 519-421-9704  
Toll Free: 1-888-644-0637  
E-mail: dave.mackenzie.c1a@parl.gc.ca

### Tillsonburg Office

43 Brock St. E., Tillsonburg, ON N4G 1Z7  
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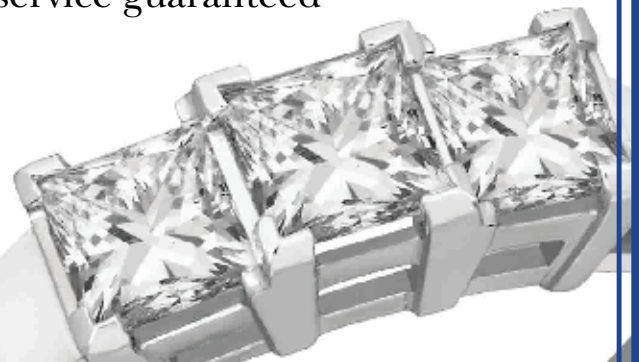
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# Mackay Museum in Taiwan looking for old Mackay family farm picture

Oxford missionary George Leslie Mackay (1844-1875) is going to be remembered in a new museum in his 1877 house on the campus of Aletheia University in Tamsui, Taiwan. Aletheia is the descendent of Mackay's 1882 Oxford College. The Museum is looking for a picture of the old farmhouse in East Zorra Township where Mackay grew up. The farm was inherited by his brother Alex Mackay. The farm is no longer in the Mackay family and the old farmhouse long gone. If there are any descendants of Alex Mackay who have some old family pictures, the Mackay Museum would like to make copies of them. The Oxford County Archives would also like to have copies.



There only thing that exists now is a sketch of the house with Rev. Mackay, his wife Minnie, and their son George standing in front of the house, done by one of Mackay's daughters about 1894.

If you think you can help please contact Rev. Michael Stainton, Canadian Mackay Committee ([michaelpayas@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpayas@gmail.com)) or Elizabeth Mayville, Oxford County Archives ([lmayville@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:lmayville@oxfordcounty.ca))



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# The Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation

*...is working for you!*

Supporting our existing business community is a high priority in rural Oxford. At the Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation, months of work have gone into planning a series of programs that will assist businesses and their employees. All of the ROEDC programs and supports are now available on the brand new [www.roedc.ca](http://www.roedc.ca) website. We encourage you to visit, take a look around, and bookmark your favourite topics.

Over the next few months, you'll see the Buy Close By program roll out in communities across rural Oxford. We believe that it's time to own Oxford. Supporting local merchants is an easy way to make a significant impact on the local economy. Shopping for products and services in our own community isn't just a good idea, it's a great idea. When we spend our money locally, everyone wins.

Shopping locally isn't a new concept. Did you know that in November of 1894, an article appeared in the Embro Courier under the headline: Ten Lost Dollars? This clever article follows the trail of a ten dollar bill as it makes its way around the community from the hardware store, to the blacksmith, then to the tailor for a coat and vest and then spent on wood, teaming, apple barrels, and a host of other goods and services before it's eventual loss when it's spent far afield in the City of Woodstock.

The ROEDC *Buy Close By* program will encourage you and reward you for shopping locally. With an Oxford OWNS punch card, available at participating retailers throughout rural Oxford, residents can have their card punched with each qualifying purchase. When the card is full, it represents that a minimum of \$150 has been spent by that shopper.



Does \$150 make a difference?

We believe that it does. On its own, each punch card has a small economic impact, but if 7,500 residents fill their punch card, that represents a \$1.125 Million dollar spend in the community.

All of the contest rules can be found on the [www.roedc.ca](http://www.roedc.ca) website. Prizes provided by the ROEDC will be handed out for each completed punch card that is returned to a participating merchant. Each punch card will be entered into a grand prize draw for a total of \$750 in vouchers that can be spent in the community.

Throughout 2015, the ROEDC will also be supporting and encouraging professional development opportunities

for the workforce of rural Oxford. We are planning a series of workshops and seminars designed to broaden perspectives, acquire new professional skills, refresh knowledge, and expand the competitive advantage of each participating business.



The *Oxford Business Builder Program* will offer a wide variety of learning programs and formats that benefit the public, private, and non-profit professional communities of rural Oxford.

The Oxford Business Builder Program will kick off on September 10th at the Elmhurst Inn in Ingersoll. This program is a partnership between the five local Chambers of Commerce, the ROEDC, and the online marketing platform of Constant Contact.

After the September kick off event, workshops addressing numerous session topics will have participants taking a deep dive that will teach how to be effective at email marketing, succession planning, social media strategies and tactics, HR practices, building a marketing toolkit, customer services, entrepreneurship training, and more.

Increase your business reach and overall success with the Oxford Business Builder Program. A complete list of programs, dates, and locations will be posted on at [www.roedc.ca](http://www.roedc.ca) with links for registration.

The ROEDC understands the need to stay in touch with industrial advances. Technical training opportunities will also be coming to rural Oxford this fall. Local courses for Forklift Certification, Qualitative Fit Testing, Working at Heights, and Introduction to Welding will be offered within rural Oxford. Bringing this training to rural Oxford ensures a highly qualified and competitive workforce.

We invite you to stay in touch with our team. You can sign up for email alerts to find out when training and professional development sessions will be coming to your community. Visit [www.roedc.ca](http://www.roedc.ca) today and click the link to stay connected with these exciting opportunities.

As always, Bernia Wheaton, our economic development professional is available to meet with one-on-one with you to discuss the challenges or opportunities that you might be experiencing in your business. Reach out by email to [bernia@roedc.ca](mailto:bernia@roedc.ca) or call Bernia's direct line at 226-228-8283 and let's start talking.



# ENERGY CONSERVATION

Ontario Regulation 397/11, Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plans, requires all broader public sector (BPS) organizations, including hospitals, municipalities, universities, colleges, school boards and municipal service boards responsible for water and sewage treatment and pumping operations to report on their annual energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in designated buildings/ facilities by July 1 beginning in 2013. The Township of Zorra is committed to reducing the annual consumption of fuels and electricity used by Township facilities by an average of 1% per year until 2019.

Township Staff and Council would like to urge you to reduce your annual consumption!! As an entire community we can help to reduce our carbon footprint.

For more information and to view the Township's Consumption Data visit: <http://www.zorra.on.ca/Our-Services/Utilities-Suppliers>

# BATTERY RECYCLING



Since the start of this program in September 2012, the Township of Zorra has collected and returned 963lbs. of batteries to Raw Materials Company for 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 NOM 2M0 – phone 519-285-2236
- Embro Arena, 355644 35th Line, Embro, ON NOJ 1J0 – phone 519-475-6061
- Harrington Hall & Library, 539 Victoria Street, Harrington, ON NOJ 1J0 – phone 519-475-6909

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



## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICK-UP IS CHANGING

# STAY CONNECTED WITH WASTELINE

**Wasteline.ca** offers personalized curbside pick-up schedules and auto reminders for all residents of Oxford County, including Woodstock.

### GET STARTED TODAY

Download the mobile app or visit [wasteline.ca](http://wasteline.ca) for online tools or to sign up for text, email, phone or Twitter pick-up reminders.



### WHAT GOES WHERE?

Not sure if something is recyclable or not?

**Wasteline.ca** can answer those questions too!

Changes to garbage and recycling pick-up go into effect September 14 in Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock, Ingersoll, Norwich, South-West Oxford, Tillsonburg and Zorra. Visit **wasteline.ca** for more details.



# GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICK-UP DATES ARE CHANGING

Starting September 14, a new curbside collection program for garbage and recycling starts in Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock, Ingersoll, Norwich, South-West Oxford, Tillsonburg and Zorra. **Households in these communities have a new garbage and recycling pick-up day.**

## RECYCLING MADE EASIER

- **Weekly recycling pick-up.** Put your blue box materials out to the curb with your garbage every week. In South-West Oxford, garbage and recycling will be picked up on a six-business-day cycle.
- **No more sorting!** Oxford County is moving to single stream recycling, meaning you no longer have to separate papers from containers. Recycling and garbage will be picked up at the same time by the same collection vehicle.
- **More items accepted for recycling.** New items being accepted include plastic bags (gathered and tied in one bag), empty aerosol containers, spiral wound containers (frozen juice and chip containers), thermofoam and polystyrene styrofoam (meat trays, takeout containers) and disposable coffee cups.

Still not sure what goes in the blue box?

Use the "What goes where?" search bar at [wasteline.ca](http://wasteline.ca) to quickly check items.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH WASTELINE

Enter your address at [wasteline.ca](http://wasteline.ca) to get personal garbage and recycling weekly reminders by text, email, phone or Twitter message, or from your online Outlook, Google, or iCal calendars. Better yet, visit the App Store or Google Play to download the Wasteline Oxford app to your smart phone or tablet. Prefer print? New waste management calendars arrive in mailboxes starting in mid-August.

## QUESTIONS?

Visit [wasteline.ca](http://wasteline.ca)

Call 519-539-9800 | 1-800-755-0394

Email [info@wasteline.ca](mailto:info@wasteline.ca)

For more information on garbage and recycling

programs in South-West Oxford, visit [swox.org](http://swox.org)

For City of Woodstock, visit [cityofwoodstock.ca](http://cityofwoodstock.ca)

## ALL TOGETHER!

That means all your recycling can go in one blue box!



NEW! Spiral wound containers – chip containers, frozen concentrate juice



NEW! Empty aerosol containers



NEW! Coffee cups and lids



NEW! Thermoform plastic and polystyrene meat trays, takeout containers, styrofoam egg cartons. No bulky styrofoam



Steel & Aluminum food & beverage cans



Aluminum foil, clean no food residue



Mixed paper, envelopes, and flyers



Mixed plastics, tubs & lids



Newspapers, Magazines, & Telephone books



Plastic containers



Empty paint cans, lid off



Boxboard



Glass jars and bottles



Milk cartons & juice boxes



Cardboard must be flattened and tied in bundles no larger than 76cm x 76cm x 20cm (30" x 30" x 8"), max weight of 9kg (20lbs)/bundle. No waxed cardboard

NEW! Plastic bags and most other film plastics are now accepted in the blue box. Here's how to prepare them.



Still not sure if it's recyclable? Go to [wasteline.ca](http://wasteline.ca) and try the What Goes Where? search tool.



# Zorra Community Policing Committee

## The next scheduled meeting...

for the Zorra Community Policing Committee is September 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Township Office.

The Zorra Community Policing Committee would like to share the following information in cooperation with the Ontario Provincial Police.

## What is Phishing?

Phishing is typically an email scam which tries to deceive people into thinking a legitimate organization is requesting private information. Also called "brand spoofing," phishing is the creation of email messages and web pages that are replicas of existing, legitimate sites and businesses. These websites and emails are used to trick users into submitting personal, financial, or password data.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR...

- ▶ A phishing message is intended to get a quick reaction from you, using upsetting or exciting information demanding an urgent response, or employ a false pretense or statement. Phishing messages are normally not personalized.
- ▶ Typically, phishing messages will ask you to **update, validate, or confirm** your account information, etc., to avoid negative consequences. They might even ask you to make a phone call.
- ▶ **The information being sought can include:** Social Insurance Numbers, full name, date of birth, full address, mother's maiden name, username and password of online services, driver's license number, personal identification numbers (PIN), credit card information (numbers, expiry dates and the last three digits printed on the signature panel) and bank account numbers.
- ▶ Often, the message or associated website includes official-looking logos and other identifying information taken directly from legitimate websites. Government, financial institutions and online payment services are common targets of brand spoofing. In some cases, the offending site can modify your browser address bar to make it look legitimate, including the web address of the real site and a secure https:// prefix.

Source: Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police



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 **We would love to  
hear from YOU!!!**  
community events and services

If you have a story, pictures or ANYTHING that you would like to share about your community please contact Karen Martin at [kmartin@zorra.on.ca](mailto:kmartin@zorra.on.ca) or 519-485-2490 ext. 228 to have it appear in an upcoming Zorra Now Edition.

# Moonlight Madness & Festival of Lights

*Experience Christmas shopping in...*

**Downtown Ingersoll**

**November 19, 2015**

**All Day & Evening**

Shop over 100 stores offering special promotions throughout the day and evening! Be sure to join us from 5:30 to 6:30 PM for holiday musical performances and then at 7:00 PM for the Lighting of the Lights!

From books, clothing, jewelry, arts & crafts and more, you will find the perfect gift for everyone on your list in Ingersoll!



## Enter to Win...

Complete this ballot and submit it to the ballot box, located in Carr's Walkway, during Moonlight Madness for your chance to win a \$100.00 Visa Gift Card from the Ingersoll BIA. Limit of one entry per person. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Winner will be drawn at 9:00 PM on November 19, 2015.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

CODE: ZN15



# Township of Zorra

## 2016-2018 Dog Tag Campaign

*It's easy and it's the law!*

Save Time,  
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[www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)

**\*\*\* NEW \*\*\* Representatives from the Township will no longer be going door-to-door to sell dog tags.**  
 The onus is on the dog owner to have their dog registered by December 31, 2015. We hope that you will find this new initiative more convenient. The price for a dog tag remains unchanged at \$15.00 per dog per year and we have **raised the maximum number of dogs from 2 to 3 on all Zorra properties.** Online forms are available [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca) or you can contact the office by email [admin@zorra.on.ca](mailto:admin@zorra.on.ca) or by phone 519-485-2490 Ext 221 for your new tag. Payment methods include cash, cheque, debit, or charge to taxes.  
**Failure to obtain a dog tag may result in a fine of \$125.00.**

Attend the Township office or mail the completed application form (next page) with your payment to Township of Zorra 274620 27<sup>th</sup> Line, PO Box 306, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5.

**\*\*\* New Animal Care and Control By-law 43-15 \*\*\***

- Requires all dogs over **3 months** of age to be licensed with the Township.
- Dog owners are required to obtain a dog tag by **December 31, 2015.**
- **Failure to register your dog may result in a fine of \$125.**
- A valid tag will assist animal control staff in returning your dog should it ever become separated from you.
- A maximum of **3 dogs** are permitted in each dwelling.
- Prohibits or regulates the running at large of dogs within the Township of Zorra. All dogs in Zorra must be kept on a leash when not on the owner's property. If a dog strays it can be impounded and its owners can be fined for "permitting a dog to run at large." The dog that is impounded is not being punished but rather protected.
- To protect individuals and other pets from disease, Zorra requires that any person who owns, harbours or possesses a dog shall immediately remove and sanitarly dispose of any feces (droppings) of the dog. Failure to do so may result in the owner being fined.
- Canine Service Animals, Livestock Guardian Dogs, Police Working Dogs, and Dangerous Dogs shall only be licensed at the Township Administration Office.
- Kennel licenses can be issued to Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) members only and proof of valid CKC membership is required. Kennel licenses will now also require an approved Site Plan, must adhere to minimum standards, and will be subject to an annual inspection. Kennel licenses are issued at the Township office only.
- **PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT ALL DOGS HAVE ANNUAL RABIES VACCINATIONS.**
- All animal bites should be immediately reported to The Oxford County Board of Health at 519-539-9800.
- By-Law 69-12 Noise By-law: Barking dogs are an annoyance and a nuisance. Barking falls under the Noise By-Law which is enforced by the Zorra By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Pay with debit  
at the office!



Who do I contact for Canine Control?  
(Dogs running at large, found dogs)

**Kismutt Small Dog Rescue**  
 Kimberly Thomas  
 519-283-6585  
[kismutt@sympatico.ca](mailto:kismutt@sympatico.ca)  
[www.kismutt.com](http://www.kismutt.com)

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# Township of Zorra

## 2016-2018 Dog Tag Campaign

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Save Time,  
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[www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address, including 911 number and mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- If you no longer have a dog, please notify the Township Office at 519-485-2490 ext 221 or by email: [admin@zorra.on.ca](mailto:admin@zorra.on.ca)

**Name of Dog 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male / Female (circle one)

Tag Fee: \$15.00 per dog

Twp Only: Tag # Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Dog 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male / Female (circle one)

Tag Fee: \$15.00 per dog

Twp Only: Tag # Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Dog 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male / Female (circle one)

Tag Fee: \$15.00 per dog

Twp Only: Tag # Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

**(office use only)**

Payment Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash cheque Debit Taxes

Roll No: \_\_\_\_\_

- Owner certifies that rabies vaccination is up-to-date for all dogs listed.
- Owner certifies that dog(s) has not been declared a Dangerous Dog.
- Owner gives consent to release name & phone number if dog is found.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal information contained on this form is collected pursuant to *The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and will be used for the purpose of Dog Licensing and Canine Control. Questions about this collection should be directed to The Corporation of the Township of Zorra, 274620 27<sup>th</sup> Line, PO Box 306, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3J6. Phone 519-485-2490 Ext 228.

# By-Law Enforcement

## **\*\*NEW – Animal Care & Control By-Law**



The Township of Zorra has consolidated all Animal Control By-laws into one comprehensive By-law (By-law 2015-43), that includes increasing the maximum dogs per dwelling, dog kennel regulations, minimum general health and wellbeing standards, stoop and scoop, dangerous and aggressive dogs, restrictions on exotic pets, and finally increased fees and fines.

*Some changes to note:*

- Any person in a dwelling unit can have no more than 3 dogs.
- There is a more extensive list of non-permissible exotic pets; For the full list please refer to the By-law.
- Dog Kennels will now require an approved site plan, CKC registration with application, adhere to minimum standards, and receive an annual site inspection.
- Most fines have increased including dogs running at large: \$200.
- All dog owners must adhere to the minimum health and general well-being standards as set out in Part 4 of the By-law.

For more information, please review the new By-law which can be found on the Township website at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)

In addition, if you are a dog owner, please keep your pet leashed at all times when on public property. If you wish to allow your pet to run, please visit the Thamesford Off-leash Dog Park.

## **\*\*NEW – Smoking By-Law**



The new Smoking By-law (By-law 2015-42) now prohibits smoking on all Township facilities, including but not limited to municipal parkland, playground equipment, sports fields and spectator seating, at all times, whether or not a “No Smoking” sign is posted.

“Smoking” includes the carrying of a lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, waterpipe or any other equipment used to inhale, exhale, burn or heat any Smoking Product. This includes e-cigarettes.

“Smoking Product” means any tobacco or tobacco-like product whose primary purpose is to be burned or heated to produce vapours, gases or smoke, which are inhaled, and shall include but is not limited to non-tobacco herbal shisha, and other plant material or oils intended for inhalation.

Any person who observes another person acting in contrary to this by-law may submit a Smoke Free Ontario Witness Statement (available on the Township website) to the Township Office or the County of Oxford Administration Office.

Smoking on any Township facility property may result in a fine of up to \$5000.00.

## **Off-Road Vehicles**

Recently, changes occurred regarding off-road vehicles (ORVs) in that rules for “single-rider” all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are extended to additional ORV types and allow two-up ATVs, side-by-side ATVs and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) on permitted provincial highways and municipal roads WHERE MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS PERMIT THEIR USE. There were NO CHANGES to the ORV municipal by-law authority provided in the Highway Traffic Act. Therefore, ORVs and ATVs remain NOT PERMITTED on Zorra Township and Oxford County Roads.



## **Winter Parking**

Please be advised that the winter parking restrictions will be enforced starting November 15th and remain in place until March 31, 2015 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.



## **Thamesford Public School Parking**

As a reminder, new signs were erected on the north side of McCarty Street by Thamesford Public School. The North side of McCarty Street is now designated as No Standing at any time. This means no stopping, no parking, no standing at any time on the north side of McCarty Street from Allen Street to George Street. To clarify what “No Standing” is: No Standing means that a motorized vehicle is prohibited from halting, whether occupied or not, except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

Parking restrictions remain in effect on the south side of McCarty Street during the school year only as follows: no parking/no stopping on the south side of McCarty Street from Allen Street to George Street from September 1 to June 30 of each year between the hours of 8:30 am and 9:00 am and between the hours of 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Fine is \$50.



## **Leaves/Snow Removal on to Roadways**

The autumn season is quickly approaching and therefore the leaves will begin to fall. As a reminder to all residents, depositing your leaves onto the roadway and sidewalk is dangerous and is a contravention of the Road Protection By-law and the Yard and Lot Maintenance By-law. If you wish to drop off your yard waste, visit the County of Oxford website to view all brush, leaf and yard waste depot locations. Pushing or placing any leaves, snow or ice or any other obstruction of a roadway is an offence that carries a Provincial Offences Fine of \$105.00.



**If you have any questions feel free to contact Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer at 519-485-2490 ext. 230**



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# Township of Zorra Fire Department

## Looking for Fire Fighters

Zorra Fire is looking to bolster its ranks this fall, with a recruitment drive for volunteer fire fighters.

We are looking for energetic, team oriented individuals for our three stations, Embro, Thamesford, and Uniondale.

We invite you and your family to attend one of the three open houses listed below, starting mid-September, to obtain more information on the commitments, challenges and rewards of becoming a volunteer fire fighter.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about your local fire service.

If you think you have what it takes, and would like to contribute to the safety and quality of life in your community, we need to see you.

Recruit applications will be available at the open houses or by contacting John McFarlan, Fire Chief at the Township office, (519-485-2490, Ext. 240)

### Recruitment Open House Dates

Uniondale Fire Station September 16, 2015 7:00–8:00 PM	Thamesford Fire Station September 23, 2015 7:00 – 8:00 PM
Embro Fire Station October 1, 2015 7:00 – 8:00 PM	

## Fire Department Events

### Uniondale Station

*Uniondale Firefighters Chicken BBQ*

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Dine-in or take-out from 4:30 to 7:00 pm at Brown's Corners  
Tickets available from all firefighters - Adults \$15.00, Children (ages 6 to 12) \$7.00 and children under 6 are free.

### Thamesford Station

*Thamesford Fire Fighters Annual Breakfast –*  
Sunday November 15th, 2015.

9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Adults \$10, Children \$5. Tickets available at the door or for information contact Jim Manzer 519-617-2540

## New Fire Station Takes Shape

Construction of the new Thamesford Fire Station is well underway. At close to 50% completion as of August 21, 2015, the 9573 sq. ft. facility will house up to six emergency response units, and will incorporate several offices and training /lecture rooms. It is anticipated the station will be fully operational in early December 2015.

Complete with stand-by generator, this sprinklered, post disaster, all steel and block construction building will also be home to Zorra's Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

Carrying on the tradition, Thamesford's original fire bell will be proudly displayed within the architectural design of the new station when complete.

See you all at the opening of the new station later this year.



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Cut out and place next to your phone or on your refrigerator:

**IN CASE OF FIRE OR EMERGENCY, DIAL **9-1-1****

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APARTMENT #/TRAILER # \_\_\_\_\_

ROAD \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OWNERS/FARM \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

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This information is extremely important to have on hand when calling 9-1-1. The operator will request all of the listed information. The information is useful to have in case someone other than the home owner has to call 9-1-1.

**REMINDER: ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR 911 NUMBERS AND/OR HOUSE NUMBERS ARE READABLE AND ILLUMINATED!**





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## Tax Department

The Final 2015 Tax Bills were mailed the last week of July, if you have NOT received your bill, please contact the Township immediately.

The 3rd Instalment was due August 31, 2015 and the 4TH AND FINAL Instalment is due October 30, 2015. We now accept Debit at the office.



### PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN

Sign up now for the 10 or 12 month Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for your taxes.

If you are interested in enrolling in this payment plan, you can find an authorization form on our website at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)

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 instalments. All banks accept the Township of Zorra as a client.

To setup your property taxes as a bill payment through your online banking, go to "add a bill" and search for "Zorra". Select Zorra Township Tax and enter the Roll Number from your tax bill as your account number. Use your 15-digit roll number, excluding the dashes.

Example: If your roll number on your tax bill shows 011-090-25600-0000 then you would enter this as 01109025600. If an error occurs, please add the extra four zeros at the end and try again.

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Any tax questions or inquiries, please direct them to  
**Kelly Hall, Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer,**  
519-485-2490 ext 222 [khall@zorra.on.ca](mailto:khall@zorra.on.ca)

## Public Works Dep.

### BRUSH, LEAF AND YARD WASTE DEPOT

Zorra has a Depot for brush, leaf and yard waste. Located across the road from the Kintore Public Works Shop at 783045 Road 78, just east of Highway 19.

- Acceptable materials include: fruits & vegetables, garden hedge & tree trimmings, grass, leaves, Halloween pumpkins, house & garden plants, brush (not longer than 6ft), Christmas Trees.
- Unacceptable materials include: garbage, old fencing, plastic bags, hazardous waste, top soil, rocks and stumps.

This depot is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no charge for this service.

## Building Department

### OBTAINING A BUILDING PERMIT IN ZORRA:

Fill out a Building Permit Application, either in person at the Township Office or online [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca). In addition to the completed application form, applicants must also submit building drawings, plans and other documents to the Township of Zorra 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.

### BUILDING PERMIT FEES:

Residential: (including new homes, additions, renovations, decks) - \$100.00 + 0.40/sq. ft.

Agricultural: (including coveralls, barns, storage sheds, workshops) - \$100.00 + 0.20/sq. ft.

Sheds - \$50.00 flat rate | Swimming Pools - \$100.00

Demolition Permit - \$50.00

A full list of Building Permit Fees are located on our website, [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)

A Building Permit is NOT required for a fence.

Failure to obtain a Building Permit will result in a penalty of double the permit fee, as per the Township of Zorra's Building By-law.

**Mike Hughes, Chief Building Official**

519-485-2490 x 224 [mhughes@zorra.on.ca](mailto:mhughes@zorra.on.ca)

# Harrington and Embro Pond Dams

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) initiated Class Environmental Assessments for Harrington and Embro Pond Dams under the Conservation Ontario Class Environmental Assessment process in June 2015. The assessments are reviewing future options for the dams and are to date primarily funded through the Township of Zorra which is levied for maintenance and operation of Conservation Authority dams. Some funding to date has been received from the Province through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and it is hoped that additional funding is forthcoming in 2015 to defray Township costs.

The first of three Public Information Centres (PIC) with the first introducing the Assessments were held June 23 and June 25 for Harrington Dam and Embro Dam respectively. The PIC were well attended. The second PIC describing the possible

options and evaluations for the dams are currently planned to be held in late September 2015. A final PIC will describe the preferred option. The public has the opportunity to provide input at each PIC.

Anyone wishing to be placed on an emailing list should inform the UTRCA at [Harrington\\_Dam@thamesriver.on.ca](mailto:Harrington_Dam@thamesriver.on.ca) or [Embro\\_Dam@thamesriver.on.ca](mailto:Embro_Dam@thamesriver.on.ca) to receive notice of meetings and postings for the Assessments. (note the underscores with in the addresses)

Additional information and current reports can be found at <http://thamesriver.on.ca/water-management/recreational-dams/clasea-harrington-embro-dams>

## Letter to the Editor regarding the Class Environmental Assessment on the Harrington Pond, June 28, 2015.

*If you use the Harrington Pond recreation area, or if you have in the past, your stories and comments are needed.*

*The Harrington pond: fishing hole, bird sanctuary, tranquil picnic spot. For generations the pond has been loved as a get-away, a tiny oasis providing recreational activities for visitors from near and far.*

*Now, the future of the Harrington Pond has a question mark hanging over it. Like many small ponds in Ontario, the Harrington Pond is a constructed water feature created to power a saw-mill which in turn created jobs and a thriving community where none had previously existed. The concrete dam holds back the water that streams through the area from nearby springs, building pressure to channel a constant flow for the sawmill, and resulting in the pond. The dam was originally built in 1846 and re-constructed in 1952. That's a long time ago, and although the people who built the dam may not have been thinking as far ahead as today, they certainly built something sturdy.*

*However, structures don't last forever, and two recent studies commissioned by the UTRCA have raised concerns that the dam may be unstable. At several public meetings, the UTRCA has discussed the implications involved in rebuilding or removing the dam. Now, a Class Environmental Assessment will be undertaken to learn more about the dam, the pond, and its surrounding lands. The Assessment will look at four groups of factors that could impact a decision, economic, environmental, technical, and social, to make recommendations for the future of the dam and the pond.*

*This is where your help is needed. The Environmental Assessment team will take the social history of the pond into consideration when making their recommendations. To fully understand the pond and its relationship to the surrounding communities, the Environmental Assessment team is asking the public for stories and comments about the social history of the Harrington pond. These stories can include activities at the pond both in the past and present.*

*These researchers can't be expected to know what role the pond has played in our area without us telling them. I grew up in Harrington and to us the pond was a daily source of recreation and community activities. The pond has a history of years of bringing community members together for swimming, picnics, skating, fishing, and boating. I intend to submit my comments for this study. Will you do so save the pond? I don't know, but I feel that it is up to the members of this community and surrounding communities to do what we can, while we can, to show that the pond is used and is important to many. The history of the pond needs to be recorded and acknowledged. Stories received will be included in the final report which the study will generate.*

*If you have a story or comment to share, please email it to:  
[harrington\\_dam@thamesriver.on.ca](mailto:harrington_dam@thamesriver.on.ca)*

*You can also email this address to ask questions or to get more information about this issue.*

*As well, members of the public are invited to participate in an educational bus tour of local dams which will be arranged in the month of September 2015. If you are interested in the bus tour please email for details.*

*Thank you in advance for your participation in this project.*

*Jennifer Hewitt*





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## TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA MEMORIAL TREES

Memorial Tree Signs including name plaques have been erected in the Grace Patterson Park in Thamesford, Embro Pond and Harrington



**Grace Patterson Park, Thamesford:**  
Councillor Keasey and Mayor Lupton



**Embro Pond Conservation Area:**  
Doug Mills - Township of Zorra, Councillor Matheson, Councillor Keasey, Mayor Lupton, Bill Mackie – UTRCA and Brian McCowan-Embro Pond Association



**Harrington Conservation Area:**  
Doug Mills – Township of Zorra, Councillor Matheson, Councillor Keasey, Doug Diplock – Harrington & Area Association, Mayor Lupton and Bill Mackie - UTRCA

Conservation Area. Memorial Trees can be purchased at the Township Office for \$40 through the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA). Have your loved ones name added to a sign or all three signs when you purchase a tree for an additional fee per name plaque.

The Township of Zorra hosted an unveiling event for the new Memorial Tree Signs on July 10, 2015. All names were added to the sign of those honoured through the program since it began in 1995. Going forward friends and family may choose whether or not to have a name plaque added to the sign and which sign they would like it to appear on.



## TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA MEMORIAL TREE FOREST



This Spring 36 trees were planted at the new Township of Zorra Memorial Tree Forest!

In addition to the Zorra Memorial Tree Program, the Township has partnered with Brock and Visser Funeral Home – Thamesford Chapel and UTRCA to have trees planted in memory of those individuals whose funeral arrangements have been conducted through Brock and Visser Funeral Home. The Memorial Tree Forest is located on the 43rd Line, North of Road 68 on land owned by UTRCA. This spring 36 trees were been planted in the forest! A new sign will be erected in the future at this site.

For more information on either program please contact Karen Martin at 519-485-2490 ext. 228 or [kmartin@zorra.on.ca](mailto:kmartin@zorra.on.ca)



Take a tour through ZORRA Township to check out the Memorial Forest and the new signs!





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# Keeping our kids active

*Access to active outdoor play in nature - with its risks - is essential for healthy child development*

Have we lost the appropriate balance between keeping children healthy and active and protecting them from serious harm?

ParticipACTION recently released the Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth, citing a **D- grade** for overall physical activity levels, as only nine per cent of 5-17 year-old Canadian youth get 60 minutes of heart pumping activity each day.

According to the ParticipACTION report, it is important to recognize the difference between danger and risk, and the importance of increasing children's opportunities for self-directed play outdoors in all settings - at home, at school, in child care, the community and nature.

Research and evidence tell us that when children are outside, they move more, sit less and play longer.

## **ParticipACTION's tips to keep kids moving\*:**

- Host a "street-proofing course" with kids to teach them basic safety precautions while they play outdoors, including how to be safe pedestrians and cyclists.
- Encourage kids to play with a buddy.
- Recognize that kids are competent and capable - let them test boundaries appropriate to their age group and encourage them to go out and explore.
- Understand that risk doesn't mean courting danger, but rather giving kids the freedom to assess and manage risk, allowing them to build confidence and learn limits.
  
- Give kids the opportunity to play freely and spontaneously after school and on the weekends by letting them decide what outdoor activities they like to do - this will keep them more engaged in the activity and outside longer.
  
- Encourage children to engage more with their outdoor environments in a variety of weather conditions. With the right gear, even playing in the snow or rain is fun!
  
- Encourage school boards and municipalities to revisit play-specific rules and regulations, such as "no ball playing" or "no tobogganing," that inhibit fun, free play outdoors.
- Choose natural elements over pre-fabricated playgrounds and paved areas for children to play freely - after all, children are more curious about, and interested in, natural spaces.

## **Reduce the screen time**

- Turn screen time into active time by encouraging outdoor play, rather than turning on the TV.
- Remove TVs and computers from kids' bedrooms.
- Make sure kids know decreased screen time is not a punishment.

## **Be a good role model**

- Make sure you live an active life. It's important for kids to see adults being active and spending time outdoors, doing things such as running, walking, gardening or lawn work.
- Put away your cellphone or tablet and enjoy the outdoors.
- Display a positive attitude that being active outdoors in all weather conditions is fun and feels good.

\*ParticipACTION Get out of their way and let them play tip sheet, 2015.

## **What can we do to improve our grade?**

Parents, educators, health professionals, schools, media, and all levels of government have an important role to play in the development of a healthy sustainable community where active play (with risks), recreation and sport, and fueling healthy bodies are priorities for children, youth and families.

There are many examples of natural play structures in and around Oxford County that are great investments in keeping our children healthy and active. One example of natural play structure with elements of risk can be found in Oxford County at Good Beginnings Day Nursery in Woodstock, Ontario. Follow the link to see pictures of their new play area: <http://www.earthscapeplay.ca/project/daycare-playground-ontario/>

More information on the 2015 ParticipACTION Report Card on Physical Activity, the D- grade and the Position Statement on Active Outdoor Play can be found at [www.participaction.ca](http://www.participaction.ca).

For more information about supporting healthy active children in Oxford County, visit the Public Health website at [www.oxfordcounty.ca/health](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/health) or call Public Health at 519-539-9800 · 1-800-755-0394.



**The 2015 ParticipACTION Report Card reveals kids move more and sit less when they play outside and have some freedom to roam unsupervised and take risks.**



*Kids are more physically active when they play outside:*

**35%**



Students take **35 per cent more steps** in physical education class **when it is held outdoors.**<sup>1</sup>

**20 mins**



Canadian kids aged nine to 17 who play outside after school get **20 more minutes of heart-pumping activity per day**, and are **three times more likely** to meet the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines.<sup>2</sup>

*Kids move more when they have some freedom to roam unsupervised and take risks:*

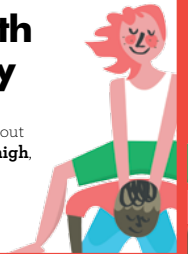


**20%**

Grade 5 and 6 students who are often or always allowed to go out and **explore unsupervised** get **20 per cent more heart-pumping activity** than those who are always supervised.<sup>3</sup>

**It's time to learn the truth about risky outdoor play**

Risky outdoor play is not about courting danger – it's about **play that is thrilling and exciting**, such as **climbing high, exploring the woods and rough-housing**, where kids independently test their abilities and limits.<sup>4,5</sup>



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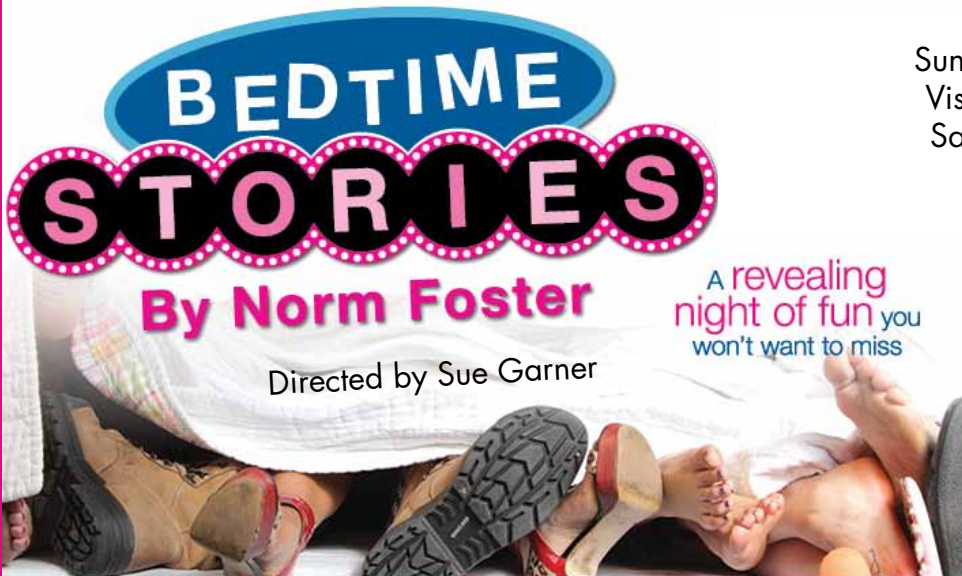
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Sara Stephenson at 519-485-0499

**Show dates:**

**Saturday Feb. 27nd**  
(Dinner & Show) - \$40

**Sunday Feb. 28rd**  
(Brunch & Show) - \$30

**Thursday Mar. 3rd**  
(Show, Wine & Cheese FAPPP) - \$22

**Friday Mar. 4th**  
(Dinner & Show) - \$40

**Saturday March 5th**  
(Dinner & Show) - \$40

**Box Office:**

December 12th 8am-11am at the Embro Community Center  
For more information or tickets after Box office contact Mary Ellen Garner (519-475-4437)  
*Ask about our new Opening Night Special!*

Bedtime Stories is staged by arrangement with Pam Winter, Gary Goddard Agency, [www.garygoddardagency.com](http://www.garygoddardagency.com)



# Thank You

## TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

In appreciation of our dedicated volunteers, the Township of Zorra is hosting a **Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast** on

**October 2, 2015**

Drop in between 8:00-10:00am at the  
Embro Community Centre

The Township 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.

If you're a volunteer in Zorra Township,  
we invite you to our event.

Please RSVP by September 14 to Karen Martin at  
[kmartin@zorra.on.ca](mailto:kmartin@zorra.on.ca) or call 59-485-2490 ext 228



**Join Us  
September 24!**

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**7:00 pm at Cowan Park, Woodstock**

Help support Oxford Community Foundation and Woodstock & District Developmental Services as we honour our local heroes with a night of fashion and fun. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Call 519-539-7447 or email [info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@oxfordcommunityfoundation.org) for tickets. \$35 each.



# 2015 Embro Fair Schedule



## Thursday September 17, 2015

7:00pm - 9:00pm Exhibit Entries Received (arena)

## Friday September 18, 2015

8:00am - 12:00pm (noon) Exhibit Entries Received (arena)

7:30pm Official Opening of the Fair

Friday Night Social

Ambassador Competition

'Are you Smarter than a 4-H'er?'

## Saturday September 19, 2015

8:00am Gates Open

9:00am Southwestern Ontario Highland Dance Competition (main hall)

10:30am Parade (Starts at Matheson Park)

11:00am Bennington/Cody's 4-H Achievement Day (Dairy tent)

FREE Kids Activities

12:30pm Mayor of Zorra Showmanship (tent)

12:45pm Open 4-H Dairy Showmanship (tent)

1:45pm All Breeds Open Dairy Heifer Show (tent)

2:00pm Let's Talk Science (arena)

5:30pm - 8:30pm 4-H Gala Dinner & Social

9:00pm Exhibit Hall Closes

9:30pm Age of Majority Dance with Kerosene Creek (arena)

## Sunday September 20, 2015

8:00am Gates Open

10:00am Non-Denominational Church Service (arena)

10:30am Brunch (main hall) Catered by the

Sim School of Dance

Mom2Mom Sale (small hall)

11:00am Heavy Horse & Haflinger Show

Exhibit Hall Opens

Beach Volleyball Tournament

1:00pm FREE Kids Activities

Baby Show (arena)

Tug of War

2:00pm Let's Talk Science (arena)

3:00pm Silent Auction Closes

Pet Show (arena)

4:00pm Exhibits available for pick up (arena)

Fair Ends

Check website for changes/additions  
[www.embrofair.com](http://www.embrofair.com)

# Lakeside Triathlon



## It is triathlon time again!

As many of you know, one of the ways that we have tried to give back to the community is by donating free entry to the children and adult residents of Lakeside. We are very happy to say that each year the number of Lakeside residents participating in our races has grown. The only small fee for a child or adult entry is the Triathlon Ontario Insurance that is purchased in advance.

Over the past six years we have donated a total of \$4,000 to the community through Zorra Township. We will be presenting another cheque to Mayor Lupton and Councillor Ryan on Saturday, September 12th right after the adult races are finished. We hope that you will join us for this presentation. - MultiSport Canada

The roads in use will be:

### Saturday September 12th, 2015

10:00AM to 11:30AM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and 31st Line), 31st Line (between Rd 92 and Rd 16), 25th Line (between Rd 92 and Road 88) and Road 88 (between 25th Line and 29th Line)

2:00PM to 3:00PM

- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92)

3:00PM to 3:40PM

- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92) and Road 92 (between 25th Line and 27th Line)

4:00PM to 4:50PM

- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92) and Road 92 (between 25th Line and 27th Line)

5:00PM to 5:45PM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and 31st Line), 31st Line (between Rd 92 and Rd 16), 25th Line (between Rd 92 and Road 88) and Road 88 (between 25th Line and 29th Line)

### Sunday September 13th, 2015

10:25AM to 12:30PM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and Cobble Hill Rd - Westbound), Road 96 (between Cobble Hill Rd and Rd 6 - Eastbound), Road 6 (between Rd 96 and Rd 92 - Southbound) and Road 92 (between Rd 6 and 25th Line - Westbound)

1:00PM to 2:00PM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and 31st Line - both directions)
- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92)

More information regarding the MultiSport Canada Triathlon Series can be found at: [WWW.msctriathlon.com](http://WWW.msctriathlon.com).

# Recreation Department - Community Events

## Thamesford Events

### Westminster United Church presents:

#### *The Wizard of Oz*

Nov. 5, 6, 7 13, 14 – Dinner and Balcony Seating

Dinner Theatre starts at 6:00pm

Balcony Seating and show time is at 7:30pm

Nov. 8 – Sunday Matinee starts at 2:00pm

Nov. 10, 12 – Traditional Seating starts at 7:00pm

Ticket sales start on Sat., Oct. 3 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Westminster United Church, 115 George Street, Thamesford. Please call 519-285-2767 or email [glpike@rogers.com](mailto:glpike@rogers.com) for additional information.

### Thamesford Arena

#### **Public Skating:**

Every Sunday (starts October 4)

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Except Holidays

#### *Parent/Tot Skate:*

Every Tuesday (starts September 8)

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

#### *Adult/Senior Skate:*

Every Tuesday (starts September 8)

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

#### *Professional Activity Day Public Skate*

Friday, October 2 & November 20

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

### September 2015

#### *Trojans Junior D Hockey Team Home Opener*

Friday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Lucan Irish

### October 2015

#### *Lions Canvassing for CNIB*

October 7, 8, 9

#### *Lions Tribute and Musical Entertainment Night*

Saturday October 17

Doors open at 7:00p.m., Show starts 8:00p.m.

Contact Linda: 519-285-5123 or

Burton: 519-285-5485

### November 2015

#### *Flu Clinic*

November 9 at 4:00-6:00p.m.

#### *Thamesford Firefighter's Breakfast*

Sunday, November 15 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$8, Children (Under 12) \$4

### December 2015

#### *Lions Community Carol Sing*

Sunday, December 6

## Embro Events

### Embro West Zorra Community Centre

#### *Public Skating:*

Every Sunday (starts October 4)

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Except Holidays

#### *Parent/Tot Skate:*

Every Wednesday (starts October 7)

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

\*NEW: Every Friday (starts October 2)

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

#### *Adult Skate:*

Every Wednesday (starts October 7)

11:00 to 12:00 p.m.

\*NEW: Every Friday (starts October 2)

11:00 to 12:00 p.m.

#### *Professional Activity Day Public Skate*

Friday, October 2 & November 20

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

### Yoga to Relax, Renew, Revitalize

#### **Body, Mind & Spirit**

Every Tuesday 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

\$12 for drop in or \$70 for 7 weeks

9:00 to 10:15 a.m. \$15 for drop in or \$84 for 7 weeks

Contact Christine Mathias 519-488-1630

Private classes also available

### September 2015

#### *Knox United Church Barbeque*

Wednesday, September 9

Contact: Mary Ellen Garner 519-475-4437

#### *Zorra Skating Club Registration*

Saturday, September 12 10:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Contact: Colleen Shrigley 519-475-4395

#### *Embro Fair*

Friday, September 18 to Sunday, September 20

Contact: Carol Hanlon 519-485-0668 or

Marie Scholl 519-475-0187

Embro Fall Fair Events Calendars are available at the Township of Zorra Office.

### November 2015

#### *Caledonian Society - St. Andrew's Night*

Friday, November 27

Contact McKays Food Land

#### *Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Fish Fry*

Saturday November 7

Contact Natalie Hazeleger 519-949-4978

# Oxford Cycling

## Thamesford North

**Experience Level:** Moderate to advanced ride

**Route Surface:** Paved

**Length:** 52 KM

**Route Description:** Taking the quiet country back road out of Thamesford, ride onto Cobble Hills Road. On one of the most scenic roads in the County, enjoy wide sweeping views interspersed with dense forest lining the way. Low traffic volumes continue all the way around this loop, including the turn towards Lakeside riding along Oxford Road 92/25. On a nice day take a detour and visit the community of Lakeside popular for swimming and birding. This delightful ride continues back towards the start on 31st Line and 17th Line, before ending in Thamesford, where there are a number of places to get refreshments.

### **Route Option and Notes:**

Caution crossing 19th Line, heavy traffic. Shorten the loop to 40 km by turning east County Road 84, towards Kintore.

### **Starting Point Notes:**

North Park: Washrooms available at the entrance to ball diamond at the North East corner of the park

Enjoy a refreshing ride in the clean air with quiet roads, beautiful scenery and unique stops along the way.

Zorra Township offers a variety of cycling routes throughout the Township. Try one of them out today!!

### **Share your Ride:** @TourismOxford#RideOxford

Pick up a cycling map at the Township Office or contact Tourism Oxford at [tourism@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:tourism@oxfordcounty.ca) to have a copy mailed.

## Harrington Lakeside

**Experience Level:** Moderate to advanced ride

**Route Surface:** Paved

**Length:** 39 KM

**Route Description:** Heading out from the hamlet of Harrington, park and picnic at the Harrington Grist Mill Conservation Area. Walk the pond trail, throw your fishing line in the water and admire the community effort to restore this century old grist mill. This flat ride provides a great tour passing local farmlands and their original farmsteads. On a nice day take a detour and visit the community of Lakeside popular for swimming and birding. Continue on this pleasant loop returning to the start. From Harrington an easy ride on an unpaved road or short drive connects this route to Wildwood Conservation Area, with camping, watersports and a 25 km trail geared to mountain biking enthusiasts.

### **Starting Point Notes:**

Harrington Library: Washrooms available Tues-Sat (hours vary), 539 Victoria St.



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## ZORRA GIRLS FUZION HOCKEY!

Zorra Girls Hockey is excited for the 2015/2016 Season. Registration is still being accepted for all age levels!

Please see our website [www.zgha.ca](http://www.zgha.ca) for contacts and registration information.

Sponsorship opportunities are available as well! Please email Director of Sponsorship Jay Winter [mwintc@rogers.com](mailto:mwintc@rogers.com) if interested!

Our teams play our home games in Embro and Thamesford. Feel free to come out and support some exciting girls hockey and cheer them on!



See you at the rink!



## ZORRA RECREATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:00pm**  
at the Embro-Zorra Community Centre

**Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7:00pm**  
at the Beaty Room at the Thamesford Library

**Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7:00pm**  
at the Zorra Township Municipal Office

To view agendas and minutes visit the Township Website at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)

*Come on out to a meeting and have your say regarding Zorra Recreation!!!!*



# Township Contacts

## Council



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## Employees

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*Kintore Works Yard*  
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### **Protective Services**

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*Thamesford District Chief* - Jim Manzer  
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Email: thamesfordfire@zorra.on.ca

*Uniondale District Chief* - Paul Mitchell  
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Email: uniondalefire@zorra.on.ca

### **Recreation Department**

*Recreation and Facilities Manager* -  
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Thamesford District Recreation Centre  
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Embros Zorra Community Centre  
Phone: 519-475-6061  
Email: ezcc@zorra.on.ca

Thamesford Area Swimming Pool  
Phone: 519-285-3063

## Upcoming Council Meetings 2015

All meetings held at the Township Office – Council Chambers

September 1                    9:30 a.m.  
September 15                6:30 p.m.  
October 6                      9:30 a.m.

October 2                      6:30 p.m.  
November 3                 9:30 a.m.  
November 17                6:30 p.m.

# Community Contact Listing



## Minor Sports

**Embro:**

Embro Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-475-6515
Zorra Skating Club	519-475-4646
Embro Minor Ball Association	519-475-4012
Embro Minor Soccer Association	
Tim and Katrina DeWit	519-475-0460
Ingersoll Minor Ball	
Doug Thomas	519-485-3218
Kintore Minor Soccer	519-349-2120

## Thamesford:

Thamesford Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-285-3796
Thamesford Skating Club	519-285-5556
Thamesford Jr. "D" Hockey Club	519-285-3107
Thamesford Minor Baseball	519-285-5567
Thamesford Minor Soccer	519-285-5408
Thamesford NBC	519-639-4507
Thamesford Rec. Men's Slow Pitch	519-268-2232
Zorra Girls Hockey	519-852-4509

## Schools (Elementary)

Embro	
Zorra Highland Public School	519-475-4121
Kintore	
A.J. Baker Public School	519-283-1098
Thamesford	
Thamesford Public School	519-285-2043
Roch Carrier French Immersion	519-537-7321
John Knox Christian School	519-539-1492

## 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

Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society	
Carol Hanlon	519-485-0668
Thamesford Taking Action Group	519-285-3919
Thamesford Lion's Club	
Jack Broadfoot, President	519-285-2729
Thamesford Scouts	
Jackie Van Daele	519-283-6159
Kintore Optimist Club	519-283-6321
Harrington & Area Community Association	
Doug Diplock	519-475-0060

## Other

Alzheimers Society	519-421-2466
Beachville District Museum	519-423-6497
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ingersoll, Tillsonburg & Area	519-485-1801
	or 519-842-9000
	ingtburg@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
	www.sharethefun.org

Brooksdale Women's Institute	519-475-4502
Caledonian Society	519-475-6765
Calithumpian Committee - Andrea Wright	519-285-5129
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
Embro West Zorra History Book	519-475-4443
Embro Library	519-475-4172
EmbroArea Business Association	

Karon Cowan email: embrobiz@gmail.com

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Fanshawe Pioneer Village	519-457-1296
Girl Guides - Thamesford	519-285-1126
Harrington Public Library	519-475-6909
Hardeman, Ernie, MPP.	519-537-5222
Horticultural Society (Ingersoll)	519-485-1808
Ingersoll Choral Society	519-285-2825
Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre	519-485-4691
Ingersoll Services for Seniors	519-485-3869
Ingersoll Theatre of Performing Arts	519-485-3070
Lawn Bowling	Embro 519-475-4729

Thamesford 519-285-2936

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Ontario Early Years Programs	800-539-9800
OPP	800-265-7191
Oxford County Jr. Farmers	519-469-3281
Oxford County Federation of Agriculture	519-852-8856
Oxford District Women's Institute	519-475-4502
Thamesford Block Parents	519-285-1126
Thamesford Business Association	519-285-3249
Thamesford Public Library	519-285-3219
Thamesford Snowmobile Club	

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Thistle Theatre - Chris Cockle	519-475-4201
Tiny Paws - Linda Collier	www.tpdr.ca
Township of Zorra	519-485-2490
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Scouts - Thamesford	519-285-5835
Welcome Wagon	519-485-2990
Wienerfest/Dog Rescue - Linda Collier	519 285-5123
Women's Canadian Club	519-471-8924

## Places of Worship

St. Andrew's United Church  
924044 Road 92, Brooksdale, Ontario  
519-475-6011

Chalmers United Church  
842993 Road 84, Kintore, Ontario  
519-283-6376

Crossroads Alliance Church  
194552 19th Line, R.R. 3  
Ingersoll, Ontario  
519- 485-4440

Knox Presbyterian Church  
115 St. Andrews Street  
Embro, Ontario  
519-475-4816

Knox Presbyterian Church  
963727 Road 96 , Harrington, Ontario  
519-475-4011

Knox United Church  
116 Kincardine Street, Embro, Ontario  
519-475-4060

Maple Grove Christian Retreat  
194936 19th Line  
Thamesford, Ontario  
519-285-3334

St. John's Anglican Church  
220 Dundas Street  
Thamesford, Ontario  
519-285-3218

Truth Community Church  
154978 15th Line (Banner Rd.)  
Thamesford, Ontario  
519-285-2112  
www.truthcommunitychurch.ca

Westminster United Church  
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Thamesford, Ontario  
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East Nissouri Union Church  
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