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community events and services



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## Message from the Mayor

This has been a particularly busy summer with lots of issues to deal with, and events to enjoy. Thank you for your assistance and very kind welcome in all parts of Zorra.

I have been encouraging Zorra residents to experiment with making their event "Zero Waste". Oxford County is working diligently to achieve this in direct response to the landfill proposal. We are hoping to extend the life of our present site to the point where new technologies can be accepted to deal with all waste. Simply put a Zero Waste event ( or nearly so) can occur by using dishes that can be washed and reused, insisting that appropriate materials are recycled, and that food wastes are collected and taken home to be composted. (For those of us living on farms, this is particularly easy.) It just takes one member in a group to make this happen.

The Harvey Waud Collection will be moving to the Beachville Museum early next year. Thank you to the members of the Embro/West Zorra History Book Committee who have offered to pay for the display stands that will be constructed...a very generous donation. This does leave a vacant room at the Embro Community Centre. Suggestions?

Taking Council into the schools continues. We still have to "make up" our day at Zorra Highland Park Public School because of a bus cancellation. I particularly enjoy the student delegations prepared by them. They have made some very unique suggestions that Council will be seriously considering.

Oxford County Council is considering changes to the Woodland Conservation By-law. This is very important to people considering any kind of land improvements in the rural area. Many have been

surprised to learn of the rules that come into play once they begin their projects. Watch for information on how to comment on the By-law.

New programs are being considered by the Recreation Department. What would be of interest to you? Please contact me.

UTRCA is considering the future of the Embro and Harrington dams. Solutions proposed seem to be extremely expensive and outside funding is not assured. I am hoping something more reasonable can be proposed.

Plans to have an area at the Township Office to display and perhaps sell works by local artists continue. If you would like to participate please contact me. I am anxious to have residents see the extremely fine work and the many useful articles being created by so many talented residents.

The Volunteer Breakfast was a great success. The committee in charge did a remarkable job. The decorating was wonderful. Members are so enthusiastic that plans for next year are already being discussed. Watch for information. It is Council's pleasure to have this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who make so many differences in our community.

And finally, on behalf of your Zorra Council, Staff and all employees, best wishes for many pleasures and blessings over the coming Season. However you celebrate may you make happy memories that will give you pleasure for many years.

I personally want to thank you for your continuing support and very kind invitations and welcome to your many events. As always I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

*Margaret Lupton*

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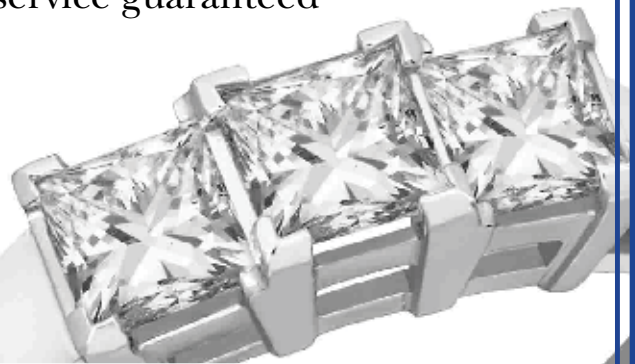
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Monday to Friday - 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with additional hours as determined by weather conditions.  
Saturday, Sunday, holidays - as determined by weather conditions.

*Aden Corcoran, C.E.T. -Director of Public Works*

## REDUCED LOAD SEASON

An early reminder to all drivers of heavy trucks and equipment that the reduced load season takes effect for the period of February 15 to April 30 inclusive each year. In accordance with By-law 21-03, signs will be posted on applicable Township roadways.

## HALF LOAD SEASON RATIONALE

- Minimize long term damage to Infrastructure
- Problems caused when roads are soft often require major repairs
- Prevent additional damage to culverts and bridges
- Heavy loads do damage to road sub-base that is difficult to detect
- Changes in the size of agricultural equipment i.e. large liquid manure trailers
- Multiple aggregate producers in Township
- Infrastructure repair costs borne directly or indirectly by residents

All of the above lead to safety issues during Half Load Season.



# OXFORD COUNTY 4-H

## 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ONTARIO 4-H "GO FOR THE GOLD" PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## WHY NOT PAY YOUR TAXES MONTHLY?

Sign up now for the 10 or 12 month Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for 2017.

If you are interested in enrolling in this payment plan for 2017, you can find an authorization form on our website at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca) or call Kelly Hall at 485-2490 ext 222. Applications need to be submitted as soon as possible to ensure enrolment for 2017.

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 Zorra as a client and the account number required is your ROLL NUMBER from your tax bill, starting after 3227.

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, starting after 3227. Example: If your roll number on your tax bill shows 011-090-00000-0000 then you would enter this as 01109000000. If an error occurs, please add the extra four zeros at the end and try again.

## COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY

### VACANCY REBATE PROGRAM

If your commercial or industrial property was vacant for a period of up to three months for 2016 you are eligible for a vacancy rebate. Applications can be found on our website or picked up at the Township Office. The deadline for filing is February 28, 2017.

## MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION (MPAC)

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Also filing a Request for Reconsideration (RfR) is a pre-condition to filing an Assessment Review Board (ARB) appeal for properties in the residential, farm or managed forests property class. The deadline to file an RfR is March 31, 2017.

## WHEN WILL MY 2017 TAX BILL BE MAILED?

They will be mailed the 1st week of February, with due dates of Feb 28 and May 31, 2017. Unfortunately, legislation states that the municipality is only allowed to bill half of the previous year's taxes, therefore an increase/decrease in taxes for ratepayers will not be seen until the Final 2017 Tax Bill which are processed in July 2017.

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

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



# Township of Zorra Fire & Emergency Services

**Check out Zorra's new FIRE TRUCK!!**  
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*'Tis the Season to be Careful*



**ENJOY A FIRE SAFE HOLIDAY**

## ARE YOU PROTECTED BY SMOKE AND CO ALARMS?

- ❖ In 34% of fatal home fires there is no smoke alarm warning.
- ❖ Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- ❖ CO alarms are required outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.



## WHAT'S THE RISK?

Smoking and cooking are the **top 2 causes of fatal fires** during the holidays (Nov, Dec, Jan).

Injuries caused by smoking account for **1 in 10 home** fire injuries during the holidays.

Smoking accounts for **30%** of all home fire deaths during the holidays.

Cooking fires account for **19%** of all home fires during the holidays.

**27%** of all home fire injuries occur in cooking fires during the holidays.

**Alcohol is a factor in many fatal fires involving smoking and cooking. DRINK RESPONSIBLY!**

## How do I protect my family during the holidays?

- ❖ Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- ❖ Keep an eye on any drinkers in your household and make sure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and the stove is off before going to bed.
- ❖ Cigarettes can smoulder among upholstered items for hours before igniting. Check sofas and chairs for cigarettes that may have fallen between the cushions.
- ❖ Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers.
- ❖ Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

Zorra Fire & Emergency Services reminds everyone that the Ontario Fire Code requires smoke alarms to be installed on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide alarms are required outside all sleeping areas if the home has a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage.

Protect yourself and your loved ones, install and maintain your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

For more information about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, or fire safety, contact **Fire Chief John McFarlan at 519-485-2490, Ext 240.**



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# By-Law Enforcement

## SMOKING PROHIBITED

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Violations may result in a fine of \$305.00 plus additional fees.

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RV's)

The Township Council has agreed to change the Zoning By-law to allow parking of RV's from the spring through fall. Exact dates have not yet been determined and will hopefully be finalized in February. Please check the Township website for updates.

## WINTER PARKING

Please be advised that the winter parking restrictions will be enforced starting November 15th and remain in place until March 31, 2017. 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 fine for this violation is set at \$50.

Parking By-law notice to parents, volunteers and teachers at Thamesford Public School: Reminder, there is no parking/stopping on south side of McCarty Street 8:30-9am & 3:30-4pm. Signs are posted and violators will be ticketed \$50.00. You may drop off your children on the north side of the street provided that you do not stand for a period of time longer than it takes for children to exit the vehicle, otherwise you may be ticketed for a "no standing" violation, also \$50.00. If you need to exit your vehicle I suggest using the many parking spaces on George Street by the ball park. If you have any questions about this, please contact By-law Officer Mathew Paul at 519-485-2490 ext 230.

## SNOW REMOVAL ONTO ROADWAYS

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

## MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Please note that the Motorized Vehicle By-law 18-90, prohibits motorized vehicles in public parks within Zorra Township and is subject to a Provincial Offences Charge \$105. Motorized vehicles includes but is not limited to recreational all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) and snowmobiles.

Parks prohibiting motorized vehicles are as follows: Thamesford District Recreation Centre – Entire property, Grace Patterson Park, Thamesford North Park, Bob Fisher Soccer Field, Lions (South) Park, Matheson Park, Community Centre Park, Wallace Park, Memorial Park and Harrington Park NOTE: Unless permission is obtained from property owner, ATVs and Snowmobiles are prohibited on private property. All trespassing complaints should be forwarded to the Ontario Provincial Police.

## THEFT OF HISTORICAL SIGNAGE

There has been a number of Historical 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 \$2,000 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.

## ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

- All dogs over 3 months of age require a license with the Township. Failure to register your dog may result in a fine of \$125.
- A maximum of 3 dogs are permitted in each dwelling.
- 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.
- 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.
- All dog owners must adhere to the minimum health and general well-being standards.
- PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT ALL DOGS HAVE CURRENT 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.

For more information contact Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer 485-2490 ext. 230





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If your dog tag is lost, there is a \$3.00 fee for a replacement tag. Please call or email the office for more information.

If you did not register your dog in 2016 or if you have a new dog, you can obtain a tag by visiting our website [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.

For more information about the dog tag program, please email [admin@zorra.on.ca](mailto:admin@zorra.on.ca) or call 519-485-2490 ext 221.

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

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[kismutt@sympatico.ca](mailto:kismutt@sympatico.ca)  
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**Township of Zorra**  
**Hunting Regulations**

Sunday Gun Hunting in the Township of Zorra is prohibited. For further information visit the Ministry of Natural Resources website: [www.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca)

In accordance with Township By-law #43-09, Municipal licenses are not required for hunting rabbit and pheasant in the Township of Zorra.



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Please contact any of the following: The Township Office at 519-485-2490, JC Graphics at 519-285-3249, Margaret Lupton at 519-475-4443 or Helen Brennehan at 519-475-4874

**ZORRA COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE**

**Have you seen these traffic devices around the Township?**

You may have seen this device, it is a Speed Monitoring Trailer. The Speed Trailer works by refocusing drivers attention on their current speed. This mobile device can be placed anywhere in the Township that requires on going traffic monitoring and reinforcement of speed limits. Not only does it display the detected speed of vehicles, but it records all vehicular traffic. The data is then transferred to a hard drive where we can view speeds based on time and dates. This information assists us in determining if there is an ongoing issues with speeding. Data can be forwarded to the Ontario Provincial Police who may patrol the area and ticket offenders.

In addition to our Speed Trailer, you may have noticed this small box on utility poles. This discrete box is called a Speedspy. Inside the box is a radar device similar to the what is used with police radar guns. The SpeedSpy is designed to NOT be noticed, so the traffic data that we collect is true identifier of traffic patterns.

Check the Township of Zorra website, or call the office at 519-485-2490 for the next scheduled meeting. All meetings are held at the Township Office located at: 274620 27th Line, P.O. Box 306, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5.



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## IN RURAL

*Maybe you've seen this message around Rural Oxford and you may be wondering why we make such a statement.*



We have made the bold statement that Rural Oxford is the most prosperous community in rural Ontario. We believe it to be true, and we have the data and facts to back up the claims of wealth, value, and success that we enjoy. Whether it be large employers like Saputo, Carmeuse, Salford Group, and Verspeeten, we are home to more major employers in more sectors than any other rural county.

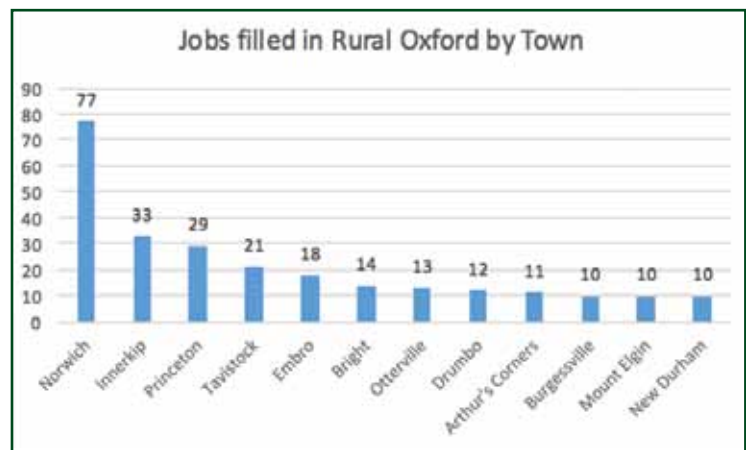
Due to the productivity of our soil and the leadership in agriculture, land values in Rural Oxford are the highest in Ontario. With more than 3,600 jobs on Oxford farms, annually we are generating more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a billion dollars in farm cash receipts, giving Rural Oxford a respectable median household income of \$58,800.

As a group of five rural townships, we have seen jobs increase by 6.3% over the past five years, which exceeds the provincial gain of 5.8%. Our largest increase has been in real estate and companies providing administrative support to other businesses, but most importantly, every sector has seen improvement, achieving a full recovery of jobs lost during 2007 and 2008.

Employment across sectors is diverse in Rural Oxford, giving us a solid basis for growth and development. As agriculturally focused as we are...we don't have all of our eggs in one basket.

While we often associate the word prosperity with wealth and affluence, which we have in Rural Oxford, prosperity is also synonymous with abundance, resources, well being, and the good life, which leads us to make the obvious statement that Life is good in Rural Oxford.

You might be wondering what all of this means to you, your business, and the role of economic development. Taking this data and more, into consideration, the Rural Oxford EDC has identified strategic priorities that make up the work plan each year. In 2016, the first focus was on developing a stable and reliable workforce for businesses to tap into as they grow and expand. Our web portal, [www.workinoxford.ca](http://www.workinoxford.ca) has been highly successful in connecting job seekers with employment opportunities. As you can see, hundreds of positions have been filled in towns throughout the five townships.



As a second priority, we have addressed retail leakage by encouraging consumers to shop locally through the Buy Close By campaign. To date, we have been able to track millions of dollars that have been spent in Rural Oxford by local residents. Even though this campaign has concluded, we remind you of the critical value in buying close by.

We have organized networking sessions and professional development opportunities that support

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the goal of connection business to business. Dozens of owners and managers have attended sessions on marketing, social media, youth entrepreneurship, export development, and funding for the agri-food sector. Numerous technical training programs have also been executed in local schools as we prepare tomorrow's workforce with the relevant training they will need to succeed in our local businesses.

With a look to future growth, we have put effort into the attraction of new businesses to Rural Oxford, while we work with existing businesses who have outgrown their current facilities and need to expand.

In 2017, these priorities will continue to be the focus of our day to day operations. We will continue to promote vacant land and buildings for new business opportunity. We will continue our efforts on workforce development through tools like the workinxford website, the regional rideshare program, and virtual job fairs.

In 2017, we will be working with the Planning Department at Oxford County to bring a regional program to assist and incite the improvement of properties and buildings that are in need of improvements and upgrades. This program, referred to as a Community Improvement Plan should incentivize improvements. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting program.

To encourage and facilitate business networking the ROEDC will be hosting a business symposium on April 12, 2017 at the Reeves Community Hall located at Cowan Park. With a motivating and energizing guest speaker, Melissa Schenk, attendees will gather together to celebrate our successes while being inspiring to be the best we can be in a keynote presentation title, 'Different Makes The Difference'. Tickets will be available in February, and we can assure you that you do not want to miss this business dinner.

These are just a few of the activities and program in store for 2017 for the Rural Oxford EDC and the businesses we serve.

It's easy to see why Rural Oxford's population is growing. Our natural resources are abundant. Agriculture, business and industry are thriving, innovative and diversified here, offering outstanding employment opportunities and contributing to excellent quality of life. This is reflected in our caring, affluent and culturally diverse communities.

For more information, contact:  
Bernia Wheaton, EDO  
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## Volunteer Breakfast 2016



Thanks to all of our local volunteers who came out to Thamesford on October 21, 2016 to celebrate volunteerism in Zorra Township. A delicious breakfast catered by Eat Your Heart Out Catering was enjoyed by many local volunteers. Councillor Keasey put together gift bags for our volunteers and they each took home a delicious apple from Turner's Farm Market. Gorgeous signage and fall decorations provided by 31st Line Strategic Communications. #ShopLocal. Thanks to Mayor Lupton and Councillors Keasey, Ryan, and Matheson for serving the food. What a great morning in @ZorraTwp!



## FLU SEASON

**FLU VACCINES ARE HERE. PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE FOR YOUR VACCINE!**

**Dr. P Diavolitsis Office 519-285-3770**  
Thamesford Medical Clinic, 141 Dundas St W, Thamesford ON  
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# Local

# Government

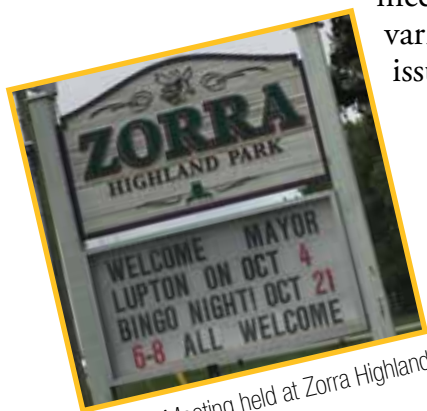
# Week



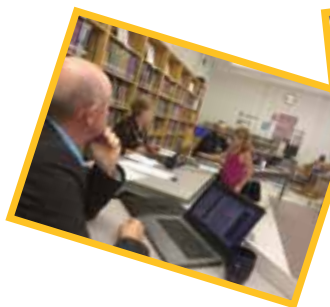
Thamesford Public School hosts Zorra Council Meeting

Local Government Week was developed to celebrate the key role that Ontario local governments play in helping to define the character, priorities, amenities and physical make-up of communities.

The goal of Local Government Week is to put a face to local government staff and elected officials, engage youth and create an interest in community leadership. Local Government Week was held on October 16-22, 2016. On October 4, 2016 Township Council and Staff held the Council meeting at Zorra Highland Park Public School, on October 18, 2016 the Council meeting was held at Thamesford Public School, and on November 1, 2016 the Council meeting was held at AJ Baker Public School. All three meetings were a great success and saw students from grades 4-6 presenting various delegations to Council requesting anything from solutions to recycling issues to plans to plant milkweed to help save the Monarch butterflies!



Council Meeting held at Zorra Highland School



AJ Baker School hosts Zorra Council Meeting



**Tourism @ Oxford**  
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The snow may be here  
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**Enjoy the Outdoors:** Visit a local hiking trail (Lawson Nature Reserve has bird feeders), toboggan, go skating, or put out a birdfeeder and watch from the comfort of your home. You will be surprised by who visits.

**Stage:** Theatre season is in full swing and offers an affordable outing for families, friends and couples. Make a night of it and include a meal.

**Studio:** If you find snow dreary brighten up your life at a gallery, studio or arts cooperatives. Take an art class (single & multi day classes available).

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Winter is here but you can still eat local in Oxford County. Dairy, meats, produce and baked goods are available year round. Visit [www.OxfordFresh.ca](http://www.OxfordFresh.ca) for details

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# Andrew's Legacy

In a letter to Ms. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Home and School Federation, adopted a resolution, which is now a policy "that there be and automated external defibrillator (AED) in every public building and that these AED'S be registered. As of June 2016, all three-elementary schools in Zorra Township now have an AED.

With the continued support of Zorra Township, Zorra Emergency Services, Oxford County EMS and the TVDSB, Andrews Legacy was able to make this happen. Zorra Highland Park PS received their AED in Dec 2015, Thamesford PS along with AJ Baker had both of theirs installed in June 2016. Members of Zorra Township Council, Zorra Emergency Services, Oxford County EMS, TVDSB Trustee, Bill Mckinnon, and Mayor Margaret Lupton were on hand for all 3 of these momentous occasions.

Several other TVDSB elementary schools, along with their Home and School Associations, have started to fund raise to purchase an AED for their school. In



Thamesford Public School donation

May 2016, Laurie Hawkins PS, in Ingersoll, had theirs installed, just outside the gym. Harrisfield PS has also been working towards purchasing one for their school and hope to have one by the end of the school year. On May 11, 2015,

15-year-old, Andrew Stoddart collapsed while playing soccer in Kintore. Even though CPR was started immediately with fire and ems arriving within 20 minutes, Andrew did not survive. The chances of survival increase dramatically if CPR combined with an AED is done within minutes of a sudden cardiac arrest.



AJ Baker Public School donation

Andrews family have made it their mission to place these living saving pieces of equipment everywhere, and to make people aware of how easy it can be to save a life. Since that day Andrews Legacy has placed 22 AED'S in public places, 5 within Zorra Township, including the Zorra Township Office and the Wildwood Boy Scout Camp. Several others have been placed within Oxford County, including Oxford Reformed Christian School, Sweaburg baseball diamonds, Ingersoll Soccer Club, and Annandale ballpark Tillsonburg, in memory of firefighter John Kovacs, who passed away November 2015.

With the help of generous donations and sponsors, more baseball parks, soccer fields, schools and clubs will be protected. Any donations over \$25 can be issued a tax receipt for income tax purposes. For further information on how to help spread the news, visit the Facebook page or the website at [www.andrewslegacyforever.com](http://www.andrewslegacyforever.com).



Zorra Highland Dance Centre donation

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## Thamesford Lions Club Upcoming Events

**Bottle donations at Mac's Milk Convenience Store in Thamesford – first Saturday of every month 10am-2pm**

**Family Christmas Carol Sing**

Sunday, December 4, 2016, 7pm at Thamesford Community Centre

**Family Day Celebration**

Monday February 20, 2017, 2pm at the Thamesford Community Centre Hay rides, games, silent auction and supper

**Social Gaming Night/Elimination Draw**

Friday April 21, 2017, 8pm at the Thamesford Community Centre

**Electronic, Metal, Batteries Recycling Day**

Saturday April 22, 2017, 8am to 3pm, Parking lot behind Thamesford Community Centre

**Trout Brunch**

Sunday May 21, 2017, 11am to 1:30pm at the Thamesford Community Centre

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## Emily Van Bommel 2016-2017 Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Ambassador

Please welcome Emily Van Bommel as our 2016-2017 Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Ambassador. She will be attending & promoting Embro Fair at Volunteer Appreciation & Awards Night, Fish Fry, Woodstock Christmas Parade, Annual Meeting, Dinner Theatre, OAAS Convention, District 7 events and anywhere else we can promote Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society events.



## 2017 EMBRO DINNER THEATRE EMBRO & ZORRA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

# SHORTHANDDED



by Michael Grant

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Produced by Lisa Scott & Sara Stephenson

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**Box Office:**

December 10th 2016 8am-11am at the Embro Zorra Community Center. For more information or tickets after Box office contact Mary Ellen Garner (519-475-4437) Ask about our Opening Night Special!

**Show dates:**

**Saturday February 25**  
(Dinner & Show) - \$40

**Sunday February 26**  
(Brunch & Show) - \$35

**Thursday March 2**

(Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar & Show) - \$20

**Friday March 3**

(Dinner & Show) - \$40

**Saturday March 4**

(Dinner & Show) - \$40



Dinner Catered by Janice's Fine Country Catering  
Brunch Catered by Embro & Zorra Ag. Society



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VON Oxford is excited to announce that the Meals on Wheels™ Program is now here in the Embro community! The program began on Friday November 4th, 2016, in partnership with the Highland Restaurant. Clients can receive a meal over the lunch hour delivered straight to the door hot and ready to eat. Frozen meals are also available to be ordered in Zorra Township.

VON Oxford has been offering hot meals in the Woodstock and Tavistock communities for over 30 years. VON Volunteers deliver hot or frozen meals to help seniors and individuals living with disabilities by providing them with a delicious home-style meal. Volunteers also offer regular social contact and check on the health and safety of each client.

Victorian Order of Nurses is Canada's largest, national, not-for-profit, charitable home and community care organization. VON has been delivering services to our community for more than 100 years. In Zorra Township we offer several different home care, and community support services to enhance each client's quality of life and promote independence.

If you would like to learn more information about the Meals on Wheels™ Hot or Frozen Programs please contact 519-539-1231 or toll free 1-888-641-5197.



## Thamesford Water and Wheels Committee

A Committee has been formed to explore the possibility of building a skate park and splash pad in Thamesford! While still in early planning stages, the enthusiasm of Committee members, community supporters and Township Councillors has been very positive. You can join our Facebook Group page, ("Water and Wheels Committee") or email [tjackson@execulink.com](mailto:tjackson@execulink.com) for information or contact Committee Chair Don Weir at 519-285-5558 with any questions regarding this exciting new project for Thamesford.

## Garbage and Recycling Pick Up



Garbage and recycling pick-up is offered weekly in new trucks that now allow for single stream recycling – meaning all your recyclables can now go into the same blue box.

Your garbage and recycling pick-up is collected on all statutory holidays with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Check the Waste Management Calendar to see when your collection day is and always have your garbage and recycling set out to the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Check out Oxford County's new mobile app called Wasteline. Wasteline is available now to download personalized curbside collection calendars, check on recyclables quickly using a search bar, or sign up for automated reminders by text, email, phone or Twitter message.

Wasteline tools are for use by residents in all eight of Oxford's area municipalities and can be found:

- at [www.wasteline.ca](http://www.wasteline.ca);
- in your mobile device's App Store or Google Play; and
- on your local municipality's website.

The new waste management program as approved by Council in February 2015 following two years of study and community consultation. The new program offers better service for a lower cost, with a smaller environmental footprint.

If you have any questions about the new garbage and recycling program, contact the Oxford County Waste Management department at 519-539-9800 or toll-free at 1-800-755-0394.

# Winter Waste Collection

The holiday season is approaching and there will be NO changes to garbage collection for Zorra residents this year. Please be sure to have your items to the curb by 7am on your collection day.

## Oxford County Waste Management Facility

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

The Oxford County Waste Management Facility will be closed on December 26, 2016 and January 2, 2017. Regular hours will be maintained all other days.

## Christmas Tree Disposal

For all Township residents, natural Christmas trees can be taken to any Leaf and Yard Waste Depots to be recycled. Please remember to remove all decorations and plastic bags used for transportation. The Leaf and Yard Waste Depot is located across from the Kintore Public Works Yards at 783036 Road 78.



The Thamesford Lions Club will pick-up natural trees within the Village of Thamesford – Date to be determined. Please check the Village Voice for further information.

# 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 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.**

Since the start of this program in September 2012, the Township of Zorra has collected and returned 1300lbs. of batteries to Raw Materials Company for Recycling.

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For further information and to book your space please contact Jill Miles-Redman at the Township Office at 519-485-2490 or [jmiles-redman@zorra.on.ca](mailto:jmiles-redman@zorra.on.ca).

# Recreation Department - Community Events

## Thamesford Events

### Thamesford District Recreation Centre

**Public Skating:**

Every Sunday (ends March 27) 2:00 to 3:00pm  
Except Holidays

**Parent/Tot Skate:**

Every Tuesday (ends March 22) 9:30 to 10:30am

**Adult/Senior Skate:**

Every Tuesday (ends March 22) 10:30 to 11:30am

**December 2016**

*Free Holiday Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons*

December 28, 2016 2:00 to 3:00pm  
December 29, 2016 2:00 to 3:00pm  
December 31, 2016 2:00 to 4:00pm

*Lions Carol Sing*

December 4

*Calithumpian Holiday Parade at 6pm*

December 18

**February 2017**

*Lions Family Day Event*

February 20

Free skating 2:00 to 4:00pm

Food and Silent Auction in the Hall at 5:00 pm

*Thamesford Skating Club Carnival*

February 25, 2017

**March 2017**

*Calithumpian St Patricks Day Dance*

March 17

**April 2017**

*Lions Elimination Draw*

## Embro Events

### Embro Community Centre

**Public Skating:**

Every Sunday (ends March 26) 2:00 to 3:00pm  
Except Holidays

**Parent/Tot Skate:**

Every Wednesday (ends March 22) 9:30 to 10:30am  
Every Friday (ends March 24) 9:30 to 10:30am

**Adult Skate:**

Every Wednesday (ends March 22) 10:30 to 11:30am  
Every Friday (ends March 24) 10:30 to 11:30am

**December 2016**

*Free Holiday Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons*

December 27, 2016 2:00-3:00pm  
December 28, 2016 2:00-3:00pm  
December 29, 2016 2:00-3:00pm  
December 30, 2016 2:00-3:00pm  
December 31, 2016 1:00-3:00pm

**January 2017**

*Zorra Skating Club Dinner & Auction*

January 28

**February 2017**

*Camp Tanner Auction*

February 4

*Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Dinner Theatre*

February 27-28 & March 3-5

**March 2017**

*Zorra Skating Club Carnival*

March 12

**April 2017**

*Knox United Church BBQ*

April 5

*Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Family Night & Pasta Dinner*

April 29

## HOLIDAY HOURS

The Thamesford District Recreation Centre will close at 2:00 p.m. on December 24, 2016 and will open on December 27, 2016. It will also close at 12:00 p.m. on December 31, 2016 and will open on January 2, 2017.

The Embro Community Centre will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24, 2016 and will open on December 27, 2016. It will also close at 4:00 p.m. on December 31, 2016 and will open on January 2, 2017.

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

**Tim Hortons**

# A Note from Wienerfest:

## Wienerfest Home County Festival - Saturday June 24, 2017

The festival is looking for a person to assist with the event coordination. Wienerfest 2017 is going to be a bigger festival, as we will be celebrating Canada's 150 birthday. We are going to try and break a Guinness world record and really could use some extra hands.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda  
519 285-5123 or [info@wienerfest.ca](mailto:info@wienerfest.ca)



# EMBRO COMMUNITY CENTRE CANTEEN

## We're up and running!

The Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society has partnered with Embro Minor Hockey, Knox United Church (Embro) and the Zorra Skating Club to run the canteen at the Embro Community Centre this ice season. We are grateful to our main partner, the Township of Zorra, whose staff has been most helpful in our start-up, and continues to support us day to day. Thanks guys!

Our aim is to be open when there are ice users, and to provide a range of snacks, beverages and food, healthy options and arena fare. We are staffed by volunteers from our partner groups, each group having responsibility for one week a month. At the end of the season profits will be shared by the four community partner groups.

The menu continues to develop. We are particularly proud of our Saturday morning offering - come to the arena for breakfast and a chat! We can make you a "Miedema's-peameal-on-a-Sassy's-bun" breakfast sandwich (with or without onions!) or you can choose muffins, yogurt, fruit, bagels (p.b. & jam too), cheese, juice, milk (delivered by Blue Cow), tea (herbal and black), and coffee (yay for The Coffee Man). Yum!

Up next will be fruit smoothies, whipped up in the Vitamix blender on loan from the Oxford Health Unit.

Thanks for your participation in this fun adventure for us!

Sweep Into 2017  
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**THEME**



**February 4 ~ Ingersoll Curling Club**

**February 11 ~ Tillsonburg Curling Club**

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# LIFEGUARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

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**Stephanie Starchuck**

Recreation and Facilities Program Coordinator, Township of Zorra  
 sstarchuck@zorra.on.ca  
 274620 27th Line, PO Box 306, Ingersoll, ON, N5C 3K5

Please submit applications by Monday January 2nd, 2017  
 Only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.

## WEST OXFORD GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

# Go Inferno GO!



The West Oxford Girls Hockey Association began its inaugural year this September! We offer minor girls hockey programs from age 3 to 18. This year we are made up of 12 teams, both competitive and house league, and play out of Embro, Thamesford and Ingersoll arenas. The entire association would like to thank our sponsors for the 2016/2017 year so much for their support to our association!

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**COPPER** Thamesford Pizza, Knoops Farm Service

**PRE NOVICE JERSEY SPONSORS** Tim Hortons.

We would also like to thank Shooter Sports Photography for our picture night! The entire executive would like to thank all our volunteer coaches, trainers, managers, bench staff, bench moms and parents for their helping in making the season run smoothly for our players. Without your help and support our minor sports programs would not be the success they are...so thank you!

Please check out our website [www.wogha.ca](http://www.wogha.ca) for an up to date schedule of games and venues and come out and support our teams! GO INFERNO GO!



### There are VON Programs in your area!

- Meals on Wheels™ - hot meals in Embro, Tavistock and Woodstock & frozen meals in Northern Oxford County
- SMART® Exercise Classes
- Volunteer Visiting
- Telephone Safety Program
- Sakura House Residential Hospice
- Community Hospice & Bereavement Visiting
- Caregiver Support

For more information please contact VON Oxford at: (519) 539-1231 or by email at [adminvonoxford@von.ca](mailto:adminvonoxford@von.ca)



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*Thamesford Area Swimming Pool*  
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## Upcoming Council Meetings

All meetings held at the Township Office – Council Chambers

\*PLEASE NOTE: Only one meeting will be held in January and February

**2016**  
December 6 9:30am  
December 20 6:30pm

**2017**  
January 17 9:30am  
February 14 9:30am  
March 7 9:30am  
March 21 6:30pm  
April 4 9:30am  
April 18 6:30pm

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

## Municipal Holiday Closures

The Municipal Office will be closed at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 23 and will re-open Monday January 2 at 8:30 a.m. In case of an emergency requiring Township staff, please call 519-485-2490 and leave a message at extension 226. Messages will be monitored on a daily basis and forwarded to a contact person.



At any time during this holiday season, the Township Public Works Department will provide service if weather conditions warrant snow removal to ensure public safety.

# Community Contact Listing



## Minor Sports

**Embro:**

Embro Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-475-6515
Zorra Skating Club	519-281-1402
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 Lion's Club	
Dan Fisher, First Vice 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 519-285-2734
MacKenzie, Dave MP	519-421-7608
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
South West Community Care Access Centre	519-539-1284 info-woodstock@sw.ccac-ont.ca
Thamesford Block Parents	519-285-1126
Thamesford Business Association	519-285-3249
Thamesford Public Library	519-285-3219
Thamesford Snowmobile Club	
Harold Hacon (trails)	519-461-0855
David Blight (President)	519-432-2729
Thistle Theatre - Chris Cockle	519-475-4201
Tiny Paws - Linda Collier	www.tpdr.ca
Township of Zorra	519-485-2490
Scouts - Thamesford	519-285-6159
VON Oxford	519-539-1231
VON Sakura House	519-537-8515
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 115 George Street Thamesford, Ontario	519-285-3212
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# Tree Planting around Zorra!

Trees help to clean the air and fight against global climate change, they also impact aesthetic, social, economic and health benefits.

Environmental needs are becoming increasingly important across our globe and every tree helps!!

Throughout the Township of Zorra there are various tree planting programs available for residents. Available programs are as follows:



## TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM

Memorial Trees can be purchased, in memory of loved ones, at the Township Office for \$40.00 through the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA). Individuals may also have their loved ones name added to a memorial tree sign when they purchase a tree for an additional fee per. Signs are located at Grace Patterson Park in Thamesford, Embro Conservation Area and Harrington Conservation Area. The trees are planted in various locations throughout Zorra on Township or UTRCA property at a pre-determined location. Approximately 60 trees, usually 6'-8' sugar maples, have been planted throughout the Township since the start of this program in 1995. Fill out the Memorial Tree Request Form on the Zorra website [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca) or contact the Township Office.

## TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA MEMORIAL TREE FOREST

Zorra 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. The trees are purchased by Brock and Visser Funeral Home. The trees that are being planted are native species, 6'-8' in size. In 2015, 36 trees were been planted in the forest. Contact Brock and Visser for more details at 519-285-2427.

## TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA REPLACEMENT TREE PROGRAM

Currently when the Township of Zorra Public Works staff take down a tree along a road side or near private property, they offer the land owner two trees to replace the one that was removed. The two trees are for planting on their private property. In 2015, 150 6'-8' sugar maple trees were planted through this program. Fill out the Tree Replacement Form on the Zorra website [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca) or contact the Township Office.

## UTRCA PRIVATE LANDS PROGRAM

Landowners who reside in the Upper Thames River watershed and own a minimum of 2.5 acres of property are eligible to participate in the UTRCA's Tree Planting on Private Lands program. The program offers large stock trees and seedlings. For further details visit the UTRCA website at [www.thamesriver.on.ca](http://www.thamesriver.on.ca).

## COUNTY OF OXFORD TREE PROGRAM

Currently, if trees are removed on the County's road allowance, the County of Oxford will replace the trees, if the landowner is willing to plant on their own property and not the road allowance. The trees are replaced using a 1 to 1 ratio. As for the species, it typically is native to the area and depends on the soil conditions. Contact the County of Oxford for further information at 519-539-9800.



The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority has trees & grants available. Landowners who reside in the Upper Thames River watershed and own a minimum of 1 hectare (2.5 acres) are eligible to participate in the UTRCA's Tree Planting on Private Lands program.

### The program offers:

- **Large stock trees** (coniferous and deciduous)
- **Seedlings** (coniferous and deciduous species, as well as wildlife shrubs)

Trees purchased through this program may be planted by the landowner or through the UTRCA's full planting service.

**For pricing and availability please contact:**



John Enright, UTRCA Forester  
(519) 451-2800 ext. 243 or  
[enrightj@thamesriver.on.ca](mailto:enrightj@thamesriver.on.ca)

**For additional information on any of the above, please contact the Township Office at 519-485-2490.**

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**Current Exhibit:** Come out to see the Prominent Families of Beachville Series exhibit! Our brand new display is up at the Museum for visitors to enjoy. The first installment of the Prominent Families Series includes interesting information about the early days of Beachville, and those who made it what it is today.

Additionally, the Museum will be presenting information on World War I & II throughout November and December, including a variety of artifacts from members of the community who served in the Wars. Be sure to drop in during the month of December for some interesting history, and to remember those who served for our country.

**Visit Us Online!** Visit the Beachville District Museum website or our Facebook Page for further information, and don't hesitate to send a message or give us a call!

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## Stay Safe While Tobogganing: Wear a Helmet

Established in 1927, Frank Cowan Company has a long standing history of insuring municipalities across Canada. Our experience has taught us that risk management is an integral part of any insurance program. We try to help by educating citizens on the importance of safety. For this reason, we always recommend that children wear helmets when they go tobogganing. But what type of helmet is the best to wear?

During the wintertime, there is an increase in the number of children admitted to hospitals for head injuries resulting from winter activities such as tobogganing. With no certified winter recreational helmet available, people look to what they may already have in the closet.

A study suggests that the best helmet for heading to the hill is a hockey helmet. A study published on January 20th, 2012 in the Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics compared the three types of helmets that are typically worn by children tobogganing: a hockey helmet, a ski/snowboarding helmet and a bike helmet. The helmets were subjected to an array of tests in the lab including front and side impacts at velocities of two-, four-, six- and eight-meters per second.

### Hockey Helmets

- A multi-impact helmet (can withstand multiple hits without needing to be replaced).
- Provides protection all around the head.
- Can be worn with face shields to protect the face.
- Enough room to safely wear a toque underneath.
- Came out on top as being the best to absorb an impact at velocities of two-, four- and six-meters per second.

### Bike Helmet

- A single-impact helmet (it can only take one hit before needing to be replaced).
- Provides protection for the top of the head.
- There is no option for a protective face shield.
- The helmet needs to be worn next to the head; a toque cannot be worn underneath.
- Proved to be the best at absorbing impact at eight- meters per second.

### Ski/ Snowboarding Helmet

- A single-impact helmet (it can only take one hit before needing to be replaced).
- Provides good head protection for skiing and snowboarding.
- Does not have a protective face shield.
- These helmets are generally warm and can protect against frostbite.
- Superior for side impacts, but less protection than both the hockey and bike helmets for head on impacts.

It is important to remember that although helmets help mitigate the risk of injury, they cannot completely eliminate it. Children should be educated on safe tobogganing practices and always be accompanied by an adult.

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