

Zorra now

community events and services



Fall 2017



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Message from the Mayor

Summer is moving along at a rapid rate with many events happening as Zorra celebrates Canada's 150th. Business continues for both Zorra and County Councils. The usual summer lull is just not happening.

I am pleased to see the "Historically" signs around our Township and glad that their destruction by petty thieves seems to be under control. If we have missed your particular historic crossroad please contact me as we want to recognize as many as we can.

In the lobby of our office building we have an area now devoted to displaying work of Zorra artists and businesses. So far we have had displays of jewellery, pottery, figurines, coffee, paintings, etc. Very soon I hope to highlight quilting and braided rugs. Some of the articles are priced to sell—at the artist's discretion. We are always looking for new items to display. If you have such items or know of residents who do, please let me know. I think it is important for people to see the fine work being done by residents of Zorra.

One of the County committees I serve on is "Zero Waste"—although I have commented that I think it would be better called "Towards Zero Waste". Right now the work is very technical as they are studying directions the County will take sometime in the future when the present landfill reaches capacity. There are some very exciting proposals being developed and committee members are evaluating possibilities. Zorra Council hosted one such presentation recently. It is truly amazing the techniques being explored—certainly if they are feasible they would be much preferred to burying future waste in the ground.

Another idea being worked on is encouraging groups within the County to plan their events to a "zero waste standard". There are many who have already attempted this with excellent results and who are willing to help other groups get started. We plan to provide a guide early this fall with ideas of how to accomplish this goal. It is our hope

that every organization will at least attempt one or two of the suggestions and then be encouraged to try even more steps in order to make their events zero waste producers. This is just not for major events but also for regular meeting and gatherings.

This is turning out to be a Waste Management article but those of you who know me recognize how interested I am in this field. I also heard that the landfill is working on being able to accept payment for loads delivered in ways other than cash. So many people have asked about this and the changes are coming.

Concerns have been expressed about the "High Speed Train" proposal being made by the Provincial government. Quite a bit of information is available now and mention is being made that it could follow the hydro corridor that runs through Zorra. I think it is something we need to be thinking about and watching developments in planning as it has the potential, if it ever were to occur, to divide our Township very significantly and affect, among other things, traffic movement north and south, road maintenance, busing, emergency services, ...not to mention the division of farms.

Much discussion lately at Zorra Council is about the future of the ponds at Embro and Harrington. I would ask that you educate yourself about the proposals being made and send your ideas to Council. The decisions made will affect all of Zorra. As well early in the fall, Council will begin budget deliberations. Your input is critical as we make decisions regarding all future spending. I encourage you to attend the public meetings designed so we can hear from you.

I continue to encourage you to contact me with suggestions, concerns, etc. so Council can assist you.

Margaret Lupton







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ONTARIO SENIOR OF THE YEAR *Award*

Sam Coghlan **2017 Ontario Senior of the Year Award Recipient!**



Congratulations to Zorra's 2017 Ontario Senior of the year – Sam Coghlan! Sam has always taken a very active role in the Harrington Area Community Association (HACA) and has taken many initiatives to "create community". He was Chair from 2011-2014 and Vice Chair for 4 years before that.

Within HACA Sam is presently actively involved in:

- Harrington Mill Restoration Committee.
- Harrington Sign Committee - Collecting information and putting together two outdoor signs one about the Mill and one about the village itself.
- Harrington Heritage 150 celebration that took place August 12, 2017
- Music Committee - line up musicians for concerts and other events at the hall
- Instrumental in writing grant applications for the Club and mill, two of which have been successful.

Sam has been involved with and/or representative or liaison with:

- Drafting the HACA by-laws
- Researching Harrington history

Sam has been responsible for bringing to the meetings things that create community through:

- Public Relations with HACA and the Library
- Oxford Creative Connections
- Future Oxford

Recently, Sam has been volunteering his time at the Zorra office to assist with archiving of various historical records.

BATTERY RECYCLING



The Township of Zorra has a free program for the 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 1643lbs. of batteries to Raw Materials Company for recycling.

LIONS RECYCLE 2017



Thank you to our Sponsors and to the Residents of the Thamesford and Embro districts for supporting our successful recycle initiative. With your contribution of metal waste, batteries and end of life cycle electronics we diverted some 52,000 lbs from landfills and at the same time generated a profit of six figures to support Community activities.

This is our 3rd year in the Recycle Program and in that time the Thamesford Lions Club has diverted some 138,000 lbs from landfills and at the same time turned \$16,000 into Community projects.

Special mention to Green Valley Recycling, Aarts Trucking, Heartland Farm Mutual and RBC without their help this initiative would not fly.

While the Recycle Initiative was a success, it is the case that we continue to lose significant tonnage to OUTSIDE SCAVENGERS who contribute ZERO to our Community.....please help us diminish the volumes lost and maximize what the Lions Club generate.

Thank you
Jim Gillespie, Co Chair Thamesford Lions Recycle Day

Rural Oxford

Economic Development

PEOPLE • PROXIMITY • PROSPERITY

For almost a decade, rural communities like Zorra Township have been discussing the support that is in demand by local businesses. Conversations on how to assist the growth and expansion that often leads to red tape challenges have taken place with both staff and with council.

Helping businesses find the employees they need for their unique business didn't really fit into any of the existing departments at the township office and after research and conversations with provincial staff, it was determined that what was needed, was the expertise of an economic development officer (EDO).

Conversations between the mayors of all five rural townships began to focus on the need for economic development support and as the demands of the business community grew, an innovative plan came together.

In 2014, an arms-length, non-profit, economic development corporation – the Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation (ROEDC) – was created. Bernia Wheaton, an experienced economic development officer was brought on board and work began. Based on feedback from the business community, a strategic plan was developed to address the most complex issues in the county.

With one full time person and a lean budget, the five townships found a unique way to share the responsibility and the benefits that now support our community.

You may be wondering, what is an economic development officer? What is it that Bernia does?

In short, an economic development specialist is trained to find innovative solutions that facilitate the prosperity and sustainability of our business community. Given the unique needs of Townships like Zorra, the ROEDC sought out an EDO with experience in agriculture and with rural communities. Bernia was

educated in Economic Development from the University of Waterloo and as the owner of her own business, she understands entrepreneurship as well as municipal processes. With almost twenty years of business and economic development experience, Bernia brings a fresh approach to problem-solving.

What has been a true benefit to Zorra and to the ROEDC, is Bernia's experience in introducing economic development to rural communities. Prior to joining the Rural Oxford EDC, she received numerous awards and media attention for her innovative approach to rural economic development.

Her success in mitigating economic barriers in rural Ontario led to an invitation to speak before the Standing Committee on General Government at the Ontario Legislature in support of Bill 11. The Attracting Investment and Creating Jobs Act of 2012 was subsequently passed to support the continuation and establishment of development funds in order to promote regional economic development in southwestern Ontario. On numerous occasions, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs has showcased her work as best practices for rural Ontario.

We encourage Zorra businesses to reach out to Bernia and to the ROEDC when facing challenges. Accessing this service is FREE to Zorra businesses. Find the right employees, handle red tape, access export markets, professional development, and the sale of land and buildings for commercial or industrial use are all great reasons to tap into this novel resource.

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 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 or call Bernia's direct line at 226-228-8283 and let's start talking.





Township of Zorra 2016-2018 Dog Tag Campaign

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

For those residents who purchased a 2016-2018 dog tag, there is no action required on your part this year as those tags are valid until the end of 2018. There is an annual administrative fee of \$15.00 per tag that will be charged to your final 2017 tax bill. For tenants, an invoice will be mailed.

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 or you can contact the office by email admin@zorrra.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@zorrra.on.ca or call 519-485-2490 ext 221.

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

- Requires all dogs over 3 months of age to be licensed with the Township.
- 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.
- 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 sanitarily 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.
- 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.

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

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BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PARKING

The Township's Zoning By-law has been amended to permit the temporary storage of not more than two recreational vehicles in residential zones from May 1 – October 31 in a driveway, provided that the recreational vehicle does not exceed 29.5ft in length and does not impede on sight lines. Recreational vehicles includes, boats, snowmobiles, motor homes, and trailers for the hauling of snowmobiles or boats. You may store a recreational vehicle year round in a garage, carport, or on the interior side yard or rear yard provided that it is stored a minimum of 3.3 ft to the rear lot line or interior side lot line.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

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 15 and remain in place until March 31, 2018 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.

PARKING AMENDMENTS – WILDWOOD LAKE AREA

Please be advised the Township's Parking By-law has been amended to prohibit parking on either side of all bridges to the area at the end of the guard rails. Specifically there is NO PARKING on either side of the 29th Line and 31st Line at the Wildwood Lake area. There are safe parking areas on the shoulders of both roads and a gravel parking area on the 29th Line. Upper Thames River Conservation Authority requires that individuals using the trails in this area have the appropriate permit and require bikers to enter from the Wildwood Conservation Area and pay the appropriate fee.

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 ONTO 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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FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT OPEN HOUSE

Zorra Fire and Emergency Services is looking for volunteer firefighters for our Embro and Thamesford Fire Stations.

Embro Fire Station

September 20, 2017

7:30 - 8:30 PM

Recruit Presentation @ 8 PM

Thamesford Fire Station

September 21, 2017

7:30 - 8:30 PM

Recruit Presentation @ 8 PM

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.**

We invite you and your family to attend an open house to obtain more information on the commitment, challenges and rewards of becoming a volunteer firefighter.

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

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



Fire Safety First

Rural Fire Services of Oxford County promotes prevention, education.

Fire safety on farms is critical. With millions of dollars lost every year due to barn fires, not to mention countless livestock and valuable infrastructure, fire can be devastating to farms. The impact of a barn fire – both tangible and intangible – is significant.

The Rural Fire Services of Oxford County (RFSOC) will be at Canada's Outdoor Farm Show (COFS) not only providing fire protection, but also providing fire safety education and awareness to attendees at their location on Masonville Lane.

"Farming is a big business in southern Ontario and Oxford County, and fires come with potentially devastating economic impacts," says John McFarlan, Fire Chief, Township of Zorra. "The farming community have their own unique exposures when it comes to fire safety and prevention."

McFarlan says prevention and education are key to managing risks and reducing the potential for fire on both farms, and all other properties.

"Canada's Outdoor Farm Show provides the Rural Fire Services of Oxford County with a great opportunity to reach out to the local farming industry and others attending the show to promote our message of fire prevention and fire safety education and awareness," says McFarlan.

The Rural Fire Services of Oxford County will be providing fire protection for the COFS organization and its vendors, as well as distributing fire safety materials, and hosting fire extinguisher demonstrations and training sessions during the show. Sparky the Fire Dog will also be on-site during COFS to spread the fire safety message to the younger attendees.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Uniondale Fire Station

Uniondale Firefighters Chicken BBQ
Thursday, September 7
4:30 to 7:00 pm at Brown's Corners
\$17.00 per meal
Advance sales only

Thamesford Fire Station

Thamesford Fire Fighters Annual
Breakfast – Sunday November 12
9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.
Adults \$10, Children \$5.
Tickets available at the door



IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY – Cut out and place next to your phone or on your refrigerator:

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

ADDRESS #/911 # _____ APARTMENT #/TRAILER # _____

ROAD _____ NAME OF OWNERS/FARM _____

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION _____

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.

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TAX DEPARTMENT

The Final 2017 Tax Bills were mailed in July, if you have not received your bill, please contact the Township immediately.

The 3rd Instalment is Due August 31, 2017 and the 4TH AND FINAL Instalment is Due October 31, 2017. We now accept Debit at the office.

We now accept debit and credit card payments at the office.



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.

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

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.

ADVANTAGES TO PAYING YOUR TAXES ON-LINE OR TELEPHONE BANKING

1. Pay your taxes on your time
2. No line ups at the bank or at the office
3. Guarantee of the money in your account
4. Very simple

All banks accept the Township of Zorra as a client and the account number required is your ROLL NUMBER from your tax bill.

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

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

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

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**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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 Country Road 119.

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.

Construction Zone Sign Clarification

In a Construction Zone, Local Traffic Only means you are accessing a property inside the section of road that is closed. It does NOT mean that you live in the area adjacent to the construction and the closed road is the shortest distance to your destination. It is a Highway Traffic Act Offence to misuse this privilege.

2017-2018 Wasteline Collection Calendar

Look for it in the mail beginning August 14, 2017

The annual Wasteline collection calendar is being mailed to homes in Zorra Township beginning August 14, 2017. You can find the calendar online now at www.wasteline.ca.

Wasteline also offers two zero-waste options for your garbage and recycling information: the free Wasteline mobile app and Wasteline.ca

Wasteline mobile app

On-the-go waste and recycling information

- View, print, or embed your calendar in Outlook, Google Calendar, or iCal
- Sign up for reminders through text, email and more so you never miss a collection day

Download the Wasteline App from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

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- Garbage and recycling program news
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- What goes where?
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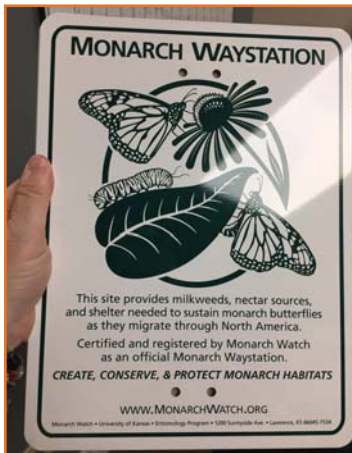
Zorra Township would like to thank and recognize our Part Time Staff and their dedication to Zorra

Part Time Staff		
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Ethan Betzner	Sara Tomlinson	Lisa Beuckert
Chaz Eaton	Alec Schaefer	Megan Verhoeven
Chris Schurman	Emma McLay	Erin Reid

Zorra Now Spring 2017 listed our dedicated Full Time Township Staff. we would like to apologize for the staff that were missed within that list

Fire Department	Years of Service	Public Works	Years of Service
Michael Pickering	12	Scott Simmons	16
		Alan Thirkettle	3

Monarch Waystations



After making a delegation to Zorra Council at a 2016 meeting, Ms. Hodgkinson's grade 4/5 students from AJ Baker Public School planted milkweed at three different locations in the Township this spring.

These Monarch Waystations are located at the Township Office on 27th Line, the Memorial Tree Forest on 43rd Line, and behind the former Thamesford Fire Station near Dr. Kosmal Park in Thamesford. Monarch Waystations provide milkweeds, nectar plants, and shelter for monarchs throughout their annual cycle of reproduction and migration. Creating and maintaining Monarch Waystations contributes to monarch conservation and helps assure the continuation of the monarch migration in North America.





Tree Planting Information

TREES, TREES, TREES!

Township of Zorra Memorial Trees

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 120 trees, usually 6'-8' sugar maples, have been planted throughout the Township since the start of this program in 1995.

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



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. Since 2015, approximately 150 trees have been planted in the forest!

For more information on either program please contact Karen Martin at 519-485-2490 ext. 228 or kmartin@zorra.on.ca

ATTENTION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN LIVING IN ZORRA

In November the Heroes of Zorra (HOZ) committee will once again be sponsoring our 3rd annual Spelling Bee Competition. We have been amazed at the spelling skills the young people have displayed and how well they presented on stage – probably the most nervous were the parents and grandparents! Again this year the winner in each division will go home with \$100 and the runner-up with \$75 each.

The competition will be offered on Sunday November 12 at the Embro Legion at 1:30 p.m. All elementary school children who live in the Township of Zorra are eligible to enter. You do not need to attend a school in Zorra, but you do need to live in Zorra. There are 2 divisions – grade 5 and under; and grades 6, 7 & 8. We are also pleased that parents and youth involved with Zorra Highland Park Public School fundraising to assist grade eight students in attending Camp Celtic will again be selling snacks and beverages.

With the decreasing emphasis placed on spelling abilities within the educational system, it has been uplifting to watch each participant move along in the contest. In order to prepare we ask parents to sit with their child and review the Heroes of Zorra web site. All of the words given will be found on this web site. For those of you who may be new to the area the site is www.heroesofzorra.ca

Registration for the Spelling bee is available on-line through the HOZ web site, and as well hard copy registrations will be available in the local libraries and the local schools. For those who would prefer to mail in their registration the address is Heroes Of Zorra, Box 371, Tavistock, ON N0B 2R0. Deadline for registration is midnight November 1, 2017.

Mark Sunday November 12, 1:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Embro on your calendar for this fun-filled, family afternoon. Come out and support our youth. We hope to see many of you there.

Shirley McCall-Hanlon, Chair
Heroes of Zorra committee

Lakeside Triathlon



It is triathlon time again!

It is triathlon time again! The MultiSport Canada Triathlon Series is now in its 14th year. MultiSport Canada is making a difference by partnering with communities such as Lakeside in the development of a grass roots community based triathlon race series. Our races invite children, men and women of all levels of skill to participate. We believe that events that promote health and wellness, coupled with a family environment, are something that will encourage participation within these and other communities. 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. More information regarding the MultiSport Canada Triathlon Series can be found at: www.multisportcanada.com.

The roads in use will be:

Saturday September 9, 2017

9:45AM 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 10, 2017

9:30AM to 12:00PM

- 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)

12:00PM 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)

Canada Rocks 150 2017 Embro Fair Schedule



Thursday, September 14, 2017

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Exhibit entries accepted (arena)

Friday, September 15, 2017

8:00 a.m.-12 noon Exhibit entries accepted (arena)
12 noon JUDGING COMMENCES
7:30 p.m. Friday Night Social (arena) Official Opening, Ambassador Program, Entertainment, Social
Silent Auction starts (closes Sunday, 3 p.m.)

Saturday, September 16, 2017

8:00 a.m. Gates open
Breakfast available at canteen (lobby)
9:00 a.m. Southwestern Ontario Highland Dance Competition (main hall)
10:00 a.m. Touch A Truck (front lawn)
Road Hockey Tournament
11:00 a.m. Bennington/Codys 4-H Achievement Day (tent)
FREE Kids Activities, Inflatables, Bubble Soccer
12:30 p.m. Mayor of Zorra Showmanship Class (tent)
12:45 p.m. Open 4-H Dairy Showmanship (tent)
1:45 p.m. All Breed Open Dairy Heifer Show (tent)
6:00 - 12 Midnight Wings & Karaoke
9:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall closes

Sunday, September 17, 2017

8:00 a.m. Gates open
Touch A Truck
10:00 a.m. Non-Denominational Church Service (arena)
Heavy Horse & Haflinger Shows (horse ring)
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Brunch (main hall) catered by Fair Directors
11:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall opens
FREE Kids Activities, Inflatables, Bubble Soccer
1:00 p.m. Baby Show (arena)
3:00 p.m. SILENT AUCTION CLOSES (front lobby)
Pet Show (arena)
4:00 p.m. Exhibit entries available to pick up in arena.
Check to see if you got the high bid for Silent Auction item!

Check website for changes/additions www.embrofair.com

2017 EMBRO DINNER THEATRE

EMBRÓ & ZORRA AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY PRESENTS

"Bare Bear Bones"

by Michael Grant

Directed by Mark Mooney

Produced by Lisa Scott & Sara Stephenson

Auditions

Tuesday Oct. 3rd & Wednesday Oct. 5th at 7pm at the Embro Knox United Church

Call backs if needed Oct. 10th.

Casting needs:

Two females 20-25 yrs and two females late 40's-60 yrs.
One male 20-30 yrs and Three males late 40's-60 yrs
Plus extras!

Visit www.embrofair.com or contact Lisa Scott at 519-608-3122 or Sara Stephenson at 519-485-0499

Box Office: December 9th 2017 8am-11am at the Embro & Zorra Community Center

For more information or tickets after Box office contact Mary Ellen Garner (519-475-4437).

Show dates:

Saturday Feb. 24th (Dinner & Show) - \$40

Sunday Feb. 25th (Brunch & Show) - \$35

Thursday Mar. 1th (Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar & Show) - \$20

Friday Mar. 2th (Dinner & Show) - \$40

Saturday March 3th (Dinner & Show) - \$40

Bare, Bear Bones by Michael Grant is produced with special arrangement with PLAYWRIGHTS GUILD OF CANADA
www.playwrightsguild.ca

CANADA 150 BINGO CARD!!

Join in on the ZORRA style BINGO game to celebrate CANADA 150! Attend the local events found in the Canada 150 brochure & get a stamp. Get a line or full card for your chance to win! Bring your Bingo card to the Township of Zorra office, Thamesford Community Centre, Embro Zorra Community Centre by Nov 30, 2017 for your chance to win some great Canada prizes! Have fun!

CANADA ROCKS AT EMBRO FAIR, EH!

Final plans are underway for the Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society's annual fall fair. The Society has existed since before Confederation, but we're still excited to celebrate this country – come and join us!

Eleanor McIntosh, this year's Community Volunteer Service Award winner, will open the fair in the evening of Friday, September 15, when Emily Van Bommel, out-going Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Ambassador, will crown her successor. The Pumpkin Prince and Princess will be presented and the exhibit hall open. You will be thrilled with the entries in the food, crafts, photography and horticultural classes. Entries in the Canada Rocks 150 video competition will be screened and winners announced, and lively entertainment and refreshments will round out the evening. Take a look at the wonderful selection of goods and services in the Silent Auction and start the bidding!

The Highland Dancers, 4-H Dairy show participants and road hockey teams will start Saturday early in preparation for the Southwestern Ontario Highland Dance Competition, the Dairy Show, and the Road Hockey tournament, all located on the grounds of the Embro & Zorra Community Centre. Kids can play all day on the bouncy castles or check out their dream ride at Touch A Truck. New this year is Bubble Soccer! "Let's Talk Science" returns for shows in the arena, where commercial vendors are also on display. Evening sees a new event, Wings and Karaoke, in the hall – come and wow your friends!

Bluegrass will be featured at the Sunday morning Community Church Service in the arena, while the Heavy Horse and Haflinger Show starts the day on the grounds. Brunch will be prepared and served by the Embro Fair Directors before the Baby Show in the afternoon, but there's always a good variety of tasty food vendors. Don't forget to pick up your fair entries at 4:00 p.m.! This year, children's cash prizes will be available at the Fair Office during the fair on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

And that will – almost – wrap up the fair for another year. You're always welcome to join us for the fun, fellowship and free food of

our clean-up day, September 18, just as we'll be glad of your help for set up. Check out the website, where you'll find the prize book with details: www.embrofair.com

The Fall Fair is the signature event of the Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society, but we've been active in many ways in our community this whole year. Since the last fair, we've hosted the annual Awards Night in October, Fish Fry in November, Dinner Theatre in February and March, and Spaghetti Dinner in April. You can look for all of these events to return this fall, winter and spring. Back by popular demand to the Spaghetti Dinner will be Lucas Wilson, The Illusionist! (<https://www.lucaswilson.ca>) Special for this year was May's "Puttin' On The Ritz" show of music and fashions of times gone by, featuring local models and performers. The Agricultural Society also took the lead in the Community Partners Canteen from October to April at the Embro & Zorra Community Centre. With Knox United Church, Embro Minor Hockey, and the Zorra Skating Club we offered and served a variety of food and snack options to fans and friends, and we're looking forward to providing the same service this ice season. In June we hosted our second Progressive Agriculture Safety Day at Thamesford Public School, with the support of many community businesses and volunteers, all of whom agreed that the topics covered and the opportunity to inform our youth was time well spent.

We are proud to be the Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society, at work in our community.



Zorra Farm Gate Workshops!!

Local Farm Gate Businesses!!!

The Township of Zorra, Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation and Tourism Oxford will be hosting two workshops!! Discussions will surround, Buy Local, Oxford Fresh and the NEW Zorra Farm Gate Produce Identification Program. Workshops will be held as follows:

Harrington Hall November 8, 2017 7pm-9pm

Embro Zorra Community Centre – November 9, 2017 2pm-4pm

COMMUNITY AND RECREATION EVENTS

THAMESFORD EVENTS

Friendship Club

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month.
12:30– 3:00pm in Beauty Room
Potluck followed by meeting & presenter
Contact: Irene Graham 519-285-3037

Westminster United Church presents:

Anne of Green Gables

Nov. 3, 4, 10 & 11 – Dinner and Balcony Seating
Nov. 4 – Lunch, Nov. 5 – Matinee, Nov 9 – Traditional Seating

Ticket sales start on Saturday September 30
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 for additional information.

Thamesford Community Centre

Public Skating:

Every Sunday (starts October 8) 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Except Holidays

Parent/Tot Skate:

Every Tuesday (starts October 3) 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Adult/Senior Skate:

Every Tuesday (starts October 3) 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Professional Activity Day Public Skate FREE

Friday, October 27 & November 17 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

September

Thamesford Skating Club Registration

Tuesday September 12 6:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday September 16 10:00am – 12:00pm
Contact: thamesfordsc@gmail.com or Lesley Woods 519-285-5088

Trojans Junior C Hockey Team Home Opener

Friday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m. vs. North Middlesex Stars

Sportball

Thursdays, September 28 to November 30
Parent & Child (age 2 - 3): 9:30am - 10:15am & 5:00pm - 5:45pm
Multi-Sport (3 - 5 years old): 5:50pm - 6:50pm
Multi-Sport (6 - 8 years old): 6:55pm - 7:55pm
www.sportball.ca/london or 226-289-1690

October

Learn to Play Pickleball

First Tuesday of each Month 6:30-8:00pm

Lions Tribute and Musical Entertainment Night

Saturday October 28

November

Remembrance Day Service

Sunday, November 5

Thamesford Firefighter's Breakfast

Sunday, November 12 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Admission: Adults \$8, Children (Under 12) \$4

December

Lions Community Carol Sing

Sunday, December 17

EMBRO EVENTS

Embro Zorra Community Centre

Public Skating:

Every Sunday (starts October 8) 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Except Holidays

Parent/Tot Skate:

Every Wednesday (starts October 4) 9:30am to 10:30 a.m.

Adult Skate:

Every Wednesday (starts October 4) 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Professional Activity Day Public Skate - FREE

Friday, October 27 & November 17 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

September

Knox United Church Barbeque

Wednesday, September 6 - Contact: Mary Ellen Garner 519-475-4437

Zorra Skating Club Registration

Embryo Community Center
Saturday, September 9th 10:00am - Noon
Wednesday, September 13th 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Contact: Suzanne McRoberts 519-469-9782
or visit the website at www.zorraskatingclub.ca

Embryo Fair

Friday, September 15 to Sunday, September 17

Contact: Marion Sterk 519-475-4902 or Carol Hanlon
519-485-0668

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

Sportball

Wednesdays, September 27 to November 29

Parent & Child (2 - 3 years old):

9:30am - 10:15am & 5:00pm - 5:45pm

Multi-Sport (3 - 5 years old): 5:50pm - 6:50pm

Multi-Sport (6 - 8 years old): 6:55pm - 7:55pm

www.sportball.ca/london or 226-289-1690

October

Volunteer & Seniors Breakfast

October 20 8am-10am

Learn to Play Pickleball

First Wednesday of each Month 6:30-8:00pm

Zorra Highland Park Public School

November

Embryo & Zorra Agricultural Society Fish Fry

Saturday November 4

Contact Natalie Hazeleger 519-949-4978

Farm Gate

Thursday, November 9, 2:00-4:00 pm

Caledonian Society - St. Andrew's Night

Friday, November 24

Rural Education Symposium

Saturday, November 25 9:00am-2:00pm



Pickleball

The popularity of Pickleball continues to rise throughout North America! Southwestern Ontario has also recently seen many new indoor and outdoor facilities and programs created to fulfill the needs of the ever increasing number of people who have discovered why Pickleball is so great!

Zorra Township continues to offer Pickleball for another season in both Embro and Thamesford from October to February. Fun for all ages and abilities, Pickleball is enjoyed most by those with a love of racquet sports or looking for a new fitness activity. With its low-impact nature, basic equipment, and simple rules, this is a sport that anyone can learn!

Drop-In Program, 6:30pm - 8:00pm (\$2.50/player)

Every Tuesday at Thamesford District Recreation Centre

Every Wednesday at Zorra Highland Park Public School, Embro

Drop in program. Bring a friend and make some new ones! All skills and abilities welcome.

**The first of each month is 'Learn to Play' & 'Beginners' night. Come to help instruct and share your love of the game!*

Learn to Play/Beginners Development, 6:30pm - 8:00pm (\$2.50/player)

First Tuesday of the Month at Thamesford District Recreation Centre

First Wednesday of Month at Zorra Highland Park Public School, Embro

NEW First Thursday of the Month at A.J. Baker Public School, Kintore

Join us on the first of the month where we will have an instructor on site to teach you how to play! Ideal for those who are interested in the sport but don't know how to play, or beginners who would like a little more practice. Program runs from October to February.

**While Pickleball is easy to learn, we find that it is best suited for children aged 10 years and older. Children under 16 years must be supervised by an adult.*

Sportball continues to thrive in Zorra Township this fall! After hosting March Break Camps and partnering with Embro Minor Soccer this past summer, Sportball continues to provide opportunities for kids to refine, rehearse, repeat a wide range of sports skills in a fun, supportive, non-competitive environment that emphasizes social & physical development.

This fall, Sportball will provide a weekly session where your child will practice a different sport, giving kids the opportunity to practice a variety of basic sports skills, like passing, shooting & scoring, throwing, catching and swinging. At the same time that your kids are learning how to play individual sports, they are also meeting developmental milestones and developing physical literacy through the programs play-based, "coaching with purpose" curriculum.

Programs will run weekly on Wednesdays at Embro Zorra Community Centre or Thursdays at Thamesford District Recreation Centre starting on September 27th or 28th for 10 weeks.

Parent & Child (2 - 3 years old):
9:30am - 10:15am & 5:00pm - 5:45pm

Multi-Sport (3 - 5 years old): 5:50pm - 6:50pm

Multi-Sport (6 - 8 years old): 6:55pm - 7:55pm

Registration can be completed at www.sportball.ca/london or by calling 226-289-1690. Program fee is \$160.00 for 10 weeks, with the exception of the Parent & Child 9:30am-10:15am program, which is \$128.00 for 8 weeks.



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 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 RECREATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, September 25, 2017 at 7:00pm
at the Embro-Zorra Community Centre

Monday, October 23, 2017 at 7:00pm
at the Beaty Room at the Thamesford Library

Monday, November 27, 2017 at 7:00pm
at the Zorra Township Municipal Office

To view agendas and minutes visit the Township Website at www.zorra.on.ca

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



The Zorra Skating Club will be holding a winter skating registration this September at the Embro Zorra Community Centre. Registration times include Saturday Sept. 9 (10a-12p) and Wednesday Sept. 13 (6:30p-8:30p). There are a variety of programs offered to meet all levels of our skaters. We look forward to a great year ahead and to meeting many new skaters this season as well as welcoming back past skaters. For further information please visit our website: zorraskatingclub.ca



TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

Recreation, Arts & Culture master plan

The Township of Zorra is preparing a **Recreation, Arts and Culture Master Plan** to guide the development of facilities, programs, and services over the next 10 years.

Be part of the conversation and have your say by participating in one or more of the following ways:

Public Open Houses

Drop-in anytime to one of these sessions to make sure your voice is heard! There will be no presentation.

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from 6pm to 8pm

Thamesford Library, Beaty Room
165 Dundas Street, Thamesford

Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 6pm to 8pm

Embro Community Centre, Small Hall
355644 35th Line, Embro

Online Survey

An online survey will be available from September 11 to September 30. To complete the survey, scan the QR Code, visit www.zorra.on.ca or visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/RACMP.



Get In Touch!

Submit written comments to racmp@zorra.on.ca or visit www.zorra.on.ca for more information about the Master Plan!

The Township of Zorra has recognized the recent changing trends in recreation and in an effort to provide direction and to make informed decisions on the future of recreation and the needs of the Communities it serves, Council has approved the hiring of Monteith Brown Planning Consultants to complete a comprehensive Recreation, Arts and Culture Master Plan.

Along with many other topics, the Plan will address such objectives as a current assessment and recommendations for the future development of our services, programs, events, facilities and parks. The project is designed to be completed in three phases, with a completion date in January, 2018. The first phase, which is currently underway, will examine historical analysis, existing conditions and emerging trends. Also included in this phase is community engagement. In September, we will be asking residents to participate in online surveys, visit us at an open house, and join us in focus groups. These community engagement strategies will be used to establish a broad picture of participation in parks, recreation and cultural activities. Your feedback will also help envision priorities for future investment into recreation with your Community. We look forward to what you have to say!

For more information on this project, you can contact:

Stephanie Starchuck
Recreation and Facilities Program
Coordinator
Township of Zorra
Tel.: (519) 617-7977
E-Mail: ssarchuck@zorra.on.ca

or

Dennis Kwan, BES, MCIP, RPP
Planner
MONTEITH BROWN PLANNING CONSULTANTS
Tel.: (519) 686-1300
E-Mail: dkwan@mbpc.ca



ADVERTISING RATES

	Size	Rate (HST included)
Business Card	3.5 x 2.25 inches	\$96.05
¼ Page	3.5 x 4.75 inches	\$169.50
½ Page Vertical	3.5 x 9.5 inches	\$282.50
½ Page Horizontal	3.5 x 4.75 inches	\$282.50
Full Page	6.875 x 9.5 inches	\$536.75

For further information and to book your space please contact Jill Miles-Redman at the Township Office at 519-485-2490 ext. 231 or jmiles-redman@zorra.on.ca.



Thank You

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS & SENIORS

In appreciation of our dedicated volunteers, the Township of Zorra is hosting a

Volunteer & Senior Appreciation Breakfast on October 20, 2017

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

The Township would like to recognize, celebrate and thank Zorra's many volunteers and seniors that we are so lucky to have in our community. One generous act can have a large impact on an entire community. Zorra volunteers and seniors strengthen our Community and improve quality of life.

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

Please RSVP by September 14 to Lisa Teeple at lteeple@zorra.on.ca or 519-485-2490 ext. 221

DINE IN or TAKE OUT!

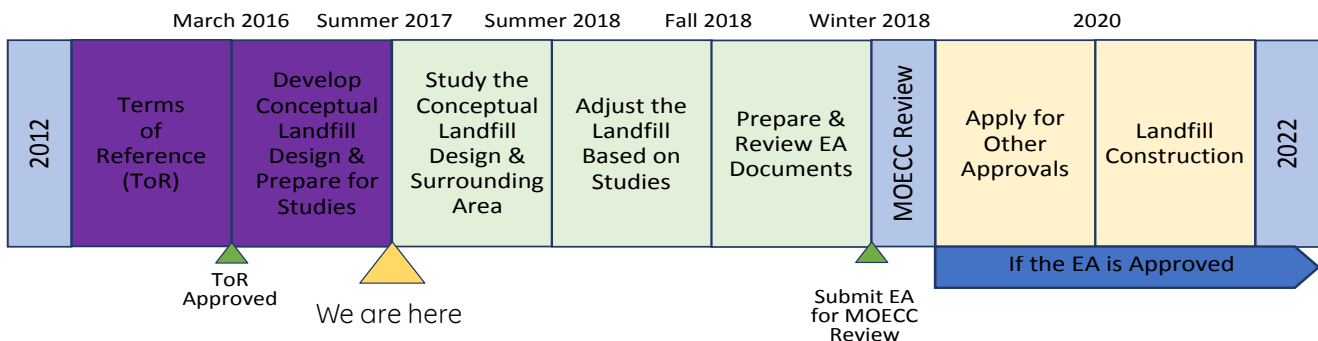
SOUTHWESTERN LANDFILL PROPOSAL UPDATE

The Technical Work Plans are an essential part of the Environmental Assessment process. They provide a guide for the technical studies carried out by experts in the field. These Work Plans have not been finalized and were reviewed at a public meeting on April 19, 2017. Copies of the work plans may be viewed at www.walkerea.com. With completion of the Work Plans, Technical Studies in the following disciplines have now commenced.

- Agriculture
- Archaeology
- Ecology
- Groundwater and Surface Water
- Noise and Vibration
- Traffic
- Cumulative Effects
- Cultural Heritage
- Air Quality
- Economic
- Human Health Risk Assessment
- Social
- Visual Impact

With the process entering the study phase, there will not be a great deal of public activity over the next year. The Community Liaison Committee will still be meeting with Walker Environmental Group, but meetings will not be held at the same frequency as in the past. The Joint Municipal Coordinating Committee will still be monitoring the process and will report back to the Councils of Zorra, Ingersoll, South-West Oxford and Oxford County as required.

PROJECT TIMELINE





FALL 2017

**Mondays from 10:00-12:00 pm at the Tillsonburg Public Library
& 2:00-4:00 pm at the Ingersoll Public Library**

Do you feel clueless about the latest technology? Wondering what an app or an Overdrive account can do? Join us at the Tillsonburg or Ingersoll libraries for a lesson and tech help from Meagan. Each week we cover a new topic with time after the presentation for questions and help. If you have your own tablet or laptop please bring it along. Limited numbers of Chromebooks and iPads are available to work on. This is a free program, no registration required.

September 11 - Tech 101: Apps, iPads & Tablets - Learn about the different features of tablets and iPads, and check out some interesting and useful apps. Bring your iPad or tablet if you have one, or try one of ours.

September 18 - Intro to the Internet: Learn how to use a browser to access the internet, and use Google to find information you need from websites you can trust. Bring a computer or device, or try one of our Chromebooks.

October 16 - Email Basics - Sign up for a Gmail email account and learn how to send and receive email. Bring a laptop if you'd like to follow along. Some Chromebooks will be available to borrow in the library.

October 23 - Email Basics for Tablets & Smartphones: Explore popular email apps, sending and receiving emails on your tablet, and using your contacts/address book app.

October 30 - Spotting Fake News - What happens when fake news spreads? How can you tell the difference between what is fake and factual? Learn how to navigate the media and determine what is real and what is made up.

November 6 - Using the OCL Website - Explore the many features of our library website, learn how to browse our catalogue, and log into your account.

November 13 - Overdrive - Learn how to use the Overdrive website and app to borrow ebooks and audiobooks with your OCL library card.

November 20 - Hoopla Digital - Learn how to use the Hoopla Digital website and app to borrow ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music and more, with your OCL library card.

November 27 - Universal Class & Online Learning - Universal Class is a free resource OCL offers to library card holders. Learn how to use this website to take free online courses as well as other free websites and apps to learn from the comfort of home.

December 4 - Ancestry Library Edition - Did you know you can use Ancestry at your library for free? Learn how to use it and other library resources to research your family tree.

December 11 - Creating a Photo Book - We'll explore Snapfish & Shutterfly, two popular websites for creating photo prints, books, and gifts. Learn how to upload your photos to the website and design your own photo book.

December 18 - Drop-in Tech Help - Missed a class? Drop by with your gadgets and your questions.

Classes will resume January 2018

Don't forget to stop by the Ingersoll Library's tech bar for the Daily Digital Drop-in running Monday to Friday 1:00-2:00 pm. Tech help is also available Tuesday evenings and alternate Saturdays. Call ahead to check availability. Bring your devices and your tech questions.

For more information contact

Meagan Berry, Outreach/Teen Librarian
mberry@ocl.net

Tillsonburg Public Library
519-842-5571 or tillsonburglibrary@ocl.net

Ingersoll Public Library
519-485-2505 or ingersolllibrary@ocl.net

ZORRA TOWNSHIP LIBRARY LINK



Upcoming Fall Events At Our Branches

Cooking Demo
with Kim Quigley
Wed. Dec 6th
1:00 pm
Embro Library

Family Movie
Nights
Every Friday
6:30 pm
Harrington Library

Drumming Circle
with Cliff Patton
Fri. Oct 27th
(PA DAY)
1:00 pm
Thamesford Library

Check out our online program calendar for more event information.

NEWS ** Embro Library will be redesigned following the renovations to the Embro Town Hall building. Visit us after the renovations are complete for a sneak peak of our new space. **

Embro Public Library

135 Huron Street
Embro, ON
519-475-4172

Tues 5:30pm – 8:30pm
Wed 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Thurs 5:30pm – 8:30pm
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A 1937 ad about a spring in Harrington

Heron's General Store & Post Office



Robert Heron Jr. and his wife - the former Annie Darling - both born in Roxborough, Scotland - bought this property in 1874. It remained in the Heron name until 1902. Like his father before him - Robert was a tailor by trade. He also served as the Harrington Postmaster until his death in 1880 at age 45. Robert and Annie's daughter Mary helped run the store and was postmaster after his death - from 1881 to 1892. The Embro West Zorra History Book describes the store here as a long rambling 2 storey building. The tailor shop was on the 2nd floor, and there was a warehouse out back. The General Store was on the main floor, at the front of the building and carried everything from toothpicks to horse harness. At this time in rural Ontario - the general store was often a place where locals stopped to discuss issues of the day - a place to chat as well as to buy. They carried a wide variety of merchandise - staples like coffee, flour and sugar, and items of hardware, clothing and many other items for the village residents and surrounding farming community.

This is an awesome original photo of Heron's General Store that was on the main road in Harrington

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Miedema's Meat Market

129 Huron St., EMBRO | 519-475-4010

Being the local butcher runs in the family for Leo Miedema of Miedema's Meat Market in Embro. The second generation butcher has owned the store in Embro with his wife Ann since 1982. Along with sons Greg and Brent, the Miedemas take pride in offering locally sourced pork and beef to their customers. Regulars to the butcher shop and their Woodstock Farmers' Market stand know them for their tasty sausages, pork chops, and hamburgers. They keep strong relationships with farmers to ensure that they get the highest quality products to serve to their customers.

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Turner's Farm Market

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Turner's Farm Market began selling their produce with tomatoes at a roadside stand 22 years ago and things only grew from there. Today, they sell everything from fresh fruits and vegetables to baked goods and flowers. With a family farm operated by the second generation, the Turners grow tomato, kale, peppers, peas, squash, cucumbers and zucchini themselves and source from local farms around them for honey and maple syrup, baked goods and other produce. Open May to December, a trip to Turner's always means finding delicious local tastes.

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All meetings held
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2017	
Sept 5	9:30 a.m.
Sept 19	6:30 p.m.
Oct 3	9:30 a.m.
Oct 17	6:30 p.m.
Nov 7	9:30 a.m.
Nov 21	6:30 p.m.



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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:

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Thamesford Minor Baseball	519-851-9548
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

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Kintore	
A.J. Baker Public School	519-283-1098
Thamesford	
Thamesford Public School	519-285-2043
Roch Carrier French Immersion	519-537-7321
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London District Catholic School Board	519-663-2088

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Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society	
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Embro Highland Games/ Zorra Caledonian Society	519-475-4451
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Dan Fisher, First Vice President	519-285-2729
Thamesford Scouts	
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Harrington & Area Community Association	
Philip Kerr	519-475-0484
Harrington Grist Mill Restoration Project	
Tim	519-475-4376

Other

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Canadian Red Cross	519-539-0265
Children's Aid Society, Oxford County	519-539-6176
Crime Stoppers	800-222-TIPS
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Embro West Zorra History Book	519-475-4443
Embro Library	519-475-4172

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Girl Guides - Thamesford	519-285-1126
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Thamesford Public Library	519-285-3219
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VON Sakura House	519-537-8515
Welcome Wagon	519-485-2990
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Women's Canadian Club	519-471-8924

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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

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Embro, Ontario
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519-475-4060

Maple Grove Christian Retreat
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519-285-3334

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1

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2

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3

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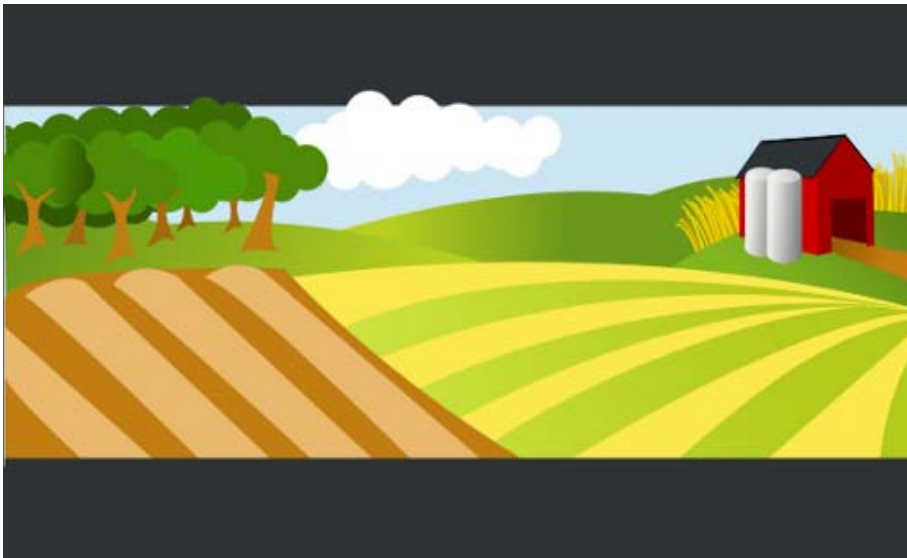
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Welcome to the Berry Barn!

by Stew Slater, St. Marys Journal Argus

They accomplished their goal of creating something through which their four children could learn valuable lessons and make a bit of cash. And then they kept on with it, allowing dozens of other kids from the community to gain similar benefits.

“We’ve met some really neat kids over the years,” says R.R. 2 St. Marys farmer Paul Mitchell. “Kids who have gone on to do some really neat things have had their first jobs here, picking raspberries.”

But now, after the conclusion of the 2017 summer-bearing raspberry season, Paul and Janice Mitchell are calling it quits . . . from growing raspberries, that is.

“We’re not selling the farm, and the catering business is not closing,” Paul smiled as he greeted a Journal Argus reporter at the family’s Oxford Road 96 farm last week. “You know how rumours get started.”

For some raspberry pie-loving catering customers, the raspberries go hand in hand with Janice’s Fine Country Catering; they might wonder what an event served by the extremely well-regarded caterer will be like without a straight-from-the-farm raspberry dessert on the menu.

Those customers needn’t worry just yet; the couple figures that, by the end of this growing season, they’ll have enough frozen berries to last through two years of pie-making — at an established rate of 700 per year, destined for both catering and as frozen pie sales. “We pride ourselves on never having sold a day-old berry in 22 years in business,” notes Janice, adding any freshly-picked berries left over at the end of the day have always been put in the freezer for later use in pies or for sale frozen.

Still, there is some truth that the two businesses have gone hand in hand.

“The first (raspberry) bushes were planted in 1994,” Paul relates, adding that’s around the same time Janice began her catering business. The first berries were picked the following year — around the time, likewise, that Janice’s efforts to promote her business began to really bear fruit.

“The number one reason (for planting the raspberries) was to give the kids something to do as they grew up,” Paul says. “And it accomplished that, beyond our expectations.”

All four Mitchell children, he continues, “learned to get up and go to work — first picking, and then supervising other pickers, and then running the (on-farm retail) stand.”

“And on top of (learning those lessons), they made a little money on the side.”

From the standpoint of the business owners, Janice and Paul aren’t complaining about the money they made over the years. But growing raspberries, they stress, is truly hard, physically-demanding work. And it was time to give up that work — especially for Paul, who spent

countless hours each fall on his hands and knees cutting away every single fruit-bearing cane from

that year and burning it as a way of breaking the pest cycle. In the spring, he was back at it, clippers in hand, thinning out the less thrifty new canes that would only provide unnecessary competition for the high-quality canes, and impede the air flow that can keep raspberry cane borer insects at bay.

“The number one reason (for planting the raspberries) was to give the kids something to do as they grew up,”

“That’s one nice thing; we’ve never had to spray,” he says, attributing the high elevation of the family’s property for keeping air flowing well through the one-and-a-half acre berry patch. He adds, though, that news has come to Ontario’s berry growers that a new and tough-to-combat pest insect has been advancing in recent years, so he’s happy to be getting out now.

The Mitchells started in business with the traditional summer-bearing raspberries, and never moved to ever-bearing varieties to extend the season. Janice remembers cold July mornings when she handed out gloves with cut-out fingertips to her young pickers, and circulated through the rows a little while later handing out mugs of hot chocolate. “We never wanted to be picking into the fall. We wanted to the season to come and then go, so we stuck with the summer-bearing.”

“We’ve had around 300 kids work for us over the years,” Paul relates.

Raspberry season is on now, and the Berry Barn is open. The Mitchells are located 963229 Road 96, between Uniondale and Harrington.

And for those who think they can’t live without Mitchell berries, they’ll quite likely get the opportunity to purchase one of the farm’s plants. In October, Janice says, they plan on having a charity “come dig your own plant” party as a way of officially shutting down the business. Proceeds will go to the St. Marys Memorial Hospital Foundation.



Paul and Janice Mitchell



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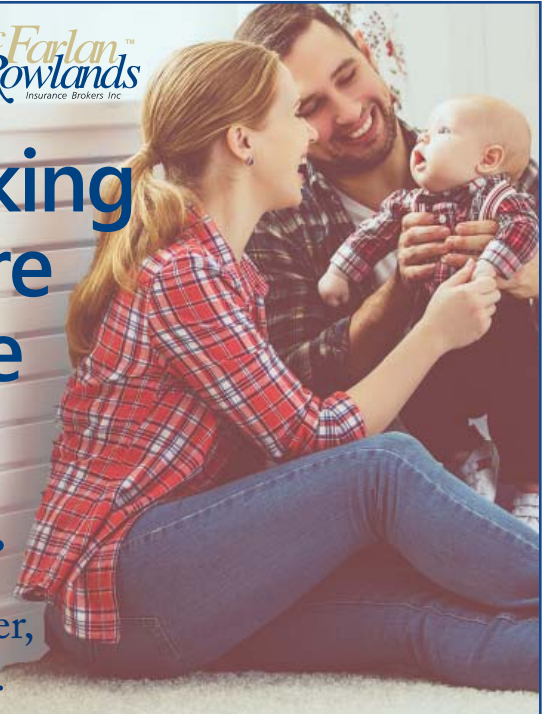
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