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## Message from the Mayor

Proposals for the Landfill and High Speed Rail continue to be huge concerns. I urge you to visit the Township website for information. If you cannot do this, please contact a friend or the Township Office for a written copy.

Both of these issues have significant importance to Zorra and you should be informed. It would seem the meetings planned by the Provincial government regarding rail service do not include invitations to rural representatives. We must understand the impact to our Township so we can speak with one strong voice so our concerns are heard.

The Zero Waste committee continues to work towards its goal. Meetings were held November 23 to encourage groups planning events - from regular meetings of local organizations to some of our significantly huge events - looking for ways to lessen the garbage that remains at the end. There is talk from the Province that garbage pickup will no longer include materials that contain compostable garbage - as much kitchen garbage does now - by early 2018. Clearly we can begin with small steps. Watch for more information. Be sure your group is represented at one of the meetings.

Recently I attended a meeting regarding County Paramedic Services. As you know there are regulated response times for urban areas - but not for the rural areas. The response time is often longer because rural ambulances do not always remain at their station but are positioned around the County in order to respond to calls for urban emergencies. The County budget is asking for at least two more ambulances for Woodstock. I have had concerns expressed to me about this being "not fair". In actuality this will help greatly with our response times as rural ambulances will not be called on as often to assist with urban emergencies.

I am always grateful for the opportunities offered to me since you elected me as your Mayor. I was invited by

the Garner family to attend the Woodstock Sports Hall of Fame awards. Ross Garner was honoured posthumously for a Lifetime Achievement. At the same time Michael Heath of Golspie, who was supported in his efforts by Zorra, was named Male Athlete, and Stacey Simmons daughter of our Treasurer, Maureen Simmons, was Captain of the Girls' Hockey team that won the Team award. It was really an outstanding day for Zorra.

Zorra has just finished a Branding exercise and recently presented the results to all employees. When I first started into Public Service I had no idea what this term had to do with a Township. I have since come to understand how important it is in telling people what it means, and how it affects what we do. Keep watching. You will see some changes in how we present ourselves and how we do business.

Both Zorra and the County are working on budgets for next year. Your input is important as we plan projects and services. Attend public meetings or at least contact me or one of the councillors. We need to hear from you.

Be watching for solar panels on both arenas (We hope to collect even more energy than the buildings use), completion of the new soccer field and ReuseapalooZaha (Embro Community Centre April 28/18).

Council continues to honour groups that work in Zorra. Please try to communicate with us directly. Sometime we hear from several members with differing views and it would help to hear by resolution or contact by a member of the Executive. We want to see you succeed with your projects.

Best wishes to all as you celebrate the many blessings of the Season. I hope that you enjoy a time that leaves many good memories.

Please contact me: [mlupton@zorra.on.ca](mailto:mlupton@zorra.on.ca) or 1-519-412-0065.

*Margaret Lupton*

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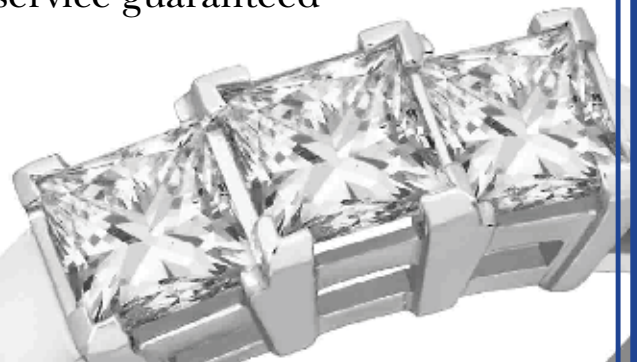
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## REDUCED LOAD SEASON

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.

## WINTER ROADWAY MAINTENANCE ON TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA ROADS

The winter level of service to be delivered is prescribed in the Minimum Maintenance Standards – Ontario Regulation 239/02 regarding snow and ice control. The Minimum Maintenance Standards are a regulation of the Municipal Act, 2001. Service will be delivered during the following hours:  
Monday to Friday - 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with additional hours as determined by weather conditions.  
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*Aden Corcoran, C.E.T. -Director of Public Works*

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# TAX DEPARTMENT

## WHY NOT PAY YOUR TAXES MONTHLY?

Sign up now for the 10 or 12 month Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for 2018.

If you are interested in enrolling in this payment plan for 2018, 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. 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 011-090-25600-0000 then you would enter this as 01109025600. If an error occurs, please add the extra four zeros at the end and try again.

## WHEN WILL MY 2018 TAX BILL BE MAILED?

They will be mailed the 1st week of February, with due dates of Feb 28 and May 31, 2018. 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 until the Final 2018 Tax Bill which are processed in July 2018.

**Season's 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)

## 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, 2018.



# TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Fire Prevention Week

Congratulations to Ryder Arts, our 2017 Junior Fire Chief for the day. Ryder's home escape plan drawing was randomly picked from the many excellent entries we received from the junior kindergarten to grade 2 classes. Ryder was picked up on a Friday morning at home in our pumper truck, dressed in fire chief bunker gear and taken to Zorra Highland Park where he will do a quick inspection prior to giving an "all clear" for the other students to enter the school. Ryder helped us deliver our fire safety messages throughout the morning and helped deliver lunch to all the students. Thanks to Jr. Fire Chief Ryder Arts for being such an enthusiastic participant and making sure his fellow Zorra Highland Park students participated in Fire Prevention Week. - **Deputy District Chief Chris Schurman (Embros)**



Also, Zorra Fire and Emergency Services spread the word regarding Fire Prevention Week with a fire truck ride to school for AJ Baker students Jenna & Jacob Hutton and Thamesford Public School participated in June at the end of the previous school year.

## Ron King, Uniondale Station

Ron King, District Deputy Chief of Zorra Fire's Uniondale Station is also the President of the Firefighters Association of Ontario (FFAO) representing the almost 20,000 volunteer fire fighters in the province. (Ron is now in his second year of a two year term as the president).

Ron and his executive represent the volunteer side of the fire service, accounting for 62% of the 449 fire departments within Ontario, when it comes to concerns on issues of importance to public and firefighter safety.

"Presenting a professional and organized front and stating our concerns with our peers and legislators is a necessary part of our work," Ron said. As President, Ron has attended the national and provincial memorial services held annually in Ottawa and Toronto. Also, he currently attends meetings in Toronto, sitting on the Fire Safety Technical Panel, a group formed to investigate and upgrade legislation for firefighter safety standards.

The FFAO is active on the Section 21 Committee, and worked very hard with other stakeholders to enact the Presumptive legislation that protects and provides for firefighters and their families faced with cancers directly caused by fighting fires.

It is important for the FFAO to maintain and establish relationships with other organizations in the fire service. To that end, the association has met with the Ontario Fire Chiefs Association, and the Fire Service Women of Ontario to strengthen the position of all firefighters in this province. Working together, the full time and part time firefighters will achieve better standards of safety and provide a strong voice when dealing with our government bodies.

Every year the FFAO holds its annual meeting and convention in various locations around the province. A week is dedicated to providing volunteer firefighters with education and training to maintain and upgrade their skills and knowledge. It also provides fellowship and networking opportunities for the members.



Ron is one of the original members of the Uniondale station who just recently received his 40 year Long Service Medals from both the Federal and Provincial governments. Ron became a Captain of the Uniondale station in 1997 and has been District Deputy Chief of our Uniondale station for the last 7 years.

Ron and his wife Lynda have three (3) sons, two of which have followed in his footsteps. Jeff joined us at Zorra Fire in 2011 and most recently with Mike joining the ranks of Uniondale station in 2016.



From all of us here at home in Zorra, thanks Ron for the time and effort you've put in and continue to put forth for both public and fire fighter safety. We can't thank you enough.

Pictured left: Mayor Lupton and Ron King



## BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

### SMOKING PROHIBITED

By-law 42-15 prohibits smoking at all Township facilities. Township facilities are defined as: any building, structure or premise to which the Township holds right of ownership to, including a building, structure or premise which is leased by the Township. This includes all playgrounds, sports fields, parks, buildings, park walkways, and even includes parking lots. As soon as you pass the threshold from the sidewalk or roadway onto a Township owned/leased lot it is prohibited to smoke any smoking product. Smoking Product is defined as: tobacco or tobacco-like product whose primary purpose is to be burned or heated to produce vapours, gases or smoke, which are inhaled, and shall include but is not limited to non-tobacco herbal shisha, and other plant material or oils intended for inhalation. Violations may result in a fine of \$305.00 plus additional fees.

### RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RV's)

Please be advised that Subsection 5.28.4 of the Zoning By-law has been amended to reflect the following: To permit the temporary storage of recreational vehicles in residential zones from May 1 – October 31, 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.

### WINTER PARKING

Please be advised that the winter parking restrictions will be enforced starting November 15th and remain in place until March 31, 2018. 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 8:30-9:00am & 3:30-4:30pm. 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. Additionally the Yard and Lot Maintenance By-law 15-15 also prohibits the deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow or ice upon a sidewalk.

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## 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.

## 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.
- 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.
- A recent update to the Animal Control By-law includes the difference between Dwelling building types and the total domestic cats and dogs that are permitted.

These changes are as follows:

Section 1.1 which defined the term Dwelling unit has been modified to include specific building types. The definitions now include Multiple Unit Dwellings such as, apartments, boarding houses, converted dwelling, duplexes, street fronting townhouses, and other multiple unit dwellings. Single Dwelling Units are semi-detached, and Single Detached Dwelling mean a building that only contains one dwelling unit.

Section 7 of the By-law outlines how many cats and dogs, and a combination cats/dogs are permitted.

- 7.1 In a Dwelling – Single Unit, no person shall, within the Township of Zorra, keep any animal except those permitted in accordance with the following:
- a) three dogs;
  - b) three domestic cats; (Amended by By-law 41-16)
- 7.1.1 In a Dwelling – Multiple Unit, no person shall, within the Township of Zorra, keep any animal except those permitted in accordance with the following:
- a) where there are no dogs, a maximum of two domestic cats;
  - b) where there is one dog, a maximum of one domestic cat;
  - c) where there are two dogs, no domestic cats;

Thank you for your co-operation. For more information contact Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer 485-2490 ext. 230

## 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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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.

### \*\*\* 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.
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## Municipal Holiday Closures

The Municipal Office will be closed at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 22 and will re-open Tuesday, 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.

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

# TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA COMMITTEES

## ZORRA LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Township recently established the Zorra Local School Committee. The committee's mandate is to identify current and future opportunities to support youth in Zorra Township by enhancing the relationship between the Township of Zorra and its schools and thereby improving student well-being, and increased programme options. The committee will work to develop a "School Retention Plan" in accordance with the Township's Strategic Plan. Check the Township website for meeting dates.

For further information on any of the below committees visit the Township of Zorra website at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)  
**ALL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!! FEEL FREE TO ATTEND!**

Congratulations to the Committee on planning and hosting a very successful "Ontario Rural Education Symposium"! Thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

## ZORRA CANADA 150<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

With the assistance of the Zorra Canada 150th Celebrations Committee, the Township is putting together a TIME CAPSULE for Canada 150!!! If you or your local organization have anything to add please drop it off to the Township Office by January 5, 2018. The County of Oxford's Archivist will be assisting the Township in preserving and housing all of the items. Thanks in advance for your contribution!!



A big thank-you to all committee members for their assistance and enthusiasm over the past year. At the end of 2017, the committee's duties will end, however we look forward to all working together again!

## ZORRA COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE

In 2013 the Township established the Zorra Community Policing Committee. The Committee's mandate is to advise on all aspects of the provisions of police related matters in the Township of Zorra and to promote and maintain communication with the public. The Committee meets on a quarterly basis.

November 28, 2017 was the last meeting of 2017 and recapped the happenings of the year. Furthermore, there are area residents interested in setting up a local group - Citizens on Patrol in Thamesford. For further information please check out our Township website at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)

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

### 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. If you have a location you'd like to see the sign please contact Mathew Paul at the Township Office.



# ZORRA RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In 2011 the Township established the Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee (ZRAC). The Committee's mandate is to advise on all aspects of the provision of leisure and recreation services in the Township of Zorra and to promote and maintain communication with the public on parks and recreation needs.

## Upcoming Meetings are as follows at 7:00p.m.:

January 22, 2018 at the Thamesford District Community Centre  
February 26, 2018 at the Township of Zorra Office

March 26, 2018 at the Beaty Room, Thamesford Library  
April 23, 2018 at the Harrington Hall

# ZORRA WATER AND WHEELS COMMITTEE

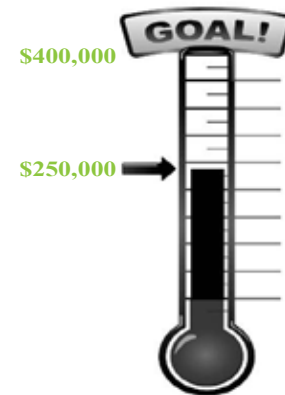


## Zorra Water and Wheels Committee Continues its Community Fundraising Campaign

The Thamesford Skate Park and Spray Pad project is currently fundraising for a significant portion of funds to continue planning this build in 2018. With the continued support of the Thamesford Lions Club, and several grant applications we hope to meet our \$250,000 goal having already raised \$97,000!! We appreciate our entire community's support and wish to acknowledge those who have already contributed to this worthwhile project!

## THANK YOU to the generosity of all of our sponsors:

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Cuddy Farms Ball Team	Donna McCall	Laura Finkbinder	
Sterk Ag Service Ltd.	Steele Hall Farms	Gladys Rinn	



At our most recent fundraising event: "Create with Kate" Paint Night held on October 24th at the Thamesford Library Beaty Room, there was a surprise presentation of \$10,000 to the Water & Wheels project by Trillium Mutual Insurance-ROOTS program and McFarlan Rowlands Insurance Broker Doug Bell and associate Rebecca Rennie. We would like to thank these generous supporters in their recognition of the value of this project to our community! Thanks also to those who attended the Paint Night and supported our Silent Auction—it was a great success with over \$1,000 raised!

To find out more about Water and Wheels, join our Facebook group: Water and Wheels Committee, or check out our web-site at <http://www.zorra.on.ca/Our-Township/Committees/ZWWC>  
To make a donation, contact Don Weir at 519-285-5558 or Wendi Jackson at [tjackson@execulink.com](mailto:tjackson@execulink.com)

*Please consider supporting this important community project!*

# 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 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 changes to garbage and recycling collection for Zorra residents this year. Pickup will be on Saturday, December 23rd instead of Monday December 25th. Pickup will be on Saturday December 30th instead of Monday January 1st. Please be sure to have your items to the curb by 7am on your collection day.

### 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 on January 6, 2018. 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 519-485-2490
- Thamesford District Recreation Centre, 85 Middleton Street, Thamesford, ON NOM 2M0 519-285-2236
- EmbroZorra Community Centre, 355644 35th Line, Embro, ON NOJ 1J0 519-475-6061
- Harrington Hall & Library, 539 Victoria Street, Harrington, ON NOJ 1J0 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.



# RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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.

### Phase One is Complete!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the future of Recreation, Arts & Culture in Zorra Township by completing the survey, attending an Open House or Meeting and emailing us your thoughts and ideas!

The information gathered by Monteith Brown Planning Consultants during this phase has been compiled into a discussion paper which will be available at <http://www.zorra.on.ca/Our-Services/Recreation/Recreation-Arts-Culture-Master-Plan>

The next two phases will look at strategic directions, a service delivery and fee audit and recommendations on strategies to implement in all areas of our Recreation, Arts and Culture environments.

We are looking forward the final report which will be ready early in 2018. Watch for another opportunity to review the draft Master Plan and submit your feedback and comments later this year!

### Get In Touch!

Submit written comments to [racmp@zorra.on.ca](mailto:racmp@zorra.on.ca) or visit [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca) for more information about the Master Plan!



The Township of Zorra is seeking applicants for the position of Lifeguard at the Thamesford Area Swimming Pool. This position is seasonal with employment from mid-May to Labor Day Weekend. All applicants must have the correct certifications prior to the pool opening. New applicants and past employees wishing to reapply may submit their resume to:

#### Stephanie Starchuck

Recreation and Facilities Program Coordinator,  
Township of Zorra  
[ssarchuck@zorra.on.ca](mailto:ssarchuck@zorra.on.ca)  
27462027th Line, PO Box 306,  
Ingersoll, ON, N5C 3K5

Please submit applications by Friday February 2, 2018. Only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.

A full job description, including our compensation program, can be found online at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)



## ZORRA TOWNSHIP SUMMER DAY CAMP

Join us every week this Summer for  
**SWIMMING!**      **GAMES!**      And so  
**CRAFTS!**      **FUN!**      **MUCH MORE!**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>**

Available spaces have increased this year!  
Two groups will be offered each week:

**SK to Grade 1 & Grade 2 to Grade 5**

Before & After Care  
Available!

Add-On Swimming Lessons  
to your Camp Experience!

Visit us at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca) for more details on costs, hours of operation and all other program information.





The Township is offering a variety of opportunities for kids of all ages to participate in Sportball! This is a great program to expose your children to a variety of sports and develop some fundamental physical literacy skills.

Check out the upcoming winter programs, including some NEW school holiday camps!

#### NEW HOLIDAY CAMP

Youth Multi-Sport (5 – 8 years old) January 2 – January 5: 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Thamesford District Recreation Centre

#### WINTER PROGRAMMING

##### Parent & Child (2 -3 years old)

January 15 to March 19: 11:15am-12:00pm  
Embro Zorra Community Centre

January 18 to March 22: 5:00pm-5:45pm  
Thamesford District Recreation Centre

##### Youth Multi-Sport (3.5 – 5 years old)

January 18 to March 22: 5:50pm-6:50pm  
Thamesford District Recreation Centre

##### Youth Multi-Sport (6 – 8 years old)

January 18 to March 22: 6:55pm-7:55pm  
Thamesford District Recreation Centre

**Watch for information on a NEW, FULL DAY MARCH BREAK CAMP coming soon!**

Information on registration, costs and additional details can be found at [www.sportball.ca](http://www.sportball.ca) or 226-289-1690.

# SUMMER DAY CAMP POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Township of Zorra is seeking applicants for employment with our Summer Day Camp programs offered within the Township. This is a seasonal position starting mid-June with completion at the end of August. Hours of work will vary between 7:00am to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older and will have certification in First Aid/CPR and HighFive Principles of Healthy Child Development prior to the start of Camp.

#### **The following positions are available:**

##### *Camp Coordinator*

Responsible for the planning and programming of Camp. Will oversee Camp Leaders to ensure camp is operated successfully.

##### *Camp Leader*

Responsible for the supervision of campers and implementation of camp activities.

Full job descriptions can be found at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)

Applicants wishing to apply may submit their resume to:

#### **Stephanie Starchuck**

Recreation and Facilities Program Coordinator,  
Township of Zorra

[sstarchuck@zorra.on.ca](mailto:sstarchuck@zorra.on.ca)

274620 27th Line, PO Box 306, Ingersoll, ON, N5C 3K5

Please submit applications by 5:00pm on Friday February 2, 2018. Only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.

## Zorra Summer Day Camp is looking for Volunteers!

Interested in gaining some job experience in Recreation or Child Care?

Open to students 12 – 15 years old.

Volunteer applications can be sent to:  
Stephanie Starchuck  
Recreation and Facilities Program Coordinator,  
Township of Zorra  
[sstarchuck@zorra.on.ca](mailto:sstarchuck@zorra.on.ca)

# Pickleball

## 2018 Winter Schedule



Every Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Zorra Highland Public School 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Everyone is welcome! We love to see new people come and try it out! It's fun to play and quick to learn! Township staff will be present on January 10<sup>th</sup> & February 7<sup>th</sup> to help provide additional instruction.

*Please note that Pickleball on Tuesday's at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre has been cancelled.*

## Get Active on the Ice this Winter in Zorra!

There are lots of ways you can get onto the ice and have some fun in Zorra Township! Check out all our new and returning programs!

### SHINNY HOCKEY

Shinny is an informal game of pick up hockey, planned and organized by those in attendance. There are no referees, just come out, play fair and have fun! Ability to play hockey is not required, just a fun way to learn the game or develop your skills. **All Shinny programs begin NOVEMBER 11th.**

Description	Ages	Embros Zorra Community Centre	Thamesford District Recreation Centre
<b>"Crosby's Kids Club" Shinny</b>	Open to All Ages. <i>(Parent participation recommended for players in grade 3 &amp; younger)</i>	Sundays 1:00pm – 1:50pm <i>(except Nov.26, Dec.24, Dec.31 &amp; Mar.11)</i>	Saturdays 5:30pm – 6:20pm <i>(except Nov. 18, Jan. 6, &amp; Mar. 24)</i>
<b>Adult Shinny</b>	Ages 18 & Older	Wednesdays 11:30pm-12:30pm	Tuesdays 11:30pm-12:30pm

#### Required Equipment:

18 Years & Under:	CSA approved helmet with full face mask, hockey gloves and skates are required. A neck guard is strongly recommended.
Adult:	CSA approved helmet and skates are required. Hockey gloves & neck guard are strongly recommended.

#### Don't forget to bring your own stick and puck!

*Thank you to the Grade 5 & 6 Students at Thamesford Public School for helping make this program possible!*

The ice programs at Zorra facilities make it more affordable for the whole family to play together!  <b>\$2.00 per participant</b> up to a maximum of  <b>\$5.00 per family</b> As always, kids under the age of 3 are FREE!	OTHER SKATING PROGRAMS AVAILABLE			
		Embros Zorra Community Centre	Thamesford District Recreation Centre	
	<b>Parent&amp;Tot Skate</b>	Teach your child to skate at a slower pace for young skaters. Ideal for kids aged 4 & younger.	Wednesdays 9:30am-10:30am	Tuesdays 9:30am – 10:30am
	<b>Adult Skate</b>	General Skating, children not permitted. Skate at your own pace in an adult-only environment.	Wednesdays 10:30am-11:30am	Tuesdays 9:30am – 10:30am
	<b>Public Skating</b>	General skating, open to all ages. A great family activity!	Sundays 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Sundays 2:00pm – 3:00pm
CSA approved helmets are required for skaters under 12 years old and they are strongly recommended for everyone else. Skates are required on the ice for all participants. Hockey sticks, pucks or other equipment are not permitted.				

**For more information, check out our website at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)**



# 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION



## VOTER INFORMATION

The Township of Zorra will be utilizing the VOTE BY MAIL alternative method of voting again for the 2018 Municipal Election.

With Vote by Mail, voters can fill out their ballots in the privacy and convenience of their own home. Casting a vote is as easy as mailing a letter. Security features are built into the voting kits to ensure the secrecy of your vote until vote tabulating takes place on Election Day – October 22, 2018.

A person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality, if on voting day he or she is:

- a Canadian citizen;
- at least 18 years old;
- residing in the local municipality or an owner or tenant there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and
- not otherwise prohibited from voting.

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Interested in running for Municipal Council? Nomination forms may be filed at the Township Office between May 1, 2018 and July 27, 2018, at a time when the Clerk's Office is open and on Nomination Day, July 27, 2018 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

A new requirement under the Municipal Elections Act requires anyone wishing to run for office as a member of Council must submit signatures of 25 eligible voters supporting their nomination to run for office. The requirement to submit 25 signatures does not apply to candidates running for school board trustee positions.

A Candidate for Municipal Office must, upon nomination, be a qualified municipal elector and fulfil all of the following requirements:

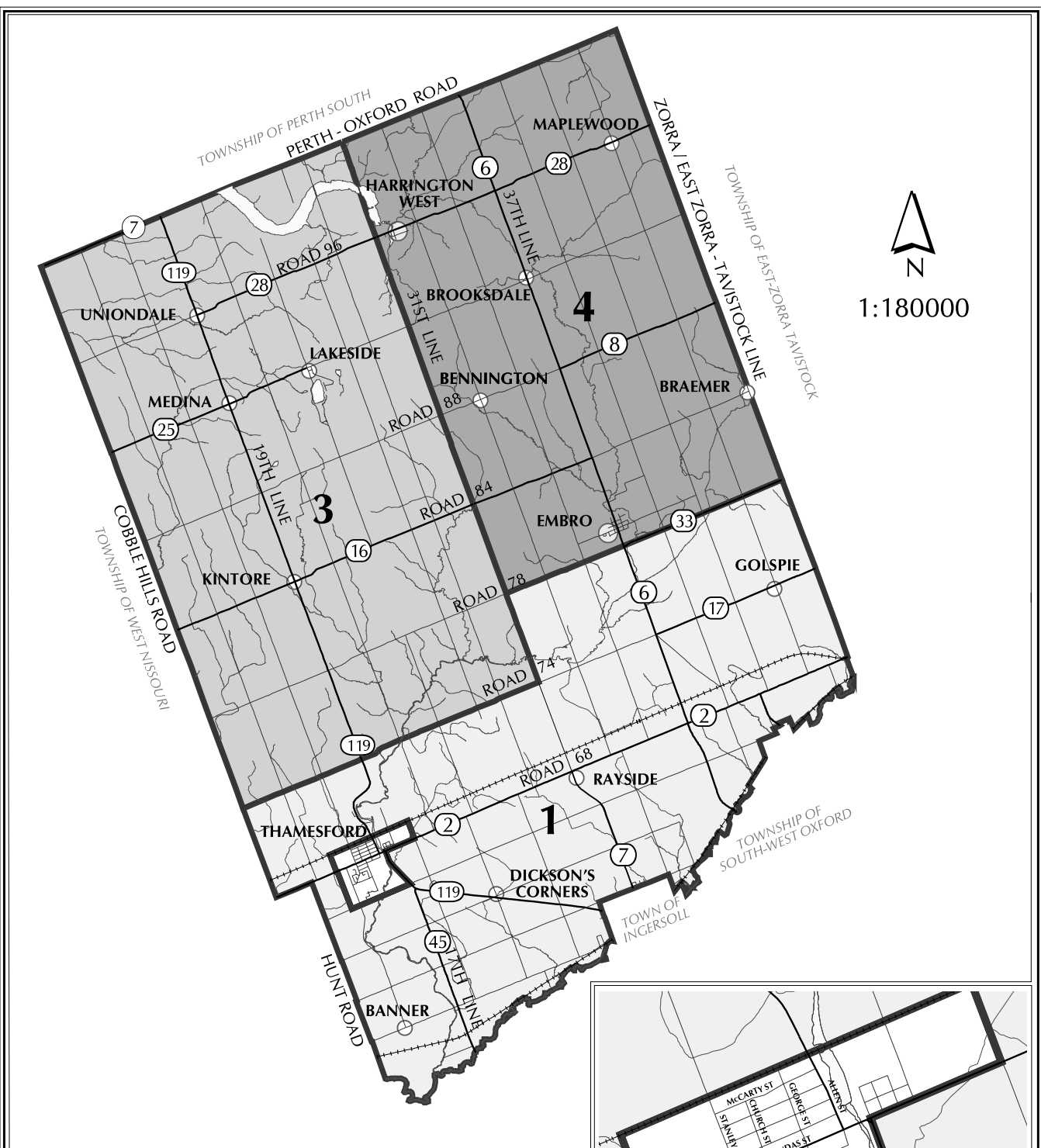
- live in the municipality, be an owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of an owner or tenant;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be at least 18 years old on voting day;
- not legally prohibited from voting; and
- not disqualified by any legislation from holding Municipal office.

Contact Karen Martin, Township Clerk for more information at 519-485-2490 ext. 228 or visit: <http://www.zorra.on.ca/Our-Township/Municipal-Election-2018>

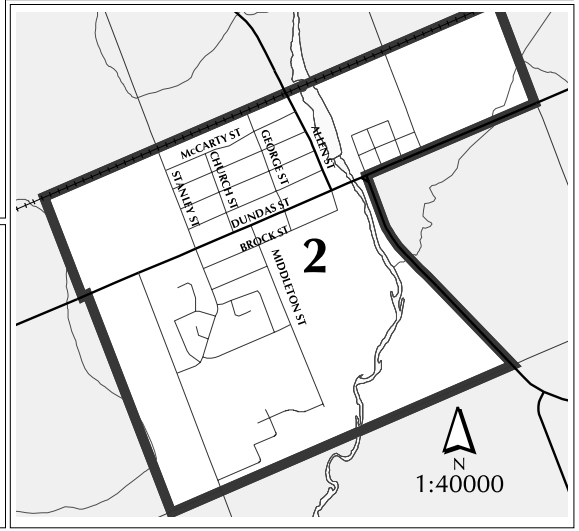
The 2014 Municipal election utilized the vote-by-mail system for the third election in Zorra and it was a successful election process. Costs were kept to a minimum and voter turnout was fairly high at 48.43%. Previous election turnout percentages were as follows: 37.59% in 2010, 48.57% in 2006 and 31.1% in 2003.

In 2018 have your say and vote in your local Municipal Election!!

# ZORRA ELECTORAL WARDS



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Scale: 1:180000



## Zorra Electoral Wards

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growing stronger...together  
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TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT INFORMATION



# 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**

**No appointment necessary**



## Thamesford Lions Club Upcoming Events

**Thamesford Lions Carol Sing**  
Sunday, December 3, 2017, 6pm

**Family Day Celebration**  
Monday February 19, 2018, 2pm  
Thamesford District Recreation Centre

**Social Gaming Night/Elimination Draw**  
Friday April 6, 2018, 8pm  
Thamesford District Recreation Centre

**Electronic, Metal, Batteries Recycling Day**  
Saturday April 28, 2018, 8am to 3pm  
Parking lot behind Thamesford Thamesford District Recreation Centre

**Trout Brunch**  
Sunday May 20, 2018, 11am to 1:30pm  
Thamesford District Recreation Centre



## 2018 Embro Dinner Theatre

Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Presents

# “Bare Bear Bones”

by Michael Grant

Directed by Mark Mooney Produced by Sara Stephenson

**Cast:** Doug Turvey, Wendy Marshall, Ron Marshall, Paul Barker, Joanne Barker, Travis Brekelmans, Meagan Hargreaves, Erica Marchand.

Visit [www.embrofair.com](http://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 March 1st (Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar & Show) - \$20

Friday March 2nd (Dinner & Show) - \$40 • Saturday March 3rd (Dinner & Show) - \$40

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Annual Meeting:** Monday, January 22nd, 2018 – Embro Legion 7:30 p.m. supper

**Dinner Theatre Box Office:** Saturday, December 9th, 2017 8a.m. to 11 a.m. at Embro Community Centre

**Dinner Theatre Dates:** Saturday, February 24th, 2018; Sunday, February 25th (Brunch), Thursday, March 1st (Apps); Friday, March 2nd & Saturday, March 3rd, 2018

**Spaghetti Dinner & Entertainment:** Friday, April 21, 2018 – Embro Community Centre

**160th Embro Fair:** Friday, September 14 to Sunday, September 16, 2018



# OFA develops signs to improve farm safety and mitigate trespassing



Ontario  
Federation of  
Agriculture

Farm safety and trespassing on farmland and private property are key priorities for Ontario farmers. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) has new on-farm signs to help improve farm safety and mitigate trespassing issues.

'Caution Go Slowly' (children playing) signs were developed in partnership with Workplace Safety & Prevention Services, while OFA's 'No Trespassing' signs were created in response to ongoing OFA member concerns. The 'No Trespassing' signs allow farmers and OFA members to do their due diligence to keep trespassers off their land by clearly marking private property.



These signs are available to OFA members only, upon request.

OFA members interested in requesting a 'No Trespassing' or 'Caution Go Slowly' (children playing) sign can contact Heather Derks, OFA's Member Service Representative (MSR) for Oxford County. Signs will be delivered to members during the period of December 15, 2017 – January 15, 2018.

For more information and requests, please contact Heather at 1-866-408-0128 or [heather.derks@ofa.on.ca](mailto:heather.derks@ofa.on.ca).

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## Important message from your local Ontario Provincial Police



The OPP encourage vehicle owners to:

- Roll up your vehicles' windows
- Keep your valuables out of sight
- Lock your doors
- Pocket your keys
- Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running

Any person with information regarding similar incidents should immediately contact the Oxford County OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or their nearest police authority. You can also access the OPP Citizen Self Reporting online at [www.opp.ca/reporting](http://www.opp.ca/reporting). Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or [www.oxford-crimestoppers.com](http://www.oxford-crimestoppers.com) where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

# The Mill Power Fund



## Help restore water power to the Harrington Grist Mill!

The Harrington & Area Community Association has created a fund to accept donations from the public.

The primary goal is to pursue options to enable the provision of water power to the Harrington Grist Mill. Donations may also be used to make improvements to the Harrington Conservation Area and/or the Grist Mill, or to the betterment of the Harrington Community.

For further information contact 519-475-0484 or email [ourharringtonhome@live.ca](mailto:ourharringtonhome@live.ca)

## Harrington Pond



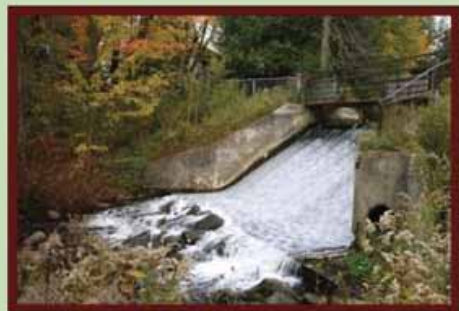
Cheques should be made payable to: "Township of Zorra", and must include the following information:

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

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address for Tax Receipt:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Donations may be given to any member of the Association, or mailed to the Township Office: P.O. Box 306, Ingersoll, Ont. N5C 3K5



Donations over \$20 will be issued  
Tax Receipts



For further information and to book your space please email: [zorradvertising@rogers.com](mailto:zorradvertising@rogers.com)

## 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



**CALITHUMPIAN**  
CELEBRATING ★ COMMUNITY

**THAMESFORD  
CALITHUMPIAN  
HOLIDAY  
PARADE**

**DECEMBER 17, 2017  
TIME: 6:30PM**

**\$250 FOR BEST DECORATED FLOAT**

**CALITHUMPIAN**  
CELEBRATING ★ COMMUNITY

**THAMESFORD CALITHUMPIAN**  
*12 Days Of Christmas*

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www.thamesfordcalithumpian.ca

DRAW DATES	PRIZES
DECEMBER 1, 2017	\$50.00
DECEMBER 2, 2017	\$50.00
DECEMBER 3, 2017	\$50.00
DECEMBER 4, 2017	\$50.00
DECEMBER 5, 2017	\$50.00
DECEMBER 6, 2017	\$50.00
DECEMBER 7, 2017	\$75.00
DECEMBER 8, 2017	\$75.00
DECEMBER 9, 2017	\$75.00
DECEMBER 10, 2017	\$75.00
DECEMBER 11, 2017	\$200.00
DECEMBER 12, 2017	\$500.00

**MUST BE 19+ \* LL # N766729**

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM ANY CALITHUMPIAN MEMBER**

**NEED TICKETS** ONLY 200 TICKETS - CALL TODAY!  
**519.854.0721**

- HAPPY HOLIDAYS -



# COMMUNITY AND RECREATION EVENTS

\*Except Holidays

## THAMESFORD EVENTS

### Thamesford District Recreation Centre

<i>Public Skating:</i> Every Sunday (ends March 25)*	2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
<i>Youth Shinny:</i> Every Saturday (ends March 24)*	5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
<i>Parent/Tot Skate:</i> Every Tuesday (ends March 20)	9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
<i>Adult/Senior Skate:</i> Every Tuesday (ends March 20)	10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
<i>Adult Shinny:</i> Every Tuesday (ends March 20)	11:30 to 12:30 p.m.

### December 2017

<i>Lions Community Carol Sing</i>	December 3, 7:00 p.m.
<i>Calithumpian Holiday Parade</i>	December 17, 6:00 p.m.

### Free Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons

December 24, 2017	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
December 27, 2017	2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
December 31, 2017	2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### January 2018

<i>Free Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons</i>	
January 3, 2018	2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

<i>Free PA Day Public Skate Sponsored by Truth Community Church</i>	
January 19, 2018	1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

### February 2018

<i>Lions Family Day Event</i>	
February 19	Free skating 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Food and Silent Auction in the Hall at 5:00 p.m.	

<i>Thamesford Skating Club Carnival</i>	
February 26	

### March 2018

<i>March Break Public Skating</i>	
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### April 2018

<i>Lions Elimination Draw</i>	
April 6, 8:00p.m.	

## EMBRO EVENTS

### Embros Zorra Community Centre

<i>Public Skating:</i> Every Sunday (ends March 25)*	2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
<i>Youth Shinny:</i> Every Sunday (ends March 25)*	1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
<i>Parent/Tot Skate:</i> Every Wednesday (ends March 20)	9:30a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
<i>Adult Skate:</i> Every Wednesday (ends March 20)	10:30a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
<i>Adult Shinny:</i> Every Wednesday (ends March 20)	11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

### December 2017

<i>Public Skating Sponsored by Tim Hortons</i>	
December 27, 2017	2:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.
December 28, 2017	2:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.
December 29, 2017	2:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.

### January 2018

<i>Free PA Day Public Skate</i>	
January 19, 2018	1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

<i>Zorra Skating Club Dinner &amp; Auction</i>	January 27
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### February 2018

<i>Camp Tanner Auction</i>	February 3
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### March 2018

*Embros & Zorra Agricultural Society Dinner Theatre*  
See page 18 for show dates

<i>Zorra Skating Club Carnival</i>	March 11
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### April 2018

<i>Knox United Church BBQ</i>	April 4
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<i>Embros &amp; Zorra Agricultural Society Spaghetti Dinner &amp; Family Night</i>	April 21
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<i>ReusalooZaha</i>	April 28 8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.
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## HOLIDAY HOURS

The Thamesford District Recreation Centre will close at 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2017 and will open on December 27, 2017. It will also close at 3:00 p.m. on December 31, 2017 and will open on January 2nd, 2018.

The Embros Zorra Community Centre will close at 12:00 p.m. on December 24, 2017 and will open on December 27, 2017. It will also close at 3:00 p.m. on December 31, 2017 and will open on January 2, 2018.

# TOWNSHIP CONTACTS

## Council



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St. Marys, ON N4X 1C5  
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Email: mryan@zorra.on.ca



**Ward 4 Councillor**  
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Embros, ON NOJ 1J0  
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Email: dmatheson@zorra.on.ca

## Employees

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*Drainage Superintendent* - Michael Hughes  
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Email: mhughes@zorra.on.ca

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Email: dmacleod@zorra.on.ca

*Clerk* - Karen Martin  
Phone: 519-485-2490 ext. 228  
Email: kmartin@zorra.on.ca

*Planner* - Meghan House  
Phone: 519-485-2490 ext. 237  
Email: mhouse@oxfordcounty.ca

*By-law Enforcement Officer* - Mathew Paul  
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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*

**2017**  
December 5 9:30 a.m.  
December 19 6:30 p.m.

**2018**  
January 16 9:30 a.m.  
February 13 11:00 a.m.  
*Budget Information Session*  
*February 13 @ 4:00 p.m.*  
March 6 9:30 a.m.  
March 20 6:30 p.m.  
April 3 9:30 a.m.  
April 17 6:30 p.m.



## Township of Zorra Employee Announcements

The Township of Zorra is very pleased to announce that Jenna Belleau has accepted an employment offer as the Township's Financial Services Clerk. Jenna started working with us on November 20, 2017.

Jenna was previously employed as a Customer Service Assistant with the County of Oxford and will bring municipal experience to Zorra. Jenna is a graduate of Fanshawe College and has attended Wilfrid Laurier University. Jenna is a lifelong Oxford resident and presently lives in Ingersoll.

The Township of Zorra is very pleased to announce that Steve Gordon has accepted an employment offer as a fulltime Crewperson in the Public Works Department. Steve has worked with us on a part time basis for two years and began full time employment with us on October 23, 2017.

# 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:

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Thamesford Skating Club	519-285-5556
Thamesford Jr. "D" Hockey Club	519-285-3107
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

## Schools (Elementary)

Embro	
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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

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Thames Valley District School Board	519-452-2000
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London District Catholic School Board	519-663-2088

## Service Clubs & Community Groups

Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society	
Carol Hanlon	519-485-0668
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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	
Philip Kerr	519-475-0484
Harrington Grist Mill Restoration Project	
Tim Van de Kemp	519-475-4376

## 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
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Brooksdale Women's Institute	519-475-4502
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
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Cuckoos Nest Folk Music	519-473-2099
Embro West Zorra History Book	519-475-4443
Embro Library	519-475-4172
EmbroArea Business Association	

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Girl Guides - Thamesford	519-285-1126
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Hardeman, Ernie, MPP.	519-537-5222
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OPP	800-265-7191
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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
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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
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

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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  
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Thamesford, Ontario  
519-285-2112  
www.truthcommunitychurch.ca

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Thamesford, Ontario  
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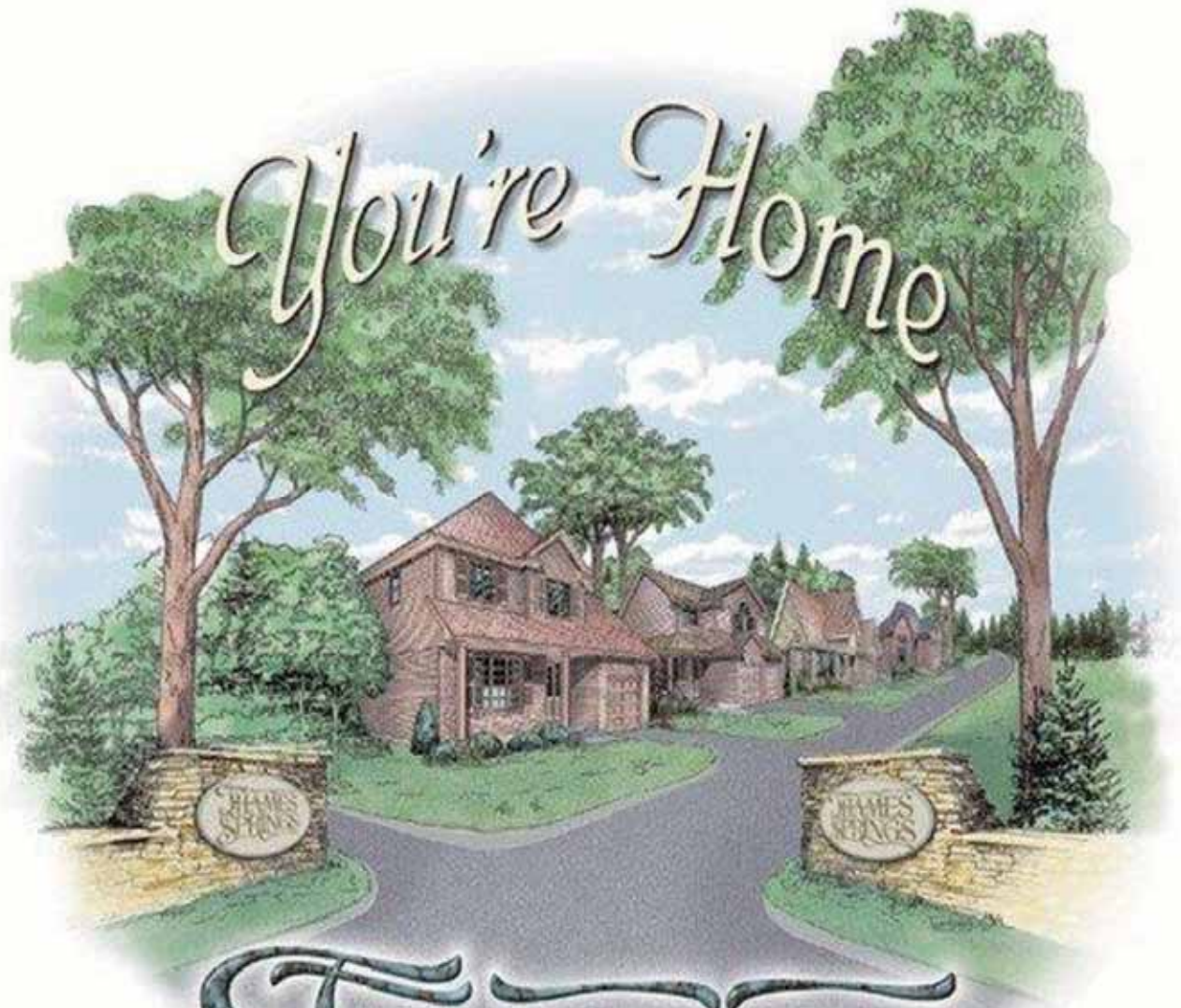
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## Volunteer & Seniors Breakfast 2017

Thanks to all of our local volunteers and seniors who came out to Embro on October 20, 2017 to celebrate. A delicious breakfast catered by Eat Your Heart Out Catering was enjoyed by many. Township Staff put together gift bags for our volunteers and seniors and they each took home a delicious apple from Turner's Farm Market. Gorgeous signage and Canada 150 decorations provided by 31st Line Strategic Communications. #ShopLocal. Thanks to Mayor Lupton and Councillors Forbes, Keasey, Ryan, and Matheson and Canada 150 Volunteer Heather Forbres for serving the food. Eighty people enjoyed the morning of fellowship and a delicious breakfast. What a great morning in @ZorraTwp! To our Volunteers & Seniors - a big thank you for all you do for the Township!!



Township Councillors and a Volunteer, serving up some delicious breakfast.



Township Clerk Karen Martin is pictured serving a county style breakfast to volunteers John & Thelma Hiuser - who wear many volunteer hats in the community.

## Local Government Week

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 15-21, 2017. On October 3, 2017 Township Council and Staff held the Council meeting at Zorra Highland Park Public School, on October 17, 2017 the Council meeting was held at Thamesford Public School, and on November 7, 2017 the Council meeting was held at AJ Baker Public School. All three meetings were a great success and saw students Grade 4-5 students presenting various delegations to Council requesting anything from tree planting to new outdoor recreation spaces to safety concerns!



Thamesford Public School and AJ Baker Public School students active in their Council meetings! A big thank-you to all staff and students who participated!!



# ZORRA TOWNSHIP LIBRARY LINK



## Upcoming Events At Our Branches

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

**Embro Library**

*Registration is required.*

**Christmas Open  
House/Pot Luck**  
**Wed. Dec 13th**  
**6:00 pm**

**Harrington Library**

**Holiday Floral  
Demonstration**  
**Fri. Dec 15th**  
**7:00 pm**

**Thamesford Library**

Check out our online program calendar for more event information.

**NEWS \*\*** Stay tuned for details about an open house event at the Embro Town Hall building. We will be celebrating the new accessible washrooms, elevator lift, and renovations to the Embro Public Library. The event will be hosted by Thistle Theatre, the Township of Zorra, and the Library.\*\*

### 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  
Sat 10:00am – 1:00pm

### Harrington Public Library

539 Victoria St  
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519-475-6909

Tues 10:00am – 1:00pm  
Thurs 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Fri 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Sat 10:00am – 1:00pm

### Thamesford Public Library

165 Dundas Street  
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519-285-3219

Tues 10:00am – 8:00pm  
Wed 12:00pm – 8:00pm  
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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 plaque. 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. 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. Since 2015, approximately 150 have been planted in the forest. Contact Brock and Visser for more details at 519-285-2427.

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

## 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 2017, 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).



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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:**

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### **Municipal Holiday Closures**

The Municipal Office will be closed at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 22nd and will re-open Tuesday 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.



## McFarlan Rowlands Nominates Water and Wheels for Trillium ROOTS Community Fund

The Water and Wheels skate park and splash pad to be located in Thamesford was nominated by McFarlan Rowlands for the Trillium ROOTS community fund, and will be receiving support in the amount of \$10,000.00. This park will provide family and youth with a new hub for fitness oriented activities and social interaction.

McFarlan Rowlands is pleased to partner with Trillium Mutual in this venture, and will continue to work to support this project throughout its implementation.

The Trillium ROOTS Community Fund was established by Trillium Mutual Insurance Company in Listowel, to administer the company's philanthropy program. Through ROOTS, Trillium continues to provide meaningful financial assistance and support to rural communities in which its policyholder members live and serve. The Trillium Board of Directors has approved \$190,000.00 which will be available for capital projects in 2017 with funding focus in the areas of Healthcare, Recreation & Wellness, Emergency Response (Fire

Fighters), Agricultural and Eco/Sustainability. The next deadline date for applications is December 7, 2017.

More information about the ROOTS "Recognizing Our Opportunity To Support" Community Fund can be found at [www.trilliummutual.com](http://www.trilliummutual.com)

More information about McFarlan Rowlands Insurance Brokers Inc. can be found at [www.mcfr.ca](http://www.mcfr.ca)



Presenting a cheque (from left to right) are: Amanda Breen-Cowan, Wendi Jackson, Rebecca Rennie, Margaret Jack, Ross Stone, Mike Brine, Doug Bell, Bronwen Metcalf, Don Weir, Marie Keasey

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## We would love to hear from YOU!!!

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

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