

Zorra NOW

community events and services



VOTE

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Message from the Mayor

Each time I start to write this submission for Zorra Now I wonder what I will write about. Once I start reviewing Township minutes etc., I wonder how I will ever manage to cover all the happenings over the past few months.

Earlier I wrote about the completion of our Strategic Plan and the way it would affect business being done by Council. Now we have completed the long awaited Recreation, Arts & Culture Master Plan. It is a very thorough document that will guide your Council through planning and presentation of programming etc. for the Recreation Department. Many community members assisted with this work and it is our hope it outlines the dreams and ideas of the majority of our citizens for the future of recreation in Zorra. Many changes are taking place so the programming will have to change to reflect current needs. Doug Mills retired the end of July after 21 years of service to the Township. We thank him and certainly wish him well as he now has time to pursue other interests. His replacement, Matthew Brown, has started and I hope you will make a point to speak to him and welcome him to his new position in Zorra. There was a significant problem with the proposed Spray Pad and Skate Park project but many residents stepped forward to assist and things are going ahead as planned. These may be in Thamesford but they are Zorra projects. It is not all that far to go to give the youth all over the Township the benefit of these two new facilities. I think Zorra's future holds much more sharing because if all projects have to be doubled—many will not occur at all.

Zorra Staff, Residents and Council have completed an exercise in “re branding”. When I first went to County Council I can remember hearing that term and having to ask what it meant to municipal government. To me it means a way of understanding a company or organization's uniqueness and how they portray this and present it to their “customers”. The process for developing all this is very thorough and challenging—but very worthwhile. You will be noticing our new and updated logo and our

guiding principles that “we care” and that we will strive to be “doing our part”.

Many young people have been recognized recently for achievements in hockey, figure skating, and animal rescue. Council heard a presentation from Jessica Hatch regarding her trip to France and her very interesting thoughts on the high speed rail system in that Country. Our Senior Citizen for 2018 is Don Weir and our Volunteer for the year, Wendy Marshall. I have delivered many certificates to residents celebrating significant birthdays and anniversaries. Your suggestions for future awards are always welcome.

Significant growth has occurred in the subdivisions in Thamesford and Embro. I know some people do not welcome the changes this makes in the community but we really need to maintain and grow the assessment base if we are going to keep up the services required without overwhelming a shrinking population.

We are heading towards a municipal election. I encourage you to educate yourselves so you vote for those you feel can best address the issues. It is not a popularity contest but an exercise in selecting strong leadership that benefits all of Zorra.

Funding is now available for “Main Street Revitalization” and your suggestions should be forwarded to your Councillor.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Every September I wish I had taken the time to sit outside more.

Margaret Lupton



Are you a new resident to the Township of Zorra? We would like to welcome you. Please drop into our office to pick up your new resident information package. It will provide you with details regarding garbage collection, dog tags, maps, tax payments, and much more. No time to come by? No problem.

Check out our website for links to useful information! <http://www.zorra.on.ca/Home/Info/Welcome-New-Residents>

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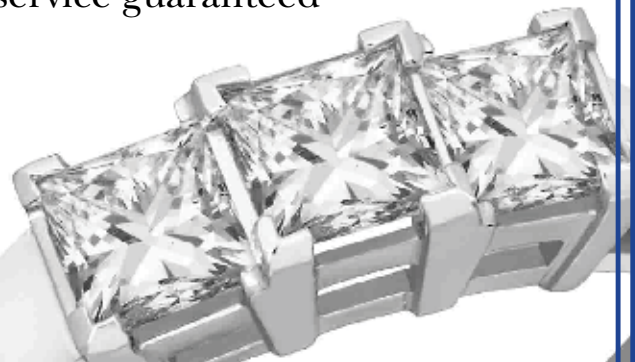
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2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION



VOTER INFORMATION

2018 MUNICIPAL & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION - OCTOBER 22, 2018

The Township of Zorra will be utilizing the VOTE BY MAIL alternative method of voting again for the upcoming 2018 Municipal & School Board 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.

During the week of September 24, 2018, delivery of voting kits will begin to those that are on the Voters' List. Voters will receive a Voter Kit in the mail containing all of the materials required to place their vote by mail. The voter simply follows the instructions in their kit, deposits in the mail, BY OCTOBER 11, 2018, using the postage paid response envelope, and the ballots will be delivered to the Municipal Office for tabulating on Election Day.

If you choose not to mail your vote, or it is AFTER OCTOBER 11, 2018, you may drop-off your ballot at the Municipal Office located at 274620 27th Line, during regular business hours (8:30am-4:30pm) or place in the afterhours locked drop box next to our main entrance at the Municipal Office. On Election Day, voting kits can be delivered in person to the office from 8:30a.m. to 8:00 p.m. when the polls close. The Municipal Office is the ONLY polling location accepting hand delivered voting kits. All ballots, whether mailed or hand delivered, are placed into a sealed ballot box that remains sealed until Election Day.

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.

At the close of voting on October 22, the totals from all votes will be compiled. The unofficial results will then be displayed at the Township Office at 274620 27th Line and on the Zorra Township website. Feel free to attend!

Contact Karen Martin, Township Clerk for more information at 519-485-2490 ext. 228 or visit: www.zorra.on.ca

Check the Voters' List

If you haven't already:

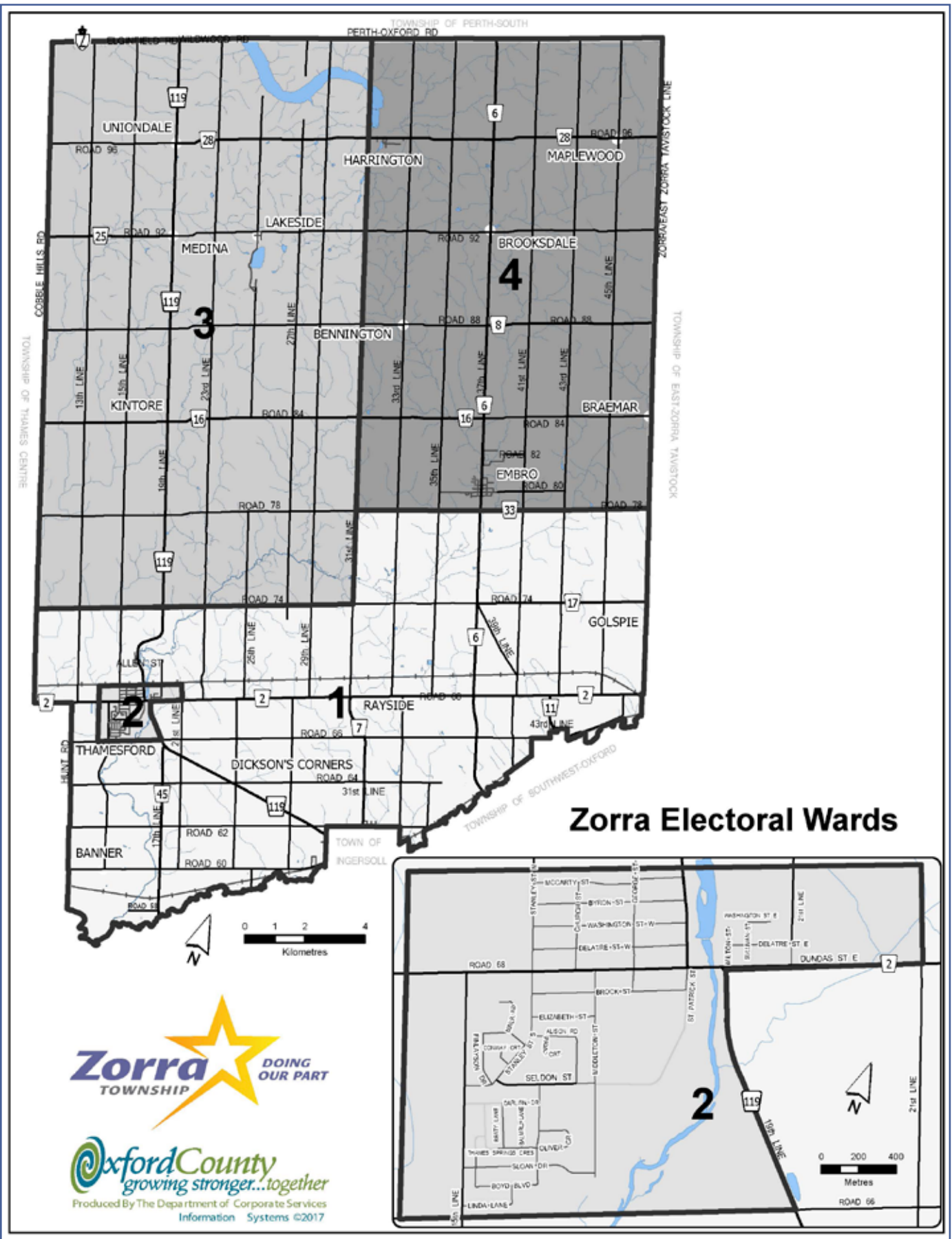
Please ensure that your information is accurate and on the Voters' List by contacting the Township Office at 519-485-2490 or visiting www.zorra.on.ca

Please visit the Township website and select "Am I on the Voters' List?" to make a request to verify that your name appears on the list for the upcoming Municipal Election.

The revision period for electors to make changes to or have their own name removed from the list takes effect from September 4, 2018 until Voting Day on October 22, 2018.

If your name appeared on the Provincial Voters' List it DOES NOT mean that you will automatically appear on the Municipal Voters' List!!! We encourage residents to check that their name appears on the Voters' List and that their information, including school support, is recorded correctly to ensure that they receive the correct voting kit in the mail.

ZORRA ELECTORAL WARDS



Election Information Continued

Township Wards and Representation

The Township of Zorra Council consists of the Mayor and four Ward Councillors. There is one Councillor elected by vote of the residents within each Ward. The Mayor, also referred to as the Head of Council, is elected Township wide. Members of Council are elected by residents to a four year term of office.

Council acts as the Township's decision making body. Decisions are made by Council as a whole and by majority vote at Council meetings. The elected Councillors represent the public and considers the well-being and interests of the Township on a range of issues such as roads, emergency services, buildings, by-law enforcement, licensing, property taxes, winter maintenance, recreation and economic development. Council develops and determines which services the Township will provide and carries out the duties of Council as provided in the Municipal Act and the Township's Procedural By-law.

Township Positions to be elected for the 2018 Election are as follows:

Name of Certified Candidate

Office

(There is 1 position for each Office)

Matheson, Doug

Mayor

Ryan, Marcus

Mayor

Bartram, Betty

Councillor – Ward 1

Forbes, Ronald

Councillor – Ward 1

Davies, Katie

Councillor – Ward 2 *Acclaimed

Kukhta, Michael

Councillor – Ward 3

Mitchell, Paul

Councillor – Ward 3

MacDonald, Steven

Councillor – Ward 4 *Acclaimed

*These two candidates have been elected by acclamation, which means only one individual filed nomination papers for that ward and therefore an election process is not required for Wards 2 and 4. However, if you are eligible to vote in Wards 1 or 3 you will be voting for the above noted Councillors and ALL eligible electors will be voting for the above noted Mayor position.

School Boards

Education is a provincial government responsibility in Canada. In Ontario, education is governed principally by the Education Act and its regulations which set out duties and responsibilities of the Minister of Education and of school boards, school board supervisory officers, principals, teachers, parents and students. Ontario's 72 District School Boards operate the province's publicly-funded schools. They are made up of 31 English-language public boards, 29 English-language Catholic boards, 4 French-language public boards, and 8 French-language Catholic boards. A school board is a body that operates the province's publicly funded schools and is governed by its publicly elected members – school board trustees.

School Board Positions to be elected for the 2018 Election are as follows:

Name of Certified Candidate

Office

(There are 2 positions for Thames Valley District School Board and 1 position for all other Offices).

Bairos, Kelly

Thames Valley District School Board

Hart, Graham

Thames Valley District School Board

McKinnon, Bill

Thames Valley District School Board

West, Daniel

Thames Valley District School Board

Yeoman, Barb

Thames Valley District School Board

Heleniak, Edith

London District Catholic School Board

Holmes, Mary

London District Catholic School Board

Alary, Alexandre

Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence * Acclaimed

Pierre Lambert

Conseil Scolaire Viamonde

Genevieve Smith

Conseil Scolaire Viamonde

Business is booming in Rural Oxford

Over the past months, economic development staff have been talking to local business about their unique needs and opportunities. The initiative, known as a business retention + expansion (BR+E) study is an action oriented and community-based approach to economic development. The BR+E plan focuses on nurturing existing businesses, and prioritizing community efforts, allowing us to foster economic development by learning more about challenges and opportunities to retaining and growing businesses and developing action plans to address these concerns as part of the community's economic development strategy. Rural Oxford Economic Development Corporation (ROEDC) has focused this 2018 BR+E on the Agri-business, Food Processing, Logistics, and Manufacturing business sectors across Rural Oxford.

What we learned is that Rural Oxford has a healthy economic diversity with the primary market for most businesses being regional (38%) or international (29%), while 18% serve a primarily local market.

We were also pleased to find that a significant majority (91%) of the businesses surveyed have a good or excellent impression of the community as a place to do businesses.

What was exciting to hear, is that 59% of the businesses surveyed reported plans to expand within the next 18 months. In doing so, they expect increases in workforce, floor space, employee training, and process improvements. In one case, a business owner

indicated that, "Expansion will lead to an additional 10-15 people per year for the foreseeable future." It's also encouraging to note that None of the businesses interviewed have plans to close, downsize, or sell.

When asked about the community's top advantages, respondents most often listed its central location, the quality of rural life, proximity to their suppliers and customers, along with support from the community as benefits to doing business in Rural Oxford. As for drawbacks, respondents cited a lack of qualified workforce, unsatisfactory internet and cell service, distance to larger centres / transportation, and insufficient infrastructure such as natural gas and 3-phase power.

Out of the dozens of pages of data, we learned that while Rural Oxford is a thriving and prosperous place to do business, there is still much work to be done to support our businesses. The volunteer leadership team for this project met for a day to pour through your confidential responses and identify the key priorities that need addressing. These priorities, along with the initiatives that our economic development office will implement over the next three years can be found in the final report for this BR+E study. The report is online at www.roedc.ca/bre.

Rural Oxford
Economic Development

PEOPLE • PROXIMITY • PROSPERITY

We give a special thank you to each business who participated in this critical gathering of information. Your input will lead to better service and a resilient rural economy.

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.



An advertisement for a business site. The top half has a blue background with the text "Picture your business here" in white. To the right is a framed aerial photograph of a large, mostly empty lot with a white outline indicating the site. The bottom half has a yellow background. On the left, it says "13 Acres AB Zone" in large blue font, followed by "BEACHVILLE" and icons for a gas pump and a power plug. On the right is a green circular seal with a white border that says "Oxford Select Site". At the bottom, it says "TEXT 548.888.4VIP" in blue. In the bottom right corner is the Ontario logo.

Introducing your Township of Zorra Staff...



Don MacLeod,
Chief Administrative Officer



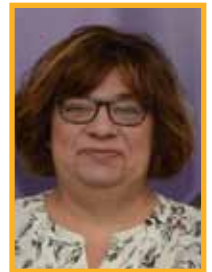
The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) works closely with the Mayor and Township Council, as well as Township Administration through its senior management team, to ensure Council's goals and objectives are achieved. This is realized by providing strategic leadership to the Corporation, managing the daily operations of service delivery, and leading ongoing improvements with a goal of greater efficiency.

The key responsibilities of the CAO include:

- Coordinating all Township departments to ensure the efficient implementation of Council policies and directives
- Preparing and implementing the Township's Strategic Plan
- Investigating, researching, and preparing information for the development of Council and personnel policies
- Providing advice and recommendations to Council on issues that affect the municipality
- Providing administrative leadership to and for the Township
- Ensuring the effective and efficient training of staff
- Recruiting high quality staff in accordance with the human resources policies of the Township

Don has been employed by Zorra Township since May 1996.

Maureen Simmons,
Director of Finance



The Director of Finance is responsible for providing effective financial management and fiscal policy advice to the Township Council and Staff. The Director of Finance coordinates the annual budget process. The budget contains estimated revenues and expenditures for the Municipality for a given year. The budget serves as a guide for Council and Staff to ensure they are providing services in an effective and efficient manner. The Director of Finances is responsible for asset management, co-ordinating grant applications. Maureen has been employed by Zorra Township since May 2007.

Kelly Hall,
Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer

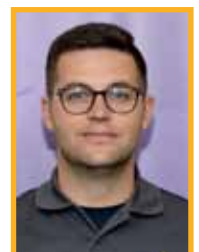


The Tax Collector is responsible for the calculation and collection of property taxes for the Township. Annual property taxes are calculated by multiplying the current value assessment of your property by the Municipality's current tax rate. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) determines the assessed value of all properties in the Province of Ontario. Kelly has been employed by Zorra Township since January 1990.

Above descriptions provide a quick snapshot of what each of these positions provides for the Township. Of course there's a long list of other responsibilities for each employee that ensures our municipality runs effectively each and every day.

Our new Recreation and Facilities Manager

Introducing our new Recreation and Facilities Manager, Matthew Brown. Matthew comes to Zorra Township with ten years' experience in municipal recreation facilities operations and management. He has a passion for creating recreation environments which provide opportunities for all ages to participate and facilitate an engaged community. Matt is very excited to begin his new role with Zorra Township and looks forward to meeting its community members soon.





Township of Zorra 2019-2021 Dog Tag Campaign

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

RENEWAL DUE BY: December 31, 2018

The process for registering dogs with the Township changed in 2016. We no longer have representatives going door-to-door to sell dog tags. The onus is on the dog owner to have their dog registered with the Township. The price for a dog tag remains unchanged at \$15.00 per dog per year. Online forms are available at www.zorra.on.ca or you can contact the office by email 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.

Visit the Township office or mail the completed application form with your payment to
Township of Zorra 274620 27th Line, PO Box 306, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5.

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 become separated from you.
- A maximum of **3 dogs** are permitted in each dwelling and a maximum of **2 dogs** are permitted in each multi-unit dwelling.
- Prohibits or regulates the running at large of dogs within the Township of Zorra. All dogs in Zorra must be kept on a leash when not on the owner's property. If a dog strays it can be impounded and its owners can be fined for "permitting a dog to run at large." The dog that is impounded is not being punished but rather protected.
- To protect individuals and other pets from disease, Zorra requires that any person who owns, harbours or possesses a dog shall immediately remove and 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.
- Tags for Dangerous dogs will be issued in person 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.

Pay with
debit at
the office!



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

Kismutt Small Dog Rescue
Kimberly Thomas 519-283-6585
kismutt@sympatico.ca www.kismutt.com

Township of Zorra



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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 Community Centre, 85 Middleton Street, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0 – phone 519-285-2236
- Embro Zorra Community Centre, 355644 35th Line, Embro, ON N0J 1J0 – phone 519-475-6061
- Harrington Hall & Library, 539 Victoria Street, Harrington, ON N0J 1J0 – phone 519-475-6909

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

Since the start of this program in September 2012, the Township of Zorra has collected and returned 1,950 lbs of batteries to Raw Materials Company for recycling.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PARKING

The Township's Zoning By-law has been amended to permit the temporary storage of recreational vehicles in residential zones from May 1 – October 31 in the front yard, 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 15th and remain in place until March 31, 2019 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.

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 Township By-laws. 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.

KEEPING PROPERTIES CLEAN AND CLEAR

In order to maintain consistency and with regards to safety, appearance, and pest free, all grass and weeds must be maintained at a height less than 8 inches. Further, property owners and tenants shall keep their land free from industrial and domestic wastes, inoperable motorized vehicles (both licensed or unlicensed), vehicle parts, construction materials, and other refuse. If refuse has started to accumulate on your property, you are required to place it in appropriate containers, stored at the side or rear of your lot, and placed curbside within 14 days.

Any questions about any of the Township of Zorra's by-law should be addressed to Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer 519-485-2490 ext. 230, or mpaul@zorra.on.ca

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Ontario Regulation 397/11, under the Green Energy Act, directed all public agencies in Ontario to prepare an energy conservation and demand management plan. Additionally, mandated annual reporting of energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions commenced on July 1, 2013. The Township of Zorra is committed to reducing the annual consumption of fuels and electricity used by Township facilities by an average of 1% per year until 2019. Below are the current statistics and target numbers for township facilities.

	2012 Base	Current Consumption 2016	2019 Targets
Electrical Consumption	1, 015,107 kWh	1, 046, 667 kWh	946, 146 kWh
Natural Gas Consumption	87, 143 m3	110, 566 m3	81, 222 m3

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

For more information and to view the Township's Energy Management Plan and Conservation Reports visit: <http://www.zorra.on.ca/Our-Services/Utilities-Suppliers>



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 email: zorradvertising@rogers.com

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



BURNING REGULATIONS

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

Open Air Burning

Zorra Township requires a Permanent Fire Permit process for open air burning. Open air burning is a burn that is exposed to the atmosphere and/or not wholly enclosed in a container. This process involves a one-time application which will reduce the effort required to set up permission for an open air burn. All applications will be reviewed by the Fire Chief and upon approval, the applicant will be able to proceed with open air burns by calling into dispatch directly to report the burn details. Visit our website at www.zorra.on.ca to review the application form and conditions for the permit, then complete your application!

Recreation Burning

Backyard campfires may be permitted in built up areas (including the Villages of Embro & Thamesford), if the fire is contained within a non-combustible container or pit using only dry seasoned wood. Please ensure safety while having recreational backyard campfires. Be aware of current weather factors including wind and extreme heat. Whether in the backyard of your home, the cottage or at a campground, make fire safety a priority. Provisions and conditions can be found on the Township Website at www.zorra.on.ca (By-law 25-08). Failure to comply with by-law may result in fines.

Some General Provisions are listed below, however, please see By-law 25-08 Schedule B for all General Provisions:

- You may have a campfire only between the hours of 4pm and midnight, after which time you are required to fully extinguish the fire.
- No materials other than dry firewood (NO Burning of brush, leaves etc.), commercially produced charcoal and briquettes may be burned
- Campfires shall be confined to non-combustible containers or to a pit no larger than two feet by two feet with flames not exceeding 2 feet in height.
- The campfire shall be confined to a location at minimum of 15 feet in all directions from adjacent properties, structures or combustibles.
- If you have a campfire, you must have an extinguishing agent of sufficient size (water) immediately available at all times.
- The fire shall be attended, controlled and supervised at all times,
- Campfires are prohibited when the wind speed exceeds fifteen kilometres per hour or during rainy or foggy weather conditions or when a smog alert or fire ban has been declared.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT OPEN HOUSE

Zorra Fire and Emergency Services is looking for volunteer fire fighters for our Embro and Uniondale Fire Stations.

Embro Fire Station

September 18, 2018, 7:30PM
Formal Recruit Presentation @ 7:45PM

Uniondale Fire Station

September 19, 2018, 7:30 PM
Formal Recruit Presentation @ 7:45 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 fire fighter. 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 DEPARTMENT EVENTS:

Uniondale Firefighters Chicken BBQ
Thursday, September 6 - 4:30 to 7:30pm
Brown's Corners \$17.00 per meal Advance sales only

Thamesford Fire Fighters Annual Breakfast
Sunday November 18 - 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.
Adults \$10, Children \$5. Tickets available at the door

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY PLEASE HAVE THIS INFORMATION ON HAND

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.

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

TAX DEPARTMENT

The Final 2018 Tax Bills were mailed in July, if you have NOT received your bill, please contact Kelly Hall, Tax Collector immediately.

The 3rd Instalment is due August 31, 2018 and the 4th and final Instalment is due October 31, 2018.

Payment Options:

- Cash, Cheque or Debit accepted at the office
- On-Line or Telephone banking – to setup your property taxes as a bill payment, 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 on your tax bill, example 011-090-25600-0000, you would enter this as 01109025600. If an error occurs, please add the extra four zeros at the end and try again.
- Monthly Pre-Authorized Payment Plan, either on the instalment dates, 10 or 12 month plan. 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.

Any tax questions or inquiries, please direct them to Kelly Hall at 519-485-2490 ext 222 or khall@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 Highway 19.

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

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

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.

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.

Any questions should be addressed to

Mike Hughes,
Chief Building Official
519-485-2490 ext. 224
mhughes@zorra.on.ca

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We're Hiring!

The Recreation Department at the Township of Zorra is hiring for the following seasonal positions in our recreation facilities for the 2018/2019 season:

CANTEEN STAFF GATE ATTENDANT NET PEGGER

Please review full job descriptions at www.zorra.on.ca
All applicants must send resume to Stephanie Starchuck at [sstarchuck@zorrra.on.ca](mailto:ssstarchuck@zorrra.on.ca) by Friday, September 14, 2018

Fall Fitness Programming

Family

KICKBOXING

Strengthen & condition with your family, increase flexibility and balance while learning a fun and exciting activity. Improve physical fitness through skipping and plyometric while building confidence through kickboxing skills. Recommended for children 8 years old & up

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30pm

**October 3, 2018 to
November 21, 2018**

1 hour sessions for 8 weeks

Beaty Room at the Thamesford Public Library

\$55.00 per parent & child team.

Gymnastics Floor Skills

Children will enjoy this introductory course that will focus on general conditioning and floor skills including cartwheels, handstands, bridges, pull-overs, cast, balancing skills, running, jumping, leaping, and agility movements. Recommended for children 5 – 10 years old.

THAMESFORD - Wednesdays

September 26, 2018 to November 14, 2018

EMBRO - Tuesdays

**September 25, 2018 to November 13, 2018
Zorra Highland Park Public School Gymnasium**

1 hour sessions for 8 weeks

6:00-6:45pm 6:45-7:30pm

\$65.00 per participant.

Zumba

The most awesome workout ever! Dance to great music, with great people, and burn a ton of calories without even realizing it! Recommended for Teens and Adults.

Wednesdays, 8:30 – 9:30pm

October 3, 2018 to November 21, 2018

1 hour sessions for 8 weeks

Beaty Room at the Thamesford Public Library

\$50.00 per participant.

Register Now!

ONLINE: www.zorra.on.ca

**OR EMAIL:
amcclean@bgclondon.ca
or [sstarchuck@zorrra.on.ca](mailto:ssstarchuck@zorrra.on.ca)**

Brought to you in Partnership with the Township of Zorra and the Boys & Girls Club of London!



**Boys & Girls Club
of London**
A good place to be



TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA COMMITTEES

Below you will find information on four of our Zorra Committees.

Committee Members are appointed for four-year terms with a maximum continuous tenure of two (2) full four-year terms. Appointments run concurrent with the term of Council making the appointment. **The Township will be looking for committee members to apply in Early December for new positions starting late December/early January for the below Committees.** Please watch the Township's website & social media posts regarding applications.

Zorra Community Policing Committee

In 2013 the Township established the Zorra Community Policing Committee (ZCPC). 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.

Check the Township website for meeting dates. All meetings are held at the Township Office located at: 274620 27th Line

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.

Next scheduled meeting: Monday, September 24, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Embro Zorra Community Centre

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. All meetings are held at the Township Office located at: 274620 27th Line

The Township of Zorra will be seeking individuals to fill vacancies on the above Committees. Appointments to the Committees will begin in December 2018 and expire in December 2022. If you are interested in applying to serve on one or more of the Committees please apply by December 7, 2018.

For further information on any of the above committees visit the Township of Zorra website at www.zorra.on.ca

ALL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!! FEEL FREE TO ATTEND!



Thamesford's 1ST "Quarterless" Auction

Zorra Water & Wheels Committee & Thamesford Lions invite you to a fun & exciting fundraiser for **Thamesford's Splash Pad & Skate Park!**

Only \$15,000 left to raise!
Thursday September 20

Thamesford Arena Hall
Doors open 6pm; Auctions begin 7pm sharp!

\$5 – tickets available in advance at JC Graphics
Limited number of seats available
Bidding tokens available at the event

Auction-Style-Raffle/Craft & Vendor show

Live auctions with Al Lockhart

Cash bar, snacks available for purchase

Q: So what is a "Quarterless" Auction?

A: It's an auction-style-raffle event. Imagine a live auction/raffle/vendor sale/craft show, plus silent auctions, door prizes, food and drink, that adds up to an evening of excitement and entertainment. Your admission ticket gets you a numbered paddle with a matching ball that goes in the raffle drum. Bidding tokens (replacing quarters, worth \$0.25 each) will be available at the door. Items valued up to \$25 will be auctioned for one token...up to \$50 for two tokens...and so on. When an item is being auctioned that you want to win, you put your tokens in the collection jar at your table and hold up your paddle. A ball will be pulled at random from the raffle drum and if that ball matches your paddle, you win the item. If the ball doesn't match a paddle that has been entered for the current item, it is called a "no-bid" and another ball is pulled until a winner is found!

Thamesford's first "Quarterless" Auction is being held September 20, with the proceeds of vendor tables, ticket sales, silent auction & live auction going to the Zorra Water & Wheels Committee's community fundraising campaign. The Thamesford Splash Pad is currently under construction in Lions Park on Selden St. Hogg Construction is hard at work, hoping to have the project complete before the end of the season. Construction of the Skate Park is slated to begin fall 2018 in Terry Fox Park just north of the Rec Centre on Middleton St. Stay tuned for more updates!

If you have questions about the project, please contact Water & Wheels Committee Chair Don Weir at 519-285-5558. For more information about the "Quarterless" Auction, contact Rebecca Haggerty at 519-697-4650 or Bronwen Metcalf at 519-719-8832.

The Zorra Water and Wheels Committee have been working very hard to fundraise, develop and assist with the design of the Skate Park and Splash Pad that are currently being constructed in Thamesford. Thanks for all your hard work!!



Beachville District Historical Society SPEAKER SERIES - Fall, 2018

You are invited to attend any or all of the following presentations.
There is no charge.

Location & time: Meeting Room, Beachville District Museum, 584371
Beachville Road (West side of Beachville, at Domtar Line) - 7:00 p.m.

Harrington Grist Mill Project

Tim Van de Kemp

September 11

Since 1999, Harrington & Area Community Association volunteers have been restoring a 1800s water powered grist mill with the intent to make it fully operational once more. From foundation to roof, and the machinery in between, the journey was not always easy. The mill officially opened in August, 2018. It is a fascinating piece of working history.

Sister Aimee

Scott Gillies, Curator,

Ingersoll Cheese &

Agricultural Museum

October 9

Salford-born Aimee Semple McPherson became the most publicized Protestant evangelist and faith healer in the world during the 1920s and 30s. She founded the Church of the Four Square Gospel in a new 5,300 seat church in Los Angeles, California, preaching three times a day all week to capacity audiences and radio listeners. A media celebrity, her life was not without scandal. (October 9 marks what would have been her 128th birthday.)

Historical Houses as Museums

Stephanie Radu, Curator,

Beachville District Museum

November 13

Like people, houses have a many layered history from conception to end. This presentation focuses on domestic houses which eventually became museums. It describes the changes they had seen over the years and how these succeeding stories relate to the architectural and social views of their times.

Where will YOU be in 150 years?

Anne Houthuyzen

December 11

Construction crews unearthed a forgotten Ingersoll cemetery, triggering extensive identification and relocation work. Our speaker took part and describes the many facets of the process, offering a preview of the book she will be releasing based on her experiences.

The Beachville District Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and promoting appreciation of the district's past. It founded the Beachville District Museum and oversees its operation in partnership with South-West Oxford (SWOX) and Zorra townships.

New members are always welcome. For further information please call the Museum at 519-423-6497.

Current Exhibits Focus on Embro at Beachville District Museum

Most residents of the Embro area know that the July 1st weekend is reserved for the Highland Games. This year, the Zorra Caledonian Society hosted the Games at a new location and, as usual, crowds of people came to see the dancers, displays and competitions. The Highland Games is a celebration of Scottish heritage, a cultural event that has been part of life in Zorra Township for over 150 years. Although the Games are over, Beachville District Museum is showcasing a temporary display about the Games' main attractions. The display includes photographs of the various sporting events that competitors participate in. It describes Scottish traditions involving dance and bagpipe music, giving context for the contemporary piping competitions. It is embellished with the colours of the official tartan, which was commissioned by the Caledonian Society in 2012. The Museum is also housing artifacts related to the International Tug of War Championship, which took place in August of 1893. If you want to see an impressively-sized tug-of-war belt or a replica of the championship trophy, be sure to drop in to our rotating exhibit room. Beachville District Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am until 4pm and on Sundays from 12pm until 4pm. Share your favourite memories of the Games with us, or take a tour and get up-close and personal with Zorra's past. The Beachville District Museum extends its thanks to the Zorra Caledonian Society and its members for sharing their histories with us and our visitors.

ZORRA TOWNSHIP LIBRARY LINK FALL 2018



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Join our first-ever community reading program and reserve a copy of Linda Spalding's novel *The Purchase*. A series of programs and events will be held across the County's many library branches, including a gala featuring author Linda Spalding. Contact your local branch for more information.



"A Trip Back in Time"

Thamesford Library
Thurs. Sept. 13 at 6:30pm

Embro Library
Wed. Sept. 19 at 7pm

Harrington Library



Wed. Sept 19

7pm - Scented Vinegar Make and Take Workshop at Harrington Library.

Sat. Sept. 29

1pm - Heritage Gardening presentation at Harrington Grist Mill

2pm - Wild Edibles presentation in Harrington Hall

3pm - Terrarium Building in Harrington Hall

Thamesford Library - Learn to Juggle with Doug the Great - Sat. Sept. 15, 11am



Please contact your local branch to register for these programs.

Embro Public Library
135 Huron Street
Embro, ON
519-475-4172
Open

Tues 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Wed 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Thurs 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Sat 10:00am - 1:00pm

Thamesford Public Library
165 Dundas Street
Thamesford, ON
519-285-3219
Open

Tues 10:00am - 8:00pm
Wed 12:00pm - 8:00pm
Thurs 10:00am - 8:00pm
Fri 2:00pm - 6:00pm
Sat 11:00am - 2:00pm

Harrington Public Library
539 Victoria St
Harrington, ON
519-475-6909
Open

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

Visit our website www.ocl.net



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. 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.

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.

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



Plan your Spring 2019
Tree Planting Project now!

TREES AVAILABLE

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.

The program offers:

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

Trees purchased through the 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 x243, enrightj@thamesriver.on.ca

www.thamesriver.on.ca

Click on Landowner Grants & Stewardship Programs



ATTENTION OFA MEMBERS!

Join the Oxford County Federation of Agriculture as we tour
Ramblin Road Brewery Farm!
The first and only brewery farm in Ontario

Wednesday September 19, 2018

Enjoy a beef brisket buffet dinner, tour the farm, and sample premium crafted beer. Elections to take place for OFA's Policy Advisory Council (PAC) and OFA AGM convention in November.

For more information or to RSVP:
laura.oxfordagriculture@gmail.com

Space is limited!

www.ramblinroad.ca

Lakeside Triathlon



MultiSport Canada

It is triathlon time again!

www.multisportcanada.com.

The roads in use will be:

Saturday September 8th, 2018

9:30AM 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 9th, 2018

9:00AM 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)

Linking our readers to the community & all that it offers!

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FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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OXFORD COUNTY Forget the Babysitter – Bring the Kids!!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29, 2018

Doors open at 2:00 for shopping
Show begins at 3:30 – Light Dinner at 5:30
Fusion Centre
121 Thames Street N., Ingersoll



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Live Stage Play about Internet Safety
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or buy your tickets online - go to Eventbrite.ca
and access the event

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Adults - \$5 in advance \$7 at the door;
children by donation at the door
no child will be refused!!



A Heartland iHeart Fund Sponsored Event



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN LIVING IN ZORRA YOU CAN DO THIS!

In November the Heroes of Zorra (HOZ) committee will be holding the annual HOZ Spelling Bee Competition. We have been amazed at the spelling skills the young people have displayed in the past 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.

Sunday November 18 is the date for 2018 and the competition will be held in 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.

Unfortunately last year's event had to be cancelled due to the lack of registrations by the deadline for registering. The deadline for this year is November 7th. Please register early.

Registration for the Spelling bee is currently available on-line through the HOZ web site www.heroesofzorra.ca

and as well hard copy registrations will be available in the local libraries and the local schools mid September.

For those who would prefer to mail in their registration the address is:

Heroes Of Zorra,
19 – 53 Roth St., Tavistock, ON N0B 2R0.

Deadline for registration is midnight November 7th, 2018. All of the words given in this Spelling Bee will be taken from the HOZ web site. For those of you who may be new to the area, again the site is www.heroesofzorra.ca In order to prepare we encourage parents to sit with their child and review the Heroes of Zorra web site.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday November 18th, 1:30 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion in Embro.
A 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

2019 EMBRO DINNER THEATRE

Play title coming soon...

Directed by Doug Turvey

Auditions:

Sunday October 21 & Monday October 22 at 7PM at the Embro Knox United Church. Call backs if needed October 24, 2018.

Casting needs:

Three females 20-35 years & Three males 20-35 years.

Visit www.embrofair.com or contact Sara Stephenson at 519-485-0499 or Doug Turvey at 519-537-9037 for information.

Box Office:

December 8, 2018 8am-11am at the Embro Zorra Community Centre

Show Dates:

Saturday February 23 (Dinner & Show) \$40

Sunday February 24 (Brunch & Show) \$40

Thursday February 28 (Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar & Show) \$20

Friday March 1 (Dinner & Show) \$40

Saturday March 2 (Dinner & Show) \$40



Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society

2018 Embro Fair Schedule

Thursday, September 13, 2018

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

Friday, September 14, 2018

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 15, 2018

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.
Can-Bike-bike safety (parking lot)

11:00 a.m.
FREE Kids Activities, Inflatables, Bubble Soccer .

Jr. Ambassador Leadership Program

12 noon
Can-Bike-bike safety (parking lot)

1:00 p.m.
Jr. Ambassador Speeches on main stage (arena)

Dairy Milking Demonstrations

2:00 p.m.
Can-Bike-bike safety (parking lot)

6:00 p.m.-12 midnight
Wing Night with Embro Tractor Pull Award Presentations

9:00 p.m.
Exhibit Hall closes

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:00 a.m. Gates open

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 Embro 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!

The Zorra Caledonian Society proudly hosts the 82nd annual

St. Andrew's Night Banquet

Friday November 30, 2018
Embro Zorra Community Centre
Doors Open 6:00 pm
Dinner at 6:45 pm



Entertainment by
Sim School of Highland Dance & Ingersoll Pipe Band

Guest Speaker Dan Needles

Award winning writer & creator of Wingfield Farm stage plays



Tickets go on sale September 18

Tickets \$40 each

For tickets call or text 289-501-4411
info@embrohighlandgames.ca

Catered meal by Janice Mitchell
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COMMUNITY AND RECREATION EVENTS

Please contact the Township Office if you have any interesting and exciting Sports News regarding local athletes!!

THAMESFORD EVENTS

Thamesford Community Centre

Public Skating:

Every Sunday (starts October 7) 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Except Holidays

Parent/Tot Skate:

Every Tuesday (starts October 2) 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Adult/Senior Skate:

Every Tuesday (starts October 2) 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Professional Activity Day Public Skates

Friday, October 26 & November 16 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

September 2018

Thamesford Skating Club Registration

Tuesday September 11 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Saturday September 15 10:00am to 12:00pm

Contact: thamesfordsc@gmail.com or

Lesley Woods 519-285-5088

Trojans Junior C Hockey Team Home Opener

Friday, September 14 7:30 pm

vs. Mt. Brydges Bulldogs

Zorra Water & Wheels Quarterless Auction

Thursday, September 20 6:30pm to 10:00pm

Volunteer & Seniors Appreciation Breakfast & Skate

Friday, September 28

Breakfast: 8:00 - 10:00am

Skating: 9:00 - 11:00am

EMBRO EVENTS

Embro Zorra Community Centre

Public Skating:

Every Sunday (starts October 7) 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Except Holidays

Parent/Tot Skate:

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

Adult Skate:

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

Professional Activity Day Public Skates

Friday, October 26 & November 16 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

September 2018

Knox United Church Barbeque

Wednesday, September 5

Contact: Mary Ellen Garner 519-475-4437

Zorra Skating Club Registration

Embro Community Center

Saturday, September 8 10:00am - 12:00pm

Contact: Suzanne McRoberts 519-469-9782

or visit the website at www.zorraskatingclub.ca

Embro Fair

Friday, September 14 to Sunday, September 16

Contact: Marion Sterk 519-475-4902 or

Carol Hanlon 519-485-0668

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

October 2018

Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Fish Fry

Saturday November 3

Contact Natalie Hazeleger 519-949-4978

Thamesford

Thamesford Lions



Club

Community Events

Canada Outdoor Farm Show Woodstock - Food Booth

Tuesday Sept 11, 2018 to Thursday Sept 13, 2018

Zorra Water And Wheels Quarterless Auction

Thursday September 20

6:00pm Thamesford Rec Centre - tickets \$5

Auction starts 7:00pm

Contact: Lion Don 519-285-5558

Carol Sing

Sunday Dec 2, 2018

6PM Thamesford Rec Centre

Contact: Lion Jim 519-285-2825

Email: jrkeron5461@rogers.com



Paddling on the Thames

Tourism Oxford was excited to bring the Happy Camper – Kevin Callan to Oxford County. Kevin is a video blogger, speaker and published author sharing his passion for the Outdoors. Kevin paddled through Zorra Township as part of his journey following the Thames River all the way to Lake St. Clair. See Kevin’s journey at www.KevinCallan.com. Tourism

Oxford is also working with Kevin, Upper Thames Conservation Authority and Zorra Township to assess the best places for paddlers to enjoy the Thames river. We look forward to promoting responsible enjoyment of the Thames and other waterways in Oxford County for years to come. If you have paddling images, video or routes to share please email tourism@oxfordcounty.ca



Oxford Fresh

In 2018 Zorra Township became even more colourful with the addition of 13 bright yellow Oxford Fresh signs installed at local farms. The signs were part of a promotional program to educate more people about the great farms that have opened their gates to sell their product. A radio advertising campaign, social media videos and billboards also encouraged people to Shop the farm not the aisle

this season. These signs were part of a partnership between Oxford Fresh, Rural Oxford Economic Development, the Township of Zorra with Funding from Community Futures Future Oxford Legacy Fund. Please take some time to visit your local producers – there are great tastes just around the next corner. If you are a local producer interested in getting a bright yellow sign or being included on the 2019 Oxford Fresh map contact tourism@oxfordcounty.ca




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Oxford Cycling

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.

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

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:

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We have wrapped up another successful Thamesford Minor Soccer season. The 2018 season saw over 220 players ranging in age from 3 to 15, play in our 5 divisions. Thank you to all of the players and parents for your commitment – we hope everyone enjoyed the season, and that we will see you out on the field again in 2019!

Thank you to all of our volunteer coaches for their time and dedication – we couldn't have done it without you! And thank you to our referees and flagspeople for their hard work throughout the year.

A huge thank you to our 2018 Sponsors for their continued support of our league:

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The Thamesford Minor Soccer season runs from May to July, ending with a day-long tournament at the end of July. Registration



for the 2019 season will take place late January/early February. Watch for registration dates on our website: www.thamesfordsoccer.com and on our Facebook page. We will also be looking for sponsors, coaches, referees and flag persons. We can be reached anytime at: thamesfordminorsoccer@gmail.com or through our Facebook page.

HARRINGTON EVENTS

Harrington & Area Community Association is proud to be hosting an opportunity for residents to meet and hear from candidates in the upcoming municipal and school board election (October 22). Candidates for all positions on Zorra Council and for the Oxford representatives on both school boards have been invited. Candidates, including those who have been acclaimed, will be given an opportunity to speak briefly before fielding questions from the audience.

The following have been invited to speak and to field questions:

ZORRA COUNCIL

- Candidates for Mayor: Doug Matheson & Marcus Ryan
- Candidates for Ward 1 Councillor: Betty Bartram & Ronald Forbes
- Acclaimed as Ward 2 Councillor: Katie Davies
- Candidates for Ward 3 Councillor: Michael Kukhta & Paul Mitchell
- Acclaimed as Ward 4 Councillor: Steven MacDonald

ALL CANDIDATES FORUM

Harrington Hall
Thursday, September 13, 7:00 p.m.

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

- Candidates for 2 Oxford Representatives: Kelly Bairos, Graham Hart, Bill McKinnon, Daniel West & Barb Yeoman

LONDON DISTRICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

- Candidates for 1 Oxford Representative: Edith Heleniak & Mary Holmes

A representative of the Township of Zorra will begin the evening by briefly outlining the voting process.

Harrington Hall is in Harrington, at the corner of Victoria and Albert Streets upstairs above the Harrington branch of Oxford County Library. The session will also be live streamed via YouTube, details to be announced.

Saturday, September 8, 2018

8:00 PM (Doors @ 7:30 PM)

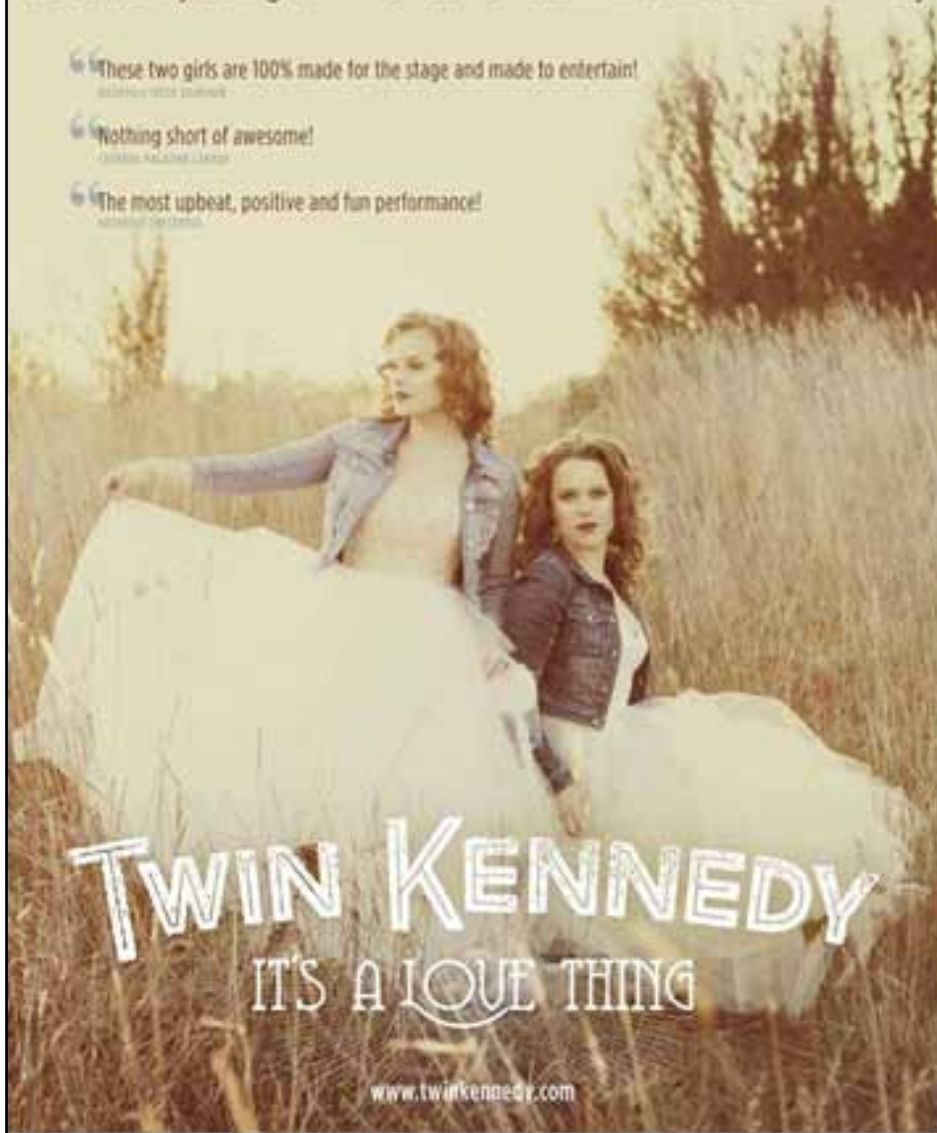
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1:00 p.m. at Harrington Grist Mill



Wildlife Gardening:
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Crystal and Liam will discuss collecting and
preparing wild plants common to the forests, fields,
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recipes, and which plant species to avoid.
Free program, contact the library to register.

2:00 p.m. at Harrington Hall

Terrarium Building Workshop
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variety of species and the importance of biodiversity.

Contact the library to register.

Cost: \$8.00 per person, space is limited.

3:15 p.m. at Harrington Hall



Harrington Public Library

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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 July and August	2018	
	September 4	9:30 a.m.
	September 18	6:30 p.m.
	October 2	9:30 a.m.
	October 16	9:30 a.m.
	November 6	9:30 a.m.
	November 20	6:30 p.m.

Congratulations and Farewell to Doug Mills who retired from the Township of Zorra's Recreation Department on July 31, 2018 after 21 years of dedicated service to our municipality!

Thank you for all your hard work, Doug and enjoy your retirement!!



COMMUNITY CONTACT LISTING

Minor Sports

Embryo:

Embryo Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-475-6515
Zorra Skating Club	519-281-1402
Suzanne McRoberts	519-469-9782
www.zorraskatingclub.ca	
Embryo Minor Ball Association	519-475-4012
Embryo Minor Soccer Association	
Tim and Katrina DeWit	519-475-0460
Kintore Minor Soccer	
Kate Henderson	519-320-8660

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Thamesford Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-285-3796
Thamesford Skating Club	519-285-5556
Thamesford Jr. "C" 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
West Oxford Girls Hockey Assoc.	519-852-4509

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

School Boards

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

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Embryo Highland Games/ Zorra Caledonian Society	519-475-4451
Thamesford Lion's Club	
Tony Redix	519-285-3618
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

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	1-877-594-2368
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	www.sharethefun.org
Brooksdale Women's Institute	519-475-4502
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Canadian Cancer Society	888-939-3333
Canadian Red Cross	519-539-0265
Children's Aid Society, Oxford County	519-539-6176
Crime Stoppers	800-222-TIPS
Cuckoos Nest Folk Music	519-473-2099
Embryo West Zorra History Book	519-475-4443
Embryo Library	519-475-4172
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Hardeman, Ernie, MPP.	519-537-5222
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	Embryo, 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
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St. John's Anglican Church	220 Dundas Street
	Thamesford, Ontario
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HOOF Club



Council had the pleasure of hearing a presentation by Brenna Parkhill from Zorra Highland Park Public School. Brenna is part of the HOOF Club that raises money to rescue horses from auction. What a great cause from this great group of kids!

Brenna Parkhill started the Hoof Club at Zorra Highland Park Public School. She wanted a place for horse crazy kids to get together while raising awareness about rescuing horses and empowering other kids to believe they could make a difference. The Club sold hot chocolate and sour keys at school during breaks and raised \$1151 to help rescue and rehabilitate horses that were destined for slaughter! Brenna and the other members of the Hoof Club are definitely Doing Their Part!



Photo: Mayor Margaret Lupton & Brenna Parkhill, HOOF Club member, at the July 17 2018 Council meeting

The Township of Zorra invites you to attend the



VOLUNTEER & SENIOR Appreciation Breakfast & Free Skate



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If you're a volunteer or a senior in the Township of Zorra we invite you to attend. If you are interested in volunteering or are a student needing community service hours, there will be information available on volunteer opportunities in the Township of Zorra.

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