

# Zorra NOW

community events and services



Spring 2018



## Earth Day Poster Contest

This year's winner is:

Ella Perry, Grade 4 • Thamesford Public School

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## On the cover...

Zorra's Earth Day Poster Contest winner is Ella Perry in Grade 4 at Thamesford Public School.

Ella's artwork was chosen out of 38 submissions from AJ Baker PS and Thamesford PS. Thanks to everyone who submitted!



## Message from the Mayor

Oxford County continues to lead the way in Waste Reduction and Sustainability plans. The Zero Waste committee continues its work in exploring new ideas for lowering the amount of waste going to our landfill and new ways of salvaging and handling the waste still

being received. There are some exciting developments in this field but much study is needed as to feasibility, costs and results....and this is highly technical. Fortunately we have some highly educated and trained members who are leading the way in the investigations. Public meetings are planned for various locations in the County including Woodstock, Embro and Ingersoll. Watch for announcements regarding date and time or call the Township Office for details. Progress being made by the committee and future plans will be discussed and explained. ...and to those who continue to spread "false news!!" we are not planning to replace Salford with another landfill. We are trying to extend its "life" until we are able to move into a whole new world of waste management.

Solar panels are being placed on Embro and Thamesford arenas; an electric vehicle charging station is available at the Thamesford Library; your Council approved installing another one at the Township Office. Watch for further details. An information night is planned for April 10 at the Thamesford Library regarding electric vehicles and introducing the charger there.

The lift for the Towns Hall in Embro is now a reality. Credit goes to the Thistle Theatre organization for taking the lead in this project and for the work done by their members, especially Wendy Marshall, who worked tirelessly as the Project Manager. The building is now fully accessible for the many people who have been unable to make full use of it until now. Great job!

Thamesford Lions continue to try to start a similar club in Embro. At last Fall's Council meeting at Zorra Highland Park School this was one of the proposals from the students there. They are aware of the opportunities given communities who

have active service clubs and want this for their area. If you have not been contacted give me a call and I will give you names of the people you can talk to. Many of us remember the wonderful contributions made by the Optimist Club in Embro several years ago and believe it is time for another such organization to help local citizens—particularly the young people asking for this.

Meetings continue regarding proposals for the landfill and high speed train in Zorra. It is critical that as many people as possible be informed and participate as we face these huge, potentially life changing projects, within our borders.

Council had an informative meeting with our insurance providers. This business becomes more involved every year and we look critically at our coverage on your behalf. There have been many major catastrophes just in North America recently. Insurance generally can easily assess material losses and much can be replaced but liability concerns can go on for years.

Work continues at the County for the amalgamation of our Oxford County Board of Health with the Elgin St. Thomas Public Health which will then both work as one unit under a newly formed Board of Health. The plan is to make the changeover as trouble free as possible, causing little disruption to residents and ultimately providing enhanced services to all residents of both original boards. As always the hope is to also save money for taxpayers. Watch for details as the plan moves forward.

I expect, like me, you are anxiously waiting for Spring—even though we had a reasonable trouble free, (weather wise) winter. With two major elections planned for this year—Provincial, in early June and Municipal, in late October—I urge you to get to know the candidates (perhaps even consider being one yourself) and thinking through the issues so you vote with purpose and confidence. The right to vote is a right and a responsibility and deserves your most serious consideration.

*Margaret Lupton*

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## PRACTICE SAFE WASTE

Help protect the health and safety of our waste collection team. Practice safe waste by making set outs safer, driving responsibly near collection vehicles and properly disposing of sharps.

### PRACTICE SAFE SET OUTS

Making your set outs safer for garbage and recycling collectors is easy. Here are five ways to make your set outs safe:

1. Lighten the load – Leave some extra room in the garbage bag or blue box. Max weight per container is 44 lbs (20 kg).
2. Box up any glass – place broken glass or mirror in a sealed box. Label “broken glass” and place in garbage bag for collection.
3. Make sure all bags and boxes are easily accessible for collectors.
4. Don't put hazardous waste or sharps in your curbside set outs.

### PRACTICE SAFE DRIVING AROUND COLLECTION VEHICLES

Practicing safe driving around collection vehicles is important for the health and safety of you, your passengers and the collection drivers. When passing a collection vehicle, please do the following:

1. Approach collection vehicles slowly and carefully, leaving plenty of space for them to maneuver.
2. When passing, use caution and make sure you have a clear path to pass. Leave lots of space between you and collection vehicles.
3. Do not follow too closely, collection vehicles stop frequently and without warning.

### PRACTICE SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL

**DO NOT** put sharps (medical needles, syringes and insulin pen-tips etc.) in your garbage or recycling. To protect the health and safety of collectors, curbside collection will be discontinued if sharps are found poking out of garbage bags or in recycling boxes.

Sharps should be placed in a sealed, puncture-proof container. Pharmacies will accept sharps in properly sealed containers. Visit [wasteline.ca](http://wasteline.ca) for further sharps handling instructions and participating drop-off locations.

### QUESTIONS?

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

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

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## NOT ALL WASTE IS GARBAGE

It's easy for unwanted items to build up in your home, but not all waste is garbage. Learn how to take advantage of Oxford County's waste diversion programs.

### MORE THAN JUST CURBSIDE COLLECTION

To help you dispose of unwanted items and divert waste from the landfill, Oxford County Waste Management offers a number of additional waste diversion programs. Certain items can be disposed of at the Oxford County Waste Management Facility, or at special collection events held in the community throughout the year. These items include:

- Electronics
- Scrap metal
- Tires
- FOG cups (kitchen fats, oils and grease) **NEW!**
- Large household appliances
- Hazardous waste
- Construction and demolition material (accepted at Oxford County Waste Management Facility only)

### 2018 SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENTS

The May 5 special collection event in Woodstock has been cancelled. Material typically collected at this event can be brought to the County's Waste Management Facility. Remember, loads containing garbage will be subject to tipping fees. The special collection event in Tillsonburg will proceed as planned.

**WOODSTOCK**  
MAY 5, 2018  
-- CANCELLED --

**TILLSONBURG**  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2018  
20 SPRUCE ST.



### QUESTIONS?

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519-539-9800 | 1-800-755-0394  
[info@wasteline.ca](mailto:info@wasteline.ca)

## ZORRA LARGE ARTICLE COLLECTION 2018

Have items set out by 7am on Monday May 7 for pickup between May 7 & May 11. Acceptable material includes:

- Household furniture including tables and chairs
- Carpet rolls & under padding (6' maximum, rolled and bundled)
- Plastic & non-metal laundry tubs
- Plumbing fixtures (acrylic tubs/sinks)
- Pool filters (no sand) & pool covers
- Water softeners (no salt or contents inside)
- Mattresses & box springs

**This program is for LARGE ARTICLES ONLY. If your items are small enough to fit in a garbage bag, they should go out with your regular tagged garbage.**

Unacceptable materials:

- Regular household garbage & recycling
- Glass & mirrors

- Leaf & yard waste
- Electronics (computers, televisions)
- Scrap metal
- Loose materials in cardboard boxes
- Tires
- Construction, demolition & building material (concrete, toilets)
- Freon containing units (fridges, freezers, air conditioners)
- Hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, propane tanks)
- Appliances (washers, dryers, stoves)
- Items that can be broken down and placed in a garbage bag
- Automotive parts
- Items piled on trailers or wagons

## OUTDOOR COMPOSTING

- Above ground composter with a 311 litre capacity for \$10
  - Underground food digester called the Green Cone, able to digest up to 1 kg of food waste every 1-2 days for \$40
- The above are both available for purchase at the Township Office.

## COMPOSTING AT HOME

REDUCE YOUR GARBAGE BY UP TO **24%**

Save on bag tag costs at the same time.



- Compared to a green bin collection program, backyard composting eliminates the need for more large collection vehicles on the road; reducing greenhouse gas emissions keeping Oxford County's air clean.
- Composting at home will improve the soil quality on your property and provide you with high grade compost to feed your lawn and gardens.

*Combine both composter and green bin in your home and help create a greener Oxford County!*

**Did you know?**  
**\$31 billion** worth of food is wasted in Canada annually and that **47%** of this food waste comes from households.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

# TRIVIA CONTEST

Be **ALERT READY** and you could

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May 6-12,  
2018



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## Solar Panels



The Township has partnered with EARTH Corporation (Erie Thames Power) for a solar panel project at Thamesford District Recreation Centre and Embro Zorra Community Centre. This project will see solar panels installed on both roofs to generate almost half of a megawatt of power per year or enough hydro to power 55 homes per year.

Over the life of the 20-year contract the Township will receive almost \$250,000 in rent from EARTH. EARTH will also benefit by receiving payments from the Province for generating electricity to sell back into the grid.

The Township is a shareholder in EARTH so this project will not only be financially beneficial for both parties but also environmentally responsible. Zorra has undertaken many "green" initiatives over the past several years such as retrofitting streetlights to energy efficient LED fixtures, relamping municipal facilities to LED's, installing electric vehicle charging stations at the Municipal Office and partnering with the County of Oxford to install one at Thamesford Library and Resource Centre. Thamesford Fire Station utilized many energy efficient components to make this facility cutting edge for energy conservation. The proposed new Public Works Operations Centre will also be built with many of these same components and will be a model for energy conservation.

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# Spring Open House

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creeksideweddingvenue@gmail.com  
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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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OUR PART**

## OUR BRAND

- We take great pride in our exceptional rural lifestyle in Zorra Township, made possible by our highly engaged community and government.
- Zorra Township's location allows residents and businesses to enjoy a small village atmosphere with abundant green space, easy and fast access to big city amenities and large consumer markets.
- Zorra is highly progressive, environmentally conscious, economically strong and prosperous.
- Our highly productive rural land provides a solid foundation for successful and varied agriculture and food production in Zorra Township.

We strive to make Zorra better by doing our part. In Zorra, we take great pride in maintaining our exceptional rural lifestyle, made possible by our highly engaged community and government. Our location allows residents and businesses to enjoy a small village atmosphere with abundant green space, easy and fast access to big city amenities and large consumer markets. Zorra is progressive, environmentally conscious, economically strong and prosperous. Our highly productive rural land provides a solid foundation for successful and varied agriculture and food production. In Zorra Township, we care.

## Heavy loads on roads could lead to charges

(OXFORD COUNTY, ON) – Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Oxford County Detachment, the West Region OPP Highway Safety Division and The Ministry of Transportation-Ontario (MTO) will be out in Oxford County enforcing weight restrictions on our roadways.



The initiative which is running between March 1, 2018 and April 30, 2018, OPP is to assist in reducing road damage to Township and County Roads by enforcing laws as they relate to overweight vehicles.

The by-laws includes that no person shall, during the months of March and April:

- Operate a dual axle tank truck, used exclusively for the transportation of liquid or gaseous heating fuel, and no two axle truck, used exclusively for the transportation of livestock feed, on a highway where any axle transmits to the highway a weight in excess of 7500 kilograms.
- Operate a commercial motor vehicle or trailer where any axle of such commercial vehicle or trailer transmits to the highway a weight in excess of 5000 kilograms.
- Operate a vehicle having a carrying capacity in excess of 1000 kilograms other than a motor vehicle or trailer where the weight upon any millimetre in the width of tire exceeds five kilograms.

**Of note, the Township of Zorra by-law begins two weeks earlier, commencing on February 15 and continues along with the rest of the County to the end of April.**

Police and MTO will be continuing with this initiative in Oxford County until April 30, 2018.

Each Township has designated roads for use and the secondary roads have clearly posted signs advising of the weight restrictions. A complete list of the roads and further information is available by contacting the Townships or on the County of Oxford website: <http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/Services-For-You/Roads/Moving-permit>

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## Grading Township Roads

The Township Public Works Staff grade the roads as often as conditions permit. Ideal conditions are when the roads are damp because it permits staff to cut and reshape the road. When roads are too dry, they are too hard to cut and re-shape and will not re-compact. When the road is too wet, grading will turn the road 'soupy' and will be severely rutted when it dries out. Frost in the roads make them impossible to grade. Often during the spring season, we have to wait until the daily temperature reached 4-5 degrees Celsius before the road is soft enough to grade. Snow on gravel roads during spring conditions can leave the road too wet to grade if it melts during the day. The Township understands when the roads need grading however are tied to the weather conditions and ask for your patience and understanding.

# DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT

## Legal Outlets:

With the pressure of too much work and not enough time, there may be a temptation to take shortcuts. We have been hearing about some tile drainage systems being directed to questionable outlets. This is a reminder that the following are NOT legal outlets:

- *Roadside Ditches:* You can only use roadside ditches as an outlet if permission is granted by the road authority. If permission is granted, we recommend that you secure the permission in WRITING.
- *Private Ditches:* Private ditches are private infrastructure and unless permission is given, another property owner has no right to connect a newly installed tile drainage system to a private ditch that flows across a neighbouring property. Similar to using a roadside ditch as an outlet, if permission is given, make sure it is in WRITING. If work needs to be done on the neighbouring property, make sure all parties are clear on cost-sharing and also that all parties are clear on the extent of work and the potential disruption of land.
- *Municipal Drains:* Municipal drains have a defined watershed; the lands within that watershed have paid for the construction and management of that drain and only these lands have the right to connect to the municipal drain. If you are installing tile drainage on a property, it is possible that only a portion of that property has the legal right to connect into that drain. If you are not sure, check with the local drainage superintendent before undertaking the work. If there is a section of land that is outside the limits of the watershed, you must ask for permission to connect those lands to the drain.
- *Wetland or low area:* Sometimes it's tempting to outlet a tile drainage system into a wetland area, particularly if the wetland is located on your client's property. However, before doing so, you should examine the area to determine if the outletting of the tile drainage system could be any impact on other property owners. If there could be, don't do it without first acquiring permission.



If a property owner is unable to secure an outlet, that owner has the right to petition their municipality under the Drainage Act for an outlet. Although it takes longer to get the outlet using the Drainage Act, when it is done, you can have confidence that the tile drainage work you perform will not result in legal action. If you still decide to take shortcuts on legal outlets, remember that the courts consider the tile drainage contractor to be an expert. You may want to check out the liability risk of you and your business.

## Construction Drains:

- Construction Drains are initiated by a petition that is filed by the landowner, county or even the roads of a municipality.
- Council will either accept the petition or it can be rejected.
- If Council accepts the petition than Council will appoint an Engineer to do a study and a report.
- Drainage meetings will be arranged and notifications will be mailed to the landowners within the watershed.
- It is very important that ANY notifications that a landowner receives from the Township is FULLY understood by the landowner. It is essential for all landowners to understand all of the deadlines, appeal dates and all the financial implications of the drainage work.

**Any drainage questions should be addressed to**  
Mike Hughes  
Chief Building Official/Drainage Superintendent  
519-485-2490 ext. 224 mhughes@zorra.on.ca

# FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



## Emergency Preparedness Week: May 6-12, 2018 'Be Emergency Ready – Stay Connected'

Alert Ready in Ontario is part of a national service designed to deliver critical and potentially life-saving emergency alert messages to Canadians. Emergency alerts are distributed on radio and television to help ensure Ontarians have the information they need in emergencies in order to take precautions necessary to protect themselves.

Beginning April 6, 2018, emergency alerts will be sent from Wireless Service Providers (WSPs) over the National Aggregation and Dissemination (NAAD) System to compatible mobile devices on LTE networks. Alerts on mobile devices will warn Canadians about dangers that cause an imminent to life and property so that recipients they can take appropriate action. Wireless public alerting is geo-targeted ensuring it is relevant to those receiving the alerts (applied to specific areas of coverage).

A province-wide test of the Public Alerting System will take place on May 7th at 1:55PM EDT and again on September 19th.

**For more information visit: [www.alertready.ca](http://www.alertready.ca)**

### BURN PERMITS

Zorra Township has a Permanent Fire Permit process for open air burning. 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](http://www.zorra.on.ca) to review the application form and conditions for the new permit, then complete your application!

*Please note: small recreation burns within a ring or fire pit in backyard don't require a permit.*

### FIREWORKS

Please keep in mind that the Township has a Fireworks By-law, #36-2014. The by-law regulates selling fireworks, displaying fireworks and special events.

All retail sales of consumer fireworks requires and application permit, fees, and approval from the Fire Chief or his designate.

All fines related to fireworks are set at \$200.00 plus surcharge. If you plan on celebrating a national holiday (Canada Day, Victoria Day, Labour Day), with the use of fireworks, please review the By-law which can be found at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca), or contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or Fire Chief for further details.

John McFarlan  
Fire Chief / CEMC  
519-485-2490 ext. 240  
[jmcfarlan@zorra.on.ca](mailto:jmcfarlan@zorra.on.ca)

# BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

## RULES ABOUT DOGS

As the weather is now changing and dogs are outside for extended periods of time, please be aware of the Noise by-law, 69-12 Section 2 (2.1), as it relates to noise due to consistent barking; the result of which may be a fine of \$125.00.

- Dogs require a leash at all times when walking off of your property. They shall not wander (Running at Large) on public or other private properties. The fine for running at large is set at \$200.00.
- If you keep your dog outdoors during the warm seasons, you must provide your dog with adequate amounts of shade, shelter to protect from the elements, with food and water. The fines for inadequate amounts of shelter, food, water is \$300.00
- If you tether your dog, the tether shall be no less than 11.5 ft. and the dog must be tethered at the side lot or rear lot. Furthermore, no person shall cause a dog to be hitched, tied or fastened to a fixed object as the primary means of confinement for an extended period of time.

## SWIMMING POOL FENCING

As the spring and summer weather quickly approaches, those who are considering installing a backyard pool must ensure that the pool and fencing meets the requirements of the By-law 23-08, and submit an application to the Building Department with fee.

A Pool is defined as:

- Any type of pool, when filled, that contains a depth of 18 inches or more of water at any given time  
*\*Does not include fish ponds, hot tubs, spas or irrigation ponds.*
- Above-ground swimming pools do not require a fence IF the structure is at least 4 feet in height above grade, and has no permanently attached ladder which is removed when the pool is not in use. It cannot contain any exterior foothold or handholds including a pump or accessory appurtenance or structure.
- Where a deck is erected at or near an aboveground pool, the deck shall be fenced and gated.

## LAND CLEARANCE

The main purpose of the Land Clearing By-Law is to ensure that all properties are maintained with consistency and with regards to safety and appearance. Grass and weeds must be maintained at a height less than 8 inches. Further, properties shall be free from industrial and domestic wastes, unlicensed motorized vehicles, excessive brush, heavy undergrowth and all noxious weeds. By-law 70-2011 can be reviewed on the Township website.

## THAMESFORD OFF LEASH DOG PARK

1. Open from dawn – dusk, 7 days a week
2. Pick up your dogs poo – don't make others do it
3. Dog must have vaccinations up to date and dog licence
4. Use the off leash dog park at your own risk
5. Leash your dog while entering and exiting the park
6. Keep your dog in sight and verbal control at all times
7. No puppies under 6 months of age, female dogs in heat, sick dogs or aggressive/out of control dogs
8. No play toys, balls or food of any kind allowed in the park
9. Unsupervised children under 14 years are not permitted
10. If your dog digs holes in the dirt, please repair holes
11. Pitbulls as defined under the Ontario law must be muzzled and leashed at all times whether there are in an off leash park or not
12. No glass containers allowed at dog park

*Please see next page for Dog Tag Campaign information*

**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**



# Township of Zorra 2016-2018 Dog Tag Campaign

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

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

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

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

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

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  
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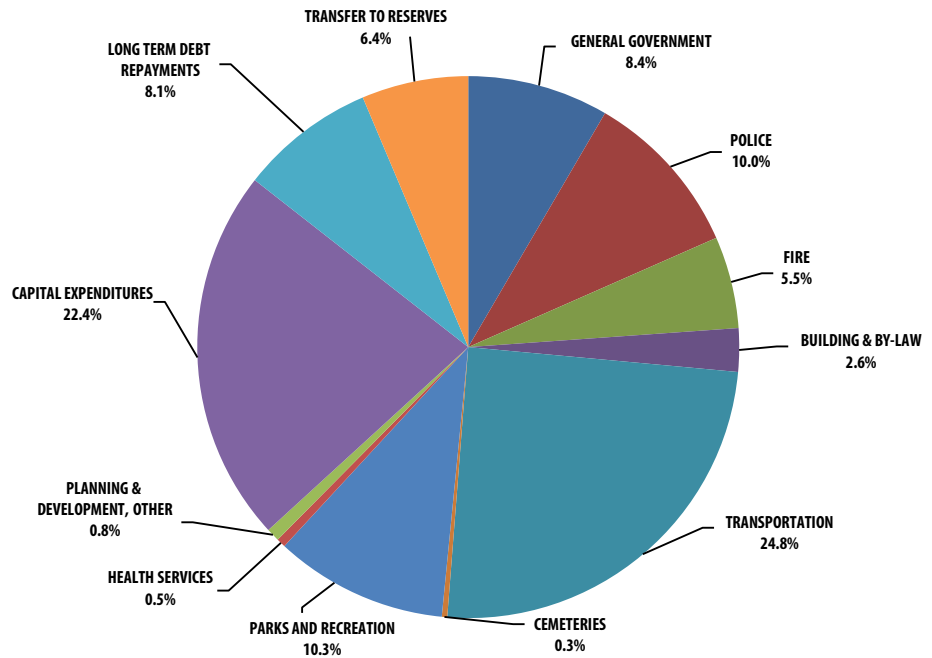
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# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The 2018 Municipal Budget and Business Plan has been approved as a result of preliminary deliberations with Council that had occurred in November, 2017, a public consultation in February 2018 and further deliberations in February.

Here you will see a pie chart showing the 2018 Operating and Capital Expenditures.



<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>\$982,185.00</b>	<b>CEMETERIES</b>	<b>\$37,728.00</b>
<b>POLICE</b>	<b>\$1,163,298.00</b>	<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>\$1,202,955.00</b>
<b>FIRE</b>	<b>\$639,625.00</b>	<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>\$63,500.00</b>
<b>BUILDING &amp; BY-LAW</b>	<b>\$301,485.00</b>	<b>PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT, OTHER</b>	<b>\$91,850.00</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$2,888,850.00</b>	<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,607,750.00</b>

# TAX DEPARTMENT

**The 2nd Instalment of your 2018 Taxes is due May 31, 2018.**

Final 2018 Tax Bills will be issued and mailed the first week of August and their due dates are due August 31 and 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

**Any tax questions or inquiries, please direct them to Kelly Hall at 519-485-2490 ext 222 or khall@zorra.on.ca**

# 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.

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

## 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. 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 meetings:

Monday, April 23, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Harrington Hall

Monday, May 28, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Embro Town Hall

Monday, June 25, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre

For further information on any of the above 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!**



**Zorra Water and Wheels Committee wishes to thank the Thamesford Lions Club and all the families who came out on Family Day and supported our fundraising efforts!**



*Create with Kate*

hosted 50 painters who enjoyed painting owls on a super-fun afternoon!



**Over \$1,000 was donated by families in Thamesford! Thank you!**

We are close but still need your help to meet our Project Goal of \$400,000!

We hope the construction phase of the Thamesford Skate Park and Spray Pad can begin Spring, 2018!



'For the Look Salon & Spa' were busy raising money with donations for haircuts & treatments and nail art!





The Farm 911 Emily Project is taking the importance of rural safety to the next level. Starting with our farm families and their properties. We believe all rural properties should be properly addressed.

The Farm 911 emergency awareness project came out of a tragedy that happened nearly four years ago in eastern Ontario. A seven-year-old girl named Emily Trudeau was the victim of a fatal farm accident. Emergency crews were called to the scene of Emily's accident, but the challenge with dispatching first responders in rural

areas is providing directions. First responders could not find Emily's location because a 911 sign or civic address did not exist for the field where the accident occurred. Unfortunately, first responders drove past the field and Emily's mother had to run out to the road to flag them down. Emily suffered traumatic injuries and later passed away in the hospital.

The Farm 911 Emily Project was launched in the summer of 2017 and has received support from various municipalities, fire departments, businesses, councillors and mayors. The initiative originated in the Counties of Northumberland, Hastings, Prince Edward and Lennox and Addington but we continue to spread the message across Ontario about the importance of 911 number signage at the entrances of rural properties.

In the event of an emergency, no one should have to wait helplessly for first responders to find them. Time is everything, and a civic address at the entrance to a vacant farm field could make all the difference.

***Putting up 911 signage on field entrances, farm laneways, trail entrances, sugar bushes, woodlots and other rural properties will provide first responders with more accurate locations and will help reduce the chances of missing emergencies in remote locations.***

**For more information or to find out how you can support this project, please visit [FARM911.ca](http://FARM911.ca) or contact [farm911emilyproject@gmail.com](mailto:farm911emilyproject@gmail.com).**

**Zorra Township fully supports The Farm 911 Emily Project and if a resident requires a 911 number, please contact Kelly Hall at [khall@zorra.on.ca](mailto:khall@zorra.on.ca) or 519-485-2490 x 222 and request a 911 sign.**

## BATTERY RECYCLING



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.

The Township of Zorra offers a free program for recycling of household batteries through Raw Materials Company Inc. (RMC). The program is being offered at four locations throughout the Township:

- Township of Zorra Municipal Office, 274620 27th Line, RR 3, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3J6 – phone 519-485-2490
- Thamesford Arena, 85 Middleton Street, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0 – phone 519-285-2236
- Embro Arena, 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.**

# 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION



ON THE LIST TO VOTE?  
ÊTES-VOUS SUR LA LISTE ÉLECTORALE ?

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October 22, 2018  
Municipal and School Board Elections  
Élections municipales et scolaires  
2018, 22 octobre 2018



## When is the 2018 Municipal Election?

- The 2018 Municipal Election will be held on Monday, October 22, 2018

## What's New for Zorra Township in the 2018 Municipal Election?

- Nominations will be accepted beginning on May 1, 2018, until 2 p.m. on July 27, 2018.
- Candidates must supply proof of endorsement from 25 electors at the time of submitting their nominations to be a candidate in the election. Further information and forms are available on the Township Website

## Voter Information

How can you vote in the 2018 Municipal Election?

- By mail or attending the Township Office.
- Delivery of Voting Kits, including a ballot, will begin in the Fall 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 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 the determined mailing date deadline, you may drop-off your ballot at the Municipal Office (274620 27th Line) during regular business hours or place in the after hours drop box.
- All ballots, whether mailed or hand delivered, are placed into a sealed ballot box that remains sealed until Election Day.

## Who is eligible to vote in the Zorra Township Municipal Election?

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

Zorra Township residents can find out whether they're on the list to vote for the upcoming municipal and school board elections at voterlookup.ca. voterlookup.ca is an online service used to collect and confirm information that will be used in the preparation of the final Voters' Lists across Ontario. You can also change your school support for electoral purposes and add names to your property address. To confirm your information is accurately recorded for the upcoming elections, log on to voterlookup.ca using your property address or assessment roll number and your full name and date of birth. Updating this information will help to ensure that municipal Voters' Lists are accurate and up-to-date in preparation for municipal and school board elections occurring this October. Please ensure you are on the Municipal Voters' List, if your name is on the Provincial Voters' List it does not mean that your name will automatically be on the Municipal Voters' List. If you need support or to remove a name, please call 1-866-296-6722. Have your say. Log on today.

## Candidate Information

Eligible candidates can run for one of the following offices:

- Mayor
  - Councillor, Ward 1
  - Councillor, Ward 2
  - Councillor, Ward 3
  - Councillor, Ward 4
  - Thames Valley District School Board (English Public) Trustees
  - London District Catholic School Board (English Separate) Trustee
  - Conseil Scolaire Viamonde (French Public) Trustee
  - Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence (French Separate) Trustee
- All school board nominations must be filed with the City of Woodstock

## Who is eligible to run for Mayor or Councillor in Zorra Township?

In order to run for office in Zorra Township, an individual must be:

- A Canadian citizen; and
- At least 18 years of age; and
- A resident of the Township of Zorra, or
- An owner or tenant of land in the Township of Zorra, or the spouse of the owner or tenant; and
- Not legally prohibited from voting; and
- Not disqualified by any legislation from holding office

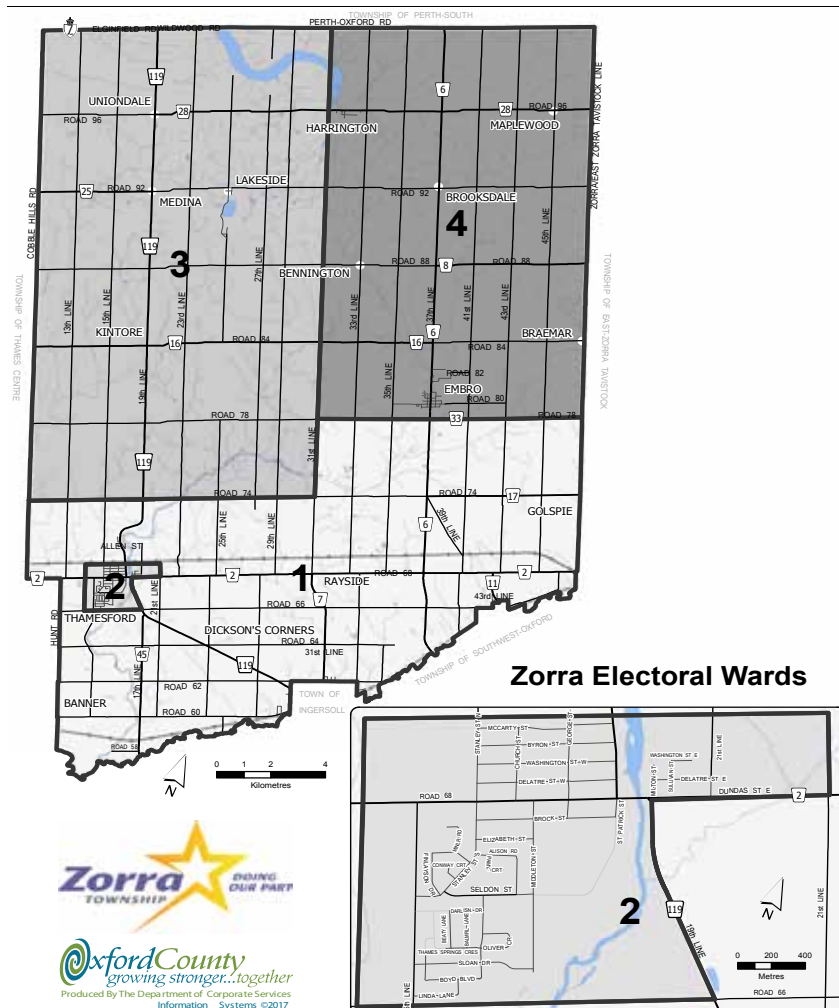
## How do I file nomination papers?

All nomination forms must be filed in-person at the Township Office located at 274620 27th Line from May 1, 2018 until July 27, 2018 at 2 p.m. and provide the following:

- A completed Nomination Form
- At least 25 declaration of endorsements (Mayor and Council candidates only)
- Current acceptable identification
- Nomination filing fee

## How does a candidate choose which ward to run in? Do you have to live in the ward you are running in?

A candidate can run for office in the ward of their choice. You do not have to live in the same ward you are running in. However, you do have to vote from the address at which you reside. For example, you live in Ward 2, but are running in Ward 1. You have to vote in Ward 2.



Attend to Oxford County Candidate and Third Party Advertiser Information Session – April 26, 2018 at 6:00p.m. at the Oxford County Administrative Building. The session will be hosted by Oxford County's eight area municipalities and will include a presentation by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Everyone is welcome!

## Third Party Advertiser Information

### Who is a Third Party Advertiser?

A third party is any person or entity that is not a political party, candidate or constituency association, and that engages in political advertising. Third parties include corporations, partnerships, unincorporated businesses and associations, and many other groups.

### What is a Third Party Advertisement?

A third party advertisement is a message in any medium (billboard, newspaper, radio, etc.) that supports or opposes a candidate. Third party advertising does not include issues-based advertising so groups that do public outreach can continue their issued-based advocacy work throughout the municipal election period. Advertising that does not cost money to post or broadcast, such as comments made on social media, will not be considered to be third party advertising.

### Who can register as a Third Party Advertiser?

Individuals, corporations and unions can register as third party advertisers and can also make contributions to third party advertisers. Third party advertisers will need to register with the municipality where they want to advertise. Registration allows a third party advertiser to promote or oppose any candidate that the electors in the municipality can vote for (local council, school board trustee positions and regional or county council offices). Third party advertising must be done independently of candidates, who are not able to direct a third party advertiser. Candidates are not able to register as third party advertisers

For further information on any of the above please contact Karen Martin at 519-485-2490 ext. 228

# ZORRA TOWNSHIP LIBRARY LINK



## Embroid Library Renovations

Come in and check out  
the new space!



## Upcoming Events At Our Branches

### Family Literacy Days

Friday April 27th 10:30am - 11:30am

@ Harrington Library

Saturday May 5th 10:00am - 11:00am

@ Embro Library



Check out our  
online program  
calendar for  
more event  
information.

**We are fine free!**

**Oxford County Library will not  
be charging fines on overdue  
materials in 2018.**

### 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  
Harrington, ON  
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  
Thamesford, ON  
519-285-3219

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

Visit our website [www.ocl.net](http://www.ocl.net)





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The Township of Zorra has a fantastic new opportunity designed to increase your community exposure and provide some active and affordable fun for everyone with the Public Skate Sponsorship Program.

## A \$120.00 Sponsorship Includes:

- Your company name advertised at the hosted skate as well as in social media, on the Township Website and in the Zorra Now magazine.
- An opportunity to display and promote your organization at the facility during your hosted skate.

for more information visit us at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)

## THE PERFECT FUND RAISER!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A  
NEW FUNDRAISER  
FOR YOUR GROUP OR CLUB?

The Thamesford District Recreation Centre is looking for groups, clubs or individuals to run the canteen for the 2018/2019 Winter Season!

The Township will provide the equipment, all you need are the supplies and volunteers!

A great way to offer bond hours for your Club!  
Set your own hours!  
No rent or hidden fees!  
ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO YOU!

Contact us at 519-285-2236 or [tdrc@zorra.on.ca](mailto:tdrc@zorra.on.ca) for more information!

Hey! Come Along & Join The Fun!

**Zorra** TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA COMMUNITY

# SUMMER DAY CAMP

July 2 - August 31  
Only \$160 for the Week!

**8:30am  
to 4:30pm**  
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Pizza Fridays!

**All New Exciting Themes!**  
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July 16 - July 20 Super Powers, Super You!  
July 23 - July 27 Create It!  
July 30 - August 5 Ship to Shore!  
August 7 - August 10 Camp Wild!  
August 13 - August 17 Camp Survivor  
August 20 - August 24 Experiment Extravaganza  
August 27 - August 31 Spectacular Summer Send Off

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Registration [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)

For more info: (519) 617-7977 or [sstarchuck@zorra.on.ca](mailto:ssstarchuck@zorra.on.ca)

## 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

**Tuesdays, 7-8pm**

**May 1, 2018 to June 19, 2018**

**1 hour sessions for 8 weeks**

**Thamesford Public School Gymnasium**

**\$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, juQAmper, leaping, and agility movements. Recommended for children 6 – 10 years old.

**Tuesday's, 6:00-6:45pm or 6:45-7:30pm**

**May 1, 2018 to June 19, 2018**

**45 min sessions, for 8 weeks.**

**AJ Baker Public School Gymnasium**

**\$65.00 per participant**

**Register Now!**

**ONLINE: [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)**

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

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**Boys & Girls Club  
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Congratulations to the Thamesford Attack 2017/18 Peewee team for bringing home the Pelham International Silver Stick Championship in January. The team of 12 players played a great tournament and won with a nail biter in overtime to bring home the championship.



**Back Row** (left to right): Elaine Mauthe, Corinne Power, Adam Power, Caleb Hallman, Greg Fickling, Jack Woods, Mark Woods, Matthew Mauthe.

**Middle:** Ethan Takacs, Nathan McEwan, Dale Hunter, Jason DeWit, Grayden Vandevenne, Liam Fickling

**Front:** Andrew Power, Michael Verhoeven, Ian McNabb



# EMBRO FAIR

## SEPTEMBER 14 - 16

### FEATURING "TRASH TO TREASURE" THEME

## Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Award Recipient

*"The person we are honouring tonight, for the Community Service Award, grew up in the suburbs of Brooksdale. There many an hour was spent soothing the savage cows by singing to them many happy songs. If stuck at home, on a blizzard day, while all the other kids were stuck inside the school of Zorra, playing piano, made this person very happy, and talented.*

*From Zorra Highland Park it was onto WCI, where High school plays were a part of their journey to Dinner Theatre*

*Our person attended Centralia College, where between pub nights, studying Agricultural Business Management. During the summer term, staying on campus to get, "work", they bumped into their future spouse. Finding a person with the patience of a saint was a perfect match. Guess that's why they're still together today, even with the wind chill!*

*The fresh faced young couple, both loved music. Together they joined the Woodstock Choralaires. Not satisfied with just singing, our person stepped up to become the president of the choir in 1990. I sense the stirrings of "GREATNESS".*

*Our person of the evening, can sometimes seem like a someone on a mission. In 2007 and 2009, he led fearless 4-Her's, doing all kinds of dirty jobs, raising money so they could do exchanges to other parts of Canada. Then in 2011, he took his mission to Milwaukee. Ok, it was a United Church Youth Mission, but he jumped right in and not only drove the bus, but lent a helping hand working on different projects with the kids.*

*In 1993, the Township of Zorra was looking for a loud mouth. No, that's not right! They were looking for a person with a loud voice. Embro was celebrating and they needed someone to shout it from the rafters. So in steps the man of the hour. 25 years later he's still raising his voice and calling out the news, as the Town Crier for both the Township of Zorra and the Town of Ingersoll. Again he stepped up to the plate, or in this case the bell, and became The Guild president in 2004 and for the last 5 years he has been their treasurer. Our person has organized many Town Crier competitions, including one for North America. As a Town Cryer, you must not only have a loud voice and you must be clever, creating words that flow into your listener's mind. Well, our person is the voice behind the "Embro Town Cryer Flyer". Keeping everyone in the community on top of the events happening around them.*

*Is there no skill that our person doesn't possess? Well, he can pitch horseshoes, and Square Dance too! And he likes to beat his own bass drum!*

*Does he have hidden talents? Not really. He likes to show off his talents. On stage, his first appearance in Dinner Theatre was in 1993. He likes to strut his stuff, and sometimes just in his jock strap. Singing, dancing, making us laugh and making us cry. Behind the stage, he has been an excellent producer and house manager. Give him any job and he is great at having a positive attitude, solving problems and paying attention to all the details. He has been one of driving forces on the Dinner Theatre committee for many*



years. Helping to pick the plays, the directors, buying the rights, building the stage and then returning the hall back to normal after the final curtain. You would not be enjoying this lovely evening without people like this, who are willing to get down and dirty, doing all the work, behind the scenes.

He has grown into his "GREATNESS" and is currently the "Acting" President of Thistle Theatre and of course if that's not enough, he's also President of the Ingersoll Pipe Band.

Tonight, the Embro and Zorra Agricultural Society, would like to recognise and thank the man who has done all these things. But, he has meant even more to the society! For 15 years he was their treasurer. He was at every fair, from set-up to take down, helping everything run smoothly. He spent hours and hours, calculating everybody's winnings and writing their cheques and calculating the gains and losses on the fair's balance sheet. Dinner Theatre being a big plus on that balance sheet. Maybe that's why it's so close to his heart.

So tonight, it is a great honour and pleasure to present the Embro and Zorra Agricultural Society's 2018 Community Service Award to Doug Turvey."



L-R – 1st Vice President Sara Stephenson, Doug Turvey (recipient), President Marian Sterk

# AJ BAKER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for **June 7, 2018**, find your Guinness Book of World Records, and make plans for the whole family to visit AJ Baker for their annual Funfair. This year will feature **Canada's ONLY four-time Guinness**



**World Record holding Illusionist!!!!** Lucas has been featured on hit TV shows like Dragons' Den, Canada's Got Talent, The TODAY Show and countless others! He has performed at Niagara Falls Centre for the Performing Arts, St. Jacobs Playhouse, Guild Festival Theatre, Lionsgate Films, and countless fairs and festivals. Come join us for an amazing one hour show, and then a meet and greet where Lucas will sign your Guinness Book! As usual, it will be a party for kids (and adults) with highlights such as air brush tattoos, face painting, raffle baskets, BBQ food, and more! And don't forget about the silent and live auction for the parents! From 5-8pm in Kintore, its 3 hours filled with fun for everyone!

## THAMESFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

### COLOR HOUSE CHALLENGE



**Thunderwalk is scheduled for May 18, 2018 at 1:00pm**

***Volunteers are always needed!***



## WEST OXFORD GIRL'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The West Oxford Girls Hockey Association had an amazing inaugural year! We were lucky enough to support 12 teams from pre novice to senior and played in both competitive and recreational leagues. Our girls played in tournaments all over Ontario and represented our community proudly. We had our Inferno Family Fun night in December with hot chocolate and snacks provided by Ingersoll Foodland! We had an amazing weekend playing some exhibition games with time ice sponsored by Carmeuse Lime! West Oxford Inferno was also the recipient of an amazing grant from the Oxford Community Foundation and we were able to purchase trainer bags and stock them all with first aid kits. We would like to thank all our awesome sponsors this year for their support, we could not do this without you! The executive would like to thank the coaches, trainers and volunteers that give up so much of their time to support and teach our hockey players. You are the ones who make this season fun and competitive with your dedication. We would like to thank the families for their support this first year. Girl's hockey in our community would not be able to happen without help from everyone involved and we are looking forward to another incredible year!

Please visit our website [WOGHA.ca](http://WOGHA.ca) or Facebook page for further details and updates.

# WEST OXFORD INFERNO SPRING TRYOUTS - 2018

- Tryouts will be held at the Embro Arena unless otherwise indicated.
- Tryout fee of \$40.00 – Guaranteed 2 Ice Times
- Novice Open Skate is \$10.00 per session.
- \*\*Any out of association player must have a valid signed Permission to Skate form prior to being allowed on the ice for tryouts\*\*
- Please fill out the Intent to Tryout form that is found on our website.
- House League and Pre-Novice registration will be ongoing and can be completed at any tryout date or by contacting the Registrar.

### ATOM BB/B

Wed April 11th – 6 p.m.  
Thurs April 12th – 6 p.m.  
Sun April 15th – 3 p.m.

### PEE WEE BB/B

Wed April 11th – 7 p.m.  
Thurs April 12th – 7 p.m.  
Sun April 15th – 4 p.m.

### BANTAM BB/B

Wed April 11th – 8 p.m.  
Thurs April 12th – 8 p.m.  
Sun April 15th – 5 p.m.

### MIDGET BB/B

Wed April 11th – 9 p.m.  
Thurs April 12th – 9 p.m.  
Sun April 15th – 6 p.m.

### ATOM B/C

Tues April 17th – 6 p.m.  
Thurs April 19th – 6 p.m.

### PEE WEE B/C

Tues April 17th – 7 p.m.  
Thurs April 19th – 7 p.m.

### BANTAM B/C

Tues April 17th – 8 p.m.  
Thurs April 19th – 8 p.m.

### MIDGET B/C

Tues April 17th – 9 p.m.  
Thurs April 19th – 9 p.m.

### NOVICE – OPEN SKATE

Sat April 21st – 4 p.m.

*\*Additional tryouts to be held in the Fall if required.*

- Additional tryout times and exhibition games will be scheduled as required. Continue to check for updated times and information on our website [WOGHA.ca](http://WOGHA.ca) and Facebook page

Please join us and participate in a fun sport while playing with great friends and teammates. We offer lots of opportunities to improve your skills- dryland training, power skating sessions, skills camps and great coaching staff – all while having a fun, successful season! We also offer a goalie rebate for those dedicated players who play net. See you at tryouts!!

## GO INFERNO GO!

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**Email - ece22010@gmail.com**

# *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



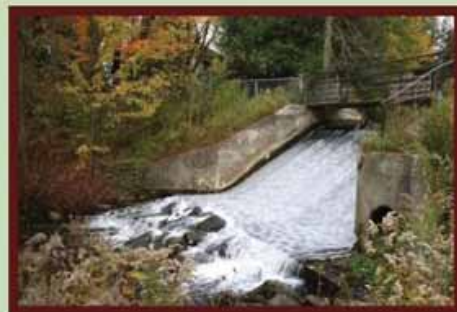
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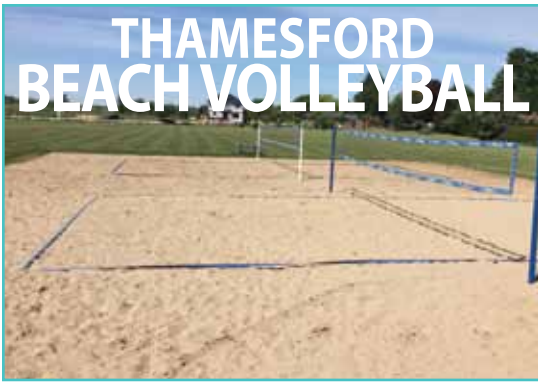
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Donations may be given to any member of  
the Association, or mailed to the Township  
Office: P.O. Box 306, Ingersoll, Ont. N5C 3K5



**Donations over \$20 will be issued  
Tax Receipts**

# THAMESFORD BEACH VOLLEYBALL



Well it's that time of year again! The snow has melted and the warm weather is upon us. We are happy to announce that registration for the 2018 summer season is now open at [www.thamesfordvolleyball.com](http://www.thamesfordvolleyball.com). The 2017 season was a great success with growth in the Wednesday women's 6's. The Thursday night co-ed 4's was at full capacity - so make sure to register your team early! Think you got the skills to handle a little 2 on 2? Well our new Tuesday night open 2's is just for you. We are also on track to having a lighting system installed for the 2018 season so game times can start and finish later in the evening!

Email: [info@thamesfordvolleyball.com](mailto:info@thamesfordvolleyball.com) with any questions. We look forward to another great season, see you on the courts!



## Saturday June 23rd from 9 to 4 Embros Arena

Come out and experience the fun you can have with your dog! It might be focused on Dachshunds, but ANY dog can attend. It's a free family and dog-friendly daylong event that will create funding for pet rescue and raises awareness for dogs in need.

With our outdoor shopping experience of over 100 vendors and entertainment, it will be an enjoyable day for anyone.

So many fun events, such as the ever popular Dachshund Races, costume contests, and professional photo opportunities with the "wienermobile".

There will be over 100 exhibitors, both local and from across North America selling products including: animal dietary

products, clothing, leashes, pet services and personal handicrafts. Visitors can choose from a wide variety of food services from local charities and Food Trucks.

Get your questions ready as a Veterinarian and a Pet Trainer will be on site all day ready to help you with your pet.

All well-mannered dogs (all breeds) are welcome and will be considered "honourary" dachshunds for the day. Animals must be on a leash at all times. Flexi leashes are not allowed.

[wienerfest.ca](http://wienerfest.ca) [info@wienerfest.ca](mailto:info@wienerfest.ca)

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# Thamesford

Thamesford Lions



# Club

Community Events

## Lions Recycle Day April 28, 2018.

Warmer weather is on the way and it is timely that we think about Spring Cleanup.

Thamesford Lions are also thinking about Spring and have set the 4th Annual Recycle Day for Saturday April 28th to take care of your "end of life cycle metals, electronics and batteries."

Once again we will setup large scale bins in the Thamesford Arena parking lot and will put Lions members to work filling those bins with your items .

A satellite outlet will be positioned in Embro similar to last year.

In the initial 3 years of this combined initiative (Thamesford/Embro) we have diverted some 136,000 lbs from landfills to Recyclers and generated some \$16,000 for Community projects.

A big shout out to the 4 H leaders in the Embro District who have taken up the challenge of raising the awareness level of the Recycle Day Initiative . For further info call Jim Gillespie 519-285-3349



## RECYCLE DAY

Pickup may be available, call 519-285-3349



**APRIL 28th 8am-3pm**  
**THAMESFORD ARENA & EMBRO ARENA**

Bins & hauling donated by:



**DON'T PUT IT IN THE DUMP!**

### Metal Waste



BBQ's (not propane tanks)  
Metal bath tubs & sinks  
Bicycles (no tires)  
De-humidifiers  
Dismantled swing sets  
Metal fences  
Furnaces  
Metal furniture  
Hot water tanks (empty)  
Microwaves  
Pool heaters  
Metal shower enclosures  
Metal water softeners (empty)

### White Goods



Dishwashers  
Dryers  
Stoves Washers

**"No Refrigerators or Freezers"**

### Batteries



Car Batteries  
Truck Batteries  
Tractor Batteries  
Household Batteries

### Waste Electronics

desktop & portable computers, computer peripherals (Keyboards, mice, hard drives, optical drives - CD, Blu-ray, DVD, HD-DVD), monitors, TV's desktop printers & multi-function devices. Photocopiers, scanners, typewriters, telephones & answering machines, cellular phones, pagers, PDA's A/V players & recorders (eg. MP3, cassette, digital), cameras, equalizers, amplifiers, radios, receivers, speakers, turntables, video players/ projectors, digital frames, video recorders, personal hand held computers.



**100% of the Proceeds to Support Community Projects**

## Trout Brunch - Sunday May 20, 2018

11AM-1PM Thamesford & District Recreation Centre.  
Tickets \$15 Adults, \$6 Children

### Contact:

Lion Burton 519-285-5485  
Email: Burton.Smith@westernfgis.ca

## Great Ride for Cancer - Sunday June 10, 2018

**50TH ANNIVERSARY in THAMESFORD !!!**

Riders from the 1st Ladies Great Ride in 1968 are invited to attend a special ceremony

12PM-2PM St. John's Anglican Church, 220 Dundas Street W

### Contact:

Lion Ron 519-285-2959 ron.pearn@hotmail.com OR  
Lion Dan 519-285-2620

# ReuseapalooZaha

[www.reuseapaloozaha.ca](http://www.reuseapaloozaha.ca)

returns to

The Embro-Zorra Community Centre

Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018,

**A GIANT FREE SWAP MEET**

8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Scrap metal and electronics recycled by Thamesford Lions. Food available by donation to 4H. Bring, take or swap household goods, hardware, clothing, books, toys, tools, garden equipment, art and décor, small electronics, wooden furniture, auto parts and accessories, and more!

No hazardous wastes, please!



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# THAMESFORD SWIMMING POOL

## LESSONS

Placement in Red Cross Swim Programs depends on many variables including age, skill proficiency, previous experience and readiness. Please use the following as a guide when registering your child. If you have any questions or wish a skill screening of your child, please contact the pool at 519-285-3063 or [thamesfordpool@zorrapool.on.ca](mailto:thamesfordpool@zorrapool.on.ca)

### RED CROSS SWIM PRESCHOOL

For swimmers 6 months - 5 years.

#### PARENT & TOT

Babies and their caregivers work on getting wet, buoyancy, rhythmic breathing, movement and shallow water entries and exits. Designed for children 4 to 24 months of age and their caregiver.

#### SEA TURTLE

Front and back floats and glides, jumping into chest-deep water with assistance, kicking on front and front swim.

#### SEA OTTER

Swimmers work on front and back floats and glides, kicking on front with a buoyant object, and will be able to swim 1 metre upon completion of this level

#### SALAMANDER

Swimmers work on improving their front and back float and jumping into chest-deep water unassisted. Kicking is added to the front and back glide and swimmers will be able to swim 2 metres upon completion.

#### SUNFISH

Swimmers work on kicking and can perform glides (front and back), enter deep water safely, float in deep water, swim with a PFD, and swim 5 metres continuously.

#### CROCODILE

Swimmers further develop the front and back glide with kick, front and back swim, jump into deep water, swim with a PFD in deep water, and swim 10 metres continuously

#### WHALE

Swimmers increase their distance on front and back glide with kick, increase distance on front and back swim, learn the sitting dive, and will be able to swim 15 metres continuously upon completion of the level.

### RED CROSS SWIM KIDS

For swimmers 6 years and older.

#### LEVEL 1

Swimmers develop front and back float, front and back glide, flutter kick (assisted), shallow water entries and exits, and swim 5 metres

#### LEVEL 2

Swimmers learn front and back glide with flutter kick, develop front swim, complete assisted deep-water activities and swim 10 metres continuously.

#### LEVEL 3

Swimmers increase their distance on front and back glide with flutter kick, perform flutter kick unassisted, wear a PFD in deep water, float in deep water, and swim 15 metres continuously.

#### LEVEL 4

Swimmers learn back swim with shoulder roll and front crawl (10m), work on flutter kick on back, perform kneeling dive, introduction to sculling and swim 25 metres continuously.

#### LEVEL 5

Swimmers develop front crawl (15m), learn back crawl (15m) and whip kick on back, learn stride dive and treading water, perform head-first sculling on back, and swim 50 metres continuously

#### LEVEL 6

Swimmers increase their distance on front and back crawl (25m), learn elementary back stroke (15m), learn

dolphin kick, tread water in deep water, perform front dive, and swim 75 metres continuously

#### LEVEL 7

Swimmers increase their distance on front and back crawl (50m) and elementary back stroke (25m), learn front scull, perform whip kick on front and dolphin kick, learn stride entry and swim 150 metres continuously

#### LEVEL 8

Swimmers increase their distance on front and back crawl (50m) and elementary back stroke (25m), learn front scull, perform whip kick on front and dolphin kick, learn stride entry and swim 150 metres continuously

#### LEVEL 9

Swimmers increase their distance on front and back crawl (100m), elementary back stroke (50m) and breast stroke (25m), learn sidestroke kick, perform head-first surface dive, and swim 400 metres continuously

#### LEVEL 10

Swimmers increase their distance on front and back crawl (100m), elementary back stroke (50m) and breast stroke (50m), learn sidestroke (25m), perform dolphin kick (vertical), learn feet- and head-first surface dives with underwater swim, and swim 500 metres continuously

### PRIVATE LESSONS

For swimmers who prefer one on one instruction.

A 1 on 1 setting designed to provide extra attention to a specific skill or a swimmers need that group lessons may not address. Private lessons are flexible and scheduled as often as required and vary from early mornings, late afternoons and on the weekend. It is recommended that swimmers have a minimum of 8 lessons to pass. Lesson times are subject to availability. Please contact the pool to discuss your needs.

# THAMESFORD SWIMMING POOL

## SCHEDULE

	Session 1 July 2-13	Session 2 July 16 – July 27	Session 3 Jul 30 – Aug 10	Session 4 Aug 13 – Aug 24	Monday Evening Jul 3 – Aug 13	Tuesday Evening Jul. 4 – Aug. 14
Parent/Tot	11:30-12:00pm	9:30-10:00am	11:00-11:30am	10:00-10:30am	-	-
Sea Turtle	11:30-12:00pm	10:00-10:30am	11:30-12:00pm	9:30-10:00am	5:00-5:30pm	5:30-6:00pm
Sea Otter	11:00-11:30am	9:30-10:00am	11:30-12:00pm	9:30-10:00am	5:15-5:45pm	5:00-5:30pm
Salamander	10:30-11:00am	10:15-10:45am	10:45-11:15am	10:15-10:45am	5:00-5:30pm	5:15-5:45pm
Sunfish	10:00-10:30am	10:45-11:15am	10:30-11:00am	10:45-11:15am	5:30-6:00pm	5:00-5:30pm
Crocodile/Whale	9:30-10:00am	11:00-11:30am	10:00-10:30am	11:15-11:45am	6:15-6:45pm	5:45-6:15pm
Level 1 / 2	9:30-10:00am	11:15-11:45am	9:30-10:00am	11:00-11:30am	5:45-6:15pm	6:00-6:30pm
Level 3	10:00-10:30am	11:30-12:00pm	9:45-10:15am	11:30-12:00pm	6:00-6:30pm	6:15-6:45pm
Level 4	9:45-10:15am	11:30-12:00pm	9:30-10:00am	11:30-12:00pm		
Level 5	10:15-11:00am	10:45-11:30am	10:00-10:45am	10:15-11:00am	6:45-7:30pm	6:30-7:15pm
Level 6	10:30-11:15am	10:15-11:00am	10:15-11:00am	10:45-11:30am		
Level 7 / 8	11:15-12:00pm	9:45-10:30am	11:00-11:45am	9:30-10:15am	6:30-7:15pm	6:45-7:30pm
Level 9 / 10	11:00-11:45am	9:30-10:15am	11:15-12:00pm	9:45-10:30am	6:45-7:30pm	6:45-7:30pm

\*LESSONS WILL RUN ON HOLIDAYS

## FEE SCHEDULE

	Red Cross Swim Preschool (30 min)	Red Cross Swim Kids Levels 1 – 4 (30 min)	Red Cross Swim Kids Level 5-6 (45 min)
Sessions 1-4	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$58.00
Evening	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$47.00
Private	Please contact the pool for more details.		

## REGISTRATION

### HOW TO REGISTER

Forms are available online at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca), Thamesford District Recreation Centre, Zorra Township Office or the Thamesford Area Swimming Pool. Please complete the forms and submit through the following methods:

#### Email

Complete form and email to [thamesfordpool@zorra.on.ca](mailto:thamesfordpool@zorra.on.ca)  
Digital forms are available at [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca)

#### In Person

Visit us at the Thamesford Area Swimming Pool (204 George Street) on the following dates:

Friday, June 1	10:00am - 4:00pm
Tuesdays	2:00pm – 6:30pm
Thursdays	2:00pm – 6:30pm
Saturdays	10:00am – 1:00pm

#### JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

During Regular Pool Hours

**REGISTRATION OPENS  
JUNE 1, 2018!**

### REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY

- Refunds will not be considered after the 2<sup>nd</sup> lesson. Due to the short pool season, missed classes will not be made up.
- Transfers to alternate lessons are permitted up to 2 weeks prior to the first class, space permitting.
- Cancellation of programs by the Township will not be made up. Such cancellations may include inclement weather and mechanical adjustments.

### WAITING LISTS

- If your child can not be placed in any of your class choices, he/she will be placed on a waiting list. You will be contacted if a spot becomes available.



# DROP IN PROGRAMS SPECIAL EVENTS

## PUBLIC SWIMS

Public Swims are a fun way to get into the pool every day! Bring your favorite pool toys and floaties too! These recreational swims are open to everyone!

## AQUAFIT

Aquafit is a great aerobic program that improve strength and increase cardiovascular fitness. It is a low-impact work out with the cushioning effect of the water protecting joints. Or join us for the great music, fun instructors and social opportunities!

## LANE SWIM

A great full body workout using all the muscles in the body! So whether you swim a gentle breaststroke or hammer butterfly, there is a lane for you at TASP! Need some help with your strokes? Speak to the staff, they love sharing their techniques!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Dive In

Friday August 10, Dusk  
Watch a movie under the stars with us on the pool deck following Public Swim.

### Dog Days of Summer

Sunday, August 26, 5:30-7:00pm  
Bring your favorite canine for their own chance to enjoy the pool before we close for the summer.

## SCHEDULE

Evening Swims begin June 27, 2018  
Regular Schedule begins June 30, 2018

	Public Swimming	Aquafit & Lane Swim
Monday	1:00 – 4:00pm	7:00 – 8:00pm
Tuesday	1:00-4:00pm	7:00 – 8:00pm
Wednesday	2:00-4:00pm 6:30-8:00pm	
Thursday	1:00-4:00pm 6:30-8:00pm	8:30 – 9:30am
Friday	1:00-4:00pm 6:30-8:00pm	8:30 – 9:30am
Saturday	12:00-4:00pm	
Sunday	1:00-4:00pm	

\*Schedule Subject to Change

## FEES

Per Person	\$2.00
Children 3 & Under	Free
Family	\$5.00
10-Swim Punch Card	\$16.00
Child Seasonal Pass:	\$60.00
Adult Seasonal Pass:	\$80.00
Family Seasonal Pass	\$130.00

## ADMISSION GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are to be followed by all swimmers in the pool. These guidelines outline the SUPERVISORY requirements of guardians and children while using this facility.

### RED Children 6 Years & Younger



1 Adult for every 2 children



1 Adult for every 4 children with life jackets.

ADULTS ARE **WITHIN ARMS REACH** AT ALL TIMES

### YELLOW Children 7 - 10 Years Old



Are required to complete a swim test to determine their level of supervision.

**Swim Test:**  
Proficiently complete a half-length swim and tread water for 30 seconds.

### GREEN Children 11 Years & Older OR Children Who Have Passed the Swim Test



Permitted to Enter Pool Alone

## SWIM TEAM

The Tiger Sharks Swim Team is a great way to build your swimming skills and have fun while being part of a team! Team members will have the opportunity to go to swim meets throughout the summer and test their skills against others in the area! Open to all ages: child, teen, adult and seniors, who can swim one length of the pool unassisted!

**Practices:** 12:00 – 1:00pm  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.  
**Swim Meets:** most Wednesday evenings.  
**Cost:** \$75.00 per swimmer



# THAMESFORD SWIMMING POOL

## ADVANCED CLASSES

**As a lifeguard and instructor in aquatics, you can get a great summer job here at TASP! Working at the pool is a fun and rewarding experience. Work with great people, be part of an awesome team, and gain valuable skills to help you in your future career goals! Not sure where to start? Give us a call!**

### JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CLUB

Session 1 (July 2-13)      Session 3 (July 30-Aug 10)  
Monday-Friday, 11:00-12:00pm

More action, more options, more fun! The Junior Lifeguard Club offers a unique aquatic alternative for those kids who love the water and who want more than "lessons." This course keeps kids interested and active in aquatics - especially quick learners and those caught between levels. Serious fun for kids 8 years and up who can swim at least 25m and tread water for 2 minutes

- \$15 per session
- Minimum of 4 candidates required.

### BRONZE STAR

July 16-27, 2018  
Monday-Friday, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Prepare yourself for the advanced Bronze courses in this class. Participants will work on swimming fitness, rescue skills and build their knowledge or basic first aid in this program. Minimum age 12 recommended.

- \$60 + manual (\$40)
- Minimum of 4 candidates required
- 10hr. of classroom & water instruction

### BRONZE MEDALLION & BRONZE CROSS

July 21 & 28, 2018 ("Weekend Intensive" Class)  
Fri. 4:00 - 8:00pm &  
Sat. & Sun., 9:00am - 12:00pm

August 13-24, 2018  
Monday-Friday, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Both of these advanced classes will start your journey to become a lifeguard! Bronze Medallion you will gain an understanding of lifesaving: water-rescue, aquatic skills & fitness.

Bronze Cross is for those who have obtained their Bronze Medallion and are interested in more advanced training. This course will provide an introduction to safe supervision in aquatics, use of special equipment and principles of teamwork. This is a prerequisite for enrollment in the National Lifeguard and Instructor certifications. Emergency First Aid certification also required.

- \$120 + manual (\$40)
- Minimum of 4 candidates required
- 20hr of water & classroom instruction

204 George Street, Thamesford

519-285-3063

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*Tourism*  *Oxford*  
*our rural roots are showing*

## Attend some Spring events!

In celebration of local cheese be sure to drop in at the Dairy Capital Cheese Fest April 28th. A great event where you can meet our local cheese makers, sample and purchase the best Oxford County has to offer. Or take in a live play June 15-24, Darling Judith at ITOPA or for the love of dogs spend the day at Wienerfest June 23. And if you want to celebrate Scottish heritage you won't want to miss the Embro Highland Games July 1st! For more information on what is happening in Oxford visit [tourismoxford.ca](http://tourismoxford.ca).

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## THAMESFORD EVENTS

Thamesford District Recreation Centre

### *Lions Recycle Day*

April 28, 2018 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Contact Jim Gillespie 519-285-3349

### *Calithumpian Weekend*

May 18 - 21, 2018  
Contact Katie Davies at  
katiegrigg26@gmail.com or 519-295-0105  
www.thamesfordcalithumpian.ca

### *Westminster United Church Yard Sale*

Saturday, May 19, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
On the church lawn,  
115 George St., Thamesford

### *Thamesford Lions Club Trout Brunch*

Sunday May 20, 2018 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Contact Burton Smith - 519-285-5485

### *Thamesford Trojans Fish Fry*

Friday June 15, 2018  
Dinner: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Dance: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.  
Tickets: \$125.00 (includes dinner and dance for 2 & chance to win 9 door prize draws)  
Contact Todd Arthur 519-872-0939

## EMBRO EVENTS

Embroid Zorra Community Centre

### *Internet Safety*

April 16, 2018 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Presented by the Oxford OPP

### *ReusapalooZaha*

April 28, 2018 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Giant swap meet to divert materials from the landfill

### *Wienerfest Dog Festival*

June 23, 2018 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Contact Linda Collier at 519-285-5123  
info@wienerfest.ca or visit www.wienerfest.ca

### *Embroid Truck & Tractor Pull*

Corner of Oxford Road 6 and Road 33, Embroid  
August 3 & 4, 2018  
Contact Frans Knoops at 519-475-4148  
etp@live.ca

### *Embroid Fair*

September 14-16, 2018



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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	
May 1	9:30 a.m.
May 15	6:30 p.m.
June 5	9:30 a.m.
June 19	6:30 p.m.
July 17	9:30 a.m.
August 14	9:30 a.m.



# 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	
Kate Henderson	519-320-8660

**Thamesford:**

Thamesford Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-285-3796
Thamesford Skating Club	519-285-5556
Thamesford Jr. "D" Hockey Club	519-285-3107
Thamesford Minor Baseball	519-851-9548
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	
Zorra Highland Public School	519-475-4121
Kintore	
A.J. Baker Public School	519-283-1098
Thamesford	
Thamesford Public School	519-285-2043
Roch Carrier French Immersion	519-537-7321
John Knox Christian School	519-539-1492

## School Boards

Thames Valley District School Board	519-452-2000
	1-888-224-3354
London District Catholic School Board	519-663-2088

## Service Clubs & Community Groups

Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society	
Carol Hanlon	519-485-0668
Embro 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

Alzheimers Society	519-421-2466
	1-877-594-2368

Beachville District Museum	519-423-6497
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ingersoll, Tillsonburg & Area	519-485-1801 or 519-842-9000 ingtburg@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca www.sharethefun.org
Brooksdale Women's Institute	519-475-4502
Calithumpian Committee - Andrea Wright	519-285-5129
Canadian Blood Services	888-236-6283
Canadian Cancer Society	888-939-3333
Canadian Red Cross	519-539-0265
Children's Aid Society, Oxford County	519-539-6176
Crime Stoppers	800-222-TIPS
Cuckoos Nest Folk Music	519-473-2099
Embro West Zorra History Book	519-475-4443
Embro Library	519-475-4172
Embro Area Business Association	
Karon Cowan email: embrobiz@gmail.com	
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Fanshawe Pioneer Village	519-457-1296
Girl Guides - Thamesford	519-285-1126
Harrington Public Library	519-475-6909
Hardeman, Ernie, MPP.	519-537-5222
Horticultural Society (Ingersoll)	519-485-1808
Ingersoll Choral Society	519-285-2825
Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre	519-485-4691
Ingersoll Services for Seniors	519-485-3869
Ingersoll Theatre of Performing Arts	519-485-3070
Lawn Bowling	Embro 519-475-4729 Thamesford 519-285-2734
MacKenzie, Dave MP	519-421-7608
North Embro Cemetery	
Donna Schurman	519-535-4361 deeschurm@gmail.com
Ontario Early Years Programs	800-539-9800
OPP	800-265-7191
Oxford County Jr. Farmers	519-469-3281
Oxford County Federation of Agriculture	519-852-8856
Oxford District Women's Institute	519-475-4502
South West Community Care Access Centre	519-539-1284 info-woodstock@sw.ccac-ont.ca
Thamesford Block Parents	519-285-1126
Thamesford Business Association	519-285-3249
Thamesford Public Library	519-285-3219
Thamesford Snowmobile Club	
Harold Hacon (trails)	519-461-0855
David Blight (President)	519-432-2729
Thistle Theatre - Chris Cockle	519-475-4201
Tiny Paws - Linda Collier	www.tpdr.ca
Scouts - Thamesford	519-285-6159
VON Oxford	519-539-1231

VON Sakura House	519-537-8515
Welcome Wagon	519-485-2990
Wienerfest/Dog Rescue	
Linda Collier	519-285-5123
Women's Canadian Club	519-471-8924

## Places of Worship

St. Andrew's United Church	924044 Road 92, Brooksdale, Ontario 519-475-6011
Chalmers United Church	842993 Road 84, Kintore, Ontario 519-283-6376
Crossroads Alliance Church	194552 19th Line, R.R. 3 Ingersoll, Ontario 519-485-4440
Knox Presbyterian Church	115 St. Andrews Street Embro, Ontario 519-475-4816
Knox Presbyterian Church	963727 Road 96, Harrington, Ontario 519-475-4011
Knox United Church	116 Kincardine Street, Embro, Ontario 519-475-4060
Maple Grove Christian Retreat	194936 19th Line Thamesford, Ontario 519-285-3334
St. John's Anglican Church	220 Dundas Street Thamesford, Ontario 519-285-3218
Truth Community Church	154978 15th Line (Banner Rd.) Thamesford, Ontario 519-285-2112 www.truthcommunitychurch.ca
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# Tree Planting around Zorra!

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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.



## 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).

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

## Local Talent at the Zorra Municipal Office

Are you a local artist or vendor operating in Zorra Township? Do you have items to display in our office? We have space in our lobby to display your items! Contact Lisa 519-485-2490 ext 231 or [lteeple@zorra.on.ca](mailto:lteeple@zorra.on.ca) for more information! Right now we are displaying pottery from A Pear of Potters in Thamesford, wood items from Kintore Custom Hardwoods, The Watermelon Shield by Rose & Hope MacCallum in Thamesford, Kintore Coffee, Harrington & Area Community Association 2018 Calendars, a wall clock by Russnor Designs in Embro, and a waterfall coffee table by Big Ass Slabs! Drop by our office and see what we have to offer! #ShopLocal



# Brooksdale Women's Institute and Our Legacy



For ninety-five years Brooksdale Women's Institute, a branch of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, has offered opportunities to the people of this community in (West) Zorra Township, Oxford County, aligned with the FWIO motto "For Home and Country".

BWI offered "comfort boxes" for our soldiers, leadership programs for short courses, 4-H programs, executive positions, and floats for the Embro Fair parade, as well as exhibits and prize money. Fundraisers took the form of catering the Zorra Caledonian Society's Haggis Supper for 25 years, euchre games, and fashion shows. With these finances, BWI supported the Women's Institute scholarship program, the Red Cross, the Canadian Cancer Society, the CNIB, the Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society and its Ambassador program, War Memorial Children's Hospital/Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, Ronald MacDonald House, Save the Children Fund, Canadian Mental Health Association, Oxford Family & Children's Services, Art In The Classroom, 4-H, ZHPPS by donating three sewing machines as well as sports uniforms, the Embro Community Center, Cambrocourt landscaping, the Township of Zorra Fire & Emergency Services. BWI remembered new babies in our community, and the sick and shut-ins. BWI members served Oxford District Women's Institute, London Area Women's Institute, and FWIO in many positions, and were proud to be part of FWIO lobbying efforts which started with the mandatory pasteurization of milk sold in the province and led to important innovations such as flashing lights on school buses. Many boxes of yarn and craft materials supported our sisters in the Caribbean, while other boxes of supplies helped the life-saving work of midwives in South America. Memorial donations honouring past members have contributed to the upkeep of the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead and the Erland Lee Museum, both National Historic Sites memorializing the founding of Women's Institutes. BWI dedicated the Youngsville plaque in 1984. The value of the initiatives and work undertaken by the women of this community, their contributions to its growth and development, the joy of the social interactions, and the fun experienced, cannot be expressed.

The Tweedsmuir History Books are records of communities, preserved over the years by Women's

Institute branches everywhere. BWI's legacy is our Tweedsmuir Community History Books, which record the activities of the Brooksdale community, the family farms, and our people. Scrapbooking became important to the Tweedsmuir Books as clippings from local newspapers were collected, recording the activities and life moments, big and small, of generations, with photos and print.

These Tweedsmuir Community Books are now closed, following the formal motion to disband Brooksdale Women's Institute on March 13, 2018. This was the final action of a process undertaken with care and attention to ensure that the books could be closed in both a literal and a figurative sense. The task of digitizing all forty-one of BWI's Community History Books, and its Minute Books, will be complete in the very near future. Following a process, these pages will be made available on the World Wide Web, as part of FWIO's Virtual Archives, which will allow for present and future generations to research the Brooksdale community and its people. BWI's written records and its Tweedsmuir Books have been delivered to the Oxford County Archives where they will be stored. The Archives will also house the digitized books on USB sticks; these items continue to be the property of FWIO.

We, the members of the former Brooksdale Women's Institute, are very proud of our Brooksdale Tweedsmuir Community History Books, the historical record of Brooksdale, its people and its community. This is BWI's legacy to the community which we have served "For Home and Country".

Tweedsmuir books from across the province, once digitized, are being added to FWIO's Virtual Archives, and thus made accessible as valuable research tools. Their importance has been recognized by Library and Archives Canada, which has now provided funds in the amount of \$100,000 per year for three years to help FWIO digitize more Tweedsmuir collections and other record books.

For more information about Women's Institutes, FWIO, or to access a branch near you, please see [www.fwio.on.ca](http://www.fwio.on.ca). To learn about FWIO's affiliate, the Associated Country Women of the World, which encompasses nine million women in four hundred and twelve societies in seventy-seven countries, go to [www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk).



# WELCOMES NEW CURATOR

The Board of Directors at Beachville District Museum welcomes Dr. Stephanie Radu to the position of full-time curator. Stephanie received her B.A.H. from the University of Guelph and holds a Ph.D. in Art & Visual Culture from the University of Western Ontario. She is an art historian by training and focuses her research on house museums in Canada. Stephanie serves on the Advisory Board at Banting House NHSC and is affiliated with Museum London as a member of its Material Culture

Acquisitions Committee. In her new role, she is enthusiastic about sprucing up the museum's permanent displays and making its collection more accessible. Stephanie says, "The Museum has the potential to grow as a site for local gatherings, community storytelling and education." In March, the museum grounds served as the location of Beachville Parks and Recreation's annual egg hunt. Stephanie reports that summer program planning is underway and "it won't be long before registration for the museum's Summer Camp is open." Keep informed about these events, and activities at the museum, through its Facebook page or on Twitter (@BeachvilleDM). Better yet, plan a trip to the museum and introduce yourself to the new curator. She can't wait to meet the community and hear more about the history of the region.

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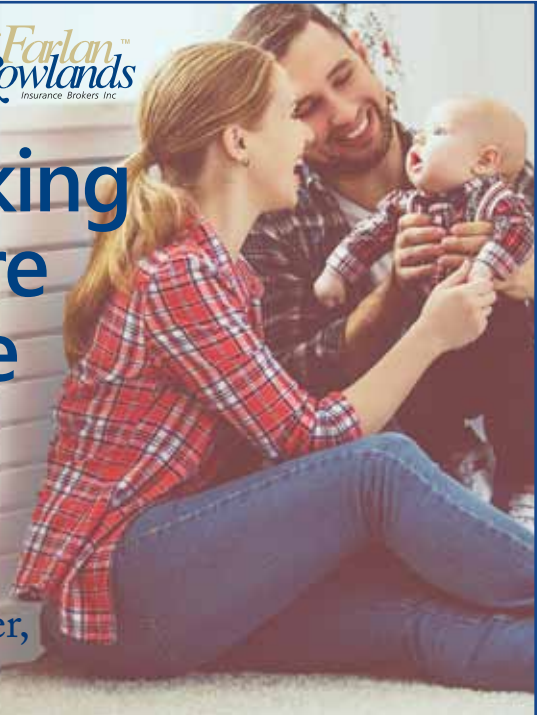
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