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Another BEAUTIFUL photo submitted during our photo contest. Photo taken on Hwy 19 in Zorra Township.
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Message from the Mayor

School summer break is over and buses, bikes, and walkers are on the roads and sidewalks. Harvest is also well underway with tractors moving from field to field. So please keep an eye out for your neighbours!

In the Spring Zorra Now, I wrote that "it is Council's job to listen to residents, listen to staff, and advocate and write good policy that will leave the Township better for our children." Since then Council has developed a new 2018-2022 Strategic Plan to achieve progress on the issues that you told us matter most to you. The Strategic Plan is the guiding policy document for Council and Staff for this term of Council and Staff will now develop a work plan and begin planning budgets around this Strategic Plan. The entire Plan is available on the Township website.

The Province's Regional Government Review is ongoing and I (still) wish I could tell you more about it, but I have been given no more firm information despite a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs in May. Both Zorra and Oxford Councils have taken a position that while we are interested in participating in the review to find better ways to deliver services, we are in favour of the current two tier structure. All of the area municipalities (including Zorra and Oxford) have undertaken a service delivery review to examine how services are delivered now and by who, and if there are more effective, efficient ways to deliver them in the future. A #madeinOxford solution will be best for Oxford and Zorra.

The Township is still working on potential plans for the former Maple Leaf property in Thamesford. The intent of the Thamesford Redevelopment is to achieve the type of growth that will make living and doing business in Zorra better. We need more variety of housing, and every new property tax payer means less pressure on existing property tax payers. At this stage the Township has entered into a conditional agreement of purchase and sale with Maple Leaf Foods Inc. for the Township to acquire the 121-acre parcel of land. The deal with Maple Leaf is contingent upon the municipality receiving signed offers of purchase and sale from developer(s) meeting the criteria set out in a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the Township. The goals in the Strategic Plan mentioned above are the main guide to criteria in the RFP. Staff continue to work hard on this and Iam cautiously optimistic that we may be able to proceed with something this year.

Zorra has many Committees to engage with residents and find new and better ways forward on a wide variety of issues. There is the Zorra Local School Committee, Zorra Splash Committee, Zorra Community Policing Committee, and the Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee. While all of the Committees are full of volunteer residents, all of their meetings are completely open to the public to attend (just like Council meetings). So if you have an idea, or an issue, or a question, please consider attending a committee meeting. All of the committee meeting schedules and agendas are available on the Township website. It's a great way to do your part.

We continue to strive to make Zorra better by doing our part. Zorra is progressive, environmentally conscious, economically strong, and prosperous.

Check in on the website, follow the Township on Facebook or Twitter, phone or email Staff or Council: we want to hear from you.

Join us, and add to your community by doing your part!

Marcus Ryan

TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA PUBLIC WORKS

Brush, Leaf and Yard Waste Depot

Zorra has a Depot for brush, leaf and yard waste. Located across the road from the Kintore Public Works Shop at 783045 Road 78, just east of Highway 19.

Acceptable materials include: fruits & vegetables, garden hedge & tree trimmings, grass, leaves, Halloween pumpkins, house & garden plants, brush (not longer than six feet), Christmas Trees.

Unacceptable materials include: garbage, old fencing, plastic bags, hazardous waste, top soil, rocks and stumps.

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

Construction Zone Sign Clarification

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

Township of Zorra Staff Update

Zorra TOWNSHIP DOING OUR PART

On April 5, 2019, after 14.5 years of dedicated service to Zorra Township, Aden Corcoran retired as the Director of Public Works. We wish Aden all the best in retirement and we will miss him greatly.

The Township has been extremely grateful to have a seamless transition with Steve Oliver taking over as Acting Director of Public Works. Steve has worked for the Township of Zorra in the Public Works Department since 2001 and became the Foreman of the Embro Public Works Shop in 2007. Scott Simmons has taken over as Acting Foreman for the Embro Public Works Shop.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Ontario Regulation 397/11 requires all municipalities to:

1. Report on their annual energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in designated buildings/facilities; and
2. Develop, implement and revise a 5-year energy conservation and demand management plans (CDM)

The Township has completed both requirements and the 2019 Annual report and the 2019-2024 5-year energy conservation and demand management plan can both be found on the Township's website: http://www.zorra.ca/Our-Services/Utilities-Suppliers

BUILDING & DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT

BUILDING

Obtaining a Building Permit in Zorra:

Fill out a Building Permit Application, either in person at the Township Office or online www.zorra.ca
In addition to the completed application form, applicants must also submit building drawings, plans and other documents to the Township of Zorra for processing. A detailed description of the planned work and intended occupancy, identification of the building lot or site, a valuation of the proposed work including materials and labour costs are required.

Building Permit Fees:

Residential: (including new homes, additions, renovations , decks) – $100.00 + 0.40/sq. ft.
Agricultural: (including coveralls, barns, storage sheds, workshops) – $100.00 + 0.20/sq. ft.
Sheds: $50.00 flat rate
Swimming Pools: $100.00
Demolition Permit: $50.00
A full list of Building Permit Fees are located on our website, www.zorra.ca
A Building Permit is NOT required for a fence.

Failure to obtain a Building Permit will result in a penalty of double the permit fee, as per the Township of Zorra's Building By-law.

SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEMS

The Township Building Department now oversees the private sanitary sewage system (septic system) approvals for Zorra. Historically, Southwestern Public Health managed this function, however it has been passed on to the Township to manage. If you have questions or concerns regarding these approvals contact the Building Department.

DRAINAGE

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 out letting 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 prepare 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. 7224 mhughes@zorra.ca

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PARKING

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

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

ORVs and ATVs remain NOT PERMITTED on Zorra Township and Oxford County Roads.

WINTER PARKING

Please be advised that the winter parking restrictions will be enforced starting November 15th and remain in place until March 31, 2020 in accordance with By-law 7-95. For snow removal purposes, parking is not permitted on any road or street from 1:00am to 8:00am 7 days a week during this period. Any vehicle owner found in violation of this by-law could be fined or have their vehicle removed/towed at owners expense. The set fine for this violation is set at $50.

LEAVES/SNOW REMOVAL ONTO ROADWAYS

The autumn season is quickly approaching and therefore the leaves will begin to fall. As a reminder to all residents, depositing your leaves onto the roadway and sidewalk is dangerous and is a contravention of the Township By-laws. If you wish to drop off your yard waste, visit the County of Oxford website to view all brush, leaf and yard waste depot locations. Pushing or placing any leaves, snow or ice or any other obstruction of a roadway is an offence that carries a Provincial Offences Fine of $105.00.

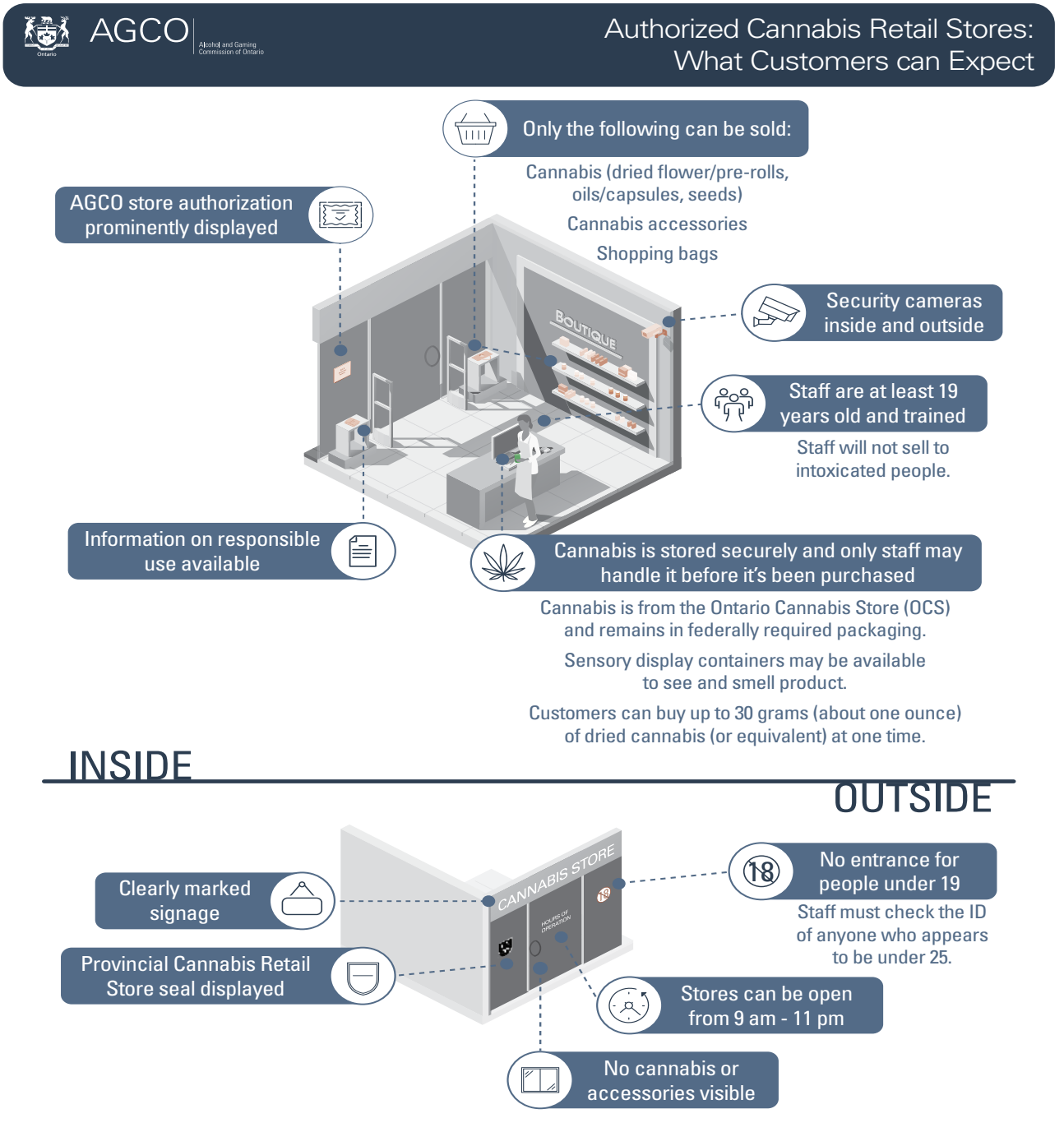
KEEPING PROPERTIES CLEAN AND CLEAR

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

Any questions about any of the Township of Zorra's by-law should be addressed to
Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer
519-485-2490 ext. 7230, or mpaul@zorra.ca

CANNABIS

On July 3, 2019 the Ontario Government announced a second AGCO lottery to operate 50 additional cannabis stores in the Province, with 11 being permitted in the West Region. All municipalities that did not opt out of cannabis retail stores are eligible, regardless of population. Zorra Township did not opt out and are therefore eligible to host a cannabis retail store on any retail zoned property. The Township prepared a Cannabis Retail Policy Statement to assist staff in responding to potential applications during the 15-day window for public and Township comments. In addition to the provincial 150-meter buffer area for cannabis stores to keep separated from schools, Township staff will be recommending a 70-meter buffer zone from various sensitive land uses such as public parks, playgrounds, libraries, churches and existing beer and liquor stores. Although the cannabis policy statement will form the basis of Township input provided to the AGCO through the public input process, it does not mean that it will influence the final decision to approve or not approve a retail licence for a store location.



Concerns or inquiries regarding authorized cannabis retail stores can be submitted online at **www.agco.ca/iagco**

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

BURNING REGULATIONS

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

Open Air Burning

Zorra Township requires a Permanent Fire Permit process for open air burning. Open air burning is a burn that is exposed to the atmosphere and/or not wholly enclosed in a container. This process involves a one-time application which will reduce the effort required to set up permission for an open air burn. All applications will be reviewed by the Fire Chief and upon approval, the applicant will be able to proceed with open air burns by calling into dispatch directly to report the burn details. Visit our website at www.zorra.ca to review the application form and conditions for the permit, then complete your application! NO OPEN AIR BURNING WITHIN THE VILLAGES OF EMBRO, THAMESFORD & ANY BUILT UP AREAS.

Recreation Burning

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

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

- You may have a campfire only between the hours of 4:00pm and midnight, after which time you are required to fully extinguish the fire.
- No materials other than dry firewood (NO Burning of brush, leaves etc.), commercially produced charcoal and briquettes may be burned.
- Campfires shall be confined to non-combustible containers or to a pit no larger than two feet by two feet with flames not exceeding two feet in height.
- The campfire shall be confined to a location at minimum of 15 feet in all directions from adjacent properties, structures or combustibles.
- If you have a campfire, you must have an extinguishing agent of sufficient size (water) immediately available at all times.
- The fire shall be attended, controlled and supervised at all times.
- Campfires are prohibited when the wind speed exceeds fifteen kilometres per hour or during rainy or foggy weather conditions or when a smog alert or fire ban has been declared.

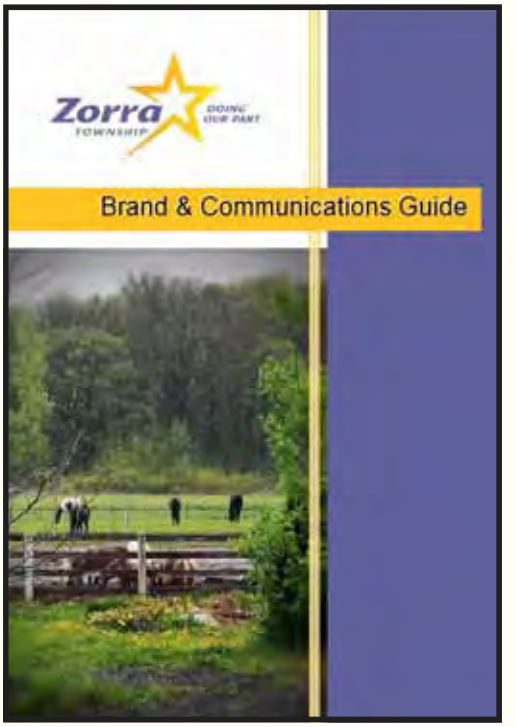
FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS:

Uniondale Firefighters Chicken BBQ
Thursday, September 5 - 4:30 to 7:30pm
Brown's Corners Church $20.00 per meal
Advance sales only

Thamesford Fire Fighters Annual Breakfast
Sunday November 17 - 9:00am-1:00pm
Adults $10, Children $5. Tickets available at the door

Zorra Brand & Communications Guide

For all your questions about the Township brand, the story behind the brand or the use of the Township logo



At the July 17, 2019 council meeting, the Township of Zorra Council adopted the Township's new Brand and Communications Guide!

The Brand and Communications Guide implements a corporate communications strategy for the Township of Zorra. The guide provides direction for the use of the Township logo, images, brand, fonts and style for all Township-related materials and communications.

The guide is to be used as a reference document for both Township staff and the residents of Zorra. The guide is available on the Township website.

2019 Spring Photo Contest

Jill Parkhill, 2019 Spring Photo Contest WINNER

In June this year, we asked residents to submit their best SPRING PHOTOS showcasing our beautiful Township for a chance to win a Zorra Prize Pack! Congratulations to **Jill Parkhill** - winner of Zorra's Spring Photo Contest!!

With 43 submissions it was a difficult decision to pick just one winner! Mayor Ryan chose the winning photo and also selected 2 "runner-ups."

Zorra staff & Council would like to thank everyone who submitted photos - your participation in our contest is one small way to show that you are an active and engaged member of our community. Thanks for doing your part!!

Congratulations

to the 2019 Spring Photo Contest WINNERS:

- 1st Place - **Jill Parkhill**
- Runner-up - **Jillynn Markle**
- Runner-up - **Monique Koot**

Winning photo

Runner-up

Runner-up

The pictures that were submitted will be used in Zorra's publications & other documents throughout the year - so keep an eye out for your photos!

TAX DEPARTMENT

The Final 2019 Tax Bills were mailed in July, if you have NOT received your bill, please contact Kelly Hall immediately.

The 3rd Instalment is due August 30, 2019 and the 4th and final Instalment is due October 31, 2019.

Payment Options:

- Cash, Cheque or Debit accepted at the office
- On-Line or Telephone banking – to setup your property taxes as a bill payment, go to 'add a bill' and search for "Zorra". Select Zorra Township Tax and enter the Roll Number from your tax bill as your account number. Use your 15-digit roll number on your tax bill, example 011-090-25600-0000, you would enter this as 01109025600. If an error occurs, please add the extra four zeros at the end and try again.
- Monthly Pre-Authorized Payment Plan, either on the instalment dates, 10 or 12 month plan.

Any tax questions or inquiries, please direct them to
Kelly Hall at 519-485-2490 ext 7222 or khall@zorra.ca

FINANCE *Community Grants Program*

Volunteer organizations provide many services and complete a variety of community-minded projects for the citizens of the Township of Zorra. To assist these organizations in completing their activities, the Township of Zorra offers financial assistance through the annual Community Grants Program. Applications are due by October 31 each year and approved through the annual budget process. Details of the program and application form can be found on the Township of Zorra website at www.zorra.ca

Ontario Provincial Police

Below are some simple steps to help reduce the number of stolen vehicles and protect you as the vehicle owner:

- Do not leave your keys in your vehicle.
- Do not leave your vehicle running.
- Lock your vehicle.
- Treat your keys like cash - Don't leave keys in places where they are easy to steal such as a gym locker, on your desk at work, in an open purse or unattended in a shopping cart.
- Never leave anything in your vehicle in plain view such as loose change, cell phones, cameras, clothing, gifts, cigarettes, medication, firearms or any other valuables.
- Install a remote car starter - Remote starters are designed to shut off if anyone attempts to drive the vehicle without a key. This will allow you to warm up your car without risk of theft.

Theft is a crime of opportunity that you can help control -- **#PocketYourKeys**

The Oxford County OPP is once again urging the motoring public to be alert and aware of their surroundings after police investigated several vehicle collisions involving deer.

Deer-vehicle collision rates increase significantly 1.5 hours on either side of sunset and sunrise. Although there is often signage to warn motorists of higher deer-travelled areas, motorists need to be aware in all areas. Deer don't limit their activity on rural roads. The animals have been known to cross the busy roadways as well. If you suddenly have a deer in your path, we encourage drivers to stay in control, reduce as much speed as possible, and whatever you do, steer straight. Don't veer for the deer. By changing your direction quickly, you increase the risk of losing control, running off the roadway and rolling your vehicle. This increases the likelihood of sustaining greater damage to your vehicle and serious injury.

Some other helpful hints to ensure a safe journey during this time of year are as follows:

- Look all around, not just straight ahead. Deer will often run across the road from ditches and protected areas such as stream corridors and woodlots.
- Where you see one deer, expect more. Deer often travel in herds.
- Slow down. The slower you go, the more time you have to react should you encounter a deer
- Deer can move across roads at any time of the day or year but anticipate higher deer movements in the fall and around sunrise & sunset.
- Watch for glowing eyes of deer at night
- Don't veer for deer. Should a deer run into the path of your vehicle, reduce your speed quickly, steer straight and stay in control.
- Remove all distractions. Give yourself the best chance possible to see and predict where deer might go.
- Buckle up. If you need to stop in a hurry, you want your body restrained to prevent unnecessary injury or possibly death.

TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA COMMITTEES

Zorra Local School Committee

In 2017, the Township of Zorra approved the formation of the Zorra Local School Committee (ZLSC). The committee comprises of five community members, Councillor Katie Davies and Mayor Marcus Ryan. 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.

ZLSC meetings are held on a quarterly basis on the third Monday of the month at 10:30am at the Township office. ZLSC has one more meeting for the 2019 year and it is scheduled for Monday, October 21.

Zorra Community Policing Committee

The Zorra Community Policing Committee (ZCPC) advises Zorra Council on all aspects of the provisions of police related matters in the Township of Zorra and promotes and maintains communication with the public on such matters. The committee comprises of eight community members, Councillor Katie Davies and Mayor Marcus Ryan. The committee recently supported and provided input to Council on the Township's Decoy Police Car Pilot Project.

ZCPC meetings are held on a quarterly basis on the third Monday of the month at 6:00pm at the Township office. ZCPC has one more meeting for the 2019 year and it is scheduled for Monday, October 21st.

**** Special ZCPC meeting Tuesday September 17, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Thamesford Library, Beaty Room to discuss traffic calming.**

****Committee Information Flash:** You can report speeding and other non-emergency situations to the Ontario Provincial Police by calling 1-888-310-1122 or *OPP on your cell phone. Add this number to your contacts NOW so you will have quick access when needed! The more information you can provide to the OPP, the better! For example, Make/model of car, licence plate, company name for commercial vehicles, etc.

Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee

The Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee (ZRAC) is the Township of Zorra's longest standing advisory committee. The committee comprises of eight community members, Councillor Steve MacDonald, Councillor Paul Mitchell and Mayor Marcus Ryan. 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.

ZRAC meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month, excluding the months of July, August and December when no ZRAC meetings are held. The meetings are held at 7:00pm at various Township facilities. The upcoming 2019 ZRAC meeting schedule is as follows:

- September 23 at Harrington Hall
- October 28 at the Beaty Room in the Thamesford Library
- November 25 at the Embro-Zorra Community Centre

Zorra Splash Committee

The Zorra Splash Committee has joined the Zorra Committee forces! In April this year, Council supported the formation of a Zorra committee to promote a potential splash pad in the Village of Embro. The committee promotes the construction of an Embro splash pad by encouraging community support for the project, leading community fundraising efforts, and work alongside staff to provide advice to Council on the plan, design and construction of the potential Embro splash pad.

The committee comprises of six community members, Councillor Steve MacDonald, and Mayor Marcus Ryan. The committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Embro-Zorra Community Centre. The upcoming 2019 Zorra Splash Committee meeting schedule is as follows:

September 26 • October 24

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

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

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RECREATION PROGRAM CALENDAR
FALL 2019

EMBRO ZORRA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Shinny *(1:00-2:00pm)* Public Skating *(2:00-3:00pm)*		Walk & Talk *(9:30-11:30am)* Adult Skate *(9:30-10:30am)* Parent & Tot Skate *(10:30 - 11:30am)*	Adult Shinny *(10:00-11:30am)*	Shinny *(4:30-5:30pm)*		

THAMESFORD DISTRICT RECREATION CENTRE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Public Skating *(2:00-3:00pm)*	Adult Shinny *(10:00-11:30am)*	Shinny (5:00-6:00pm)		Walk & Talk *(9:30-11:30am)* Adult Skate *(9:30-10:30am)* Parent & Tot Skate *(10:30 - 11:30am)* Pickleball *(6:30-9:00pm)*	Pickleball *(9:00-12:00pm)*	Shinny (3:30-4:30pm)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Public Skating *(starts Oct 6th)*
Spend time with your friends and family on the ice! There's no better way to spend your afternoon!

Parent & Tot Skate *(starts Oct 1st & 3rd)*
A time to bring your pre-school children out for a quiet skate. Strollers permitted & skate aides are available.

Adult Skate *(starts Oct 1st & 3rd)*
Enjoy a skate around the rink during this adult-only drop in program.

Pickleball *(starts Sept. 3rd & 4th)*
Come out and play the fastest rising sport in North America! A great low-impact activity for players of all ages and abilities. Beginners welcome!

Walk & Talk (*currently on now!*) **FREE!**
If you're looking for a chat over coffee or a space to walk out of the elements, join us for Walk & Talk!

Shinny *(starts Oct 1st, 3rd & 5th)*
This recreational program allows everyone of all ages and abilities to get out on the ice and play together in a non-competitive environment. Required equipment include skates, helmet, stick and hockey gloves.

Adult Shinny *(starts Sept. 30th & Oct.2nd)*
This program is non-contact, adults-only, pick up hockey. Helmet, skates, gloves and stick are the only equipment required!

ADMISSION RATES:

$3.00/person $8.00/family*

Shinny Rates:
$5.00/person $13.00/family*

**family rate includes up to 6 members of an immediate family who reside at the same address*

Zorra Recreation Department

BOOK WITH US!

reception halls

Located at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre or the Embro Zorra Community Centre, our large halls can hold up to **300 people** and are the ideal location for your wedding reception, stag and doe or family reunion! Equipped with a full size commercial kitchen, tables, chairs, a PA system and a generous amount of tableware are just a few of the many amenities that we offer.

For smaller events, the Beaty Room in Thamesford and the Small Hall in the Embro Zorra Community Centre is an ideal location for a variety of events, such as business meetings and bridal showers! With a capacity of up to **100 people**, these halls also include tables, chairs, and access to a well stocked and inspected kitchen.

Consider renting at some of Zorra's historical locations for your special event. The Embro Town Hall or the Harrington Community Centre facilities boast a rich heritage and a unique setting for your event. With capacities between **50 – 100** and many of the amenities you can enjoy at our other facilities, these beautiful space will provide an experience you can't find anywhere else!

For more info & to book these rooms & all other recreation spaces, please email us at **booking@zorra.ca**

Rental room rates can also be found online at www.zorra.ca

PUBLIC SKATING SPONSORSHIPS

The Recreation Department is looking for businesses who would like to help support free access to our Public Skating programs in your community. Skating is an integral part of this community. Skating gives families, groups and individuals the opportunity to be active throughout the winter months while building memories in their own community.

Consider supporting your community by sponsoring a public skate. Your **$120.00 sponsorship fee** will include advertisement through all Township social media platforms, in our recreation facilities, and in the Zorra Now magazine. Contact Stephanie Starchuck at sstarchuck@zorra.ca for more information!

WE'RE HIRING!!

The Recreation Department is now hiring for the following seasonal positions in our recreation facilities for the 2019-2020 season:

- **Canteen Staff**
- **Gate Attendant**
- **Facility Attendant**

Please review full job applications at **www.zorra.ca** All applicants must submit resumes by **Friday**, **September 13, 2019.**

Township of Zorra
2019-2021 Dog Tag Campaign

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

Save Time, Apply Online! www.zorra.ca

If your dog has a 2016-2018 tag, it is no longer valid. A new tag can be purchased at the Township office. Avoid a possible fine ($125.00) by registering your dog today.

The process for registering dogs with the Township changed in 2016. We no longer have representatives going door-to-door to sell dog tags. The onus is on the dog owner to have their dog registered with the Township. The price for a dog tag remains unchanged at $15.00 per dog per year and we have **raised the maximum number of dogs from 2 to 3 on all Zorra residential properties**. Online forms are available www.zorra.ca or you can contact the office by email dogtag@zorra.ca or by phone 519-485-2490 Ext 7221 for your new tag. Payment methods include cash, cheque, debit, or charge to taxes. **Failure to obtain a dog tag may result in a fine of $125.00.**

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

Animal Care and Control By-law 43-15

- Requires all dogs over **3 months** of age to be licensed with the Township.
- **Failure to register your dog may result in a fine of $125.**
- A valid tag will assist animal control staff in returning your dog should it become separated from you.
- A maximum of **3 dogs** are permitted in each residential dwelling.
- Prohibits or regulates the running at large of dogs within the Township of Zorra. All dogs in Zorra must be kept on a leash when not on the owner's property. If a dog strays it can be impounded and its owners can be fined for "permitting a dog to run at large." The dog that is impounded is not being punished but rather protected.
- To protect individuals and other pets from disease, Zorra requires that any person who owns, harbours or possesses a dog shall immediately remove and sanitarily dispose of any feces (droppings) of the dog. Failure to do so may result in the owner being fined.
- Canine Service Animals, Livestock Guardian Dogs, Police Working Dogs, and Dangerous Dogs shall only be licensed at the Township Administration Office.
- Kennel licenses can be issued to Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) members only and proof of valid CKC membership is required. Kennel licenses will now also require an approved Site Plan, must adhere to minimum standards, and will be subject to an annual inspection. Kennel licenses are issued at the Township office only.
- Tags for dangerous dogs will be issued in person at the Township office only.
- All dog owners must adhere to the minimum health and general well-being standards.
- **Provincial Legislation requires that all dogs have current rabies vaccinations.**
- All animal bites should be immediately reported to the Oxford County Board of Health at 519-539-9800.
- By-Law 69-12 Noise By-law. Barking dogs are an annoyance and a nuisance. Barking falls under the Noise By-Law which is enforced by the Zorra By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Pay with debit at the office!

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

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

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Township of Zorra
2019-2021 Dog Tag Application

Save Time, Apply Online! www.zorra.ca

Name of Owner: _____

Full Address, including 911 number and mailing address: _____

_____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

☐ If you no longer have a dog, please notify the Township Office at 519-485-2490 ext 221 or by email: dogtag@zorra.ca

Name of Dog 1: _____

Colour: _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____

Gender: Male / Female (circle one)

Tag Fee: $15.00 per dog

Twp Only: Tag # Assigned: _____

Name of Dog 2: _____

Colour: _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____

Gender: Male / Female (circle one)

Tag Fee: $15.00 per dog

Twp Only: Tag # Assigned: _____

Name of Dog 3: _____

Colour: _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____

Gender: Male / Female (circle one)

Tag Fee: $15.00 per dog

Twp Only: Tag # Assigned: _____

(office use only)

Payment Received: $_____

Cash cheque Debit Taxes

Roll No: _____

☐ Owner certifies that rabies vaccination is up-to-date for all dogs listed.
☐ Owner certifies that dog(s) has not been declared a Dangerous Dog.
☐ Owner gives consent to release name & phone number if dog is found.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Personal information contained on this form is collected pursuant to *The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of PrivacyAct*,and will be used for the purpose of Dog Licensing and Canine Control.Questions about this collection should be directed to The Corporation of the Township of Zorra, 274620 27th Line, PO Box 306, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5. Phone 519-485-2490 Ext 7228.

All Zorra Township's phone numbers and staff extensions will be changing as of September 9, 2019. In order to better serve the public, all Zorra services will be accessed through our main number **519-485-2490**. All Township facilities and staff will now have four-digit extensions that can be reached by calling our main number. Zorra is participating with the County of Oxford, Township of South-West Oxford and the Towns of Ingersoll and Tillsonburg in this shared phone system that will see call transferring available between municipalities and Oxford County. Below is the list of extensions for all employees, Councillors and facilities:

Position	Name		Extension
Mayor	Marcus	Ryan	7200
Ward 1 Councillor	Ron	Forbes	7201
Ward 2 Councillor	Katie	Davies	7202
Ward 3 Councillor	Paul	Mitchell	7203
Ward 4 Councillor	Steve	MacDonald	7204
Financial Services Clerk	Jenna	Belleau	7221
Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer	Kelly	Hall	7222
Recreation and Facilities Program Coordinator	Stephanie	Starchuck	7223
Chief Building Official/Drainage Superintendent	Mike	Hughes	7224
Director of Finance	Maureen	Simmons	7225
Chief Administrative Officer	Don	MacLeod	7226
Director of Public Works (Acting)	Steve	Oliver	7227
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk	Karen	Martin	7228
Records Management Coordinator/ Executive Assistant	Lisa	Teeple	7231
Planner	Meghan	House	7237
Fire Chief	John	McFarlan	7240
By-law Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector	Matt	Paul	7230
Recreation and Facilities Manager	Matt	Brown	7243

Facility	Extension
Thamesford District Recreation Centre	7245
Embro Zorra Community Centre	7251
Kintore Public Works Shop	7260
Embro Public Works Shop	7265
Embro Fire Station (not monitored)	7270
Thamesford Fire Station (not monitored)	7275
Uniondale Fire Station (not monitored)	7280
Thamesford Pool (seasonal)	7285

The Zorra Caledonian Society proudly hosts the 83rd annual

St. Andrew's Night Banquet

Friday November 29, 2019
Embro Zorra Community Centre
Doors Open 6:00 pm
Dinner at 6:45 pm

Entertainment by
Sim School of Highland Dance &
Ingersoll Pipe Band

Guest Entertainer
Kiley Joe Masson
& his 3 Piece Band

Tickets $40 each
For tickets call or text 289-501-4411
info@embrohighlandgames.ca

Catered meal by Janice Mitchell
Licenced

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

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

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Zorra TOWNSHIP DOING OUR PART

Awards

SENIOR OF THE YEAR

Ruth Calder is out nearly everyday making people happy through her gift of music and we would like to nominate her for volunteer of the year. These are just a few places we know of: Organist Thamesford United Church for 35 years, Organist now for Lakeside Anglican Church Supply, Organist for Thorndale United Church, Music for Thamesford Lions Club Christmas Carol Sing, two hour dinner music twice a month for Riverside retirement home, Plays for sing-along every month at Riverside retirement home & Royal Cliff retirement home. Plays for a program at Kingsway Lodge eight months a year, Plays for the seniors at Dorchester Terrace, Plays for church twice a month at Woodingford lodge, Ingersoll. Plays for the memorial service four times a year at Woodingford. Plus many weddings and funerals. **Congratulations Ruth on being awarded Senior of the year and thanks for #doingyourpart!**

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Janice Ferguson has served as the Secretary of the Beachville District Historical Society and is the Chairperson of a newly formed Outreach Committee at Beachville District Museum. Through a friendly manner, focused planning and faith in the Museum's future, she has grown the Speaker Series Program by over 400% in attendance. She instigated the installation of three exhibits covering local histories from Zorra at the Museum and has coordinated several more talks and exhibits for 2019. Janice is tireless in her efforts to see the site upgraded for the enjoyment of future generations of Zorra residents, inspiring upgrades to the security system, the grounds, and gardens. She is fearless, generous and tireless in her advocacy of Zorra's heritage and the Museum's resources. Janice has donated more energy and hours to these causes than we can ever thank her for. **Congratulations Janice on being awarded Volunteer of the year and thanks for #doingyourpart!**

CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS Ellie Teeple

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is a non-profit association representing the interests of municipal engineers in Ontario who are employed as professional engineers at Ontario Municipalities and other provincial agencies serving in the Engineering/Public Works field. The MEA values the contribution of all municipal employees, is committed to the continued technical excellence of our future municipal engineers, is sensitive to serving the community and the need for effective communication skills. This is the 12th consecutive year the MEA is awarding bursaries to children/dependents of municipal employees and elected councillors. The MEA received numerous applications for bursaries and has concluded its review process. We are pleased to advise that Ellie Teeple, whose mother (Lisa Teeple) is employed by the Township of Zorra, is being awarded a MEA Bursary!! **Congratulations, Ellie and thanks for #doingyourpart!**

CERTIFICATE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT Bronwyn Turvey and Maxwell Bish

Bronwyn Turvey and Maxwell Bish are two children that have been studying Highland Dance with Sherry Sim since they were three years old. They are now 12. That longevity in their skill development itself is remarkable. Both Bronwyn and Maxwell will be representing the area in Scotland again this year. They are both medal winners several times overseas, having travelled to Scotland to compete many times since 2013.

Bronwyn is Sherry's most recent nominee for SDTA (Scottish Teachers of Dance Association) scholarships and she will be travelling to Seattle this fall to represent us. She was selected for her excellence in exams by the overseas examiner. Maxwell represented us at this event last year. Maxwell has earned several championship titles throughout Northamerica.

Both of these children demonstrate a passion to their culture and a dedication to their community through their involvement in shows at nursing homes, hospitals and many other events. **Congratulations Bronwyn & Maxwell and thanks for #doingyourpart!**

Volunteer & Senior Appreciation Breakfast & Free Skate

Friday, September 27, 2019

Embro-Zorra Community Centre
Drop-in breakfast: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Skate: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

The Township of Zorra would like to recognize, celebrate and thank the many volunteers and seniors that we have in our community! One generous act can have a huge impact and improve quality of life. We appreciate you doing your part for Zorra!

There will be information available about the Township of Zorra's volunteer opportunities for those interested in volunteering or students in need of community service.

Please RSVP by September 13 to Kelly Hall at khall@zorra.ca or call 519-485-2490 x7222.

Don't forget to wear ZORRA COLOURS!

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SORTING GUIDE

Oxford County
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ALUMINUM ITEMS
- Aluminum/steel food and beverage cans
- Tin foil (no food residue)
- Aluminum trays
- Tin cans

CONTAINERS
- Pop bottles and milk/juice cartons
- Yogurt containers
- Laundry detergent and shampoo bottles
- Glass jars
- Spiral-wound containers
- Frozen juice containers

PAPER ITEMS
- Newspaper, flyers
- Egg cartons
- Boxboard/cardboard must be bundled no larger than 75cm x 75cm x 20cm and 20kg

OTHER
- Small thermoform, meat trays, and take-out containers
- Empty and dry paint and aerosol cans (lids off)
- Film plastic (together)

Still not sure if it's recyclable? Go to **wasteline.ca** and use the **What Goes Where** search tool.

ISE predicts winter weather in Zorra

While the weather isn't predictable, you can expect that you will need to zip your parka closed come February.

Students in Zorra, however, could be zipping off in winter to Spain, Italy, Germany, France or Switzerland to enjoy the company of a new best friend matched through an exchange with International Student Exchange (ISE) Ontario. You are sure to find new ways to live while there and to return home brimming with ideas which could results in an award of $1000. Better, you get to share the extreme pleasure of introducing their winter host to your family, friends and school in the following fall. The warm feelings will be both climatic and heartfelt.

Information on exchanges through non-profit ISE Ontario, and Future Oxford's generous bursary are available through bryansmith@iseontario.on.ca. Now is a great time for 13 to 17 year-old students to apply!

Bon voyage! Stay warm!

ZORRA TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY LINK FALL 2019

Oxford County Library
connect. discover. share. become.

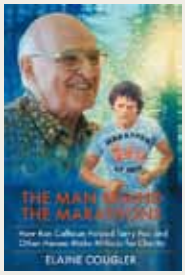
Tech Day with Nick Bastian

Harrington Library
Magic Wands Workshop

November 15th @ 1pm.
Suitable for kids aged 9 and up.

Pre-registering is recommended as there is limited space.

Book Launch - Thamesford Library
Thursday October 10 from 6:30-8:30pm



Author, Elaine Cougler's latest book The Man Behind the Marathons : How Ron Calhoun Helped Terry Fox and Others Make Millions for Charity.
Join us as we listen to her read a few excerpts, hear some of Elaine's interviews with Ron Calhoun and enjoy some light refreshments.
This is a public event, all are welcome.

Please let the Thamesford Library know if you would like to attend.

Oxford Reads Paint Night

Harrington Library

Wednesday October 16 at 7pm
Cost is $5/per person to cover the cost of supplies.
Light refreshments served.

Pre-registering is recommended as there is limited space.

OXFORD READS

2019 Title
Moon of the Crusted Snow
By: Waubgeshig Rice

Place a hold on a copy today at any of the Zorra Branches
www.oxfordreads.ca

Check out our online program calendar for more event information.

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

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

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

Visit our website www.ocl.net

A look at Harrington's past

Harrington is a tiny hamlet in the northwest corner of Zorra Township. It began in 1846 when a man named David Demorest, and his wife Elizabeth, built a dam on the creek, and a Grist Mill, at the location that they are found today. His house and gardens were located southeast of Cornelia Street, near the home of the Robinson family, longtime residents of Harrington.

You may not realize it if you are driving through Harrington today, but it was once home to many thriving businesses.

From Historically Bound – Embro and West Zorra 1820-2007: "In 1875 Harrington had a population of 200. Its business and industrial sector comprised two hotels, two tailors, a sawmill, a flour and grist mill, a general store (dry goods, groceries and hardware), a cabinet maker and upholsterer, two wagon-makers, a tin shop, a cheese factory, a mason, a post office, and an oatmeal mill, along with harness-makers, boot-makers and shoemakers. There was also a community hall, two churches and a school."

To the right are several informational signs based on research in "Historically Bound", about businesses that once existed in Harrington. They were created for Harrington's 150 Heritage Festival in 2017.

The Blacksmith

Hugh Ross - a native of Scotland bought this lot in 1860, but it wasn't until 1879 (after Hugh's death) that his nephew John Ross McKay, born 1845, built a blacksmith shop here. In 1870 John Ross married Harriet Martin a native of Sussex, England. They ran a blacksmith shop in Brooksdale for 6 years before setting up shop in Harrington.

The Embro West Zorra History Book notes that he ran his business here from 1879 to 1912. He had learned the blacksmith trade from his uncle Sandy McKay in Embro. He sold horses and repaired almost any item from hinges to wagons and cutters.

Bob Duncan, owner of the Harrington Grist Mill recounted this story in 1967: "When the building was being built in 1880 the two bricklayers used to send Jack (Jumper) McKay (son of John Ross), who was a little boy at the time, over to the hotel for a pail of beer. They probably got all they could drink for about 10 cents."

An undated newspaper article stated the following: "Many would find plenty to exercise their argumentative propensities at John McKay's blacksmith shop, where political and other topics were thrashed out and where many a heated discussion took place. The blacksmith took no part in those debates; he was a lover of peace and harmony and furthermore he was too busy. The sparks from his anvil flew and the bellows of his forge wheezed whilst the controversy flowed on uninterrupted."

If you are interested in the history of Zorra, please consider joining the newly formed Zorra Heritage Committee, which is a committee of the Beachville District Historical Society. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, September 25th at 7pm at the Beachville Museum.

Submitted by Brenda Krantz
Harrington & Area Community Association

Billy Jordan's Tailor Shop

Records show that in 1880, English-born Billy Jordan ran a tailor shop at this location. He worked in the shop with his wife Sarah Baker, a local girl. Stories passed down from residents tell us that Billy was known to sit cross legged on his work table stitching industriously. He was short of stature, quick and impulsive in his movements. Inquiries as to how he was getting along invariably brought the reply: "Just finishing a garment for.....".
He was also a talented step dancer and was well known for his Sailor's Hornpipe.

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The Sailor's Hornpipe is a dance whose origins can be traced to jigs created by seamen to pass the time when their ship was becalmed. It is an exuberant pantomime of a sailor's work. A Hornpipe was a reed instrument - which had a cow or oxen horn attached.

Harrington Hotel

(No actual photos survive)

Records show a hotel at this location as early as 1862. It had several different owners over the years up to 1866: Burley Mitchell, George Grigg, Joseph Fletcher and William Bailey. In 1867 it was bought by William Farnsworth. At this time George White was operating the Oatmeal Mill at Lot 31, Conc.3, just east of Harrington. At the end of each work week, his workers would come as a group to the hotel.

The noise and commotion they caused struck fear into the hearts of some locals, who chose to keep a low profile while the workmen were celebrating the arrival of the weekend.

Records also indicate that John McLeod owned another hotel on an adjacent property. When he owned the hotel he advertised that "he could provide meals at all hours, as well as selling choice liquors and cigars".

Harrington Hall

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Planning a function or celebration?
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Beachville District Historical Society
SPEAKER SERIES Fall 2019

You are invited to attend any or all of the following presentations. There is no charge.
Location & time: Program room, Beachville District Museum, 584371 Beachville Road (West side of Beachville, at Domtar Line) - 7:00 p.m

Why Mackay Still Matters In Taiwan

Dr. Michael Stainton, Research Associate, York University Centre for Asian Studies

September 10 7:00pm

Nearly 120 years after his death, Zorra-born missionary George Leslie Mackay is still revered as a folk hero in Taiwan. His powerful legacy includes religion, education and health care delivered through a network of trained Taiwanese people. He is now considered an icon of Taiwanese nationalism. Dr. Stainton was himself a missionary in Taiwan for 11 years and is founder and secretary of the Canadian Mackay Committee. Seating is limited. Please register online at https://bit.ly/30seHQ3. Alternately, you may call the museum directly at 519-423-6497 (Museum closed Mondays and Tuesdays).

Black History Vanishing Point

Scott Gilles, Curator, Ingersoll Cheese & Heritage Museum

October 8 7:00pm

Next to Chatham, Oxford County once had the largest Black population in Ontario. By 1872, 60,000 Blacks had been welcomed into Canada from the U.S., and given equal citizenship, educational opportunities and in many cases grants of land. Some were slaves but others were free Blacks, looking for a better life. They worked the land, raised their families, built schools, churches, established hamlets … and are now gone, leaving little trace.

Evolution of the Royal Canadian Legion

Bruce Julian, Dominion First Vice-President

November 12 7:00pm

Formed to provide a voice for First World War veterans, the Legion continues to work for veterans as well as current serving member of the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP. However, its role has expanded considerably to include community fundraising and volunteer support in such areas as youth sports, senior citizen assistance and essential community services. This is a look at Legion history and where it may go from here.

Additional Events…

Art from Oxford

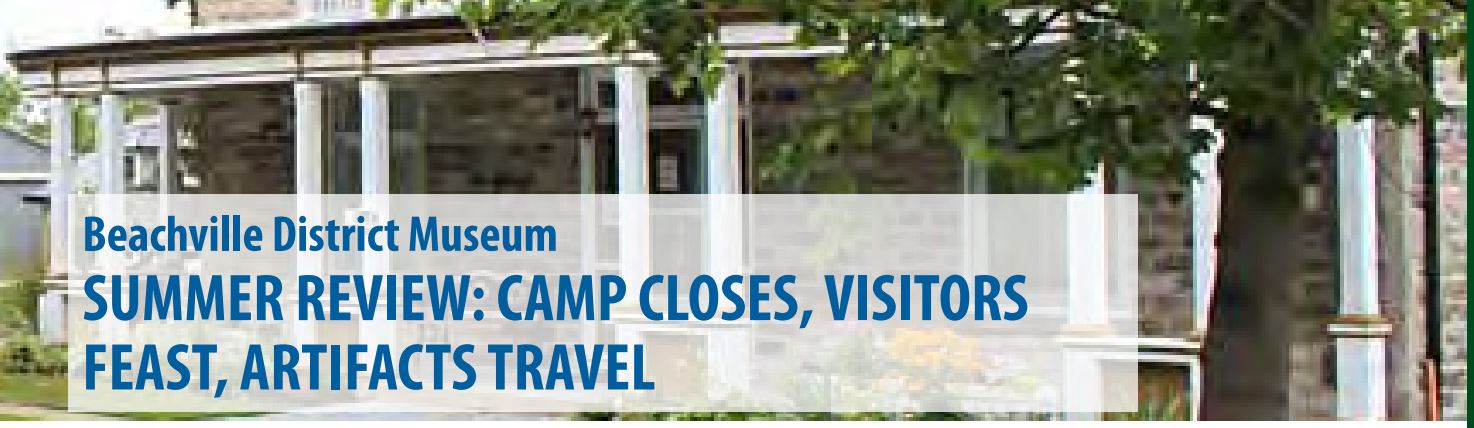
Month of October

Oxford County subjects are featured in this juried art show by Oxford Creative Connections, in cooperation with the Beachville District Historical Society and the Beachville District Museum. You are invited to an opening reception hosted by the Society on Friday evening, October 4th, 7:00 to 9:00pm Viewing during Museum hours, Wednesday to Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm, Sunday noon to 4:00. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

Daffy Planting

October 26 Noon to 2:00pm

We are planting a concentration of 200 Daffodil bulbs at the Museum and you are invited to be a part of it. Come out and help prepare for a great Spring show. Thank you to those who made this possible by patronizing the Society's spring plant sale.



Beachville District Museum

SUMMER REVIEW: CAMP CLOSES, VISITORS FEAST, ARTIFACTS TRAVEL

Summer was a whirlwind at Beachville District Museum. It was terrific to welcome so many visitors during the summer break and to, once again, offer the summer camp program. Hayley Lukich and Madison Jansen developed this year's camp themes. As summer activity coordinators, they engaged campers with everything from galaxy jar crafts and dramatic-play activities to drip paintings, treasure hunts, pool-noodle field hockey games and crawfish catches in the creek. A huge thanks goes to these ladies for their superb planning and ongoing creativity. We'd also like to thank all the families that joined us this year during the ten weeks of camp. It was an exciting and fun-filled summer term.

At the end of August, Beachville District Historical Society hosted its annual summer BBQ at the museum. Roast beef, fresh corn, creamy coleslaw and home-made pies made for a delectable, and locally-sourced feast. Members of the 4-H club helped run the event, and coordinate recycling and composting efforts. All funds raised through the barbecue are earmarked to support improvements to the museum's parkland. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets, helped with food preparations, donated supplies, promoted the event and/or offered a hand on August 23rd.

Staff brought portions of the collection "on the road" this summer, in order to reach new audiences. In June, our Curator, Stephanie Radu, escorted a display about local baseball history to "Pack-the-Pack" at Labatt Park in London, ON. Our Collections Assistant, Kisun Kim, selected summer-themed artifacts to showcase in The County of Oxford Archives' exhibition at the Oxford County Administrative Building in Woodstock. The curatorial team also coordinated displays on the limestone industry and the Thames River to participate in Harrington Heritage Day on August 10.

At the museum, the second phase of our rotating exhibit, "The Black-Bearded Barbarian" featuring George Leslie Mackay, has been unveiled. It has been the pleasure of the Board of Directors and the museum staff to work with members of the Canadian Mackay Committee to highlight Mackay's story.

Thanks to financial supportfrom the Community Economic Development Program, museum staff has also been busy re-housing some of its large-format paper artifacts. The Community Economic Development Program provides not for profits in Oxford County with grants that catalyse economic activity in a number of priority areas. The museum is utilizing funds from the grant to ensure its maps, drawings and archival documents are safely stored in proper filing cabinets.

As fall approaches, we look forward to welcoming members of the Society foramerican Baseball Research (SABR) to the museum for a meeting of the Hanlan's Point Chapter. Members of SABR will partake in a game of vintage baseball on the museum grounds at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, September 14, 2019. Spectators are welcome.

Thamesford Club

Thamesford Lions

Community Events

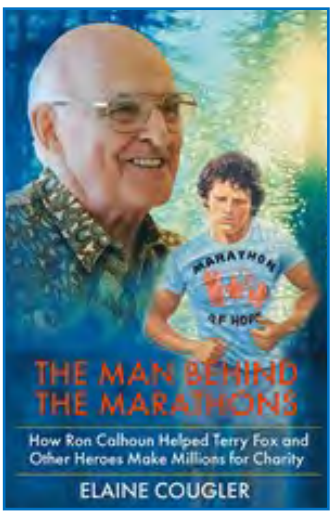
Canada Outdoor Farm Show Woodstock - Food Booth
Tuesday Sept 10, 2019 to Thursday Sept 12, 2019

"Catch The Ace" Progressive Raffle
Tuesday evenings - Weekly Prize Draws
8:00pm Brunny's Sports Bar & Grill
121 Dundas Street, Thamesford
Contact: Lion Tony 519-285-3618

Carol Sing
Saturday November 30, 2019
6:30pm Thamesford District Recreational Centre
Contact: Lion Jim
Email: jrkeron5461@rogers.com

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 Teeple 519-485-2490 ext 7231 or lteeple@zorra.ca for more information! Drop by our office and see what we have to offer! #ShopLocal



Thamesford Book Launch

The Man Behind The Marathons:

How Ron Calhoun Helped Terry Fox and Other Heroes Make Millions for Charity

By Award-Winning Author Elaine Cougler

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2019

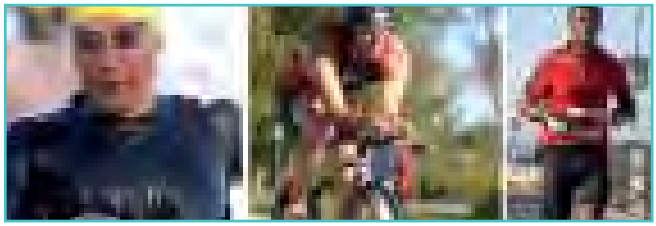
6:30pm: Beaty Room Thamesford Library

Lifelong resident Ron Calhoun organized marathons for Terry Fox, John Davidson, Steve Fonyo and Ken McColm. He founded the Ladies Great Ride for Cancer in Thamesford and went on to commit his life to the spirit of volunteering, culminating in him being awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Western University in 2012. The Man Behind the Marathons tells the remarkable life story of Ron Calhoun and his commitment to showing how one person can 'make a difference' in the lives of others.

6:30: Official Start
6:45: Welcome
Newfoundland/Labrador 'Marathon Trip'
Elaine Cougler, Author
Ron Calhoun
7:30: Free Draw/Book Signing/Refreshments
(Sponsored by the Thamesford Lions Club)

MultiSport Canada

Lakeside Triathlon



It is triathlon time again!

www.multisportcanada.com.

September 7 and 8, 2019

We can assure you that local residents who live in Lakeside will still have access to their homes. There may be times when there will be a short delay of up to a few minutes but we areworking closely with the OPP to minimize any wait times.

The roads in use will be:

Saturday September 7, 2019

9:30AM to 11:30AM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and 31st Line), 31st Line (between Rd 92 and Rd 16), 25th Line (between Rd 92 and Road 88) and Road 88 (between 25th Line and 29th Line)

2:00PM to 3:00PM

- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92)

3:00PM to 3:40PM

- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92) and Road 92 (between 25th Line and 27th Line)

4:00PM to 4:50PM

- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92) and Road 92 (between 25th Line and 27th Line)

5:00PM to 5:45PM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and 31st Line), 31st Line (between Rd 92 and Rd 16), 25th Line (between Rd 92 and Road 88) and Road 88 (between 25th Line and 29th Line)

Sunday September 8, 2019

9:00AM to 12:00PM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and Cobble Hill Rd - Westbound), Road 96 (between Cobble Hill Rd and Rd 6 – Eastbound), Road 6 (between Rd 96 and Rd 92 – Southbound) and Road 92 (between Rd 6 and 25th Line – Westbound)

12:00PM to 2:00PM

- Road 92 (between 25th Line and 31st Line – both directions)
- 25th Line (From Rd 88 to Lakeside Resort & North to Rd 92)

COMMUNITY & RECREATION EVENTS

Westminster United Church Presents Disney's "Beauty and the Beast"Dinner Theatre

Nov. 8 and 15, Saturday, Nov. 9 and 16 at 6:00 p.m Nov. 16 at 12:00pm
Dinner tickets are $40 for adults and $25 for children 10 and under
Sunday, Nov.10 a Matinee at 2:00pm
Traditional Seating on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7:00pm
Matinee, Traditional and Balcony seating tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children 10 and under. A family deal for these three performances for 2 adults and 2 children (10 and under) $50

Ticket sales begin at 9:00am to 11:00am on Saturday, October 5th at the church or online at makingconnexions.com/beautyandthebeast or call 519-285-3212

Thamesford Community Centre

September 2019
Trojans Junior C Hockey Team Home Opener
Friday, September 13 7:30pm

October 2019
PD Day Public Skating
Friday, October 25 2:00pm to 3:00pm

November 2019
PD Day Public Skating
Friday, November 15
2:00pm to 3:00pm

Embro West Zorra Community Centre

September 2019
Knox United Church Barbeque
Wednesday, September 4
Contact: Mary Ellen Garner
519-475-4437

Embro Fair
Friday, September 13 to Sunday, September 15
Email: info@embrofair.com.
President: Sara Stephenson
Embro Fall Fair Events Calendars are available at the Township of Zorra Office.

Zorra Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast & Skate
Friday, September 27
Contact Township Office:
519-485-2490

October 2019
PD Day Public Skating
Friday, October 25 2:00pm to 3:00pm

November 2019
Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday November 2
Contact: Matt 226-448-8748

Thistle Theatre Presents: The Gentleman Clothier
November 11 to 24
Contact: Chris or Nancy Cockle
519-475-4201

PD Day Public Skating
Friday, November 15
2:00pm to 3:00pm

Embro Zorra Caledonian Society St. Andrews Night Banquet
Friday, November 29
info@embrohighlandgames.com

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Email: ezcc@zorra.ca

Thamesford Area Swimming Pool
Phone: 519-285-3063 (Seasonal)
Email: thamesfordpool@zorra.ca

Upcoming Council Meetings

All meetings held at the Township Office – Council Chambers

*Council recently changed meeting times to the first WEDNESDAY of the month at 9:00am and the third WEDNESDAY of the month at 6:00pm

September 4 at 9:00a.m
September 18 at 6:00pm
October 2 at 9:00am
October 16 at 6:00pm
November 6 at 9:00am
November 20 at 6:00pm

COMMUNITY CONTACT LISTING

Minor Sports

Embro:

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

Thamesford:

Thamesford Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-285-3796
Thamesford Skating Club	519-285-5556
Thamesford Jr. "C" Hockey Club	519-285-3107
Thamesford Minor Baseball	519-851-9548
Thamesford Minor Soccer	519-670-7002
Thamesford NBC	519-639-4507
Thamesford Rec. Men's Slow Pitch	226-926-9016
West Oxford Girls Hockey Assoc.	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	
Nicole Barnett	519-533-2208
Embro Highland Games/	
Zorra Caledonian Society	519-475-4451
Thamesford Lion's Club	
Burton Smith, President	519-285-5485
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
Oxford County 4-H	oxford4-h@xplornet.com

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 - Katie Davies	226-268-4495
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	
Helen Brenneman	519-475-4874
Embro Library	519-475-4172
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	
Darwin Cooper	519-475-4385
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 Dog Rescue - Linda Collier	www.tpdr.ca
VON Oxford	519-539-1231
VON Sakura House	519-537-8515
Welcome Wagon	519-485-2990
Wienerfest - 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
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Thamesford, Ontario
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Westminster United Church
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519-349-2333

Tree Planting around Zorra!

New Memorial Forest Sign!! Located on the 43rd Line, North of Road 68.

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

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

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

Township of Zorra Memorial Tree Program

Memorial Trees can be purchased, in memory of loved ones, at the Township Office for $40.00 through the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA). Individuals may also have their loved ones name added to a memorial tree sign when they purchase a tree for an additional fee. 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 148 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.ca or contact the Township Office.

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 2019, 150 6'-8' sugar maple trees were planted through this program. Fill out the Tree Replacement Form on the Zorra website www.zorra.ca or contact the Township Office.

Township of Zorra Memorial Tree Forest

In 2015, Zorra Township 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, 256 trees have been planted in the forest. Contact Brock and Visser for more details at 519-285-2427.

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

The program offers:

- **Large stock trees** (coniferous and deciduous)

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

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

For pricing and availability please contact:

UPPER THAMES RIVER
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John Enright, UTRCA Forester
(519) 451-2800 ext. 243 or
enrightj@thamesriver.on.ca

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Road safety must be a top priority for farmers and motorists

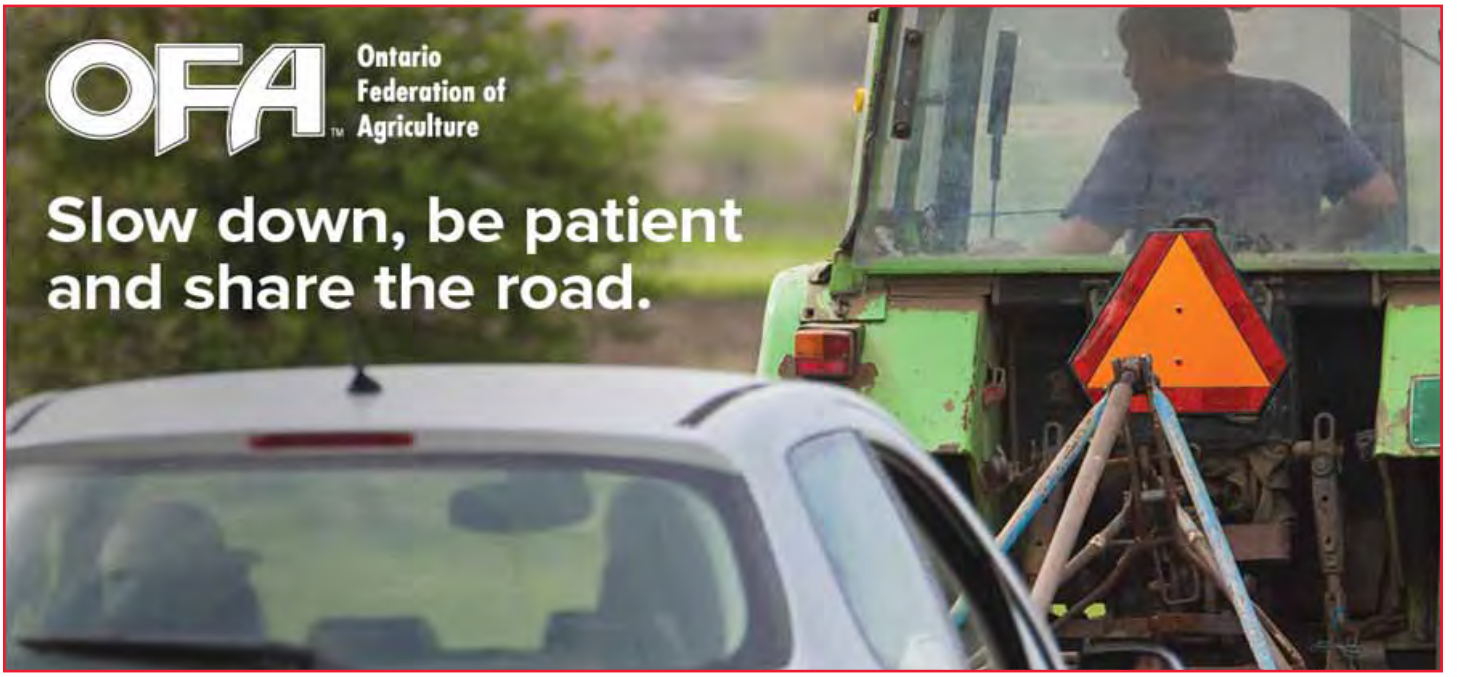
It's the time of year when farm equipment hits the roadways again, and when slow moving vehicles share the road with motorists, OFA reminds everyone to remember the rules of the road and take the time to put safety first.

When it comes to multi-vehicle collisions, motorists often collide with farm machinery that's turning from a farm road on to a public roadway. Use lights, taillights and signals to make your equipment as visible as possible to other motorists. Always display your slow moving vehicle sign prominently on the back of your equipment. And take the extra time to wait for an opening onto a main roadway that will give you enough time to get on the road and be visible.

We can't anticipate what other motorists will do, or how they'll react to sharing the road this Fall with farm equipment. Roads, bridges and traffic circles aren't built to accommodate machinery and a lot more motorists are increasingly impatient around slow moving vehicles. So always start with safety. Be alert for drivers anxious to pass you at unexpected times. Use your lights. Share the road. And watch carefully as you turn onto public roadways and make left hand turns across traffic.

Safe roads and safe driving practices are important for everyone.

For more information on road safety, visit ofa.on.ca/roadsafety



Heather Derks is the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) Member Service Representative for the counties of Oxford and Elgin. OFA members in Zorra Township are encouraged to contact Heather for assistance with on-farm issues and concerns or any topic that relates to their farm business. If your OFA member gate sign needs refreshing or you're in need of a Caution – Go Slowly, No Trespassing or Biosecurity Area sign, Heather is the person to call at 519-719-2072 or email heather.derks@ofa.on.ca.

Rural Oxford Economic Development

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We are excited to introduce Nancy Orr as the Economic Development Officer (interim) for Rural Oxford. Nancy has worked alongside ROEDC staff on numerous projects and will be a tremendous asset as we connect with businesses to determine how we can continue to build strong, vibrant, caring communities where people and business prosper. Nancy has a broad background both in large industry and sole proprietorship, as well as the economic development sector; she is also a strong community advocate and volunteer. Nancy is supported by the leadership of the Rural Oxford Economic Development Board of Directors, which is comprised of representatives from the Rural Oxford municipalities and businesses. Together, we are committed to helping our communities and businesses thrive.

Feel free to contact Nancy Orr at nancy@roedc.ca or 226.289.2437 to ask how she can help.

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Attention Farm Gate Producers!

Community Futures Oxford (CFO) held its 26th annual general meeting, celebrating its commitment to small business, job creation and community economic development in Oxford County. New at this year's event, CFO added a new category to honour its commitment to support non-profit organizations fostering community economic development. The recipient of this new award was the Zorra Township Farm Gate Signage Project. In 2018 Oxford Fresh, Rural Oxford Economic Development Zorra Township and theFuture Oxford Legacy Fund partnered to test offering Oxford Fresh branded laneway signage for farm gate producers. This project also included radio advertisements, a billboard campaign and social media advertising promoting shopping local. The signage program's success has led to the project being rolled out across Oxford County in 2019. If you are interested in learning more email tourism@oxfordcounty.ca.

L to R: Meredith Maywood (Tourism Specialist, Tourism Oxford) with Nancy Orr (EDO, Rural Oxford Economic Development Corp.)

BATTERY RECYCLING

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

- Township of Zorra Municipal Office, 274620 27th Line, RR 3, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3J6 – phone 519-485-2490
- Thamesford Community Centre, 85 Middleton Street, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0 – phone 519-285-2236
- Embro Zorra Community Centre, 355644 35th Line, Embro, ON N0J 1J0 – phone 519-475-6061
- Harrington Hall & Library, 539 Victoria Street, Harrington, ON N0J 1J0 – phone 519-475-6909

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

Since the start of this program in September 2012, the Township of Zorra has collected and returned 2,406 lbs of batteries to Raw Materials Company for recycling.

Zorra now
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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.ca or 519-485-2490 ext. 7228 to have it appear in an upcoming Zorra Now Edition.

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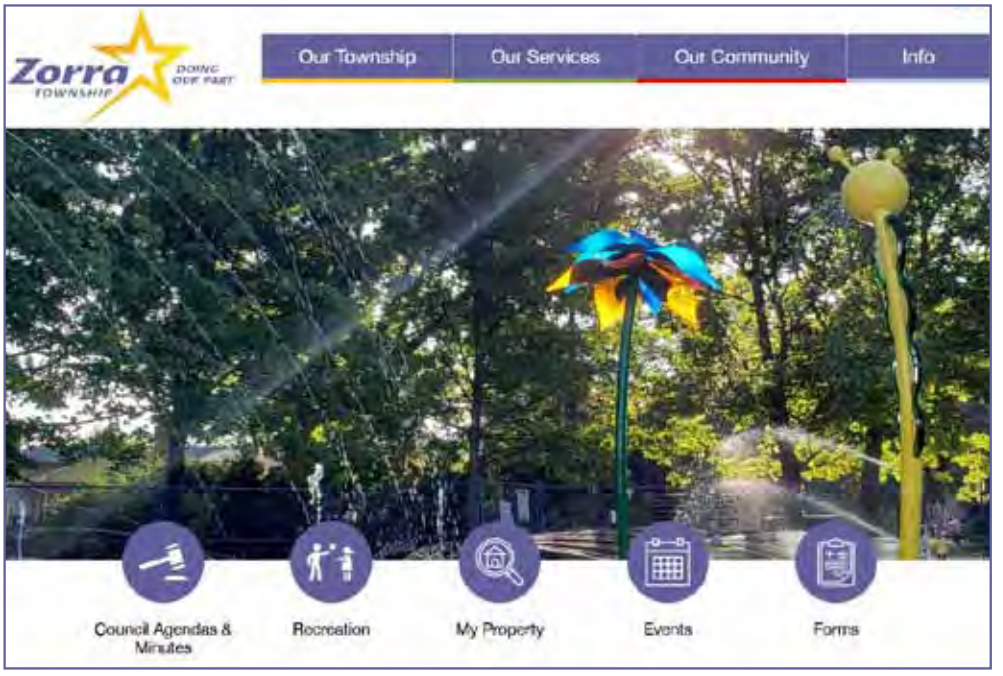

The Township of Zorra has updated the Township website and all email addresses to shorter addresses removing the ".on" from all links. The Township website is now www.zorra.ca (rather than www.zorra.on.ca) and email addresses are now admin@zorra.ca (rather than admin@zorra.on.ca).

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