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community events and services



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Message from the Mayor

Hopefully by the time you read this the snow will have melted, fields will be draining, and roads will be graded. Soon enough we will be complaining about dusty roads and how hot it is.

Also by the time you read this Council will have almost completed the 2019 Budget (it is a bit later due to a late start because of the municipal election).

Council took strong action in conjunction with Oxford County to improve rural access to high speed internet. A Motion passed by Council added a surcharge of 2% of the Zorra tax levy to the Zorra Budget to fund additional fibre optic installation through additional funding of the SWIFT program commonly known as SWIFT Plus. This money would then give Zorra access to a similar fund created by Oxford County. It won't get to everyone right away, but it will get there, and this is a good start.

Council is now starting work on the 2019-2022 action items for our Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is the guiding policy document for Council and Staff for this term of Council. It sets priorities and a work plan that will guide service levels and infrastructure improvements, and inform future budgets (and therefore property tax rates). I encourage you to check the Township website to review the 2016-19 Strategic Plan, and watch the Agendas for opportunities to follow along as Council develops the Strategic Plan. And as always, I encourage you to talk to your Councillor or myself about it.

The Province's Regional Government Review is ongoing and I wish I could tell you more about it, but I have been given no more information. Both Zorra and Oxford Councils have been working hard to formulate a response and try to have a conversation with the Minister of Municipal Affairs about the review. Zorra has taken a position that we are interested in participating in the review to find better ways to deliver services, but are in favour of the current two tier structure. I am hopeful that by the time you read this Oxford County will have taken a similar position. A #madeinOxford solution will be best for Oxford.

The Township is still working on potential plans for the former Maple Leaf property in Thamesford. Council has not yet decided to proceed with the project, only to explore opportunities that would achieve the development that Zorra/Thamesford need without undue risk and without any net debt. So the Township would be looking to purchase the land and then re-sell it to a developer(s) who would be quoting to a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by the Township. The developer who best satisfies that RFP would be awarded the deal (assuming they met ALL criteria). There was a well attended public meeting on February 20th to share the current situation with residents and hear their concerns and hopes for the project. Staff continues to work hard on this and I am cautiously optimistic that we may be able to proceed with something this year. Again, only if there is no net debt and no undue risk.

Thamesford Public School Leadership Team students made a delegation to Council asking for support for a "Day of Caring" on April 25th where students would be out doing things for their community to make other's lives easier. An act of caring can be anything, it could be something as easy as reading to younger kids, visiting elders, or raking lawns. They asked if they could use the Township brand #doingourpart, and if the Township would help promote the day, and Council enthusiastically supported this. I also encouraged the students to challenge the other Zorra schools (A.J. Baker P.S. and Zorra Highland Park P.S.) and other community groups. Watch the Township website and social media for updates on this event.

How can you #doyourpart on April 25th?

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

Development Charges

Municipalities in Ontario use Development Charges (DCs) to recover growth related capital costs associated with residential and non-residential growth. In accordance with the Development Charges Act, DCs are collected at the building permit stage to help pay for municipal services needed to support the new development. These services include, water, wastewater, emergency services, roads and more.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019 the Council of the Township of Zorra will hold a public meeting, pursuant to section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended, to present and obtain public input on the municipality's proposed development charges (D.C.) by-law and underlying background study.

All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Meeting of Council and any person who attends the meeting may make representations relating to the proposed D.C. by-law and background study. The meeting is to be held:

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 6:15p.m.
Council Chambers
274620 27th Line

In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, the background study and the proposed D.C. by-law will be available on April 20, 2019 online on the Township's website at www.zorra.on.ca. Copies of the background study and/or proposed by-law will also be available from the Municipal Clerk at the above location or call 519-485-2490.

Interested persons may express their comments at the public meeting or in writing, addressed to the Municipal Clerk, at the above address prior to May 15, 2019.

TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA PUBLIC WORKS REDUCED LOAD SEASON

An early reminder to all drivers of heavy trucks and equipment that the reduced load season takes effect for the period of February 15 to April 30 inclusive each year. In accordance with By-law 21-03, signs will be posted on applicable Township roadways.

HALF LOAD SEASON RATIONALE

- Minimize long term damage to infrastructure
- Problems caused when roads are soft often require major repairs
- Prevent additional damage to culverts and bridges
- Heavy loads do damage to road sub-base that is difficult to detect
- Changes in the size of agricultural equipment i.e. Large Liquid Manure Trailers
- Multiple Aggregate Producers in Township
- Infrastructure repair costs borne directly or indirectly by residents
- All of the above lead to safety issues during Half Load Season.

Director of Public Works
Phone: 519-485-2490 Ext. 227

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.on.ca. In addition to the completed application form, applicants must also submit building drawings, plans and other documents to the Township of Zorra for processing. A detailed description of the planned work and intended occupancy, identification of the building lot or site, a valuation of the proposed work including materials and labour costs are required.

Building Permit Fees:

Residential: (including new homes, additions, renovations, decks) – \$100.00 + 0.40/sq. ft.
Agricultural: (including coveralls, barns, storage sheds, workshops) – \$100.00 + 0.20/sq. ft.
Sheds - \$50.00 flat rate
Swimming Pools - \$100.00
Demolition Permit - \$50.00
A full list of Building Permit Fees are located on our website, www.zorra.on.ca

A Building Permit is NOT required for a fence.

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

SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEMS

The Township Building Department now oversees the private sanitary sewage 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 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

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BUILDING PLANS

When submitting building plans to your local municipality for approval, be sure to:

- Include in your drawings any overhead power lines on or in immediate proximity to the property
- Clearly indicate any buildings, overhangs, swimming pools, antennas, flag poles, or any other permanent above ground structures within the required setback of the power lines

Failure to comply with required setbacks can pose public safety risks and will result in the relocation of any buildings, structures or power lines at the property owner's expense.

SETBACKS FROM UNDERGROUND AND PADMOUNT TRANSFORMERS

If power lines are located underground, you may notice a green padmount transformer box. You must comply with setback requirements to ensure public safety and accessibility by Hydro One personnel. The diagram below outlines the required minimum setbacks.

Note: A 3 m minimum setback is required on the side that hinges open. This can typically be identified as the side with the padlock.



HOW TO REACH US

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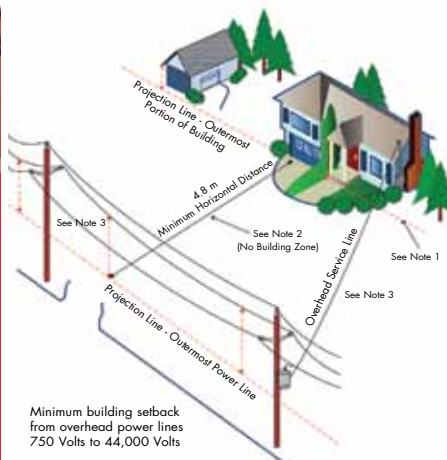
PUBLIC AND WORKER SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.

One of the most common hazards identified by Ministry of Labour Inspectors is working too close to power lines. The best way to eliminate this risk is to establish and maintain safety clearances and setbacks.

New building and/or extensions to buildings must maintain a required setback from overhead and underground power lines and padmount transformers. Setbacks and minimum clearances are identified in safety regulations such as the Ontario Electrical Safety Code, the Ontario Building Code, and Hydro One Distribution Standards.

PLANNING TO BUILD ON YOUR PROPERTY?

The diagram below represents the minimum building setback from overhead power lines.



Minimum building setback from overhead power lines 750 Volts to 44,000 Volts

Notes

1. The minimum horizontal distance is measured from the projection line of the outermost power line, to the projection line of the outermost portion of any building including a roof overhang, balcony, deck, or fire escape.
2. To ensure compliance with all applicable standards and regulations, a minimum horizontal distance (setback) of 4.8 m is required.
3. No building is permitted under a power line or overhead service line. Overhead service lines attached to a building are exempt from the minimum horizontal clearance requirements.

EASEMENTS

An easement is a legal right acquired from property owners which allows Hydro One to construct, operate, access and maintain its facilities on lands it does not own. Easements can be registered or unregistered, which equally grant Hydro One rights to use the property. Unregistered easements will not appear on the title of your property, however you can find out if one exists on your land by visiting: <https://www.services.HydroOne.com/lvr/welcome.html>

An easement contains restrictions to uses such as, but not limited to, the construction of a building or the storage of materials.

SETBACKS

A setback is the horizontal allowable distance that any building or structure, including balconies and overhangs, must maintain from a Hydro One overhead power line. Everyone must comply with setback requirements.

To ensure compliance with all applicable standards and regulations, a minimum 4.8 m setback is required. This takes into account the maximum distance a power line might swing on a windy day.



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SENIORS *Open House*

Join us for a social gathering to discuss how to bring programs for seniors into Zorra Township. Meet local clubs, social groups & associations and discover what is happening in your community!

May 8, 2019

10:00am - 12:00pm.
Beaty Room, Thamesford

May 9, 2019

10:00am - 12:00pm.
Small Hall, Embro

light refreshments provided

If you would like to display information about your organization, please contact Matt Brown at 519-617-2793

Cannabis Fire Safety

RESPONSIBILITY GROWS **HERE.**



IMPAIRMENT INCLUDES CANNABIS



Cooking while under the influence of alcohol, prescription drugs or cannabis can result in a fire.

Don't put yourself or your family at risk.
Always remain alert when cooking.

Keep a close eye on anyone attempting to cook or smoke while impaired.

SMOKING IS SMOKING



Smoking is the **leading cause of residential fire deaths** in Ontario.

Encourage smokers to smoke outside. **Never smoke or toké in bed.**

Whether it is tobacco or cannabis, cigarettes and joints need to be properly extinguished in **large, deep ashtrays.**

HAZARDOUS EXTRACTION OF CANNABIS OIL CAN CAUSE EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES



Extracting cannabis oil with flammable solvents is **extremely hazardous**. It can result in the uncontrolled release of flammable vapours. If ignited, these vapours lead to explosions and fires that can cause serious injury or death.

Hazardous extraction in basements is particularly dangerous because flammable vapours can accumulate in higher concentrations leading to even more powerful explosions.

Hazardous extraction using flammable materials such as butane is against the law in homes and in basements.

TOO MANY WIRES CAN CAUSE FIRES



Extension cords should be used only as a **temporary connection**. If permanent wiring is required, have additional outlets installed by a licensed electrician. **Extension cords should not be linked together.** Instead, use an extension cord that is long enough to do the job.

Avoid running cords under rugs, which can damage the cord and cause a fire.

Avoid overloading a circuit with "octopus outlets". If additional outlets or circuits are required, have them installed by a licensed electrician.

Ensure that all electrical appliances such as grow lamps are **certified by an accredited testing agency** like ULC or CSA. And make sure they are operated according to manufacturer's instructions.

Don't put yourself or your family at risk of fire.

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!



Only working smoke alarms give you the early warning you need to safely escape a fire. Install **smoke and carbon monoxide alarms** in your home. **Test them every month.**



Practice a **home fire escape plan** so everyone in your home knows what to do when the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms sound in an emergency.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR ZORRA FIRE DEPARTMENT



Emergency Preparedness Week

The 24th Annual Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week is May 5-11, 2019.

The theme this year is **“Are you Ready?”** Residents are reminded to ensure you have an emergency plan and build an emergency preparedness kit.

#beemergencyready
#ONready #EPweek2019

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 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, or contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or Fire Chief for further details.

“Doing Our Part”

Although our fire fighters answer the pager tones, 24/7/365 days a year because they care and hoping they can make a difference in time of need, I wanted to share a “Thanks” that one of our members received.

On February 13, 2019 while responding to a Mutual Aid call for a multi-vehicle collision on the 401, Ashlee Aldred responding from the east but unable to get to the scene of the call because of another accident, jumped into action assisting the only OPP officer available at the time. Here’s his e-mail to our Embro station.

Good Morning,

I just wanted to pass on my thanks to a member of your department. I believe her name was Ashley. She responded to a tertiary multi-vehicle collision on the 401 W/B yesterday just west of the fatal one. It was just her and I out there and she did a great job of making sure every involved person was treated and looked after. I couldn't have done it as smoothly without her. I hope this message finds her.

*Thanks,
Matt Koopman
Provincial Constable
Ontario Provincial Police – Oxford County*

Ashlee is just one of the 62 members of Zorra Fire & Emergency Services. **“Doing Our Part”** -Even when we can't get to where we're called to assist. Thanks to all our Fire Fighters for what you do. - Stay Safe out there.



Proud to be your Fire Chief, John McFarlan

John McFarlan
Fire Chief / CEMC
519-485-2490 ext. 240 jmcfarlan@zorra.on.ca

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

UPDATED YARD CLEAN AND CLEAR BY-LAW:

In 2018 the Township by-law Department repealed and replaced the Clean yards by-law. The newer Clean Yards by-law 16-18 is very similar to the previous by-law, however we have updated the definitions, and a few general provisions notably section 2.9 of the by-law which directs business owners/managers of a property to which refuse tends to accumulate to supply waste bins around the property to reduce refuse being cast aside and or blown away. Additionally, our Dumping by-law was consolidated with the updated Clean and Clear by-law. And finally, we have added set-fines for dumping, littering, pushing snow/ice on sidewalks or roads, failure to contain refuse, and obstruct or hinder an officer. The fine for dumping of refuse on public or private property has an increased set-fine of \$700.00 plus fees, and all other fines range from \$150.00 to \$250.00.

UPDATED PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW:

The previous Property Standards by-law was repealed and replaced with an up to date comprehensive by-law which now covers both the interior and exterior of all buildings on a property. The Township of Zorra has a Property Standards by-law so as to establish standards for the maintenance of properties and buildings. Some of the many items that shall be maintained are as follows: The maintenance of all plumbing, heating, ventilation, electrical, lighting, doors and windows, stairs, handrails and guards, the structural integrity of the building and interior/exterior finishing of the buildings.

RECREATION VEHICLES:

Notice to all RV/boat owners. Our Zoning By-law allows front yard driveway storage of RVs and boats from May 1 – October 31st. After October 31st, front driveway storage of these vehicles shall be removed and stored elsewhere. The vehicles may be stored on your side lot or rear lot provided that they meet the 5ft setback.

If you wish to view our By-laws they can be found on our website <http://www.zorra.on.ca/Home/Our-Township/By-Laws-Policies>.

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

TAX DEPARTMENT

The 2nd Instalment of your 2019 Taxes is due May 31, 2019.

Final 2019 Tax Bills will be issued and mailed the first week of August and their due dates are due August 30 and 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 10 or 12 month
- Pre-Authorized Payment Plan on the instalment dates

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

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 (ZLSC). The committee comprises of 5 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 10:30 a.m. at the Township office. The following is the 2019 meeting schedule for the ZLSC:

- April 15
- June 17
- October 21

Zorra Community Policing Committee

In 2013 the Township established the Zorra Community Policing Committee (ZCPC). The committee comprises of 8 community members, Councillor Katie Davies and Mayor Marcus Ryan. 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 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 p.m. at the Township office. The following is the 2019 meeting schedule for ZCPC:

- April 8 (The April meeting is to be held on the second Monday of the month instead of the third Monday of the month due to scheduling conflicts.)
- July 15
- October 21

Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee

In 2011 the Township established the Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee (ZRAC). The committee comprises of 8 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 p.m. at various Township facilities. See below for the 2019 ZRAC meeting schedule:

- March 25 at the Embro-Zorra Community Centre
- April 22 at the Beachville Museum
- May 27 at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre
- June 24 at the Embro Town Hall
- September 23 at Harrington Hall
- October 28 at the Beaty Room in the Thamesford Library
- November 25 at the Embro-Zorra Community Centre

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

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

ACCESSIBILITY

The Township of Zorra recognizes the importance of creating a community where there are opportunities for all people to enjoy our Township and contribute as productive citizens. This includes working to prevent and remove barriers for persons with disabilities on Township properties and services and to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities throughout Zorra. The Township of Zorra is actively doing our part to ensure that the Township is accessible to all.

As such, the Township of Zorra has taken a proactive role in complying with the provincial accessibility legislation, including the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act ("AODA") in promoting an accessible Zorra.

The Township's strategy for meeting its accessibility priorities and goals can be found in the Township's 2019-2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. The 2019-2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan is designed to complement and to be an extension of past plans and accessibility updates. This document includes strategies which will help make the Township of Zorra more accessible to all its residents and visitors, ensuring the accessibility standards under the AODA are fully implemented by the 2025 deadline.

Visit the Township's website to view the 2019-2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.



Township of Zorra

2019-2021 Dog Tag Campaign

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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.on.ca or you can contact the office by email dogtag@zorrap.on.ca or by phone 519-485-2490 Ext 221 for your new tag. Payment methods include cash, cheque, debit, or charge to taxes.
Failure to obtain a dog tag may result in a fine of \$125.00.

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

Animal Care and Control By-law 43-15

- Requires all dogs over **3 months** of age to be licensed with the Township.
- **Failure to register your dog may result in a fine of \$125.**
- A valid tag will assist animal control staff in returning your dog should it become separated from you.
- A maximum of **3 dogs** are permitted in each 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 sanitarly 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.

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

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

Township of Zorra



@ZorraTwp





Township of Zorra 2019-2021 Dog Tag Application

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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.on.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 Privacy Act*, 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 228.

ZORRA TOWNSHIP

SUMMER DAY CAMP

2019

ADD-ON SWIMMING LESSONS TO YOUR DAY!



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



ARTS & CRAFTS

SWIMMING

SPORTS & GAMES

AVAILABLE FOR KIDS
4-10 YEARS OLD

8:30am to 4:30pm

BEFORE & AFTER CARE AVAILABLE

\$160/WEEK

EXCLUDING THE 4-DAY WEEKS
JULY 2-5 & AUGUST 6-9, (\$128)

THEMES

THAMESFORD CAMP:

- July 2 - 5 Dinosaur Discovery
- July 8 - 12 Minute 2 Win It
- July 15 - 19 Movin' & Groovin'
- July 22 - 26 Amazing Race
- Jul 29-Aug. 2 Sports Week
- Aug. 6 - 9 Crafts, Crafts, Crafts!
- Aug. 12 - 16 Water Adventures
- Aug. 19 - 23 Exploding Science
- Aug. 26 - 30 Summer Carnival

EMBRO CAMP:

- Aug. 6 - 9 Crafts, Crafts, Crafts!
- Aug. 12 - 16 Water Adventures
- Aug. 19 - 23 Exploding Science

VISIT WWW.ZORRA.ON.CA FOR MORE INFORMATION!

NOW HIRING FOR
Summer Camp Leaders!
Full and Part Time Positions Available!

Thamesford Camp
10 weeks
June 24 to August 30

Embro Camp
4 weeks
July 29 to August 23

Apply to Stephanie Starchuck at ssarchuck@zorra.on.ca
Visit www.zorra.on.ca for a full job description

Not old Enough? Gain experience as a volunteer and train to become a future Camp Leader!

Applicants must be 16 years of age and have obtained First Aid & CPR training prior to the start of employment.

There's so much to do
this summer at the
**THAMESFORD AREA
SWIMMING POOL!**

Public Swimming!
Aquafit!

Offered mornings, evenings
and now Saturdays!

**Lifeguard
for a
Day!**

Swim Team!

NEW! Evening and weekend practices!

Lifesaving Society
Bronze Cross, Medallion & Star
courses!



**Swimming
Lessons:**

Daytime,
Evening,
Private, (1 on 1)
& Weekend
times available!

Register
starting
May 1st!

www.zorra.on.ca

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@zorra.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 need that group lessons may not address. Private lessons are flexible, can be scheduled as often as required and are available during early mornings, late afternoons and on the weekend. Lesson times are subject to availability. Please contact the pool to discuss your needs. *(It is recommended that swimmers have a minimum of 8 lessons to pass a level.)*

THAMESFORD SWIMMING POOL

LESSON SCHEDULE

	Session 1 July 1 - 12	Session 2 July 15 – July 26	Session 3 July 29 – Aug 9	Session 4 Aug 12 – Aug 23	Monday Evening Jul 1 – Aug 19	Tuesday Evening Jul. 2 – Aug. 20
Parent/Tot	11:30-12:00pm	9:30-10:00am	11:30-12:00pm	9:30-10:00am	-	6:00-6:30pm
Sea Turtle	11:30-12:00pm	10:00-10:30am	11:00-11:30am	9:30-10:00am	6:00 – 6:30pm	5:30-6:00pm
Sea Otter	11:00-11:30am	9:30-10:00am	11:30-12:00pm	10:00-10:30am		
Salamander	10:30-11:00am	10:45-11:15am	10:30-11:00am	10:45-11:15am		
Sunfish	10:00-10:30am	10:15-10:45am	10:30-11:00am	10:15-10:45am	5:30 – 6:00pm	6:30-7:00pm
Crocodile/Whale	9:30-10:00am	11:00-11:30am	10:45-11:15am	11:15-11:45am	6:00 – 6:30pm	5:30-6:00pm
Level 1 / 2	9:30-10:00am	11:15-11:45am	9:30-10:00am	11:00-11:30am	6:30-7:00pm	6:30-7:00pm
Level 3	10:00-10:30am	11:30-12:00pm	9:45-10:15am	11:30-12:00pm	5:30-6:00pm	6:00-6:30pm
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	6:15-7:00pm	5:30-6:15pm
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	5:30-6:15pm	6:15-7:00pm
Level 9 / 10	11:00-11:45am	9:30-10:15am	9:45-10:30am	9:45-10:30am	6:30-7:15pm	-

*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		\$20.00 for 30min lesson	

REGISTRATION

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration for the 2019 season is now ONLINE!

Visit the TASP pool page at www.zorra.on.ca for access to the registration link. You can also access a print copy of the registration form at the Thamesford or Embro Recreation Centres and the Township of Zorra Office.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Thamesford Area Swimming Pool is located at 204 George Street, Thamesford.

June

Starting Saturday, June 15

Mondays 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday 11:00am – 2:00pm

July & August

Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 8:00pm

Saturdays 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm & 6:30pm – 8:00pm

**REGISTRATION OPENS
MAY 1, 2019!**

REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY

- Refunds will not be considered after the 2nd 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.

THAMESFORD SWIMMING POOL

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

Dog Days of Summer

Friday, August 30, 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 Monday, June 24, 2019
Regular Schedule begins Saturday, June 29, 2019

	Public Swimming	Aquafit & Lane Swim
Monday	1:00 – 4:00pm	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Tuesday	1:00-4:00pm	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday	2:00-4:00pm 6:30-8:00pm	8:30am – 9:30am
Thursday	1:00-4:00pm 6:30-8:00pm	8:30am – 9:30am
Friday	1:00-4:00pm 6:30-8:00pm	
Saturday	1:00-4:00pm	10:30am – 11:30am
Sunday	1:00-4:00pm 6:30-8:00pm	

*Schedule Subject to Change

ADMISSION GUIDELINES

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

RED	YELLOW	GREEN
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	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.	Children 11 Years & Older OR Children Who Have Passed the Swim Test  Permitted to Enter Pool Alone

FEES

Per Person	\$2.00
Children 3 & Under	Free
Family*	\$5.00
10-Swim Punch Card	\$16.00
Single Season Pass:	\$60.00
Family Season Pass*	\$120.00

* Family rate includes up to 6 people in the same immediate family with a maximum of 2 adults.

LIFEGUARD FOR A DAY

Ever wondered if you could be a Lifeguard?

Join our awesome team for the day and learn what it takes to work in one of the best summer job you'll ever have!

Sunday, July 14, 2019

10:00am – 2:00pm

\$10.00, pizza lunch provided.

Must be a minimum 11 years old and has completed Red Cross Level 7 or equivalent.

THAMESFORD SWIMMING POOL

ADVANCED CLASSES

As a lifeguard and instructor in aquatics, you can get a great summer job here 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 1-12) or Session 3 (July 29-Aug 9)
Monday-Friday, 11:00-12:00pm

The Junior Lifeguard Club offers a unique alternative for those who love water and 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 & tread water for 2 min.

- \$25 per session
- Minimum of 4 candidates required.

BRONZE STAR

July 15-25, 2018

Monday-Thursday, 5:00-6:30 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 19-21 & 26-28, 2018 ("Weekend Intensive")
Fri. 4:00-8:00pm & Sat. & Sun., 9:00am - 12:00pm

or

August 12-23, 2019

Monday-Friday, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Both of these advanced classes will continue your journey to become a lifeguard! In Bronze Medallion you will gain an understanding of lifesaving: water-rescue, aquatic skills & fitness. Candidates must be 13 years old or have completed Bronze Star.

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

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

THAMESFORD HOSTS 2019 TRI-COUNTY!



The Tri-County Swim Meet is an annual event that is hosted by pools in Oxford, Middlesex, Strathroy-Caradoc and Norfolk Counties. This year, Thamesford Area Swimming Pool will be hosting and will welcome over 600 visitors to the village as they cheer on their team!

This Swim Meet is a culmination of our swimmers hard work practicing their racing skills and techniques all summer long. We are lucky to be able to host this exciting event!

Join us on August 17th to cheer on our swimmers as they race for first place!

JOIN the 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! All members must be able to swim one length of the pool unassisted.

Practices: 12:00-1:00pm on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
5:30-6:30pm on Wednesday & Thursday
11:30am-12:00pm on Saturday

Swim Meets: most Wednesday evenings.

Cost: \$75.00 per swimmer

**swimmers are not required to participate in Tri-County or other meets throughout the summer, and can join just for skill development and fun!*

Be a Tri-County SPONSOR!

Support your swimming community and promote your business to the over 600 visitors coming from all over the region! There are many ways to contribute; from in-kind donations, program advertising or general funding towards operating costs of the competition, any help is appreciated! Please contact sstarchuck@zorra.on.ca for more information.

VOLUNTEER at Tri-County!

There are many positions that the staff at TASP will need help with! Let us know if you want to be a part of this exciting event for Thamesford! Email thamesfordpool@zorra.on.ca for more details.

Awards Night

The Township of Zorra celebrated our valued employees with an Awards Night at the Embro Zorra Community Centre. Congratulations and Awards were given to our 5, 10, 20, 25, 30 and 40 year employees!!

We also recognized Margaret Lupton for holding 7 terms of Office; Marie Keasey for holding 2 terms and Doug Matheson for holding 1 term on Township Council.

TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

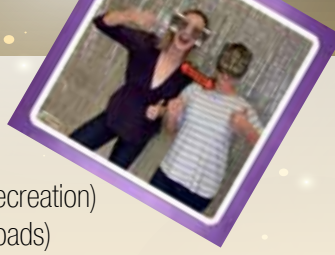


5 Years

Murray Weir	9 Years (Recreation)
Murray Gunter	8 Years (Roads)
Pat Fortner	8 Years (Recreation)
Lisa Teeple	8 Years (Office)
Michael McKone	8 Years (Uniondale Fire Dept)
Matthew Munro	8 Years (Uniondale Fire Dept)
Matthew VanGinkel	8 Years (Embro Fire Dept)
Gerry Brandow	7 Years (Embro Fire Dept)
Jeff King	7 Years (Uniondale Fire Dept)
Corby Kirwin	7 Years (Embro Fire Dept)
Tom Loghin	7 Years (Recreation)
Scott Matheson	7 Years (Uniondale Fire Dept)
Karen Martin	7 Years (Office)
Mathew Paul	7 Years (Office)
DJ Ross	7 Years (Embro Fire Dept)
Alan Thirkettle	7 Years (Thamesford Fire Dept) / 6 Years (Roads)
Derek Eddy	6 Years (Roads)
Kevin Sims	6 Years (Recreation)
Jason Brekelmans	5 Years (Thamesford Fire Dept)
Len Brown	5 Years (Embro Fire Dept)
Mike Henderson	5 Years (Thamesford Fire Dept)
Norman Hewitt	5 Years (Embro Fire Dept)
Ian Hunter	5 Years (Thamesford Fire Dept)
Dave Munro	5 Years (Embro Fire Dept)

10 Years

Rick Ackert	13 Years (Recreation)
Ross Ball	13 Years (Roads)
Michael Pickering	13 Years (Uniondale Fire Dept)
Chris Schurman	13 Years (Embro Fire Dept)
Matthew Cockle	12 Years (Embro Fire Dept)
Chris DeBoer	12 Years (Roads)
Dan DeBoer	12 Years (Uniondale Fire Dept)
Kelly Linton	12 Years (Uniondale Fire Dept)
Jeremy Wallace	12 Years (Thamesford Fire Dept)
Keith Webb	12 Years (Recreation)
Jamie Adams	11 Years (Recreation)
Derek Collins	11 Years (Roads)
Maureen Simmons	11 Years (Office)
Ryan Ehgoetz	10 Years (Uniondale Fire Dept)
Shawn McNaughton	10 Years (Recreation)



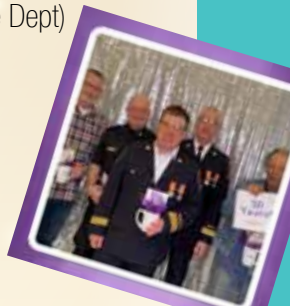
20 Years

John Renkema	23 Years (Uniondale Fire Dept)
Don MacLeod	22 Years (Office)
Steve Oliver	21 Years (Roads)
Doug Mills	21 Years (Retired Recreation)
Mark Woods	20 Years (Thamesford Fire Dept)



25 Years

Kelly Hall	28 Years (Office)
Chris Jensen	28 Years (Roads)
Rick Langford	25 Years (Thamesford Fire Dept)



30 Years

John Dunlop	38 Years (Roads)
Steve Greason	33 Years (Retired Uniondale Fire)
Jim Manzer	33 Years (Thamesford Fire Dept)
Charles Weir	33 Years (Thamesford Fire Dept)
David Switzer	32 Years (Uniondale Fire Dept)
Scott Eaton	30 Years (Recreation)
Andy Martin	30 Years (Thamesford Fire Dept)



40 Years

Ron King	43 Years (Uniondale Fire Dept)
Terry Smith	40 Years (Roads)

Terry passed away August 18, 2017 with 40 Years with Zorra



Thank you to all employees and members of Council for always doing their part to make Zorra better.

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• for any event •

Weddings
Birthdays
Baby shower
Stag & doe
Work events
Charity events
Holiday celebrations

London, Ontario & Area

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MOMENTS**

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Email: snappymoments@hotmail.com

ZORRA TOWNSHIP LIBRARY LINK SPRING 2019

OxfordCounty Library

connect. discover. share. become.

**TD
Summer
Reading
Club
2019**

Summer is almost here!
All three Zorra branches will feature special performers, crafts, and other activities all summer long.



Thamesford Library



Saturday April 20
Library Easter Egg Hunt
11:30-12:30pm

Saturday May 4
Hello, Hello Story Time
10:30am



Harrington Library

Family Movie Nights
Every Friday Night starting at 6:30pm
Free popcorn and admission

Check out our online program calendar for more event information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visit our website www.ocl.net



Are your clients and customers able to find your business online?

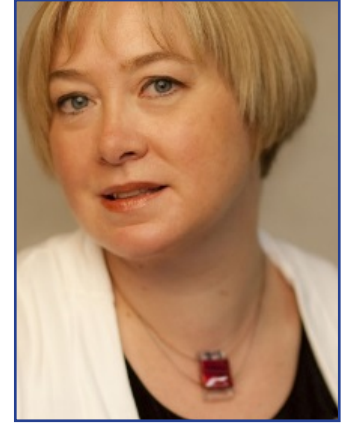
In 2019, we're partnering with 31st Line Strategic Communication to offer rural businesses a FREE analysis of your digital footprint.

These days, more than 85% of consumers search for a business online which means you could be losing opportunity because of missing information.

Using this unique analysis, you'll be provided a score on features like your website, social

networks, listings, and reviews. This feedback can help improve your online reach, making your business more resilient. To find out more, visit our site at www.roedc.ca/digital, or contact your economic development representative.

Bernia Wheaton
Bernia@roedc.ca
226-228-8283



Get your free digital health check

Do you know how you rank against your competitors on **social media, website, digital reputation and listings?**

Contact:

Bernia Wheaton,
EDO, Rural Oxford Economic
Development Corporation

226-228-8283
bernia@roedc.ca

www.roedc.ca



We can help!

In partnership with 31st Line Strategic Communications



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 or 519-485-2490 ext. 228 to have it appear in an upcoming Zorra Now Edition.

IS CHALLENGING YOU TO...

#doyourpart.

We are having a day of caring on April 25th, 2019.

All of the classes at TPS are going to go somewhere in Zorra and participate in giving back to their community. For example students might rake leaves, pick up sticks or clean up garbage.

We are challenging you to do YOUR part by showing that YOU also care for YOUR community. The possibilities are endless!

We also ask that you post what you did to show your act of caring on social media with [#doingourpart](#)

There is a link to a video on the Facebook page "What's Up Thamesford" that we made about this day of caring.



"Thamesford Public School Leadership Team students made a delegation to Council asking for support for a "Day of Caring" on April 25th where students would be out doing things for their community to make other's lives easier. They asked if they could use the Township brand #doingourpart, and if the Township would help promote the day, and Council enthusiastically supported this. How can you #doyourpart on April 25?" *Mayor Ryan*

AJ Baker *Annual Funfair*

Make plans NOW for June 6th, 2019! Come to AJ Baker Public School in downtown Kintore for their annual Funfair. Coming highly recommended, this year will feature Magic Dan-Dan Kranztz! As an award-winning magician, he has travelled the globe to amaze and delight- from Disney to Vegas and he takes pride performing for the Sick Kids Hospital! Illusion and magic will come together to round out an amazing night of fun and entertainment. Come join us for an outstanding one hour show and take part in AJ's biggest annual 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!



AJ BAKER

The students at AJ Baker received a challenge from Thamesford Public School to participate in the Day of Caring on April 25th, and we've responded! We plan to take the grade 4-8 students to the Harrington Conservation Area in the morning, where we will clean up the park, clear brush and litter, and possibly even plant seedlings! In the afternoon, our whole school is going to host seniors from a local Retirement Home for tea, snacks, and some vocal and guitar performances by our talented students!

We're so proud of our student Crusader Council and the student leadership team that came up with these ideas so that we can give back to our community.



Arena Advertising

Promote your company at our Recreation Centres.

Displayed in the arena with maximum exposure during busy winter sport operations and summer community events

\$250.00 annually.

Apply now to ensure an August install.

Public Skate Sponsorship

Sponsor a public skate at either of our Community Centres

Promote your business and support recreation opportunities for your community.

Exposure includes Township social media, at the recreation facilities and in the Zorra Now

\$120.00 for a 1-hour skate

Sign up now to meet the fall publication timelines.

CONTACT: Matt Brown / mbrown@zorra.on.ca / 519-617-2793

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TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Harrington Heritage Day

Aug.10, 2019
11am - 4pm



Harrington Grist Mill



Harrington Hall



Harrington Community Centre

Fun, food, and activities for all ages!

More details to follow Visit www.exploreharrington.ca

July 6, 2019 11am - 4pm

National Trust for Canada's Historic Places Day



Harrington Grist Mill



Harrington Community Centre

Tours, refreshments, reminiscing.....
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Harrington's Living Museum

The Harrington & Area Community Association (HACA) is excited to announce that it has created a cultural and natural history program for Grade 3 students. Our partner in this endeavour is Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA).

UTRCA owns the Grist Mill property and Conservation Area, but it is HACA who maintains the trail and parkland around the Mill Pond, and who along with many other volunteers from the community, have spent the past 20 + years renovating the 1846 Grist Mill.

Currently, the Mill only needs water power from the Mill Pond to be fully functional!

HACA volunteers will show how growing the "3 Sisters", corn, beans & squash, supported the lives of the 1st Nation people who lived in this area, and how they shared this with the early settlers. Students will have the opportunity to experience how the process of milling corn evolved, from grinding with stones, to the creation of the Grist Mill in 1846. The Miller will lead them through a tour of the Mill, explaining why it was built here, the working of the Mill including the importance of water power, and the vital part the Mill played in the origins of Harrington, and the lives of area residents.

The program will include a hands-on activity lead by UTRCA, during which the students will discover the many organisms that live in the Mill Pond's aquatic environment.

We will be hosting a pilot this spring for area Grade 3 classes. If all goes as planned, the program will be available to students in the very near future, as part of UTRCA's educational programs!

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Walking in Circles is OK

Actually, at the Harrington Pond, walking in circles is 1K – one km. per walk around the pond.

On Saturday, June 1st, the Oxford Trails Council is pulling out all stops to encourage people to do just that. The second annual Take a Hike Oxford – Trails Festival will happen in Harrington on Saturday and Tillsonburg on Sunday to celebrate local trail opportunities. Trails are open to people of all age groups and cultures.

The Harrington Mill Pond Walking Trail is a picturesque walk around a mill pond. As you walk along the water's edge you will often see swans, waterfowl, and other animals. The trail meanders through trees, crosses a bridge over the source stream and includes a viewing station overlooking the historic pond and dam that dates back to the village's origin in the 1840's. In fact, as well as providing recreational opportunities (boating, fishing, picnics), the pond provided the power that drove Harrington's founding industries (sawmills, gristmill).

Activities planned for June 1st include:

- Two early morning workshops (fee & pre-registration required):
Photographing nature by Irene Miller
www.imillerphoto.com
Creating art using nature as inspiration, by professional artist Rhonda Franks. No skill or experience required.
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- Guided tours of the Harrington Grist Mill (10 & 11 am., noon & 1 pm)

- “What to do if you find a wild animal in distress” by Hobbitstee Wildlife Refuge
www.hobbitstee.com (10:30 am, 1 pm)
- Guided natural history walk by Larry Lamb, naturalist (11 am)
- Light BBQ lunch available for purchase
- Afternoon tea for purchase in the Mill, with Chocolatea chocolatea.ca Limited seating.
- Nature themed reading by renowned stage actor and Harrington resident, Seana McKenna
- Trail walks illustrated by excerpts from literature about nature (10 am – 4 pm)
Story walk for children
Poetry walk for adults
- Children will be invited to paint a trail marker (10 am – 3 pm)
- Stream Safari guided by Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (10 am – 2 pm)

Take a Hike Oxford – Trails Festival has been organized by the Oxford County Trails Council, a community-based, non-profit organization working for the development, coordination, linking, preservation and use of trails in Oxford County. Visit <http://oxfordcountytailsCouncil.ca/>.

Contact: Cher Sprague, 519-475-4097
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Harrington Hall

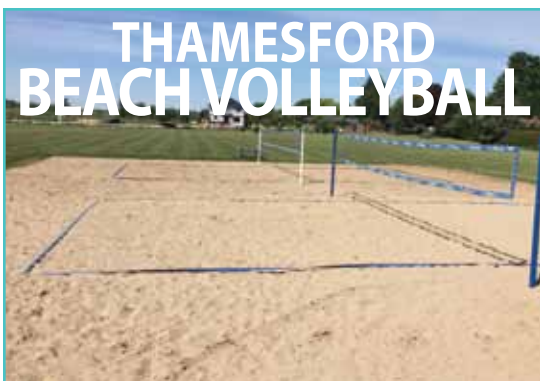


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THAMESFORD BEACH VOLLEYBALL

The 2019 Thamesford beach volleyball league is gearing up for another great season. We are excited to announce the new lighting system will be up and running which will allow everyone to enjoy longer game times. With the league getting more and more popular we have now added a few new nights to the lineup to allow more players and different age groups to join. The week starts off with our Monday night youth league. As this is a new league this year and it will run based on registration numbers. If we can get enough players together to make a few teams we would love to see the kids come out and work on their team building and beach volleyball skills. We also have the option to run this youth league on Sundays as well. Please state which day you would like to see the league run on our website and we will pick a night based on numbers. Tuesday nights are our competitive 2 on 2 league. Wednesday nights are our women's only league. This night continues to grow every season and we are looking to sell out this year with 16 teams. It is the only women's league in town for any sport so put a team together and register soon. Thursday nights are already sold out for our co-ed 4 on 4 league. This has been our most popular night and it fills up quickly. Due to selling out this early we have now added a new night of co-ed recreational 4 on 4's for Friday night. If you missed the sign up for Thursday night but you still want to play please register for Friday night and we will start the league if there is enough interest. We are also going to be running our annual Calithumpian Tournament again this year on Saturday May 18th. This is being planned as a fully licensed event in collaboration with the 100 year celebration with outdoor beer tents and concert. Registration for the tournament and leagues can all be found on our website at www.thamesfordvolleyball.com. Feel free to join our facebook group as well for more info, Thamesford Beach Volleyball League.

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Thamesford Lions



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Community Events

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Friday April 12, 2019

8pm-1am Thamesford Rec Centre - tickets \$10

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Contact: Lion Jim 519-868-3409 or Lion Gord 519-283-9734

Electronic, Metal, Batteries Recycling Day

Saturday April 27, 2019

Trout Brunch

Sunday May 19, 2019

11am-1pm Thamesford Rec Centre

Tickets \$15 Adults, \$6 Children

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Why does a large red zed appear in ReuseapalooZaha? It's to honour Zorra Township which has consistently participated en masse in these great free swap meets, turning excess goods into social good. Neighbours meet neighbours; fashion, housewares, gardening equipment, books are traded with the excess supporting local charities. Metal and electronic waste supports Thamesford Lions' projects. 4H offers snacks and meals.

Don't miss the upcoming opportunity to declutter your home, barn, shed, garage, basement. April 27th, shout some huzzahs at the sight of rare treasures to take home. Be at the Zorra-Embroid Community Centre between 8am and 2 pm. For more information visit www.reuseapaloozaha.ca

Exchange Pioneers

When Oxford County initiated a bursary for international exchange students, grades 8 through 12, to travel to Europe, to collect sustainability ideas for economic, cultural or environmental sustainability, the pioneering student was Jessica Hatch. Her research on train travel and intermodal connections of bus, cars, bikes and footpaths to rail hubs in France wowed the Zorra Township Council, impressed County Council and fascinated radio and cable interviewers locally.



She'd planned to present to local community groups, but when the word got out on her presentation, others were interested and she picked up volunteer hours toward her graduation too.

Students in all Zorra elementary schools can apply as of their grade 7 year for these international exchanges and bursaries by contacting the local ISE rep at bryansmith@iseontario.on.ca.



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- Embro Arena, 355644 35th Line, Embro, ON N0J 1J0 519-475-6061
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Beachville District Historical Society SPEAKER SERIES Spring 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

The Beachville District Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and promoting an appreciation of the district's past. It founded the Beachville District Museum and oversees its operation in partnership with South-West Oxford (SWOX) and Zorra townships. New members are always welcome. For further information please call the Museum at 519-423-6497.

British Home Children – sharing the stories

Dan Oatman
April 9

Many in this area have family connections to Home Children, an immigration plan that brought to Canada 100,000 British orphans and children whose parents could no longer look after them. This multi-media presentation outlines the program and its important place in Canadian history. Dan also describes his personal connection, and shares the stories of some of the children. (Home Children or their descendants are encouraged to briefly share their own stories following the presentation)



Beachville's Gift to Baseball

Chip Martin,
baseball historian and author
May 14

For more than a century, Americans (and many Canadians) believed baseball was invented in the small town of Cooperstown, New York, by Abner Doubleday in 1839. They were wrong. The Cooperstown myth began with a man named Abner Graves, who wrote about the "invention" which he claimed to have witnessed as a boy. In reality, his Cooperstown tale, which has been widely dismissed as untrue, was likely based on history's first recorded baseball game in Beachville.



Your Heirlooms and the Next Generation

Dr. Stephanie Radu, Curator,
Beachville District Museum
June 11

Where will your prized pieces or artifacts go when you can no longer care for them? We will discuss how to plan for their future, including working with family members, documenting the items' histories, getting appraisals, and following some basic conservation techniques to help them survive for the next phase. We will also explain how to approach museums as possible sites for donations, should you consider that as one option, and why an item may or may not be suitable for a particular museum's collection.



ALL NEW PROJECTS AND SPRING PROGRAMS @ BEACHVILLE DISTRICT MUSEUM

Winter is a season characterized by dormancy. The cold weather and shorter daylight hours slow us all down. While summer, is definitely a peak time at the museum, we skipped over hibernation this year and forged forward with a number of projects in the first quarter. Through a partnership with the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association (CHAA), we installed an exhibition about WWII training aircraft, the RCAF, and the establishment of CHAA in Oxford County. Terry Scott delivered a detailed account of CHAA's many initiatives during the Beachville District Historical Society's January speaker series presentation.

Through February and March, museum staff was tasked with re-housing several historical

documents and artifacts in our collection storage spaces. While moving pieces into new archival boxes, we were able to check-in on their health and ensure the objects are happily protected for many years to come.

On March 12th, the Beachville District Historical Society and members of the Board of Directors held an Annual General Meeting. Attendees were treated to a potluck dinner before the meeting began. The accomplishments of 2018 were recapped, and plans for the remainder of 2019 were set out. We extend our thanks to all of the board members whose terms have ended, and who depart for other community service positions. We also welcome new representatives from South-West Oxford Township and Zorra Township to the board.

As the weather turns, we are cleaning off the porch, preparing garden beds and raking up last year's leaves. Our grounds are made ready for the Easter egg hunt on April 20th (12noon – 2pm). The Beachville Parks

& Recreation Committee organizes this free, fun and festive egg hunt for even the youngest of chocolate lovers.

In April, we also launch our online, summer-camp registration page. If you have a child between the ages of 5 and 11 who loves space, animals, sports, crafts or cooking make sure to check out our camp fliers and weekly themes at www.beachvilledistrictmuseum.com. Our campers spend the summer checking out wildlife on the museum grounds, learning about the past with staff in the galleries and making new friends in the updated Program Room. Sign up for summer fun today!

If you're looking for regular updates on museum activities, summer job postings, and/or upcoming event details, follow Beachville District Museum on Facebook or on Twitter @ BeachvilleDM.

COMMUNITY & RECREATION EVENTS

ReusalooZaha

April 27, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Giant swap meet to divert materials from the landfill

Lions Recycle Day

April 27, 2019 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Contact Jim Gillespie 519-285-3349

Calithumpian Weekend

May 17 - 20, 2019
Contact Katie Davies at
katiegrigg26@gmail.com or
519-295-0105
www.thamesfordcalithumpian.ca

Thamesford Lions Club Trout Brunch

May 19, 2019
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Contact: thamesford@a15lions.org

Thamesford Trojans Fish Fry

June 14, 2019
Social: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Dinner: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
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Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society

Roeland and Mary Anne Van Oostveen receive O.A.A.S. Award By Laura Green

It was the final performance of the Embro Dinner Theatre production of "Stag and Doe" by Mark Crawford on March 2nd and the Van Oostveen family were enjoying their final cup of coffee when their friend Jackie Koot started rambling on at the mic about a couple who work long hours volunteering for the Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society (EZAS). They wanted to make an "exit stage left" when they clued in who the couple was that Jackie was referring to.

EZAS President Sara Stephenson presented the award which states on the document "The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Meritorious Service Award presented to Roeland and Mary Anne Van Oostveen for outstanding and dedicated service to the Embro and Zorra Agricultural Society."

Roeland is a current director on the board and his name is found on the Grounds, Kids Activities for the fair, and Dinner Theatre committees. Roeland has built numerous sets for Dinner theatre and Thistle Theatre has stolen his talents too. For set-up and take-down of the fair his wife Mary Anne says "Roeland keeps the stuff packed correctly in the storage shed and keeps the items needed for dinner theatre stage packed at the front of the building" in other words he has good organizational skills.

As a 10-year veteran on the board, Roeland is one of the pasta chefs for the Spaghetti Dinner night. He also knows how to run the dishwasher on site for the Fish Fry and Wings night.

Mary Anne was on the board for about 8 years and worked on the Kids committee and 4-H work. Now she very comfortable with the paint brushes working on the set décor for Dinner Theatre and Thistle Theatre productions.

You will also find her working in the kitchen for the Fish Fry and Spaghetti Dinner nights.

Both Mary Anne and Roeland have served tables at Dinner Theatre and really enjoy the evening when they can watch the production of the current year.

This couple have volunteered on other community boards like Thistle Theatre, Embro Pond Association and the Castle Square Dance club. Mary Anne was involved with 1st Thamesford Girl Guides and was 4-H volunteer with Embro II.

Roeland and Mary Anne will officially open the 161st Embro Fall Fair on September 14th 2019.



Congratulating the 2019 recipients of the O.A.A.S Meritorious Service Award, Roeland and Mary Anne Van Oostveen, are Embro and Zorra Agricultural Society President Sara Stephenson (left) and Jackie Koot (far right) who delivered her personally written address.. *Photo by Marian Sterk*

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JUL 22-26 9AM-12PM	EMBRO	4-7 YRS MULTI-SPORT	\$135
JUL 29-AUG 9AM-4PM	COWAN PARK	4-7 YRS SPORTS/MAGIC/ SCIENCE	\$215
AUG 19-23 9AM-12PM	COWAN PARK	4-7 YRS MULTI-SPORT	\$135



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Facility Booking

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Thamesford District Recreation Centre
Phone: 519-285-2236
Email: tdrc@zorra.on.ca

Embro Zorra Community Centre
Phone: 519-475-6061
Email: ezcc@zorra.on.ca

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

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Upcoming Council Meetings

All meetings held at the Township Office – Council Chambers

*Council recently changed meetings times to the first WEDNESDAY of the month at 9:00AM and the third WEDNESDAY of the month at 6:00PM

May 1	9:00a.m.
May 15	6:00p.m.
June 5	9:00a.m.
June 19	6:00p.m.

July 17	9:00a.m.*
August 7	9:00a.m.*

*Only one meeting is held in July and August

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	
Carol Hanlon	519-485-0668
Embro Highland Games/ Zorra Caledonian Society	519-475-4451
Thamesford Lion's Club	
Jim Keron, President	519-639-1910
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@explornet.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
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Thamesford Block Parents	519-285-1126
Thamesford Business Association	519-285-3249
Thamesford Public Library	519-285-3219
Thamesford Snowmobile Club	
Harold Hacon (trails)	519-461-0855
David Blight (President)	519-432-2729
Thistle Theatre - Chris Cockle	519-475-4201
Tiny Paws 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
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Knox United Church	116 Kincardine Street, Embro, Ontario
	519-475-4060
Maple Grove Christian Retreat	194936 19th Line
	Thamesford, Ontario
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St. John's Anglican Church	220 Dundas Street
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	519-285-3218
Truth Community Church	154978 15th Line (Banner Rd.)
	Thamesford, Ontario
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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 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 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.

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 for more information! Drop by our office and see what we have to offer! #ShopLocal



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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.

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Nutrient Management Plans	50%	\$500
Wellhead Protection	50%	\$500
Decommissioning Unused Wells	50%	\$500
Fertilizer, Chemical and Fuel Storage or Handling	50%	\$500
Septic Systems	50%	\$4,000
Erosion Control Structures	50%	\$3,000
Fragile Land Retirement	50%	\$2,000
Oxford County -Woodlands Conservation/Enhancement ** Oxford County Woodlands - Grant Rate 50% (general woodlands) or 70% (woodlands identified as significant in the Oxford Natural Heritage Study)	50% or 70%	\$2,000
Oxford County -Wetlands Conservation/Enhancement ** Oxford County Wetlands - Grant Rate 50% (locally significant or unevaluated wetlands) or 70% (Provincially Significant Wetlands or wetland features associated with significant terrestrial features identified in the Oxford Natural Heritage Study)	50% or 70%**	\$3,000

Visit www.cleanwaterprogram.ca
 Contact your local Municipality or Conservation Authority:

County of Middlesex:

Ausable Bayfield CA 519-235-2610
 St. Clair Region CA 519-245-3710
 Upper Thames River CA 519-451-2800 ext. 251

County of Oxford:

Grand River CA 519-621-2761
 Long Point Region CA 519-842-4242
 Upper Thames River CA 519-451-2800 ext. 251

County of Perth:

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The bursaries funds were sourced from the silent auction at OFA's 2018 annual meeting. The bursaries will be awarded regionally, including one recipient from each region across the province. The regions include: South-Western Ontario, Central Ontario and Northern & Eastern Ontario.

Bursary recipients will be selected from applicants who are OFA members, a child of, or employee of an OFA member and are residents of Ontario.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate volunteer and industry related accomplishments, an interest in agriculture and rural issues, community involvement and satisfactory academic performance.

The bursary winners will be announced at OFA's 2019 Annual General Meeting in November at the Hamilton Convention Centre in Hamilton, Ontario.

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