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New Brigden Fair Ambassador crowned



August 13 was a big day for the Brigden Fair and newly-crowned Ambassador Emma Wheeler, centre, and her courtiers Tanis Degurse, left, and Savanah Denommy. This formal portrait also includes, standing left: Moore Agricultural Society (MAS) Home-craft President Cheryl McGuire; outgoing Ambassador Emma Ouellette; MAS President John Scott; and St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar. [More royal info, see](#)

What's new on the inside?

It's Corunna200 Street Festival Time!

Come and help Lyndoch rock on Sept. 23!

The exciting final event of the *Almost Canada's Capital* summer celebration will feature events and activities for people of all ages, beginning with breakfast and running all day.

For a sneak peak at the schedule, see page 10.

Corunna



CONTACT THE BEACON: beacon@stclairtownship.ca



MUNICIPAL NOTES



Council Meeting Schedule

All regular council meetings are open to the public, but will continue to be available online by going onto the township website at: www.stclairtownship.ca.

Upcoming council meetings will be: Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 3 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. To make a presentation to council or for more information, call the St. Clair Township municipal office at 519-867-2021 (1-800-809-0301). *This schedule is subject to change when necessary.*

NOTE: This information is accurate at

Community Survey Results for the Official Plan Review summarized

To ensure the St. Clair Township Official Plan (OP) review and update was developed with accurate, currently acquired information about the municipality, NPG Planning Solutions Inc. (NPG), a Niagara-based group of highly experienced planning professionals, was engaged to consult on the process.

As part of the community engagement process for the official plan, NPG invited residents and business owners to participate in a community survey to understand more about priorities and issues as identified by community members. The Community Survey consisted of 17 open-ended questions designed to solicit input on priorities for future growth in the municipality, with a total of 12 responses received. The survey was available online and in paper copy, and was available in the late fall/early winter for residents to complete.

During a presentation to St. Clair Township Council at its Aug. 14 meeting, NPG representative Mary Lou Tanner said survey results indicated respondents value the township's small-town feel, a quality not commonly stated in surveys the company has done for other municipalities. "What people really value is community feel, and (these comments) were consistent throughout the surveys we have...This is one of the few communities where we've seen this as important to people."

Respondents ranked recreational opportunities and facilities, waterfront access, and active transportation and community connections as the highest priorities. They also stressed the need for connectivity among communities along the St. Clair River, and walkability in new developments. The preservation of urban greenspace and agricultural land, along with protection of natural heritage features, were also key concerns residents had in contemplating future growth.

Respondents also cited the importance of public infrastructure and transportation, and

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St. Clair Township 2023 Final Property Tax Due Date

~Thursday, September 28~

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Payment Options available are as follows:

- ☒ Monthly Pre-Authorized
- ☒ Pay online or by telephone with your bank
- ☒ In person at your bank branch
- ☒ Drop a cheque into the secure drop box at Civic Center front door
- ☒ Mail a cheque
- ☒ Debit, Cash, or Cheque at Civic Center
- ☒ Credit card, debit available for a fee on [www.paysimply.ca](http://www.paysimply.ca)

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If you do not receive your tax bill (s) in the mail by July 10th, please email taxes@stclairtownship.ca

Notice to property owners to destroy noxious weeds

Notice is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 13, 16, and 23, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the municipality of the Township of St. Clair are destroyed throughout the season, the municipality may enter upon said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging the cost against the land, plus an administration charge as set out in the Act. (Minimum charge per parcel is \$80.) The co-operation of all land owners is earnestly solicited.

Jeff Baranek, Clerk

519-867-2021



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Public input invited at strategic plan meeting

St. Clair Township is engaging in strategic planning activities to ensure that we maintain a strong, progressive, and vibrant community into the future. Council will be taking the lead on the activities, and we are most interested in soliciting input from all interested stakeholders (citizens, businesses, Council, staff, and the entire community).

A facilitated meeting has been planned for Thursday evening, September 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Meeting Room # 1 at the Mooretown Sports Complex.

All interested stakeholders in St. Clair Township are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For further information please contact the St. Clair Township office at 519-867-2021 or jbaranek@stclairtownship.ca

Your input will help us shape a future we can all be proud



NOTICE – BRADSHAW CEMETERY

St. Clair Township has submitted by-laws to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Any interested parties may contact Jeff Baranek at Tel: (519) 862-2021 for information, or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at 1155 Emily St. Mooretown.

These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Telephone: Bereavement Authority of Ontario 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356.



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Age-Friendly Sarnia Lambton benefits older adults' quality of life



Challenges faced by older adults are often difficult to handle, both for themselves and for those who care about them. Aging at home is a preference for many, but self-sufficiency issues can make that choice impossible.

The goal of Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton is to make access to community supports and health services easier. It's a convenient, easy one-stop access point for finding over 600 social and health supports in Lambton County.

For more information about Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton, go online to:

agefriendlysarnialambton.ca

The Age-Friendly Sarnia-Lambton website focuses on adults age 55+. It has expanded to support active, healthy, and engaged living for people at all stages of

life. It was launched through a grant from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, and has evolved with the help of several other grant opportunities.

The age-friendly content of the website, which includes a wide number of **Help At Home services**, is informed by feedback gathered from community members and care providers within Sarnia and Lambton County.

For those who prefer to speak to someone about local supports, please call: **The Older Adult Care Pathway**, or 519-336-3600 or 1-888-347-8737.



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Township of St. Clair streamlines Grant/Donation Program

Council's latest milestone, sanctioned in April 2023 and poised for implementation in 2024, is an innovative initiative that marks a significant departure from the former *budget meeting voluntary request-based model* utilized until 2023.

Eligibility Criteria-To be eligible to receive a grant from the Township of St. Clair, an organization must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a registered charitable organization with the Government of Canada or a volunteer organization within the Township of St. Clair.
2. Have a minimum operational history of at least one year.
3. Provide services directly benefiting the residents of St. Clair Township.
4. Demonstrate community volunteer support.

Supported Focus Areas: The Corporation of the Township of St. Clair will provide support to organizations engaged in the following areas:

1. Promotion and maintenance of neighbourhood parks.
2. Development and upkeep of recreational facilities.
3. Preservation of heritage and environmental initiatives.
4. Implementation of community and social groups / programs.

Grant Purpose and Criteria:

Grants will be awarded for specific purposes and for projects with defined timelines and outcomes. Successful applicants must clearly demonstrate a community-based activity.

Application Process: All prospective applicants must adhere to the following guidelines:

To apply for the annual grant/donation for 2024, go online to this page:

<https://www.stclairtownship.ca/annual-grant-donation-requests/>

It can also be found under the COUNCIL tab on the St. Clair Township website.

1. Complete the designated grant request form.
2. Furnish required reference information.
3. Submit applications by the specified deadline of October 15th.

Reporting Requirements: Grant recipients are obligated to provide comprehensive annual reports, indicating proper utilization of grant funds as outlined in their applications. Final reports must be received prior to additional funding being distributed and should encompass the following components:

1. Financial statements from the previous year.
2. Detailed budget breakdown.
3. Statistical data showcasing program impact.
4. Summarized program overview.
5. Measurable outcomes aligning with Council's priorities.

Ineligibility Criteria: The following categories are not eligible for grant consideration:

1. Annual fund drives.
2. Institutional statutory programs.
3. Core operating expenses.
4. Political activities.
5. Travel expenses.
6. Debt reduction.
7. Endowment funds.
8. Direct religious activities.

Frequency: Grants will be awarded on an annual basis, with application due by October 15 each year. By adhering to these comprehensive guidelines, the Township of St. Clair aims to ensure fair and transparent grant distribution that aligns with its commitment to community development and enhancement.

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support for local businesses. Most survey respondents agree growth is needed to accommodate housing and jobs that will sustain the community, and that development needs to be compatible and thoughtful with supporting infrastructure. A mix of affordable housing types and options are needed in the community.

Furthermore, respondents agree that the agricultural and industrial sectors are important to the Township's economy, supporting flexibility for farm-based businesses and the limitation of cannabis growth operations to industrial areas.

Ms. Tanner cited a concerning growth trend NPG has found that could adversely affect future planning deci-

sions. "The township's population growth is ahead of county population projections," she said. "In 2022, there was growth beyond the 2021 census numbers. That is an issue for you." She continued, "Because we're seeing this already, we don't anticipate your population growth is going to stall out. We think it's going to continue to grow."

Using the knowledge at NPG's disposal, Ms. Tanner says some proactive measures will be developed in anticipation of future challenges that might arise.

"We are going to work with your staff to set you up so that as the county determines what planning is needed for housing and jobs, you'll be in a position, with this official plan, to immediately move to start implementing that," she said.

Other topics being examined include the development

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and regulation of short-term vacation rental units. Considerations include; the maximum number of guest bedrooms per unit, sufficient parking requirements for each unit, will there be a need for rezoning, and will there be policies associated with natural heritage sites and systems.

Agriculture was acknowledged as a significant contributor to the township's economy and community identity. St. Clair Township will stay in step with Lambton County's direction to protect the agricultural land base from incompatible uses; these uses would compete or conflict with agricultural activities and tend to limit the flexibility and viability of farm operations over time. The protection of the land will prevent farm fragmentation and promote strategies to slow the decline in farm operator numbers and grow the agricultural sector.

In order to permit uses in Agricultural Areas that will be consistent with those included in the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), the NPG report noted the township's official plan must be changed. The most significant changes would be the addition of Agri-Tourism and ground-mounted solar facilities as On-Farm diversified uses.

The PPS and Lambton County Official Plan (OP) provide for lot creation in prime agricultural areas under limited and specific circumstances, although they both discourage it. To conform with the County OP, the minimum lot size for agricultural uses will be reduced from 40 to 30 hectares, except for limited instances where smaller farm parcels are required for the type of agriculture proposed.

Requirements for new or expanding green energy projects, and the appropriate location and policies associated with the growth of cannabis, are also among the issues being examined.

The long-term benefits of a well-designed official plan can provide a strong foundation upon which the future of St. Clair Township can be built. Proactive consideration and planning for future scenarios can create the flexibility required to tackle external factors such as ongoing legislative changes (i.e. Bill 97- affects farmland, Bill 23 - the More Homes Built Faster Act 2022, and Bill 109 - More Homes for Everyone Act).

For those who missed the survey, an open house is being planned for sometime in the fall.

Transient trader by-law

According to By-Law 30 of 2015, door-to-door sales people working in St. Clair Township must have a Business License or permit to do so when they are conducting any commerce or trade, or operating a business.

The by-law stipulates that "transient traders" (people who operate a business, conduct any commerce or trade, or offer for sale any goods or services on a temporary, intermittent, or one time basis) who are not eligible for a business license/permit issued by St. Clair Township are guilty of an offence. If they are convicted of this offence, they must pay a fine of \$200 plus costs incurred in enforcement of the by-law.

This by-law was discussed at a recent Council meeting in regard to the permit granted to Bell Canada to allow the door-to-door promotion of Bell internet, TV and home phone within the township. Residents should be wary of sales people who show up at the door without being asked to come. *If you aren't expecting and don't know the person, you're in doubt about his or her intentions, don't answer the door.*

Provisions of the by-law do not apply to the sale of personal contents of a home or residence, such as a garage sale, yard sale, or similar temporary activity.

Fence by-law revisited

The St. Clair Township fence by-law states the maxi-

mum finished fence height is six-feet. To obtain a variance of this height, council must approve the construction of the fence **before** it is built. Confirm the current by-law requirements. Don't assume you know it. Failure to seek a variance before building a non-compliant fence most often leads to the expensive task of bringing it into compliance with the by-law or removal.

Open air burning by-law

The approach of autumn means fire pits and recreational fires will be called into service. St. Clair Township regulations outlined in the **Open-Air Burning By-law (By-Law 55 of 2017)** should be followed when having an outdoor fire.

Use clean, dry wood ONLY—NO construction material, NO pressure-treated wood, and NO yard waste or garbage. The campfire is required to be confined to an approved burning device or a pit no larger than 2 ft. by 2 ft.

*A minimum of 10 feet in all directions must be kept from structures and property lines.

Burning is only allowed between 7 a.m. and midnight.

*The fire must be extinguished before the site is vacated. Please remember to respect your neighbours. Do not burn if the smoke will impact them.

*Failing to follow the by-law requirements could result in a fine, an invoice if your fire results in a response by the fire department, or both.

If you intend to have a bonfire or burn brush or other yard waste, please use the contact information below to find out if that fire is legal and if so, check to see if you require a permit.

If your fire burns out of control and St. Clair Fire units are called to the scene of the burn, you may be fined and/or charged for the service.

If you have questions or require information, please don't hesitate to contact St. Clair Fire at 519-481-0111 or stclairfire@stclairfire.ca.

Heavy rains and flooding can make well water unsafe to drink. Remember to have wells tested after these conditions occur. More info at:

lambtonpublichealth.ca/health-info/sampling-testing/

A few tips to avoid door-to-door scams

1. Don't give salesperson a chance to talk. Just say no and close the door.
2. Check that the person has a current municipal licenses or permit to sell the products or services being offered.
3. Don't make snap decisions at the door, even if the salesperson says the offer being made is for a limited time only. And don't be pressured into paying any money for a service that hasn't been done.
4. Many scammers pose as legitimate community figures such as utility workers checking a water or gas leak, furnace inspectors, or government officials. Don't be fooled by fake IDs.
5. Seniors are often the target of sales pitches that exploit their vulnerability. Older adults are perceived to be less likely to closely monitor credit card and other accounts, and may be too embarrassed to report being defrauded or cheated. Unscrupulous salespeople may inflate the cost of products and services they offer, such as a home repair or improvement. **Don't be pressured to do business at the door!**

-Homesafe.org



Public Works Department

PW General - Roads/Drainage - Water/Sewer - Utility Billing - Engineering

St. Clair Township Civic Centre, 1155 Emily St. Mooretown, ON N0N 1M0

After Hours Emergency 1-888-441-4204

(519) 867-2993 (T)

(519) 867-3886 (F)

stclairpw@stclairtownship.ca

www.stclairtownship.ca

<http://fb.com/stclairtwppw>

Water utility appointments require 48 hours notice

St. Clair Township By-Law 16 of 2022 requires at least 48 hours notice in advance of scheduling appointments with the Public Works department to avoid service fees.

Attention: Changes to Yard Waste Collection

BRUSH COLLECTION CANCELLED

- ♦ Due to operational budget cuts, St. Clair Township will not be offering any brush collection for the Spring or Fall collection going forward.
- ♦ Yard waste will continue through both seasons. The number of collection weeks has been reduced from 14 to 11. Collection will be cancelled again on Oct. 16 and 18.
- ♦ Christmas tree collection will remain the same for January, 2024.

Suggested locations to take brush

Location	Address	Hours	Phone Number	Fee Required
Transco Recycling	387 McGregor Side Rd. Sarnia	Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:00pm Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm	519-332-4045	10 bags of compost \$20.00 \$2.00 per bag roughly (subject to change)
Curran Recycling	526 McGregor Side Road Sarnia	Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:00pm Saturday 8:00am-2:00pm	519-332-0849	\$65 metric ton \$20 if under 500 lbs
Waste Depot	456 McGregor Side Road Sarnia	Monday-Friday 6:00am-8:00pm Saturday 7:00am-3:00pm	519-333-8252	\$70 per metric ton (by weight)
Wallaceburg Leaf and Yard Depot	505 Water St. Wallaceburg	Monday-Saturday 8:00am-noon	519-627-8101	\$30.00 per cubic meter or \$2.00 per bag

Mosquito Control Set for Township

The County of Lambton will be running the annual Mosquito Larvicide program throughout the County. Larvicide tablets will be placed in catch basins throughout the Township three (3) times during the upcoming season. Although the St Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) has been contracted in recently years to perform this work, this work will now be completed by Pestalto Environmental Health Services Inc.

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Public Works Department

New Water Treatment, Transmission and Metering fixed fee

St. Clair Township has introduced a new Water Treatment, Transmission and Metering fee that now appears on your water/sanitary bill. The new water fee is being introduced to help the municipality pay for costs related to water treatment, metering and distribution facilities that, with the growing water demands and aging infrastructure, will enable the ongoing delivery of safe drinking water to every customer in St. Clair Township and ensure that it is properly metered.

Residents will notice a new line item on their bill containing the Treatment, Transmission and Metering Fee information. An average residential customer with a 3/4-inch water meter will see "Water Fixed Fee Res Qtly < 1 inch". The fee is based on your meter size and rate class. For example, residential customers with a 3/4-inch diameter meter will receive a monthly Water Treatment, Transmission and Metering Fee of \$4 (\$12 billed quarterly) in 2023. The new water fixed fee will be adjusted over the next two years until new infrastructure costs are being financially balanced with the added revenue.

St. Clair Township will continue to ensure that its Municipal customers receive reliable, safe, and effective service related to its infrastructure and related systems.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant Flushing Public Works will be undertaking annual flushing of fire hydrants connected to the St. Clair Township Water Distribution System, during the hours of:

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
April 2023 - October 2023

For current areas affected,
refer to stclairtownship.ca

During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some water discoloration using your taps, flushing toilets, doing laundry etc., as some sediment may be drawn into your residence. We recommend that you run the cold water tap for a few minutes or until the discoloration disappears.

Sewer Main Flushing

Sewer Main Flushing Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township Sewer System, during the hours of:

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
April 2023 - October 2023

For current areas affected,
refer to stclairtownship.ca

During this maintenance procedure, you may notice some gurgling noises in your drains. If conditions persist after 24-48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

No changes needed for new recycling provider

- Residents wishing to report any recycling collection issues are to contact the Contractor (Emterra Environmental) directly at 1-888-597-1541.
- Alternatively, visit their website at emterra.ca, and click on "Customer Service" section.
- For further recycling issues / concerns residents may also contact "Circular Materials" by email at: customerservice@circularmaterials.ca



A SHORT RINSE GOES A LONG WAY

Rinsing food residue from your containers helps ensure they are ready for recycling.

Learn more:
circularmaterials.ca/ON



**For more updates on information related to Public Works,
including Waste and Recycling collection,
follow up on Facebook @stclairwppw.**

Gotta' Dig? DIG SAFE! Contact **OntarioOneCall** first!

Property owners who dig without knowing where buried utility, pipelines, and cables are located are looking for trouble, expensive repairs, and maybe tragedy.

Contact OntarioOneCall.ca or call 1-800-400-2255 and be sure what and where the buried hazards are.



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Public Works Department

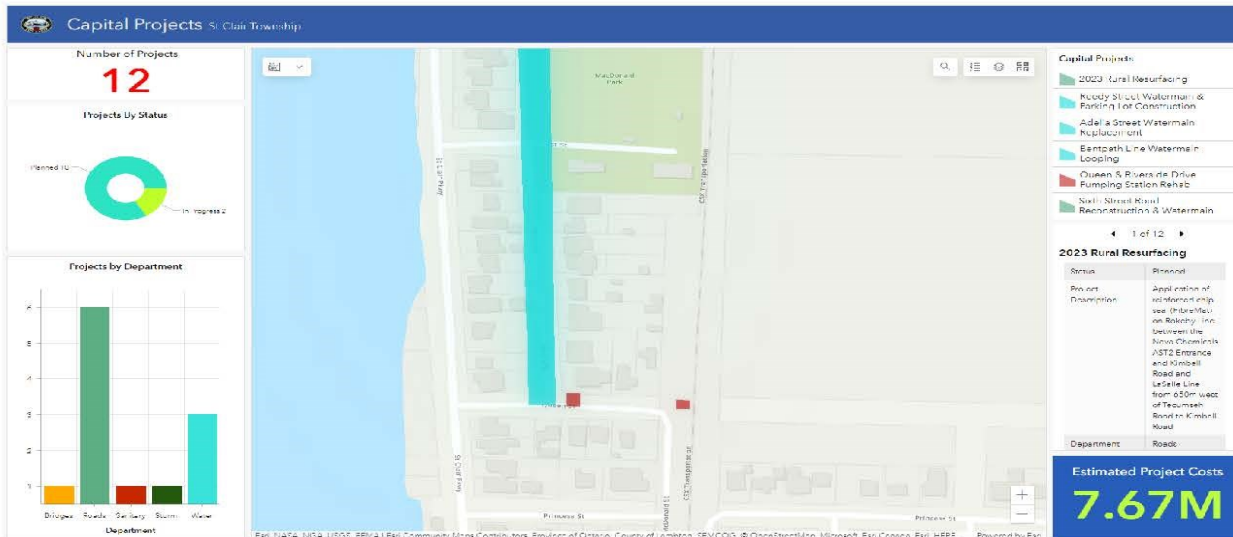
Township Website Expands to Include Interactive Mapping (Operations/Construction/Project Mapping)

A new section of the Township website has been added under the 'Residents' tab on the main page entitled **"Operations/Construction/Project Mapping"**

This new page provides links to various interactive maps relating to road closures such as the Municipal & Ontario 511 maps, as well as the Township's new Capital Projects Dashboard

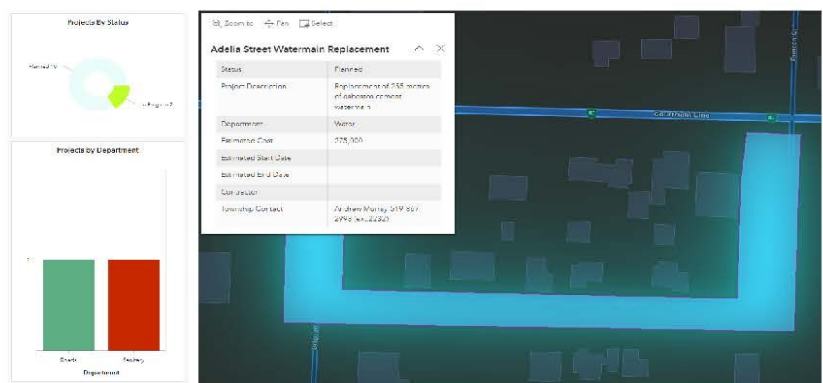
Municipal511
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511 Ontario
Traveller Information



The Capital Projects Dashboard allows users to view Township project detail including a map containing the project location. Click a project on the map or select from the right hand side to view information such as project description, cost and construction dates

All graphs and charts are interactive and can be used to filter projects by status or department. Once a filter is selected, the map and other charts are also filtered. Select the filter again to clear. Basemaps can be changed on the top right of the map.



www.stclairtownship.ca/operations-construction-project-mapping/



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Follow or like our page for all the latest updates and notifications. Visit our page at <https://www.facebook.com/stclairtwppw>

St. Clair Fire receives \$10,000 donation to fortify emergency operations



In July, St. Clair Fire received a \$10,000 donation from CF Industries to upgrade the emergency power generator at Station 3 in Courtright.

The fire station is used as a backup Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for CF Industries. An EOC serves as the hub for an emergency incident.

The generator upgrade will also allow for the station

to be used as a cooling or warming centre during emergency situations.

Above: Attending the presentation are, shown left to right: Luke Kittmer and Shawn McCann from CF Industries, Deputy Chief Brydges and Chief Boyes from St. Clair Township Fire Department.

St. Clair Fire photo



"Test Your Smoke Alarm Day" on Sept. 28

Ontario Fire Marshal and St. Clair Fire are encouraging all Ontarians to participate in "Test Your Smoke Alarm Day" on September 28, 2023, to ensure every residence has working smoke alarms after a troubling 133 fire fatalities last year in Ontario - the largest number of fire-related deaths in 20 years. We ask you to test your smoke alarms on Sept. 28, by pressing the test button and making sure they are in working order. Only working smoke alarms will alert you to a fire and give you and your loved ones enough time to safely escape. Smoke alarms have been legally required to be installed on every storey of a residence in Ontario since 2006.

Quick Facts:

- Most fatal fires occur in homes that do not have working smoke alarms.
- Test Your Smoke Alarm Day will take place the week before "Fire Prevention Week" which runs October 8 - 14.
- Smoke alarms should be tested monthly.
- Smoke alarms expired. Generally, the alarm has an expiration date and should be replaced after 10 years.



Emergency Preparedness Contact—Hydro One

In case of an emergency or power outage, here are the emergency numbers to call

Hydro One Power Outage/Emergency Line

1-800-434-1235 (operates 24/7)

Residents can call this number to report power outage, fallen trees or power lines.

Hydro One Community Relations

Hydro One's Media and Community relations staff members are available to answer questions and concerns from elected officials (e.g. MPPs, Mayors)

Monday-Friday at 1-877-345-6799

Event Schedule

BREAKFAST at Corunna Legion
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
with wagon rides
until 10 a.m.



Lyndoch Street
between Fane & Cameron



Remax balloon

10 a.m. to noon

Chalk Mural creation

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Vendors, and various activities

*Corunna200 merchandise sale

*Inflatables

*Chalk zone

*Scavenger

Hunt

*Photo booth

*Where's Bearsford Hunt?

*Fire Safety Zone

*FOOD AT LOCAL
BUSINESSES



Face painting
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



HulaHoop Zone
Noon to 3 p.m.

Stilt Walkers

Clown Around Zone



Mermaid Meet
and Greet



STREET
Festival

SEPTEMBER 23 10 AM-3 PM

ON LYNDPOCH STREET CORUNNA
BETWEEN FANE & CAMERON STREETS

PLUS: AT THE CORUNNA LEGION

BREAKFAST 8-11 AM \$12 WAGON RIDES 8-10 AM FREE

Fun for the Whole Family!

More details at: www.corunna2023.com

Facebook & Instagram

CORUNNA

A Capital Idea!

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF HISTORY IN 2023

Lyndoch Street Festival commercial participants include: Sonshine Clown & Magic Show; Skyline Inflatables; Grand River Inflatables; Hoop You; Remax Balloon; Mermaid Meet & Greet; Dreamweaver Face Painting & Mascots; White Church Gallery/chalk & multi-media artist Will Graham & artist Cassandra Graham.

YOU COULD WIN A 60"TV!

Join the Corunna200 Scavenger Hunt and you'll be eligible for a chance to win a large-screen TV. A Scavenger Hunt card can be obtained at any of the participating businesses. To play: Visit each business on the list once a month to read the fact and the question which will be posted on the window, and write your answer on your playing card. For each line completed, you will receive one ballot for the 60" TV. To win: On Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the Corunna200 Street Festival on Lyndoch Street, submit you card for ballots at the Moda Hair Salon tent.

Contact Corunna200

EMAIL: corunna200@gmail.com

PHONE: 519-312-3747

WEBSITE: www.corunna2023.com

SOCIAL MEDIA: Find us on Facebook or Instagram

MAIL: Donations can be sent to:

Corunna 200

c/o St. Clair Township Finance Department

1155 Emily St., Mooretown, ON, N0N 1M0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Corunna 200, 4014 Kimball Rd.

Corunna, ON, N0N 1G0



Summer festivals rock township from Port Lambton to Corunna



Capt. Kidd Committee member Ashley Robbins welcomed St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar to the stage to greet Captain Kidd and kick off the 38th year of Capt. Kidd Days.

Community donations welcomed



Captain Kidd arrived at Ferry Dock Hill in Corunna on schedule with his band of buccaneers at his side. Transferring from his ship to a land yacht, he terrorized the town all weekend to the delight of his adoring fans, young and not-so-young.

The festivities included several competitions, both creative and athletic. Winners were:

Athletics

Baseball: *The Kidds*

Volleyball: *Flailing*

Limbs

Ball Hockey: *U9-Chen*

Valley Oilers; *U11-Team Slapshots*; *U13-Sarnia Sting*; *U15-Stickmagnets*; *Adult-Chickmagnets*.

Creative

Talent Show winner: *Rikkie*

Best Dressed Pirate winners in three categories: *Captain Kidd Look-a-Like* - Reese Brody; *Scariest* - escaped capture unidentified; *Best Home-made Costume* - Laura Grover.

A website of photos taken during Captain Kidd weekend can be viewed at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17MAuUBmsgcdf1H05D4aoul7hVvy4TMwp>



Above: Captain Kidd and his motley crew sail their land yacht down Lyndoch Street on the way to Captain Kidd Days at Corunna Athletic Park.



Above: Captain Kidd and his yeoman announce the names of the winning buccaneers in the Best Dressed Pirate contest.

Left column pictures, from top: Donations were received by Capt. Kidd Committee members Ashley Robbins, left, and Melissa Freer-Ayteo, right, from Shaun and Tara Antle (centre) of Cooperators Ins. ; Derek and Tracy Manchester from Dynamic Graffix and MORE ; and Paul Maitland from Sims.

Photo credit and thanks to: Chantal Dale and Susan Agar

PORT LAMBTON GALA DAYS 2023

Gala Days 2023 couldn't happen without the help of the many volunteers who step up every summer. Two of the event's co-founders and lifelong committee members Christine Reedy and Di (Diane) Ross, are shown top right peeking over the counter from their post in the refreshment tent as the first ball games of the 2023 event get underway.

Right, foreground: After his U13 ball team brings home their fourth (maybe fifth, unconfirmed) victory, team coach Jake Lozon, remains undefeated in his role. He celebrated by shouting out the good news to the volunteers, who are great supporters of the kids' ball program.

Gala Days committee member Jordan Lane says the baseball program has great value, helping the kids build lifelong friendships on and off the field with their coaches and their teammates.



Gala Days founding members Christine and Di

Something to shout about...this U13 OBA Victory marks 4th (or 5th) first place for jubilant coach Jake Lozon.



Above: Here, four Gala Days committee members pause to pose for a group photo. From left: Wendy Bowles, Katie Gaulton, Karri Bouman, and Jordan Lane. Absent: Chris Dobbelaar.

Right: Thanks to the creative talents of Sydney Peats, Haddie Miller, and Kennedy Farina, this land-locked party boat float was a favourite of parade-goers. In the background, right, is the Chatham Pipe Band.



Photo credit and thanks to Jordan Lane

Gala Days Results

Women's Ball Winners: A-A Final-Rosie's Girls; B-A Final-Nice Snatch; A-B Final-Goldunn Girls.

Men's Ball Winners: Locos; Hangovers; Ghosts; Virgins; Rednecks; and Cunning Runts.
Overall winners for each division were: Ghosts and Cunning Runts.

Volleyball Winners: Division A-Hopkins; Division B-C. Gray; Division C-B. Johnston.

Applications being accepted for Affordable Housing Seed Funding program



The Housing Services Department is accepting applications for a new Affordable Housing Seed Funding Program, which provides grant funding to assist with the planning costs of building new affordable housing projects.

Subject to Council approval at the September 6, 2023 meeting, the program will provide up to \$200,000 per approved project, up to a maximum total of \$500,000 for all approved projects in 2023.

“The Affordable Housing Seed Funding Program will help support local affordable housing initiatives undertaken by non-profit organizations and ultimately help add more affordable housing units within the County of Lambton,” said Melisa Johnson, Manager, Housing Services. “There are existing gaps in available funding opportunities and resources, which can make the first steps to constructing affordable housing a challenge. This funding

program will help supplement currently available opportunities.”

To be eligible for funding, applications must be submitted by a non-profit agency for residential projects within Lambton County, containing a minimum of five affordable housing units. A list of eligible project types, activities, and full program details are available online at www.lambtononline.ca/seedfunding.

Applications and required supporting documents can be submitted to Melisa Johnson, Manager, Housing Services, by email no later than Friday, September 22, 2023. Applications will be reviewed in late September and successful applicants will be notified by mid-October.

Visit www.lambtononline.ca/seedfunding for full program details and to download an application form.

Connection Cube available at Sarnia library

People who want to access private meeting space for in-person and virtual appointments with government agencies and community organizations are now



able to reserve a Connection Cube at Sarnia Library. The installation of the Connection Cube was funded by the Sarnia-Lambton Ontario Health Team.

The Connection Cube is a private meeting space that comes equipped with an iPad, Wi-Fi, and phone connectivity. The Cube is free to book and can be reserved by visiting the Sarnia Library or calling the library at 519-337-3291.

While a library card is not required to book the space, identification and contact information is required to complete the booking.

“The Sarnia-Lambton OHT is proud to partner with Lambton County Library on this exciting and innovative initiative. A key focus of the OHT’s system navigation work this year was to bring

additional access points for health and social services to our community,” says Steve Pacino, Executive Lead, Sarnia-Lambton OHT. “Our hope is that this is the first Connection Cube of many in Sarnia-Lambton.”

The guidelines for use are as follows:

- Available during regular library hours (up to 15 minutes before closing).
- Maximum 2 hours per day / per person.
- Reservations are recommended.
- Please check in with library staff before using the Connection Cube.
- Maximum capacity is two people.
- Food is not permitted.
- Beverages in closed containers are permitted.
- Connection Cube doors do not lock. Personal belongings should not be left unattended.
- Lambton County Library is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.
- Patrons using the Connection Cube are expected to leave it clean and in its original condition.

RCMP ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE offers information and advice for cyber safety

DON'T BE AFRAID TO SAY "NO" TO SUSPICIOUS PHONE CALLS

The RCMP Anti-Fraud Centre website urges people to be aware of fraudulent phone calls. If you receive a call you didn't initiate, you don't know who are speaking to no matter what they may tell you. Until you verify who you're speaking to, don't give out any personal information, including name, address, birthdate, Social Insurance Number, credit card number, or banking information. **No matter how insistent or threatening the voice on the other end of the line may be, don't ever share your S.I.N. number or other personal numbers or information. Hang up and contact the police with any information you remember about the call.**

The OPP non-emergent line can be reached at: 1-888-310-1122.

To educate yourself about scams and fraudulent activities, and how to avoid falling victim to them, go to the RCMP ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE website at: antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

This website can also be used to report fraud or cybercrimes.



BRIGDEN FAIR 2023 PREVIEW



Extreme "Not just a boy's" Sport

You won't want to miss the one and only Kassie Boone lighting up the sky both Saturday and Sunday as part of the ProRider Freestyle MX show.

In 2019, Kassie (a native of Belmont, Ontario) was the first female FMX Rider to compete at Stampede's Monster Energy Compound. She is one of only two women in the motocross world who jump the 75' gap. She has been defying the odds, and gravity, since her dad first put her on a motorbike at the age of five.

Kassie is also one of only two women in the world who compete in big air freestyle motocross, jumping 75 feet and performing Superman feet grabs, heel clickers, switch



Kassie flies high in a promotional photo

blades and a big list of tricks.

In a past interview, she stated she has a mindset where she is so driven to learn and doesn't really let any outside negativity bother her. Riding runs in her family. Her dad was a racer who they called Crazy Legs Boone. She states he was always riding his bike and his legs were always coming off the bike. He just had that bike skill that she was

fortunate enough to get, along with growing up with a brother two years older than her. Her brother was always out there taking his hands off and his feet off. And every time he did that, she would want to do the exact same thing. She credits a lot of her abilities to her dad and brother.

Back by Popular Demand.....

The Great Canadian Lumberjacks

An Axetion packed show! The Great Canadian Lumberjacks will be back with an exciting family-friendly show for all ages. You'll see lumberjacks complete in disciplines like axe throwing, chainsaw carving, wood chopping and cross-cut sawing all while keeping the crowd laughing.

Southwestern Ontario Tractor Pullers Association

The mighty Tractor Pull will be back on the track on Friday night. Be sure to grab a seat on the grandstands or a space in the beer tent to watch exhibitors pit their machinery against the best pullers in the business!

Something New this Year....

The Great Lakes Woodland Dance Troupe -

Mini Pow Wow will take place on Thanksgiving Monday. Enjoy the cultural celebration of indigenous nations gathering to dance, sing, and honour the traditions of their ancestors.

Do pumpkins fly?

They do at the fair! On Saturday, marvel at the sight of the Pumpkin Catapult in the North Horse Ring. Volunteers will be on hand to assist decorate their pumpkin before they try to send their gorgeous gourd skyward. All ages are welcome to participate in this fun event. Pumpkins of various sizes will be provided so everyone can enjoy.

World's Finest Shows Advance Ride Coupon Sale will be announced shortly. Stay tuned!

Sunday Baby Show

Want your child to be a part of the Baby Show?

The contest will be held in the Mainstreet Community Showcase Tent. It's open to babies under 12 months old (must not be older than 12 months as of the date of show)

The classes can be found in the Brigden Fair Prize List on page 39 at <http://www.brigdenfair.ca>.

Babies MUST be pre-registered. The special entry form for the Baby Show is available on the Brigden Fair website at: <http://www.brigdenfair.ca> or at the Brigden Fairgrounds Office. Entries MUST be received by September 25, 2023.

Entries can be mailed or dropped off to the office at: Brigden Fair, 2976 Brigden Road, Brigden, Ontario, N0N 1B0.

Online entries are available until 11:59 p.m. September 25, 2023. Visit our website for details.

The Dinosaurs are back! Take a walk on the prehistoric side...

Ever wondered what it would be like to roam the earth with these massive creatures? Now you can find out when the dinosaurs return to the Brigden Fairgrounds. Tour around the Community Showcase but watch out for hungry dinosaurs! The super-sized lizards had such a great time at the fair last year that they are coming back and bringing their friends with them! Hear the roar, imagine yourself in the Mesozoic Era, and don't forget to take a selfie with them. (Don't get too close, especially at feeding time.)



Charity Auction

The Charity Auction will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Showcase Tent. Items for Auction will include various scrumptious pies as well as donated items to be announced on the Brigden Fair Facebook page.

This year all proceeds will go to Noelle's Gift. Everyone is invited to participate in the auction for this important cause.

If you would like to donate an item, please contact Taylor Maw (taylor.myers94@gmail.com)

Keep watching the Brigden Fair Facebook page for more exciting 2023 Brigden Fair updates

Buildings open: Friday & Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday Gate Admission - till 5 pm -\$ 5.00 - One (1) admittance

Friday Gate Admission - after 5 pm -\$20.00 - One (1) admittance

Fair Gate Admission (per day) Sat. - Mon. -\$10.00 - One (1)

admittance

Weekend Pass \$30.00 (4 days admittance)

Fair Parking on grounds is free

Admission for all elementary school children

HERITAGE CORNER

DISAPPEARING HERITAGE

A BARN LECTURE BY DARRELL RANDELL

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AT 7 PM
AT THE SOMBRA MUSEUM

BARNs
OF SOMBRA TOWNSHIP
2024 CALENDAR



\$10 ADMISSION AT
THE DOOR



519-892-3982

3476 ST. CLAIR PKWY, SOMBRA
SOMBRAMUSEUM@STCLAIRTOWNSHIP.CA



HANDY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MOORE MUSEUM

The activities and projects Moore Museum volunteers work on vary widely; from wood working, vehicle maintenance, building maintenance, and display preservation work, to assisting with museum events, the museum staff and its volunteers work to preserve and share the history of St. Clair Township. The only qualification our volunteers require is the will to help us make Moore Museum a place where local history lives and thrives.



For more information, email the
Moore Museum at:
mooremuseum@stclairtownship.ca

Recycle used batteries at Lambton County Libraries

Lambton County Library has partnered with *Call2Recycle Canada, Inc.* to host battery recycling collection boxes in select Lambton County Library locations to encourage the proper disposal of used batteries.

Anyone wishing to recycle batteries must prepare them for recycling by following the *Call2Recycle* guidelines, which include bagging the battery in a provided

clear bag or taping over the battery's terminals before depositing them in the *Call2Recycle* collection boxes. Lambton County residents can drop off their used single-use and rechargeable household batteries (weighing up to 5 kg each) at the following Lambton County Library St. Clair Township locations: Brigden, Corunna, and Petrolia.

Lambton County Library branches offer much more than books

Your Lambton County Library lends out much more than hard copy and online books: the Library's *Active Living Lifestyle* collection loans out a number of items to keep Lambton County moving. Enrich your wanderings through nature or just your neighbourhood by borrowing a pair of walking poles, go bird-watching with a set of Tasco 10x42 binoculars, find out how many steps you take with a borrowed pedometer, then find out where you are with a GPS unit. These are available to those who have a current Lambton County Library card, which is free to anyone who lives, works, studies, or owns property in Lambton County, or who resides in a First Nations community. For more information on locations, services, and hours of operation, visit: lclibrary.ca.

Weekly St. Clair Township libraries hours of operation

- *Brigden 519-864-1142): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- *Corunna (519-862-1132): Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- *Courtright 519-867-2712): Tuesday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- *Mooretown (519-867-2823): Monday, Saturday, 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Sombra (519-892-3711): Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Port Lambton (519-677-5217): Monday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

*Wilkesport (519-864-4000): Tuesday, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Third time's a charm for this new Brigden Fair Ambassador 2023-2024



The new Brigden Fair Ambassador, Emma Wheeler, says her win proves the adage, "Third time's a charm." The personable 22-year-old Corunna area resident has competed for the title twice before but was unsuccessful in her bid to wear the crown.

Emma is a graduate of the Lambton College Office Administration program, which helped with her career as the sales and customer service representative at Manley's Basics. She plans to further her career with the goal of moving back to her hometown to settle down and raise a family.

Part of the September 13 Brigden Fair Ambassador competition re-

Left : Emma takes her first steps as Brigden Fair Ambassador.

quired that competitors wear an outfit to represent their interests. Wearing cam-

ouflage overalls and hiking boots, Emma also carried various items that reflected her interests in hunting, fishing, baking, baseball, and several other pastimes.

The new ambassador and her courtiers, Tanis Degurse and Savannah Denommy, will be helping at the upcoming Brigden Fair on Thanksgiving weekend, but Emma will also be representing the Brigden Fair at other Lambton County fall fairs, visiting local elementary schools, attending agricultural events, and competing for the coveted Canadian National Exhibition Ambassador of the Fairs crown in the fall of 2024.



Above: A far cry from gown and crown, Emma models an outfit based on the interests and activities she enjoys.

B. Stevenson photos

Four environmentally motivated students receive 2023 SCRCA scholarships

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) recently awarded its 2023 scholarships to four deserving students. The conservation scholarship program rewards graduating high school students who are pursuing post-secondary studies in a conservation-related field and who have demonstrated high academic standing and involvement in environmental initiatives.

Annabelle Rayson, from St. Patrick's Catholic Secondary School in Sarnia, and Olivia Grubb, from Lambton-Kent Composite School in Dresden were both awarded with the 2023 A.W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship. Annabelle will be attending Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts this fall pursuing a degree in Environmental Sciences and Engineering. Olivia is enrolled in the Bachelor of One Health program at the University of Guelph.

Brynn Dugdale, a student at Strathroy District Collegiate Institute in Strathroy, was awarded the Tony Stranak Conservation Scholarship. Brynn will be pursuing a degree in Environmental Sciences at the University of Guelph while Rebecca will be studying Biology at Western University.

Rebecca Adema, also from Strathroy District Collegiate Institute received the Mary Jo Arnold Conservation Scholarship.

The scholarship recipients were formally presented with their awards by SCRCA Chair Pat Brown, who said, "It is such a delight to meet with our scholarship recipients. We are happy to provide support to these students as they pursue their post-secondary studies in the environmental field. Their contributions to the community and local conservation are impressive and I'm confident they will play an important role in tackling current and future environmental issues both locally and beyond."

The scholarships are made possible through trust funds established by the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation and its donors. In total, \$3,000 was awarded across the St. Clair Region this year.

For more information on the SCRCA's scholarship program, visit <https://www.scrca.on.ca/scholarships/>.



Annabelle Rayson



Olivia Grubb



Brynn Dugdale



Rebecca Adema

COMMUNITY CONTACT

FOOD BANKS NEED OUR HELP

Sacred Heart food bank helps community thrive

The Sacred Heart Food Bank continues to aid the community address food insecurity all year long. Nourishing food items and daily supplies like personal hygiene items, baby needs, and household cleaning supplies, as well as grocery store gift cards and monetary donations, are always gratefully accepted. Food bank shelves need to be replenished on a regular basis.

St. Andrew's food bank continues to help those in need

The food bank at St. Andrew's Church on Colborne Street in Corunna is open every Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. The food bank serves those in need, offering a variety of food products to help people eat healthily, including dairy products, bread, and meat, as well as daily requirements like household cleaning supplies, hygiene products, and baby needs. The fresh food supplied at the food bank costs approximately \$75 per week to purchase. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation to the food bank can do so through Food Bank, C/O St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 437 Colborne Drive, Corunna, Ontario, N0N 1G0. Gift cards to Foodland and No Frills are also welcome.

St. Joseph-St. Charles Catholic Church

Community to participate in food program

The St. Joseph-St. Charles' Catholic Community in Corunna, along with the Catholic churches in Petrolia, Forest, and Watford, has worked collaboratively with the Boys and Girls Club of Samia-Lambton to extend Project Backpack, a food assistance program, into Lambton County. The program provides a bag of nutritious food that can be easily distributed to people ages 14-24 who are in need of a healthy meal. Each bag also contains hygiene items and helpful information from community partners. People who qualify for this program can find these bags at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish office at 346 Beresford Street in Corunna during regular office hours (Monday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). Program organizers say the program will continue

into the fall and they hope to continue it as long as there is a need for it.

Sombra Optimist Clubs welcome new members

The Sombra Optimist Club is looking for new members who want to help their community thrive. This volunteer organization exists to make their community a better place by doing great things for the youth in their area. Be a friend of youth - join the Optimist Club of Sombra. For more information or to become a member, call Carla Aarssen at 226-402-3870.

Lambton County Junior Optimist Club invites new members to get involved

The Lambton County Junior Optimist Club invites youth from age 10 through 18 to join and discover the fantastic feeling of volunteering in the community. Members put on their own programs and find creative ways to fundraise for other youth programs. Hours spent volunteering with the club count toward the volunteer hours needed at school. The club meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. Meetings are now held at the Emergency Services Building in Corunna at the intersection of Lyndoch and Hill Streets. For more information, call Mary Lou at 519-862-3950.

Brigden United Church activities/service

Brigden United Church holds regular Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. More information regarding the Brigden United Church schedule is available on Facebook.

Recovery support group meets weekly

Recovery International, a self-help group for those who struggle with mental health issues, meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For more information about support options, contact Rita at 519-867-2932. More mental health resources include: Lambton Mental Health Distress Line, 519-336-3445 or 1-800-307-4319; Lambton Public Health mental health and addiction line, 519-464-4400, ext. 5370. For those who face the mental health or addiction challenges, the Samia-Lambton Ontario Health Team can help. To talk to someone about local resources, call Connex Ontario, 1-866-531-2600, or the Family Counselling Centre Care Pathways, 519-336-3600.

In crisis? Call CMHA Lambton-Kent and talk to a mental health professional 24/7 at 1-800-307-4319.

West Lambton Community Health Centre programs starting this fall

We now offer online program registration!! Please visit <https://www.nlchc.com/services/wellness-programs/> (Be sure to specify which program you are registering for on the top of the form.)

To register, call 519-344-3017 ext. 237 or email adinell@nlchc.com to register and/or receive the Zoom link.

***Brigden/Mooretown exercise will start after Thanksgiving long weekend.**

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Virtual Programs Clutter & Declutter Wellness Workshop: Sept. 18 (Zoom) at 2:30 p.m. Learn strategies to manage clutter in your home and improve your mental wellbeing. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 277 or email reverat@nlchc.com

Eat Well, Live Healthy Wellness Workshop: Sept. 6 (Zoom) at 1:30-3 p.m. Virtual discussion with our Registered Dietitians about healthy eating, nutrition tools, resources and more! To register, call 519-786-4545, ext. 307.

Heart Health Class: Sept. 15 (Zoom) at 1:30 -3 p.m. Dietitian will be available to discuss about managing your cholesterol and blood pressure. To register call 519-786- 4545, ext. 327.

Master Your Health— Chronic Pain: Sept. 21 to Oct. 26th (Zoom) at 9-11:30 a.m. The six-week virtual program includes light exercises, techniques to deal with stress, pain, and pain medications & treatments. To register, call 519-786-4545, ext. 327.

Mindful Eating Program: Sept. 20 to Oct. 18 (Zoom) at 1:30-3:30 p.m. Learn how to practice mindful eating and become more in tune with your body's natural hunger response. To register, call 519-786-4545, ext. 307.

Sit or Stand Exercise: Tuesdays (Zoom) at 10:15 a.m.

Virtual Chair Exercise: No impact exercise performed standing or seated in a chair, resistance bands are used. All exercise abilities are welcome.

Shibashi: Tuesdays, (Zoom) at 11:15 a.m. Tai chi/qigong is a practice of aligning breath and movement for exercise and health. Shibashi consists of 18 simple steps. It is easy to learn and perfect for beginners.

Wicked summer storms unleash havoc and cause costly repairs



Violent storms that brought gale-force winds and heavy rain this summer were not kind to St. Clair Township. Trees laying on the ground with roots exposed were a common sight in some areas and many buildings were damaged. One of the ravaged casualties was a Works Department sand shed near Wilkesport. It was more than a simple wind that peeled the entire roof off of the shed and slammed it into the shed next door before dropping it to the ground. The only thing holding the huge building together was a piece of the frame that spanned the loading bay access door.

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Moore Sports Complex—What's happening?

Check out:

stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca



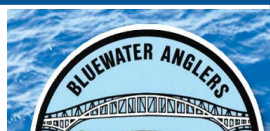
***The St. Clair Township Fire Department
always welcomes men and women to join our team***

***All training, clothing, and equipment is provided; paid on-call firefighting and training; WSIB and insurance coverage, and AD & D insurance;
Employee Assistance Program; and available Rec Club membership.***

***For more information, review the recruitment guide and posting at:
www.stclairtownship.ca***

MORE AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Bluewater Anglers Hatchery announces general meetings



The final general meeting for 2023 will be held on Sept. 12.

Next year's first General Membership Meeting will be held on January 9, 2024.

All events are open to the public and all events can be found online.

Bluewater Anglers Hatchery

Pt. Edward Waterfront Park

P.O. Box #174 | Sarnia | Ontario | N7T7H9

519-344-9821 www.bluewateranglers.com



LEO

Wallaceburg Delivery Opportunity

**Help others stay in their homes!
Deliver Meals on Wheels**

You Give:

- A few hours a week
- Reliable commitment
- A friendly smile.

Interested:

- 519-845-1353 ext 301
- volunteer@leohelps.ca

You Get:

- Joy in helping others
- New friendships
- Schedules that meet you where you are able.
- Small reimbursement

Ploughman's Party features Scott Manery & the Barnburners

One of the most entertaining and in-demand musical acts you'll ever see is Scott Manery and the Barnburners. Lucky you! They're coming to Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall on Sept. 9. Tickets are just \$10 per person (19 and over) are available at the fair office or from MAS directors. Cash only please.

St. Clair Conservation 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, September 10 at 9 a.m.
Enjoy geocaching

Enjoy a geocaching adventure at the beautiful Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area. It's open to everyone - those who know how to do this or are interested in learning about it. No registration will be required for this fascinating activity.

Sunday, September 10 - 9 a.m.
Sunday, September 24

Foundation Memorial Forest Dedication

On Sunday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area, the SCRC Foundation will host the dedication of its Memorial Forest. For more information about remembering a loved one in this special way, email the SCRC office at stclair@scrc.on.ca.

For more information about activities, email: dblue@scrc.on.ca or stclair@scrc.on.ca.



COME, ENJOY TIME TOGETHER

LEO



New Diner's Clubs

2nd Tuesday - Sombra
4th Tuesday - Petrolia

Both events will be from:
11:30 to 1:30

including soup and sandwich lunch
Guest Speakers, Games, and More



CONTACT: DELLA
519-845-1353 EXT 301

REGISTER AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT.






Alzheimer Society

SARNIA - LAMBTON

OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US TO RECOGNIZE WORLD ALZHEIMER DAY, CELEBRATE OUR SUCCESS, AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
3:00PM-7:00PM

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OFFICE:
420 EAST ST. N, SARNIA, ON

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS AT 5PM
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
RSVP NOT NECESSARY

Raffle tickets for Brigden Fair quilt

Tickets for the Brigden Fair Homecraft Division annual Quilt Raffle are on sale now from any Homecraft member (in person), at any events like the Downriver Craft Show at Moore Museum in September, at the fairgrounds, or by e-transfer at: quiltraffle@brigdenfair.ca. The cost is \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. It can also be purchased in larger quantities. Tickets will be emailed to you. The winning ticket is drawn Thanksgiving Monday. Tickets are limited so don't delay.



AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



Corunna Legion Br.447

350 Albert St., Corunna
519-862-1240

Wheelchair accessible
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Regular Legion Br. 447 Activities

Every Monday is Pepper at 1 p.m.
Every Wednesday is Wacky Wednesday all day.
Every Thursday is Cribbage at 1 p.m.
Every Friday is Bridge at 1 p.m.
Every Saturday is Meat draw at 4 p.m.
Every Friday - Fun Darts at 7 p.m.

TRIVIA NIGHTS, Thursdays 7-9p.m.

Sept. 21; Oct. 19, Nov. 16

\$5 per individual/\$15 per team, all monies returned as prizes. Door prizes to be won.

Refreshments from bar and snacks available

Br. 447 Special events

Legion membership is not required

Sept. 2: Annual Legion to Legion Veteran's Motorcycle Poker Run, register at 10 a.m., \$15 per person leave Corunna Legion 11:45. Breakfast available at 10 a.m.

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27: Special Mandakani Yoga classes offered. Chair yoga (begins at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 23: **Corunna200 Breakfast 8a.m.-11a.m.**
Enjoy a hearty breakfast and take a wagon ride before you enjoy the Corunna200 Street Festival (see page 10)

(arrive at 6:15 p.m.), \$12 per person for 45 minute class.

Beginner floor yoga class starts at 7:30 p.m. (arrive at 7:15 p.m.) \$12 for 1 hour class. Bring your own mat. Sign up by calling 519-862-1240. All are welcome.

Sept. 16: *Sir Elton's Greatest* with Ed Green, 8 p.m., \$30/person.

Sept. 17: Br. 447 Memorial Mixed Golf Tourney, St. Clair Parkway Golf Course in Mooretown, begins at 1 p.m., nine holes with cart included, \$30, pizza \$10 at Legion hall after. Dress code in effect.

Sept. 30: Pub Night with Andrew Borody, 6-9p.m.

Oct. 3: Ham Bingo, doors open at 6:30p.m., play starts at 7p.m. Admission now \$30 and includes 5 cards

K of C broasted chicken dinner

Enjoy the annual broasted chicken dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus in Port Lambton on Sept. 24, from 4 - 6:30 p.m. The annual dinner is supplied by *Car Barn* in Wheatly at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 466 John St. in Port Lambton. Advanced tickets only sell for \$22/adult and \$10 for children under 10 years old. Dine-in and take-out will be available. Tickets are sold after Sunday Mass by calling Frank Johnston (226) 626-6507, Pete Bogaert (519-436-8651), or Mike Bechard (519-384-3102).

Courtright Friendship Club activities

The Courtright Friendship Club meets every first Thursday of every month next to the Courtright Library, 1533 Fourth Street. Annual membership is \$10, but non-members are welcome to come out to the groups weekly card games. Euchre is played on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Pepper is played on Fridays at 7 p.m. The cost per game is \$3 per person.

Sombra Museum hosts Disappearing Heritage

This fascinating tour through some Sombra area heritage barns reveals how the survival of old barns often lies in the ingenious ways they can be used today. *Disappearing Heritage*, a lecture by Darrell Randell, will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre in Sombra village at the corner of Smith Street and St. Clair Parkway. Admission is \$10 at the door.

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