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Flyin' high at the Brigden Fair



Above: MX rider Kassie Boone from London, Ontario, grabs maximum air doing the splits in spite of the high winds that added to the difficulty of her jump. Growing up in a motocross family, she knew she wanted to ride at the age of five. Encouraged by her father, Blair, she mastered dangerous MX moves like Superman feet grabs, heel clickers, and switchblades. Kassie's impressive skills earned her a place touring the world with *Monster Jam*. Now 33, she has been called a "pioneering freestyle motocross (FMX) rider".

Bonnie Stevenson photo

**PUBLISHING DEADLINE NOTICE: EARLY DEADLINE FOR THE
JANUARY 2024 BEACON will be Monday, December 11 by noon.**



MUNICIPAL NOTES



Notice of 2024 Capital Budget Meeting

St. Clair Township 2024 Capital Budget presentation and deliberation meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, starting at 5 p.m. in the St. Clair Civic Centre Council Chambers. The budget meeting is open to the public and all ratepayers are welcome to attend.

River Run is back and planned for May 11

The St. Clair River Run will be held on Saturday, May 11 at Brander Park. Representative Michelle Maitland briefed Council on the event at its Oct. 16 regular meeting. For details, see page 7.

Security measures being sought to curb costly vandalism

Vandalism in the township is becoming an expensive problem. As an example, Kendall Lindsay, Director of Community Services, told Council the extent of the damage being done to park washrooms is substantial, with towel and hand dryers being torn off the walls and toilets and sinks being smashed; not the work of young children and some done in broad daylight. In his report to council, Mr. Lindsay recommended several security measures to help curb the damage and catch those responsible for it. Bright lighting, outside security cameras, alarms, and cameras along the St. Clair River Trail, plus the cost of these measures, are all being investigated.

Anyone who witnesses vandalism or knows who is responsible should call the police or Crimestoppers. See page 19.

Vandalism is not a prank; it's a crime that carries punishment under the law.

Please be courteous to township staff

Township office staff and personnel conduct the business of the township as it is written in the by-laws and in the decisions made for the smooth operation of the municipality. When interacting with these people, please remember they must adhere to these by-laws and decisions when trying to assist you.

Please be courteous to them. Remember that they are doing their job, even if the answers you receive in the course of your interaction are not satisfactory to you. Instead, ask them politely who would be able to help them and how to contact them.

Please treat our staff the way you would like to be treated.



Council Meeting Schedule

All regular council meetings are open to the public, and can also be seen online by going onto the township website at: www.stclairtownship.ca.

Upcoming council meetings will be: Monday, Nov. 6 at 3 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.; and Monday, Dec. 4 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).

NOTE: This information is accurate at publication time and may be subject to change.



Winter Parking By-Law

In accordance with St. Clair Township By-Law 5 of 2022, as of Dec. 1, it is against the law to leave vehicles of any kind, whether licensed or unlicensed, parked overnight from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. on public roads or streets. They must be kept clear to allow the unimpeded passage of snow or any winter control operation conducted by municipal forces or contractors. **The by-law will be in effect until April 1, 2024.** It includes: camping trailers, commercial trailers, derelict vehicles, marine vehicles, and recreational trailers. **All obstructions**, including basketball nets and garbage cans, must also be kept off the streets.

Residents are reminded it is against the law (Highway Traffic Act) to shovel snow from driveways and sidewalks out onto public streets. These snow piles create dangerous obstacles that can contribute to needless automobile collisions and the loss of control of a vehicle.



Pheasant/rabbit hunting licenses

The Township of St. Clair pheasant/rabbit hunting licences are now on sale. They will be available at the following locations: Corunna Home Hardware, Corunna; Brigden Feed Mill; and St. Clair Civic Centre, Mooretown. The fees will be \$5.00 for a resident license and \$8.00 for a non-resident license. They will be on sale until Feb. 28, 2024. Applicants must apply in person and multiple licenses will not be issued.

Jeff Baranek
RPP Director of Administration/Clerk Deputy C.A.O

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND
STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING
OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE**

THE PURPOSE OF THE OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING

The Council of the Township of St. Clair will hold an Open House, pursuant to Section 17(16) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, and a Statutory Public Meeting, pursuant to Section 17(15) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, for the purposes of discussing the revisions that are being proposed as part of the update to the Municipality's Official Plan.

The Open House will be held as follows:

**NOVEMBER 6th, 2023
2:00 – 3:00 P.M.
Township of St. Clair Civic Centre
1155 Emily Street
Mooretown ON N0N 1M0**

The Public Meeting will be held as follows:

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 20th, 2023
6:10 P.M.
Township of St. Clair Civic Centre
1155 Emily Street
Mooretown ON N0N 1M0**

* For anyone wishing to participate virtually please submit a written submission beforehand by notifying Carlie McClemens by email at cmcclemens@stclairtownship.ca to be a party for the ZOOM meeting

THE OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING are intended to discuss the revisions that are proposed to the Township's Official Plan. It is intended to provide an opportunity for the public and Township Council to offer comments and ask questions regarding any issue or matter that were included in the draft Official Plan Amendment.

BACKGROUND ON THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

The Township of St. Clair's Official Plan outlines the Township's goals, objectives, and policies primarily used to support growth, economic development, and building St. Clair's future. The plan also establishes a framework for managing the effects of growth on the social, economic and natural environment of the Township.

The *Planning Act* requires that an Official Plan be updated to ensure that it: conforms with provincial plans or does not conflict with them; has regard to matters of provincial interest; is consistent with provincial policy statements; and addresses recent legislative changes. Taking into account the timing of the approval of the current Official Plan, the introduction of a 2020 Provincial Policy Statement and amendments to the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, as well as a new Lambton County Official Plan, the Township has initiated a comprehensive update to its Official Plan.

SUBJECT LANDS

The update to the Official Plan will affect all lands within the municipal boundary of the Township of St. Clair. Accordingly, no key map is provided.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

Any person may attend the special public meeting and/or provide written or a verbal representation. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may provide written comments by submitting them to the address below.

Mail: Township of St. Clair Civic Centre
Clerks/Planning Department
1155 Emily Street
Mooretown ON N0N 1M0

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Continued from page 2**DRAFT OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 28**

The Township of St. Clair, the County of Lambton, and NPG Planning Solutions Inc. have completed a 5-year review of the Official Plan for the Town. The draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA) No. 28 is intended to shape policy and land-use across St. Clair up to the year 2046, with public input gathered throughout the process critical in identifying priorities such as housing, economy, natural heritage and more.

The Township's draft Official Plan Amendment and the associated mapping and supporting documents may be viewed on the Municipality's Website at <https://www.stclairtownship.ca/>.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

Any person may attend the Open House, the Statutory Public Meeting and/or provide written or a verbal representation. If you are unable to attend the meetings, you may provide written comments to the Deputy Clerk/Coordinator of Planning, Carlie McClemens at cmcclemens@stclairtownship.ca or by submitting them to the below address:

MAIL: Township of St. Clair Civic Centre
Clerks/Planning Department
1155 Emily Street
Mooretown ON N0N 1M0:

Open House: **November 6th, 2023**

Statutory Public Meeting: **November 20th, 2023**

Copies of the agenda for the Open House and Statutory Public Meeting, including the presentation and any attachments, will be available at:

Open House: 4:00 p.m. on **October 31st, 2023**

Statutory Public Meeting: 4:00 p.m. on **October 31st, 2023**

NOTICE OF COLLECTION

Personal information collected as a result of this public meeting is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act*, the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*, the *Planning Act*, and all other relevant legislation, and will be used to assist in making a decision on this matter. All personal information (as defined by MFIPPA), including (but not limited to) names, addresses, opinions and comments collected will be made available for public disclosure to members of the public, at the meeting, through requests, and through the website of the Township of St. Clair. Questions regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of this personal information may be directed to the Clerk, Township of St. Clair; Township of St. Clair Civic Centre,

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

This notice published on October 23, 2023.

COVID-19 Information:

The health and safety of residents, Council, and staff is the most important part of this meeting. Residents who do not wish to attend the meeting have the option of submitting their comments in writing. Both in person and written comments are equally valued.

Deputy Clerk/Coordinator of Planning, Township of St. Clair

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"We are a democracy, and there is only one way to keep a democracy on its feet...and that is by keeping the public informed about what is going on."

~Joseph Pulitzer

Respect for private property required during hunting season

Bonnie Stevenson

Autumn is a time when the woodlots that grace many rural properties in St. Clair Township become a riot of gold, red and orange, a poet's muse and a property owner's pride. Unfortunately, they can also vibrate with the sound of hunters in search of game and weapons being fired on land the hunters have no legal right to be on.

According to the Province of Ontario *Trespass to Property Act*, anyone entering premises (includes land and structures) without the permission (preferably in writing) of its owner is trespassing. Penalty provisions in the Act, if convicted of trespassing, include damage awards that can be from \$2,000 up to \$10,000. This holds true for all property including agricultural lands and woodlots.

Some woodlot owners in St. Clair Township are speaking up after being plagued by the illegal presence of hunters for several years.

A farm owner in the Kimball/Bickford area, as well as many farm owners in her neighbourhood, is weary of this seasonal threat posed by armed people roaming the family woodlot without first asking permission. Margaret Capes, a lawyer as well as a third-generation farmer, says she has known of this issue all her life, having seen her father and grandfather cope with it before her. "Anyone who wanted to come onto the farm to bow hunt or hunt with a shotgun would come to the door and respectfully ask if they could hunt on the place," she said.

But some hunters now trespass without regard to property ownership or boundaries. "I've been on the farm since the 1990s and less than five times have I ever had anybody coming to the door to ask," said Capes. Signs posted at the property boundaries have also been ignored.

After several attempts to discourage hunters from coming on the Capes' land, Margaret noted the hunters are often hunting in groups which are quite intimidating to confront. "I have noticed in the past years large groups of people are coming from outside this area. They might know a few people from around here and they gather, and they descend on our part of the township," she said. "I've had to be quite aggressive in keeping them off because they can access our place on three sides. Last year was particularly bad, especially when shotgun season was on, and I had to go out and literally throw somebody off who was with another three people. They had already taken three deer down," said Capes. "I'm back there all the time because I enjoy the woodlot, and when we're back there, especially during shotgun season, we're on pins and needles."



She noted calling the police or MNR official to come when hunters are in the woodlot is sometimes futile. "The hunters are gone by the time they come," she said. "It's intimidating to wade into a group of guys who have guns. When the police go to talk to the hunters, they usually move along, but we shouldn't have to do that."

Capes and other farm neighbours she has spoken to would like to see restrictions. "Some of my neighbours who do allow hunting are distressed at the numbers that are descending on the township now."

The constant need to call the OPP or Ministry of Natural Resources enforcement officers, or personally confront armed trespassers during hunting season, has been a frustrating annual exercise for some St. Clair Township farmers. Capes says, "That's why I've had enough. I've put signs out making it (trespassing) clear, but it has been increasingly less civilized."

Capes recently brought the issue to attention of Clair Township Council. "Council has the ability to put hunting on hiatus on Sundays or at least a couple of days during shooting season," she said.

As a lawyer who is involved in several community-oriented causes, Capes sums up the situation with a simple question: "Would you like somebody walking around in your back yard with a shotgun?"

She pointed out that laws, defending the property owner's rights to prevent trespassing, are on the books at both the provincial and federal level. Capes cited the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act 1997 as an example.

It should be noted that the *Trespass to Property Act* also applies to motorized ATVs and snow vehicles that are operated on other people's land and without the permission of the land owner.

At the Oct. 16 meeting of St. Clair Township Council, the matter of a Sunday prohibition on hunting was raised in response to Capes' request, but it was decided that a prohibition would not solve the trespassing problem. In addition, Mayor Agar noted 67 objections to the prohibition had been received and there had been no emails of support for the prohibition.

The fact remains that trespassing is a provincial and federal offence that can be enforced by police or Conservation Officers. The Ontario Conservation Officers Association website states, "A hunting license does not give a hunter the right to enter private property. Always ask for permission and obey signs."



Creative County Grant Program open for grants

The Creative County Grant Program is now receiving grant applications for arts, culture, and heritage initiatives in Lambton County in 2024. The applications will be accepted online only at lambtononline.ca/creativecounty. The application period will close Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.

This grant program invests in new and innovative projects that build cultural capacity, strengthen the creative community, and enrich the quality of life of all residents. Organizers of new or expanding initiatives can apply online for funding to cover up to 50 per cent of project costs. These initiatives can involve visual arts, music, dance, theatre programming, festivals, film production, historical recognition, cultural events, public art installations, and more.

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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.

St. Clair Township presents awards for years of service

Several St. Clair Township employees were recently acknowledged for their years of service. At a lunchtime ceremony, the honourees received tokens of the municipality's appreciation. On hand for the presentation included, from left: Honourees Kim Shepley, 15 yr.; Brian Black, 5 yr.; Paul DaSilva, 15 yr.; Brad Waring, 10 yr.; Award presenter Township CAO John Rodey; Mayor Jeff Agar; and Phoebe Pickle, 5 yr. Absent from the presentation were: Karie Noyle, 5 yr.; Corey Soden, 5 yr.; and Nichole O'Donnell, 5 yr.

B. Stevenson photo



New Emergency Services trailer permanently stationed at Brigden fairgrounds



Above: A group of emergency responders from police, EMT, and St. Clair Fire, as well as representatives from Enbridge and other project supporters, gathered to get a look at the new Emergency Services Trailer on the Brigden Fairgrounds.

B. Stevenson photo

During the Brigden Fair, the newest addition to the fairgrounds was opened giving emergency responders an opportunity to get acquainted with their newest resource. The Emergency Services Trailer, will now provide a dedicated site for First Aid response as well as a central destination for lost children. The trailer, located beside the tallest flagpole in the fairground, is easy to find in case of an emergency.

John Scott, president of the Moore Agricultural Society (the organization that brings us the Brigden Fair), says MAS has been looking for a suitable accommodation for a permanent First Aid station for a long time. When one was located, MAS applied for funding to Enbridge Oil and Gas, one of its community partners, and along with other partners that included Harold Marcus Limited, Cangrow,

Waste Management, Curran Recycling, and Watson Timber Mart, the trailer was acquired and converted. It's use will soon be expanded to provide an outpost for the police. It can also be put to other uses such as meetings throughout the year, with the exception of fair time. It may provide an alternative command post for police if their command post is unavailable.

Mr. Scott expressed gratitude to the many MAS members and other volunteers who helped do the trailer conversion. A kitchen and cupboard array, salvaged from the exhibition hall kitchen renovation and improvement project, was repurposed and installed by the resourceful crew to provide storage for supplies and equipment. Communication facilities were also installed to ensure dependable communication during emergency situations.

Col. Cameron snack program receives support



The Col. Cameron Public School snack program recently received a much-appreciated donation from Mainstreet Credit Union. Principal Mrs. Ladd, centre, and two Col. Cameron students received the donation from Mainstreet Credit Union representatives Lindsey, left, and Brianne.

Photo submitted

St. Clair River Run May 11



The St. Clair River Run is back on track to hit the tarmac at Brander Park on May 11. For a few hours that day, St. Clair Parkway will be diverted to allow runners of all ages a clear path to the finish line.

The event plan, as presented to St. Clair Township Council at the Oct. 16 meeting, is: Starting at 7 a.m., runners will gather and a light breakfast (Burns \$6.99) will be available for purchase. At 7:30 a.m., runners will collect their chits and from 8:30 to 9 a.m., buses will transport participants to their start places. At the starting area, stretches will take place from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The race will begin at 9:15 a.m. and at the finish line, medals will be awarded near the bar cart.

The River Run will require volunteers to help with the many tasks that have to be done and students are being recruited for this task.

A website is being set up for the event and it will be announced as soon as it is finalized.

Start training for the St. Clair River Run and make May 11 a personal-best day to remember. Or just sign up and let your legs propel you along the scenic run route.

Brigden Demolition derby results for 2023

The derby had a total field of 45 cars, an outstanding spectator turn out considering the weather conditions, and some happy drivers!

Final results of the merry mayhem
Stock Car - 1st Dustin Worsley, 2nd Tianna Hart; **Stock Van** - 1st Ty Miller, 2nd Lucas Caradonna; **Stock Truck** - 1st Caleb O'Leary, 2nd Zack Kaz; **Modified Car** - 1st Braedon Hilchey, 2nd Carter Donais; **Modified Truck** - 1st Col Hart, 2nd Nic Edgar; **Modified V8** - 1st Ed Young, 2nd Teddy Chouinard; **Consolation Round** - 1st Sean Hart, 2nd Tate O'Leary.

Cutline: Braedon Hilchey got his first ever win at Brigden and got the *Mad Dog Award* as well. Here's Braedon happily displaying his award in front of the tough machine he drove to victory.



Danica Jackman photo

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.





Are you
ready to
help?

CHRISTMAS CARING

Please support these Christmas efforts in your community

Yes, the time is at hand when our kids begin to dream of yuletide sweets, Santa Claus, and the goodies he might bring, while their parents dream of budget-busting shopping trips and scale-busting holiday feasting with friends and family.

But some families can only dream of a merry Christmas. The volunteers at the Sacred Heart Food Bank and Operation Christmas Tree work hard to help these families and individuals, and they are hoping the kindness and generosity their communities have shown in the past will continue this holiday season. Donations of canned and non-perishable food will be much appreciated by the following organizations.

In St. Clair Township's Sombra Ward, the Sacred Heart Food Bank Annual Food Drive will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items.

***On Sunday, Nov. 19, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., the Door-to-door pick-up** will take place in the former Sombra Township (Stanley Line south to Whitebread Line and east to Highway 40). Please leave donations on porch before 1 p.m.

***On Saturday, November 18, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** at the Port Lambton Anglican Church (Corner of Lambton Line & Merritt St.) a **Drop off Opportunity** will be available. Please use basement rear door.

***Financial Donations appreciated!**

E-transfer to Sacredheartfb2@gmail.com (Charitable receipt for donations over \$20. Please include your mailing address in the comment section if you qualify for one.)

Cheques - payable to Sacred Heart Food Bank can be mailed to Susan Moran, 4138 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton, ON, N0P 2B0

***AND DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOWL BINGO at the Sombra Community Centre on Monday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Sombra Community Centre! See page 6.** Proceeds will benefit the Sacred Heart Food Bank.

For information, contact: *Frank Johnston 519-677-5328

*Claudette Johnston 519-677-5410

*Susan Moran 519-677-5410

In St. Clair Township's Moore Ward, Operation Christmas Tree (OCT) will once more be making the holidays brighter for those in need thanks to the Optimist Club of Moore.



FOUR WAYS TO DONATE

- 1. Drop off** -Canned goods, non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toy donations can be delivered to Emergency Services Building, 392 Lyndoch St. (Hill St. entrance at northeast corner of Hill & Lyndoch Streets), Corunna from Dec. 4 to Dec. 15, 2023, Monday to Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm.
- 2. E-transfer** donations can be sent to operationchristmastree@outlook.com (enter home address in message box for taxable receipt)
- 3. Cheque donations** can be mailed to Operation Christmas Tree, P.O. Box 32, Corunna, N0N 1G0.
- 4. OPP Donation Drive-through** event on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, 10:00am-2:00pm. Cash/cheque donations, toys, can goods and non-perishable food.

HOW TO REGISTER TO RECEIVE SUPPORT

Register at the Operation Christmas Tree headquarters at the Emergency Services Bldg., 392 Lyndoch Street, Corunna Nov. 13 to Dec. 1, 2023, Monday to Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm. (Wheelchair accessible). Visit www.operationchristmastree.ca for eligibility requirements.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR O.C.T.

Details for these events are on page 19

***OCT Benefit Luncheon at Corunna Legion**
Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 11:30 - 1:30p.m

***OPP donation drive-thru**
Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

***Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Breakfast**
Sunday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to noon

Trail blazer Jane Marsh presented with bench

The St. Clair River Trail is now a scenic paved 34 kilometre walkway that runs the length of St. Clair Township. Fortunately, weary walkers who dare to traverse the entire length of the trail, as well as those who favour a specific section of it, can now rest along the way on any one of the 120 comfortable "river blue" benches that have been installed from end to end.

The last bench to be installed is special; it bears a plaque that pays tribute to the woman who proposed the idea of a river trail over four decades ago - Mary Jane Marsh. Her story reaches far beyond the river trail to her role in the development of this community. The plaque that marks the bench is brief, but it speaks volumes about her commitment to her community and her determination to help it thrive and grow.

The bench was presented to Jane when she retired as chair of the St. Clair River Trail Committee. She is proud of the work that has been done to make the trail a reality, and the volunteer committee members, past and present, who made it happen. "I'm grateful for the opportunity to have worked with a great trail committee," she said.



MARY JANE MARSH

OVER 30 YEARS OF VISION
AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
CHAIR, ST. CLAIR RIVER TRAIL
WARDEN OF LAMBTON COUNTY
COUNCILLOR, DEPUTY REEVE,
& MAYOR OF MOORE TOWNSHIP



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. 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



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

A SHORT RINSE GOES A LONG WAY

Rinsing food residue from containers prepares them to be recycled.



Learn more:
circularmaterials.ca/ON

Public Works Department

Yield Right-of-Way at Pedestrian Crossings

Drivers are required to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian who is standing at the curb waiting to cross. When a pedestrian is crossing on the roadway within a pedestrian crosswalk, the driver of a vehicle approaching the crosswalk:

- **MUST stop** before entering the crosswalk
- **MUST not** pass another vehicle already stopped at the cross walk
- **MUST not** proceed into the crosswalk until the pedestrian is no longer on the roadway

When a vehicle is approaching a pedestrian crosswalk and is within 30 meters of it, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear must not allow the front of their vehicle to pass beyond the front of the other vehicle.

Pedestrians must not leave the curb or other place of safety at a pedestrian crosswalk and walk, run, or move into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver of the vehicle to be able to safely stop.



Failing to yield at a pedestrian crosswalk, school crossings, and crossovers is an offense that can lead to a fine of up to \$1,000 and four demerit points.

Clear the Road

All homeowners are reminded to clear recreational sports equipment (e.g. basketball nets, goalie nets, etc.) off and away from roads and streets. This includes sports nets that are located on the street surface near the back of the curb. A verbal and/or written warning will be issued to homeowners with sports nets on or near the road.

Please take notice - Failure to remove sports nets and other equipment from roads and streets will result in this equipment being collected by the Public Works Departments and stored at the Public Works Operational Centers.

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

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.



Public Works Department

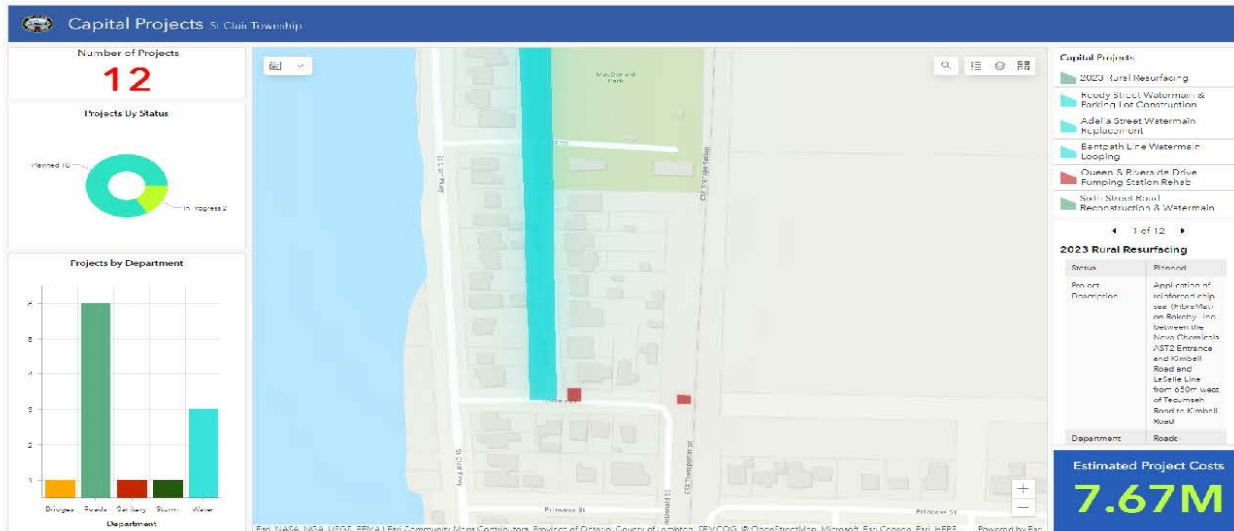
Township Website Expands to Include Interactive Mapping (Operations/Construction/Project Mapping)

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

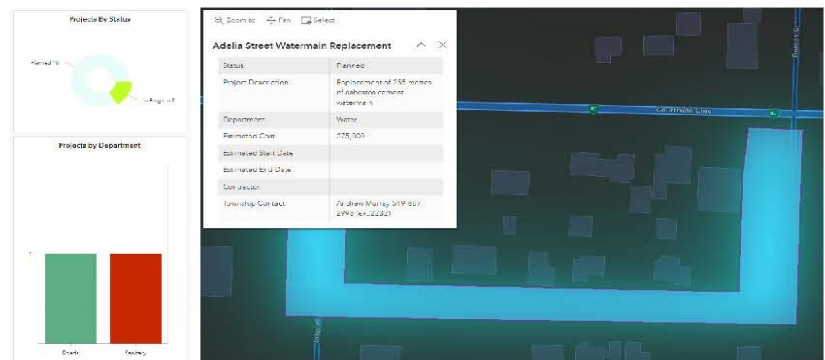
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Traveller Information



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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Public Works Department

Active Transportation Master Plan Survey requires input



St. Clair Township is developing its very first *Active Transportation Master Plan* to improve conditions for people as they walk, bike or wheel through the community. We want to hear from you! We want to learn more about how you

use the Township's trails, sidewalks, and cycling routes, what types of changes you would like to see.

And how the Township and our partners can make walking, cycling and wheeling more convenient, comfortable, and enjoyable.

Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week

NOVEMBER 1-7



Don't become a victim of the *Silent Killer*—Check your CO alarms!

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is called the “silent killer” because it is an invisible, tasteless and odourless gas caused by the incomplete burning of fuels such as wood, charcoal and gas. Fuel-burning appliances like hot water heaters, furnaces, and stoves, as well as vehicles and generators, pose a threat in an enclosed environment like a house or trailer. All fuel-burning units throughout the home, including fireplaces, should be kept clean and inspected annually to ensure they are working efficiently, and vents should be checked for blockages. Vehicles and portable fuel-burning generators should never be operated inside, even in the garage with the garage door open.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning

Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause flu-like symptoms like headaches, nausea and dizziness, as well as confusion, drowsiness and loss of consciousness that can lead to death. Be familiar with the sound of your CO alarm and read the manufacturer's instructions to understand how to care for it. If you or other occupants are experiencing CO symptoms, get out of the building immediately, then call 911 from outside. Do not re-enter the building until it has been checked by an emergency responder and you are told you can enter safely.

~Andrew McMillen, St. Clair Fire

Emergency preparedness workshop urges “Know the hazards”

Are you prepared for an emergency? Chances are, you don't know the whole story, which leaves you and your family vulnerable to a list of potential threats. At a recent Emergency Preparedness workshop in Corunna, two of our local emergency experts opened some eyes about how to assess hazards that could affect them and what to do to prepare for a time when one of them might happen.

A number of recent local emergency situations were used to illustrate that the “won't happen to me” philosophy some people believe has really happened in this area, leaving a path of confusion and panic in their wake.

Presenters Jay Vanklinken, Lambton County Emergency Management Coordinator, and St. Clair Township Fire Chief Richard Boyes, began with the Polymer extraction unit explosion of 1951, which left a was heard 100 km. away in London and Detroit. This catastrophic event resulted in panic and confusion throughout community; there were no emergency plans in place and little information released to calm the public. This event illustrated the need for an emergency public information system and within three days, the Chemical Valley Control Committee was formed, followed by the Mutual Aid Committee. These were the precursors to our current CAER (Community Awareness Emergency Response).

Other real-life local emergencies included two devastating tornadoes (Sarnia -1953 and Reeces Corners -1983) and heavy three-day *Snowmageddon* -2010, which caught



Emergency preparedness workshop at the Corunna library was conducted by Lambton County Emergency Management Coordinator Jay Vanklinken, left, and St. Clair Township Fire Chief Richard Boyes.

everyone by surprise and stranded 1,500 people on Hwy. 402. Most recently, the COVID pandemic and its supply shortages adversely affected the unprepared.

Would you be prepared to handle these emergencies if they happened again?

Do you have a well-stocked emergency kit of basic items that can sustain you for a minimum of 72 hours? In a dire emergency, emergency responders may not be able to reach you quickly. Make an emergency kit and...

BE READY!

Find out how at: emergencieslambton.ca

Bridgen Fair celebrates 173rd year with Aprons and Overalls

Thanksgiving wouldn't be the same without the Bridgen Fair. This year, 35,567 visitors agreed, and why not? The fairgrounds are a treat for the senses; from the tempting fair food and the squeals of little children taking their first midway ride, to the barn yard sounds of animals being groomed to strut their stuff in the Coliseum show ring, the Bridgen fairgrounds came alive to celebrate agriculture and those who make it their life's work.



Members of the Bridgen Community Church, with their backup band in tow, wait patiently to wave at the crowd as part of the Bridgen Fair parade.

B. Stevenson photos

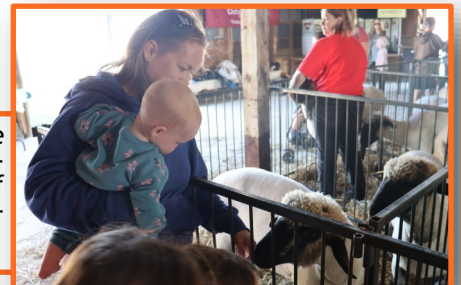


Eight-year-old Lucy Boychuck tunes up her bagpipe beside her grandmother, Louise Kinchular. Louise said Lucy expressed an interest in the bagpipe so she could play like her grandmother, so she practiced with the chanter for two years and last Christmas, she began to play the bagpipe. She participated in the Bridgen Fair parade on Oct. 7, marching beside her grandmother as they played with the Sarnia Legion Pipe Band.



Sheep breeder and 4-H leader James Callaghan has attended the Bridgen Fair for over 30 years, showing his sheep and products for which they provide the wool. At this year's fair, his granddaughter, Mackayla, left, now a 4-H leader in her own right, modeled a stylish hand-knit woolen sweater, made from the wool of a Lincoln sheep he raised, and a woolen tartan kilt. Also assisting Mr. Callaghan was 4-H member Kate Packet.

Admiring the sheep in the Ploughman's Farmyard building are Stacey McClemens of Mooretown and her 8-month-old daughter, Annabelle.



The huge *Dinosaurs Live* animatronic exhibit was a Jurassic spectacle popular with fair-goers of all ages. This pair of noisy raptors were a bit TOO real for the kids on the left.

The fantastic Brigden Fair melds past with present



Above: Modern tractor-like vehicles such as this utility task vehicle (UTV), a 2023 Polaris Ranger that responds from Station 4 Wilkesport, is used to answer the numerous emergency calls in areas not accessible by fire trucks. It carries a pump-equipped water tank for fire suppression operations and a compartment for carrying a backboard for rescue operations.



A lineup of beautifully restored tractors demonstrate the evolution of farm machinery.

BRIGDEN FAIR WINNERS

Homecraft Annual Quilt Raffle: **Marilyn Mullen**
Harvest of Gold 50/50 Draw: **Suzette Doyle**



VIPs attending the opening ceremonies of the 173rd Brigden Fair later sat down to a scrumptious lunch provided by the Brigden Fair Homecraft members. The lucky diners are shown here standing, from left: Homecraft Second VP Kathy Scott; MAS Director Michelle Evanitski, MAS President John Scott, MAS Director Malcolm Rogers, Homecraft First VP Diane Murray; Homecraft President Cheryl McGuire, Sarnia-Lambton MP Marilyn Gladu, Reigning Brigden Fair Ambassador Emma Wheeler, Ambassador's Courtier Savannah Denommy, Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey, Lambton County Warden/Mayor of Enniskillen, St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar. **Seated left:** Donors/supporters Tiffany and Joe Alix; MAS/OAAS Service Award recipient Orrie Wigle, MAS/Parade Marshalls Mona May and Harold Thompson.

Canadian Remedial Action (RAP) Plan Implementation Committee hosts river status update

"Honouring the St. Clair River" was the theme of a recent event held to update stakeholders on progress being made in the "cleanup" of the St. Clair River. The river was identified as a Great Lakes Area of Concern (AOC) under the 1987 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement due to the severe environmental degradation of water quality and the aquatic environment. After 30 years of cooperation between organizations in Canada and the U.S., the good news is that significant improvements have been made due to legislative and voluntary measures. Of the 12 beneficial uses identified as either impaired or requiring further assessment in the St. Clair River AOCs, seven have been addressed and delisted. Four of the five remaining AOCs are identified as impaired and are the current focus of the Canadian RAP Implementation Committee. The fifth is now being assessed.

Working together, partners of the Remedial Action Plan have made a tremendous difference to the health of the St. Clair River. The partners include: Rural Lambton Stewardship Network; the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority; Friends of the St. Clair River; municipalities including St. Clair Township; the Bluewater Association for Safety, Environment and Sustainability; Aamjiwnaang First Nation; Walpole Island First Nation; as well as provincial and federal agencies.

Corunna200 committee plans 2024 sequel to 2023 street festival

The overwhelming success of the Corunna200 Sept. 23 street festival got the Corunna200 organizing committee thinking about the future when the members recently met to tidy up the loose ends of the event.

As the meeting progressed, it was clear there was consensus for some form of September street festival next year. By the end of the meeting, the Corunna Street Festival committee core group was raring to go, pending approval from St. Clair Township Council.

In her wrap-up report, the committee's fearless leader Tracy Kingston wrote, "We all agreed to do it again on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024...did we have any doubt that we wouldn't?" She noted the community's generous support of the summer-long *Almost Canada's Capital* event (nickname Corunna200) resulted in a project that ended solidly in the black. Some of the remaining funds will be donated to community projects and the rest will provide a financial springboard for the 2024 event.

Tracy says, "The format will be similar to this year and we will start thinking of a location (on Lyndoch Street), again, with Council's permission." The committee agreed that knowledge gained during the 2023 event will make the sequel much easier to arrange. It didn't hurt to have the advice of veteran Captain Kidd Days committee members, who were on board to share their wisdom.

Corunna200 Time Capsule

The Corunna200 time capsule will be filled with items that represent life in St. Clair Township. It will be opened again 50 years from now by as-yet undetermined people who are currently young students.

The contents of the capsule will communicate how we lived, played, worked, dreamed, and conducted our daily lives.

Final Corunna200 event Nov. 1

The final event in what has become a memorable year for many Corunna residents will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 11 a.m. at the Corunna Clock Tower. New storyboards, made possible by Heritage St. Clair, and new plaques on the clock tower, will be unveiled and the Corunna200 time capsule will be sealed. Thanks to Royal Bank and Katoen Natie for their support of this event. Attendees will receive a free gift to mark the occasion.

This stunning aerial photograph of the street festival site, looking north on Lyndoch Street, is provided by Shaun Antle.



With thanks to Our Generous Sponsors



Above: The large metal time capsule, custom-made by CIMS and McIntosh Mechanical Inc. will hold our message to the future.



Original chalk mural designed by artist Will Graham for Corunna200

COMMUNITY CONTACT

FOOD BANKS NEED OUR HELP

Please remember others this Christmas

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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

Operation Christmas Tree

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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 Sarnia-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.

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 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.

Mental health group & resources

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 Sarnia-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.

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.

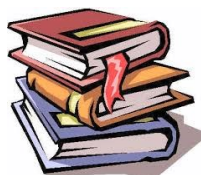
***Courtright** 519-867-2712): Tuesday, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

***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.



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.

West Lambton CHC November Health Promotion Calendar 2023

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.

In Person Programs

Brigden Low Impact: This class is held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Brigden Fair Grounds, 2976 Brigden Rd, Brigden.

Mooretown Low Impact: This class is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Mooretown Sports Complex, 1166 Emily Street in Mooretown.

Anger Management: This class is full, but names are being accepted for future programs. *This class runs every Thursday night from 6-7:30 p.m. at West Lambton CHC. Identify your anger triggers, patterns, and practice positive & effective anger management skills. To register for the next session, call 519- 344-3017. ext. 237 or email adinell@nlchc.com .

Cooking Buddies: Children's cooking classes for ages between 6-12 years old. The class will focus on learning to read recipe cards, measure ingredients, try new foods, and to have fun! Classes will run monthly. **CLASSES ARE FULL AT THIS TIME! Locations: (Brigden—2435 Courtright Line, Brigden), (Corunna - St. Joseph's Church, 346 Beresford St), (Sarnia—429 Exmouth St. Sarnia), (Forest—59 King St. Forest).**

Garden Fresh Box: The Garden Fresh Box is an inexpensive monthly food buying club for anyone who wants fresh vegetables and fruit all year round. For information, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email adinell@nlchc.com. Orders are accepted in person with payment. Cash ONLY please.

Meditation: Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. at West Lambton CHC. Increase self-esteem, improve concentration, lower blood pressure, reduce stress & anxiety, emotional balance. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email adinell@nlchc.com .

Virtual Programs

Eat Well, Live Healthy Wellness Workshop: Virtual discussion with our Registered Dietitian to discuss healthy eating, nutrition tools, resources and more! For more information about dates/time and to register, call 519-786- 4545, ext. 307.

Feeding Your Toddler-Dietitian Visit: Nov. 29 at 1:30 - 3 p.m. Virtual discussion with our Registered Dietitian for feeding your toddler. Learn how to support your fussy eater and get healthy meal and snack ideas. To register, email EarlyON@nlchildcare.ca

Heart Healthy Living: Virtual discussion with our Registered Dietitian to discuss types of cholesterol, heart smart diet and healthy heart lifestyle habits. For more information about dates/time and to register, call 519-786- 4545, ext. 307.

Master Your Health— Chronic Disease: Oct. 24–Nov. 28 at 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. The six-week virtual program includes managing chronic conditions, healthy eating and managing daily activities. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext.237 or email adinell@nlchc.com

Loneliness & Social Isolation Wellness Workshop: Nov. 20 at 2:30 p.m. Explore contributing factors to isolation and learn practical ways to manage loneliness. To register, call 519-786-4545, ext. 279 or email reveraert@nlchc.com

Shibashi/Sit or Stand Combo: Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:15 a.m. for a 75 min class. A combination of movements used in Shibashi and Sit or Stand classes. Shibashi, a combination of 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. It can be performed with the options of either standing or sitting in a chair. Resistance bands are used. All exercise abilities are welcome. To register, call 519-344-3017, ext. 237 or email adinell@nlchc.com

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.

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MORE AROUND TOWNSHIP



Brigden
Winter
Brigden Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall
Market
Saturday Dec 9th 2023
10am - 3pm

CORUNNA SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Saturday, Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

The Moore Optimist Club will host Santa's parade. It will follow the usual route - from Chris' No Frills north along Lyndoch to Beckwith Street. See over 50 entries including Great Lakes High School band, Lambton Shriners, fire trucks and lots of fantastic local groups and businesses showing off their floats. Non-perishable food items for the Corunna food bank will be collected along the parade route in cooperation with Operation Christmas Tree. The after-parade gathering at the Corunna Clock Tower will include hot chocolate provided by Nicole Smith, Exit Realty Twin Bridges. **Registration forms/info** about the parade and sponsors on website: www.CorunnaSantaClausparade.com and on Facebook.



Contact: Darcy Vink 519-328-6465 or email: santacorunna@gmail.com

Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) offers seniors Diner's Club

Lambton Elderly Outreach (LEO) Diner's Club offers a hot meal and entertainment in Corunna at Wellings from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. once each month at a cost of \$17 per person. In Sombra, the Diner's Club offers a monthly light lunch and entertainment from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for \$12 at the Sombra Museum Cultural Centre hall. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**

To register for lunch or for more information, contact Della at 519-845-1353, ext. 301 or email: dcroxford@lambtonelderlyoutreach.org

In November, the Sombra Diner's Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 14 and in Corunna, the club will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Hockey Canada's National Women's Team takes on United States in Sarnia

GO, CANADA, GO!

Hockey Canada's National Women's Team will play against USA Hockey Women's Team at the Progressive Auto Sales Arena (Home of the Sarnia Sting) on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. Sarnia is on the seven-game **2023-24 Rivalry series** tour that includes other Canadian locations including Kitchener, Saskatoon and Regina. Tickets for the Dec. 16 game are now on sale online at: HockeyCanada.ca/Tickets at a cost of \$30 per ticket.




COME, ENJOY TIME TOGETHER
LEO
New Diner's Clubs
2nd Tuesday - Sombra
3rd Wednesday - Corunna
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.
See below to register

Moore Sports Complex—What's happening?

Check out our schedule at:
stclairtownshipcommunityservices.ca

for more information about: aquatic; health and fitness adult programs; children/youth recreational programs; school programs; and much more!



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Brigden Legion Br. 635

3021 Brigden Road, Brigden
519-864-1395

Everyone is always welcome!

LEGION Schedule of events and activities

*Thursdays, Nov. 3 and 17, play pool at 7

p.m.

*Saturday, Nov. 4 & 18, Dec. 2 & 16- Meat Raffle at 4:30 p.m.

*Friday, Nov. 10 - Euchre at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11 - Join us for the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph at 11a.m. with a lunch to follow at the legion

*Friday, Nov. 24 - Trivia 7pm

*Saturday, Nov. 25 - Country Xmas in Brigden. We'll be selling soup and a bun at the Brigden Legion starting at 2p.m.

***Brigden Country Jamborees resume**

Polish up your dancing shoes and mark your calendar to be at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall every sec-



Annual Sacred Heart Food Bank Fowl Bingo

The **FOWL BINGO** to benefit the Sacred Heart Food Bank will be held on Monday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Sombra Community Centre, 152 Smith Street.

Admission is \$5 to participate in 15 regular rounds for chicken and 3 Special rounds for turkey.

Come and enjoy this evening to help the Sacred Heart Food Bank.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS SACRED HEART FOOD BANK ACTIVITIES SEE PAGE 8.

Operation Christmas Tree fundraisers

OPERATION CHRISTMAS TREE BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 447, 350 Albert St., Corunna on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. No fee, donations only.

OPP DONATION DRIVE-THROUGH

OPP (Corunna Detachment) Emergency Services Building, 392 Lyndoch St.,

Corunna, Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Santa will be there!)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

(Eat-In or Take-Out) Sunday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m.-Noon at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 346 Beresford Street, Corunna. (To order call 519-862-5785).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPERATION CHRISTMAS TREE SEE PAGE 8

ond Sunday of the month beginning on Sunday, Nov. 12 and running through April, 2024. Doors open at 12 noon and music starts at 1 p.m. And at 5 p.m., enjoy dinner. Dinner tickets are available at the door.

Harvest Home Dinner & Auction

The Harvest Home Dinner and Auction returns on Friday, Nov. 3 after a five-year break. The event is being held at the Wilkesport Community Hall as a fundraiser for the Sombra Museum's Smith Log Cabin Preservation Project and Wilkesport United Church. A scrumptious dinner of roast beef and chicken with all the fixin's, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages will be followed by a live and silent auction. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets for this fundraiser will cost \$35 per person age 11 and over, and \$20 for children. They can be purchased by contacting Karen Annett at 519-350-3198, or by leaving a message with Sombra Museum at 519-892-3982, or on Facebook or Instagram direct message, or purchasing online at: <https://sombmuseum.square.site>.

Fall Craft Show in Port Lambton

The Fall Craft Show will be held at the Port Lambton Community Hall on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show will feature crafters, baking, and a raffle table. Lunch will be available and admission is free.

This event is sponsored by the Port Lambton United Church.

All Saint's Christmas Market Nov. 4

The congregation of All Saint's Anglican Church, corner of Charlotte and Vidal in Sarnia, will host the Christmas Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. Admission is free and the tea room cost is just \$3. Lots of treats and treasures!

Col. Cameron school fundraiser meal

A complete **Burn's Broasted Chicken Dinner** will be on the menu for the Col. Cameron Public School fundraiser on Nov. 29. The lunch will consist of three pieces of broasted chicken, herb-roasted potatoes, coleslaw, dinner roll, and cheesecake for dessert. **This delectable break from cooking will be ready for pickup from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the school at a cost of just \$20 per meal (tax included).** To order (before Nov. 22): Any student can place your order in School Cash Online; call the school at 519-862-1116 or drop in to the school office (338 Cameron Street) between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. with cash payment. All proceeds will go towards the school's Grade 8 year-end trip. (No refunds will be given for meals that have not been picked up by 6 p.m.)

Brigden Winter Market

The Brigden Winter Market at the Brigden fairgrounds exhibition hall will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Have a great shopping experience finding perfect gifts for those "hard-to-buy-for" people on your list from over 30 vendors. Check out the Brigden Market Facebook page for up to date listings.

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CRIME STOPPERS SARNIA-LAMBTON

Your information can be submitted by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or going online to: www.p3tips.com

Callers are guaranteed 100% anonymity. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to any call display services. If your tip leads to an arrest or charges being laid, you may receive a cash reward.





AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



*Santa's
coming...see
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PUBLISHING DEADLINE NOTICE: The JANUARY 2024 DEADLINE FOR THE BEACON will be early to allow for Christmas holiday business closings.



Corunna Legion Br.447
350 Albert St., Corunna
519-862-1240

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
Membership is NOT necessary to enjoy the facilities.

Wheelchair accessible
Regular Legion Br. 447 Activities

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To submit information or notices,
email: beacon@stclairtownship.ca

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

BEACON deadline is the third Monday
of each month
for the following month.

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER
Monday, November 16 by noon.

EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE PREFERRED

EARLY DEADLINE FOR
JANUARY BEACON, 2024
Monday, December 11

Every Monday at 1 p.m. sharp - Pepper
Every Thursday at 1 p.m. sharp - Cribbage
Every Friday at 1 p.m. sharp - Bridge
Every Saturday at 4 p.m. - Meat Draw
**** No Meat Draw on Nov. 11, Remembrance Day**
Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. - Chair Yoga
Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. - Beginners Yoga
Call the Corunna Legion to register (519) 862-1240

Arrive 15 minutes before actual start time.

Wheelchair Accessible

FB: The Royal Canadian Legion, Leslie Sutherland Br447

*All welcome! No membership required to
enjoy the facilities!*

"Lest We Forget"

**Saturday, November 11 at 10:45, join us
at the Remembrance Day Service at The
Corunna Clock Tower. Pay Honour, Re-
spect and remember our Veteran's of Yes-
teryear and today.**

Corunna Legion Christmas Craft Show

Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\$2 entrance fee goes to Operation Service Dog
Everyone welcome!

*Meat Darts at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10 and Nov. 24.

*Pub Night with Matt Gauthier

No Cover Charge

Saturday Nov. 18 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

*Open Jam - Saturday, Nov. 25 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Everyone welcome!

*Jim "Mitch" Mitchell Progressive Euchre Tournament

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2-person team

Register between 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., play at 1 p.m.

Food Available

*Turkey Bingo

Thursday, Nov. 30, Doors open at 6:30 p.m., play starts at 7 p.m.

Food Available - Top Prize of \$1,000

\$30 for 25 Ham Games

\$3 for Special Strip

More information on the above events is
available by calling (519) 862-1240 or on

Facebook: The Royal Canadian Legion,
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