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On the cover: A cenotaph was built east of Dickson's Hall by the municipality of North Oxford, to honour the men who died fighting for Canada in WW1 and WW2. In 1991, this cenotaph was moved to its current location at the Township of Zorra Municipal Office when Dickson's Hall was sold.



Message from the Mayor

As I write this on March 16 we are again in a completely different phase of the Coronavirus pandemic. Due to very high vaccination rates, masking, and everything else you've done and continue to do, we are seeing

significant improvement in the local COVID situation. Vaccine passports, capacity limits, and by the time you read this, most mask mandates have been lifted. Some of you will be very happy about this. Some will be nervous. Some a mix. Let's all be respectful of each other's choices. Southwestern Public Health has made it clear that masking is no longer required, but recommended under certain circumstances. If someone chooses not to wear a mask and you think they should, that is your right, but they may also following the latest Public Health advice. Likewise, if someone chooses to wear a mask and you think they shouldn't, that is your right, but they may also be following the latest Public Health advice.

Respect each other's choices. Respect each other. We are a community. We have always had differences of opinion and we always will. How we treat each other when we have differences is important.

By the time you read this the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) will have considered two issues of critical importance to our communities.

First, some Trustees at the TVDSB want to reduce the number of County Trustees and increase the number of London Trustees. If this happens it will reduce the voice of County and rural issues and truly be a "London" Board in all but name. Oxford County passed a resolution supporting equitable representation that balances the rural interests within the geography of Thames Valley.

Second, Oxford County Council unanimously passed a resolution to support in principle, the draft report of the TVDSB Rural Education Task Force. The TVDSB asked

us for this input, and we worked hard to consult with hundreds of residents and develop a draft report.

Together these two issues are the ongoing story of rural communities in the TVDSB wanting to be heard and understood, and the TVDSB not wanting to listen. It is the story of Board Senior Administration attempting to silence the rural voice behind a shield of ever changing excuses which really amounts to them saying "we'd rather not talk about this".

I'm very proud of the work of the Zorra Local School Committee in developing our School Retention Plan, and of Zorra and Oxford County Council's for endorsing that plan and continuing to advocate with the TVDSB and Ministry of Education on your behalf.

I asked for a delegation to the TVDSB for the March 22 Board meeting to speak to the issues of the Rural Education Task Force and the Trustee distribution. It was turned down for that date. I got a delegation for April 26. After the Board has decided on both issues.

Lastly, I cannot write without mentioning Ukraine.

- We are witnessing real heroes.
- Seniors volunteering.
- Children making Molotov cocktails in the street.
- Civilians picking up machine guns.

This is what a community does to help itself: volunteer, sacrifice, put community before self. Hard lessons for us here about our privilege and good fortune. Their determination and commitment to their community in the face of unimaginable adversity puts my troubles in perspective.

I am awed and humbled. They inspire me.
#SlavaUkraini #StandWithUkraine

Check in on the website, follow the Township on Facebook or Twitter (and now Instagram too!), phone or email Staff or Council: we want to hear from you. Join us and add to your community by doing your part!

Mayor Marcus Ryan

Kelly Drive, Thamesford

ZORRA ASSET NAMING POLICY

On occasion, Zorra Township Council may wish to acknowledge the activities and significant contributions (either financial or otherwise) of an organization, a person(s), or family to the community by naming or dedicating a municipal asset to them.

The Township's Asset Naming Policy provides a framework for the naming, renaming, or dedication of Township of Zorra assets. This includes the naming of roads, parks, trails, open spaces, buildings, memorial areas, or any other municipal facilities.

Zorra has a Names Registry that lists all the names that have been submitted and approved to be used to name or dedicate an asset to in the future.

KELLY DRIVE, THAMESFORD

Thames Springs West Subdivision is the new development on the west side of 15th Line (Banner Road) in Thamesford. Construction is well underway and one of the streets in the subdivision is called Kelly Drive.

This street was named after former Thamesford resident, Tony Kelly. Tony was a long-time resident of Zorra, former Councillor, member of the Police Services Board, and was involved in bringing an arena and pool to Thamesford. He was a Lions Club member for over 50 years, and he was the announcer for the Thamesford Trojans hockey club for over 40 years! Tony passed away in 2021 in his 91st year. The Township is thrilled to have a street named after this resident who gave so much to our community.



HOW DO I SUBMIT A NAME?

Any member of the public, a developer, or an organization will have the opportunity to provide name suggestions by completing the Zorra Names Registry Request Form (available on the Township website). The name will only be considered if historical and/or background information is included. The name should:

- Give a sense of place, continuity, belonging, and celebrate the uniqueness of Zorra Township, and/or
- Promote pride in Zorra, acknowledge local heritage, history, and recognize Zorra features and geography, and/or
- May (on an exceptional basis) honour the significant contributions of a family or an individual.

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BATTERY RECYCLING



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

- Township of Zorra Municipal Office, 274620 27th Line, RR 3, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3J6 – phone 519-485-2490 ext. 7221
- Thamesford Community Centre, 85 Middleton Street, Thamesford, ON N0M 2M0 – phone 519-485-2490 ext. 7245
- Embro Zorra Community Centre, 355644 35th Line, Embro, ON N0J 1J0 – phone 519-485-2490 ext. 7251

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

Since the start of this program in September 2012, the Township of Zorra has collected and returned 2,760 lbs of batteries to Raw Materials Company for Recycling.

Public Works Department

Reduced Load Season

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

Half Load Season Rationale

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

Steve Oliver,
Director of Public Works
519-485-2490 ext. 7227 or
soliver@zorra.ca

Building & Drainage Department

Building

Obtaining a Building Permit in Zorra:

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

Building Permit Fees:

Residential: (including new homes, additions, renovations, decks) – \$100.00 + 0.40/sq. ft.

Agricultural: (including coveralls, barns, storage sheds, workshops) – \$100.00 + 0.20/sq. ft.

Sheds - \$50.00 flat rate

Swimming Pools - \$100.00

Demolition Permit - \$50.00

A full list of Building Permit Fees are located on our website, www.zorra.ca

A Building Permit is NOT required for a fence.

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

Sanitary Sewage Systems

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

Mike Hughes, Chief Building Official/Drainage Superintendent at 519-485-2490 ext. 7224 or
mhughes@zorra.ca



Be Ready for Anything

Emergency Preparedness Week

Emergency Preparedness Week is May 1st - 7th 2022 and this years theme is **Be Ready for Anything**.

In emergency management, the first line of defense is you. This means that you have to be prepared to tackle the first 72 hours of an emergency on your own. Whether it is protecting your family from potential climate disasters or other emergencies, you must take action and be prepared.

When emergencies happen, having a plan in place is the best way to respond quickly to protect your family, your community, and your property. You may have to leave your home quickly or wait for local authorities to tell you where, and when it is safe to go. When this happens, remember that the basic services we use everyday may not work. For example your water, electricity, gas and telephone service may not work and it may be impossible to access cash from a bank. Thinking ahead and creating a plan for this can help. The first 72 hours are your responsibility.



#ReadyforAnything

"WITH A LITTLE PREPARATION, YOU CAN BE READY FOR ANYTHING."

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Emergency Kit

Having a well stocked portable and easy to find emergency kit will help you keep you and your family safe no matter where you are for the first 72 hours.

Basic emergency kit checklist:

- Water — two litres of water per person per day (include small bottles)
- Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace once a year)
- Manual can opener
- Wind-up or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries)
- Wind-up or battery-powered radio (and extra batteries)
- First aid kit
- Extra keys for your car and house
- Cash, travellers' cheques and change
- Important family documents such as identification, insurance and bank records
- Emergency plan — include a copy in your kit as well as contact information



Extras to Consider:

- Pet foods
- Medications
- Change of clothing and footwear
- Personal hygiene items
- Children activities
- Basic tools

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Safety Tip Activity

Instructions

It is time to prepare for our Emergency Preparedness Challenge. Zorra Residents, ask your child or grandchild to illustrate any Emergency Preparedness Tip on the back of this page. Some examples are:

- Emergency Household Kit
- Emergency Car Kit
- Snow/Ice Storms
- Earthquakes
- Flooding
- Transportation Accidents
- Pandemics
- Power Outages
- Water Shortage
- Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Neighbourhood Safety Plan
- Document Safety
- Pet Plans
- Special Health Needs
- At Home Safety
- Cyber Security
- Other Emergency Preparedness Tips

Ensure your illustration is **bold**, **colourful**, and contains a clear message. Prize Categories are for children aged 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-14, and 15-16.

Drop off your Emergency Preparedness Challenge illustration at the Township Office (274620 27th Line Ingersoll ON) by 5:00 PM on June 30th, 2022 to be entered in the contest.

As a bonus, your message could be featured in the 2022 Fall Edition of the Zorra Now.

Good Luck!

Name:
Age:
Zorra Address:

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Safety Tip Activity

Zorra Fire Official Drawing Paper for the Emergency Preparedness Challenge

A large, empty white rectangular area intended for drawing or writing, framed by a thick black border.

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**DID YOU
KNOW ?**

Dry Hydrants

Installation of dry hydrants into numerous nearby and developed water supplies eliminates the inefficiency and complexity of long-distance water shuttle operations. They also allow access to water sources from a roadway instead of having to work on soft ground immediately adjacent to a pond or stream. A dry hydrant consists of an arrangement of piping with one end in the water and the other end extending to accessible land and available for connection to a pumper. Dry hydrants have the following features:

- A non-pressurized pipe system
- Permanently installed in the cistern or water body
- Provide a means of access whenever needed, regardless of weather
- Allow years of simple operation with a minimum of maintenance
- Save time by minimizing hard suction hose needs and having the strainer permanently attached.

A strategically placed dry hydrant with all-weather road access permits more water to be distributed in less time and allows that water to be effectively applied on the fire. This improves fire fighter safety and helps keep our community protected.

**Thank you District Chief Cockle
from the Embro Station for
keeping the dry hydrant clear of
snow and safe for use during the
2021/22 Winter season**



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Training Update

On Saturday March 5th, 2022 Zorra Fire and Emergency Services completed Ice Water Training with a full scale rescue scenario followed by specific skills based training for current team members. Firefighters responded to a dispatched training exercise in which there were reports of a person that had fallen through the ice at a property in the Embro Station jurisdiction in addition to a second patient reported to be trapped on the ice requiring assistance. Firefighters from Embro Station and members of the Ice Water Rescue team, composed of firefighters from all 3 stations, worked united to formulate a response in which they were able to have both patients safely on shore expeditiously.

Members of Zorra Fire's Ice Water Team also assisted a neighbouring municipality this winter and worked alongside their firefighters to support with an in water and on shore search. This team trains in hopes of never needing to be deployed, but when they are, these men and women are exceptional in what they do.

Thank you to the Hall Family for their generosity in allowing the team to train in their water body and for the Woodstock Dispatch team for their assistance with communications that day, to assist in bringing the scenario to life.



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Welcome New Recruits

Embroid Station

- Tyler Allard
- Jeremy Munro
- Dan Rochon
- Jeff Smith
- Nancy Vanderhorn

Thamesford Station

- Jillian Brekelmans
- Jeff Ruston

Uniondale Station

- Brett Prekup
- Joel Terhaerd
- Laura Sheldon

Recruit Training

Over the next several months these recruits will integrate into the 3 fire stations in Zorra and begin training with our department. Those that are coming to Zorra Fire, without existing firefighter certification, will attend training in a group of 43 within Oxford County. This program will include topics like medical delegation, auto extrication, hose streams, firefighter survival etc. and culminate with a full scale live burn scenario. Upon completion, firefighters will participate in both practical and written provincial certification exams becoming fully certified as firefighters in addition to their current careers.

Something I have learned about Zorra & Zorra Fire...

Not all properties in Zorra Township have a blue emergency number. Rural properties are identified by 911 signs but side streets and those in town have house numbers that match the street address. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the house numbers are visible from the road and are lit at night to ensure that emergency services can find them when help is needed.

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Zorra Fire Reminders



Fire Marque is a Canadian company licensed in all provinces and territories and is able to provide funding to the community's fire departments. Since signing the agreement in 2016, the funds that Fire Marque recovers are allocated by Zorra Fire for fire prevention, public education programs and for fire department capital purchases.

In the event of a loss on your property due to fire, Fire Marque will keep you fully informed ensuring you receive copies of all letters and invoices sent to your insurance company. It is important to know that you are not being charged. Your property taxes pay for the fixed costs of your Fire Department; things like the fire station and its equipment. The additional costs the Fire Department incurs attending the fire at your property are eligible to be recovered through your property policy. There are no charges for additional fees or services and no deductible applies. To date, every resident surveyed by Fire Marque, is happy to know that their insurance policy helps with the costs of the Fire Department being called out to save and protect their property.



- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

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Spring & Summer Fire Safety

BBQ Safety

- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.
- BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.



Campfire Safety

- Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.
- Attend to the campfire at all times.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- Make sure to put it completely out before leaving.



Fireworks Safety

- Fireworks may be set off on your private property 2 days prior to and 2 days following Canada Day, Labour Day and Victoria Day as long as they are set off before 11PM
- Fireworks must be set off by someone 18 years of age or older.
- Remember to let your neighbours know when you plan to set off fireworks.



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By-Law Enforcement

Recreation Vehicle (RV) Parking:

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

Rules about dogs:

The weather is now changing and dogs are outside for extended periods of time, please be aware of the Animal Control By-law 43-15. The By-law prohibits dogs from running at large. The result of which may be a fine of \$200.00 plus fees. Dogs require a leash at all times when walked. They shall not wander (Running at Large) on public or other private properties. In addition, all excrement shall be picked-up and properly discarded in a garbage bin as outlined in the By-law. Failure to do so could result in a fine of \$125.00.

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

Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer
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New Animal Control Contractor

The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo and Stratford Perth is the new animal control contractor for the Township of Zorra, effective January 1, 2022. Their contact information is:

Business hours: 519-273-6600
After hours: 519-745-5615
Website: <https://kwsphumane.ca>

The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo and Stratford Perth is contracted to provide the following services for the Township of Zorra:

- Animal By-Law Services (excluding barking dogs)
- Animal Control Services
 - Stray dogs/dogs at large
 - Sick/injured domestic animals
 - Sick/injured wildlife
- After Hours Emergency Service – sick/injured dogs
- Animal Sheltering Services
- Dog bite reports
- Dead domestic animal reports

For stray cats/stray small animals:

The Stratford Perth Humane Society will accept stray cats and small animals as space and resources allow. Residents must call the humane society in advance at 519-273-6600. Residents would be responsible for transporting the cat/small animal to the humane society and may have to be placed on a waiting list if space is not immediately available.



ANIMAL ADOPTION

If you are interested in adopting a pet, visit kwsphumane.ca and view adoptable animals at the Stratford Perth Humane Society, and sister centre, the Kitchener Waterloo Humane Society.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

The Ontario Government provides animal protection services in Ontario. To report abandonment, cruelty or neglect, please call the Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) 24/7 hotline at 1-833-9ANIMAL (926-4625) or visit their website for more information.

2022

Municipal Election



When is the 2022 municipal election? [Monday, October 24, 2022.](#)

For additional information, or questions on the material contained in this elections document, please contact:

- clerk@zorra.ca,
- Karen Martin, Director of Corporate Services, at (519) 485-2490 ext. 7228,
- Alycia Wettlaufer, Deputy Clerk, at (519) 485-2490 ext. 7250.

All elections-related materials and additional information can be found on Zorra's election website!



<https://elections.zorra.ca/>



Voter Information

Municipal elections take place every four (4) years in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act. The next regular municipal election to elect a Mayor, Councillors, and School Board Trustees will be on October 24, 2022. The current term of Council ends in November 2022.

The Township of Zorra will be utilizing **INTERNET/TELEPHONE** methods for voting for the 2022 municipal election. Voters can vote in the privacy and convenience of their own home. Security and secrecy features are built into the process. In the fall, details on the voting period will be mailed to you with your Voter Information Card.

Who is eligible to vote in the Zorra municipal election?

A person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality, if on voting day they are:

- A Canadian citizen;
- At least 18 years old;
- Residing in the local municipality or an owner or tenant there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and
- Not otherwise prohibited from voting.

So you want to run for Council ...

Candidate Information

Eligible candidates can run for one of the following offices:

- Mayor
- Councillor, Ward 1
- Councillor, Ward 2
- Councillor, Ward 3
- Councillor, Ward 4
- Thames Valley District School Board (English Public) Trustees
- London District Catholic School Board (English Separate) Trustee
- Conseil Scolaire Viamonde (French Public) Trustee
- Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence (French Separate) Trustee

The above school board nominations must be filed with the City of Woodstock. The Conseil Scolaire Viamonde Trustee nomination must be filed at the Township of Zorra.

Who is eligible to run for Mayor/Councillor in Zorra?

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

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



- Nominations will be accepted beginning on May 2, 2022 until 2:00 p.m. on August 19, 2022. A nomination form must be filed with Township Officials.
- Pay a filing fee of \$200 for the position of Mayor and \$100 for all other offices. This fee will be refunded to all candidates who file the required financial statements by the required deadline.
- Candidates must supply proof of endorsement from 25 electors at the time of submitting their nominations to be a candidate in the election. Further information and forms are available on the Township website.

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

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

THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?



The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is currently working on completing their 2022 Candidate's Guide. Once finalized, it, along with their nomination package, will become available at the Clerk's office and on the Township's website.

A virtual **Candidate's Information Night** was held on Thursday, April 14, 2022. The Information Night included a presentation by **Fred Dean**, Municipal Solicitor and expert!

If you were unable to attend the Candidate's Information Night, have no fear! You can email the clerk's department for the recording of the presentation and get all the information you need about running for Council!

Please contact clerk@zorra.ca for more details.

Third Party Advertiser Information

What is a Third Party Advertisement?

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

Who is a Third Party Advertiser?

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

Who can register as a Third Party Advertiser?

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

ARE YOU ON THE VOTERS' LIST?

HAVE YOUR SAY. LOG ON TODAY.

Zorra Township residents can find out whether they're on the list to vote for the upcoming municipal and school board elections at voterlookup.ca. Voterlookup.ca is an online service used to collect and confirm info that will be used in the preparation of the final Voters' Lists across Ontario. You can also change your school support for electoral purposes and add names to your property address.

To confirm your information is accurately recorded for the upcoming elections, log on to voterlookup.ca using your property address or assessment roll number and your full name and date of birth. Updating this information will help to ensure that municipal Voters' Lists are accurate and up-to-date in preparation for municipal and school board elections occurring this October.



Please ensure you are on the **Municipal Voters' List**. If your name is on the **Provincial Voters' List** it does not mean that your name will automatically be on the **Municipal Voters' List**.

If you need support, or you need to remove a name, please call 1-866-296-6722.

Voter
Lookup.ca

Tax Department

The 2nd Instalment of your 2022 Taxes is due **May 31, 2022**.

Final 2022 Tax Bills will be issued and mailed the first week of August and their due dates are due August 31 and October 31, 2022.

Payment Options:

- Cash, Cheque or Debit are all accepted at the office
- Online or Telephone banking – to setup your property taxes as a bill payment, go to ‘add a bill’ and search for “Zorra”. Select Zorra Township Tax and enter the Roll Number from your tax bill as your account number. Use your 15-digit roll number on your tax bill, example 011-090-25600-0000, you would enter this as 01109025600. If an error occurs, please add the extra four zeros at the end and try again.
- Monthly Pre-Authorized Payment Plan, either 10 or 12 month term
- Pre-Authorized Payment Plan on the instalment dates
- eTransfer is now available, please to include your Tax Roll No. in the message field for payments - accountsreceivable@zorra.ca

E-billing is available to have your tax bills emailed to you directly, sign up for e-billing from our website at www.zorra.ca/home/our-services/forms under the Finance Department – Property Tax e-billing Sign up.

Retirement Announcement

Kelly Hall, Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector for the Township of Zorra, has announced her retirement and will be leaving Zorra in June 2022. Kelly started working for Zorra in January 1990 and has seen many changes in the Township during her 32 years here. Kelly is looking forward to spending more time with her family, including her husband, children, and 3 grandchildren. Staff and Council would like to thank Kelly for all of her contributions and wish her all the best in her retirement.

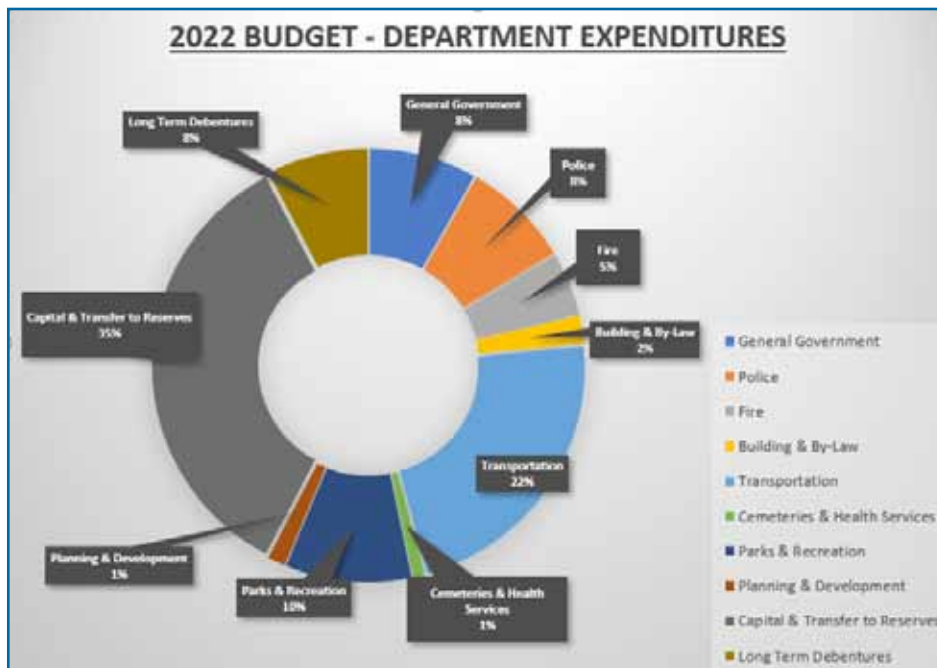


Kelly Hall,
Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer,
519-485-2490 ext 7222 or
khal@zorra.ca

Diane Larder,
Director of Finance,
519-485-2490 ext. 7225
dlarder@zorra.ca

Finance Department

The 2022 Municipal Budget has been approved as a result of deliberations with Council and public consultation. An online survey was available for all residents to complete regarding the 2022 budget in June of 2021. Below is a chart of the 2022 Operating and Capital Expenditures:



Total expenditures for the Township is **\$15,217,410**

General Government	\$1,245,229
Police Services	\$1,256,849
Fire & Emergency Services	\$736,962
Building & By-Law	\$317,461
Transportation	\$3,417,025
Cemeteries & Health Services	\$136,573
Parks & Recreation	\$1,461,214
Capital Projects & Transfer to Reserves	\$5,268,059
Long Term Debentures	\$1,171,855

Township of Zorra Committees

NEW! Task Forces

Engagement with residents is vitally important for effective municipal government. Residents need to be able to tell, and Council and staff need to be able to hear what is needed and wanted in services. Engagement is one of the areas of municipal government that has changed, and continues to change rapidly. Through social media, new annual meetings with recreation staff and user groups, and other means, the Township hears from residents in new ways.

Additionally, many residents have informally, and now in response to a survey, indicated that they felt the time commitment, broad topics, and formality of existing Zorra Township committees was not satisfying and sometimes a barrier to them participating. That is not good. We need to find a better way for residents to participate and contribute.

Mayor Marcus Ryan

In 2021, the Township began researching alternate public consultation mechanisms to better engage the Zorra community. One of the alternatives that surfaced was the use of “task forces”. A **task force** is a group established to work on a defined task, activity, or a specific problem.

Task forces are similar to committees, but they can operate much more informally and give volunteers more flexibility with how and when they will participate. The idea behind task forces is that they will allow residents to participate in local government, remain informed, offer suggestions, and provide meaningful input without the bureaucratic constraints that Zorra Township

committees operate within. (e.g., formal agendas and minutes, scheduling set meetings at the beginning of the year, formal meeting procedure, committing to a four-year term, etc.)

With that in mind, in December 2021, the Township of Zorra Council decided to dissolve the topic-specific committees – Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee and Zorra Community Policing Committee – in June of this year and move towards the use of task forces instead. The decision to move towards task forces is not a decision based on the merit or work done by the committee. Rather, the decision to move to task forces was to provide an alternate mechanism for these volunteers to better contribute to their community in a way that benefits them, and the Township.

We are very fortunate at the Township of Zorra that we are rich with dedicated, talented, and passionate volunteers. These residents have donated their time, effort, and resources to make Zorra a better place to live and play. On behalf of Zorra Township Council and staff, we would like to thank the volunteers on the Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee and the Zorra Community Policing Committee for their work on Zorra’s committees. All members on these committees have done their part to make Zorra the community it is today. Thank you!!

The Township is researching how to best optimize our volunteers time, resources, and expertise in your participation on task forces. If you have any comments on how the Township should operate task forces, and/or any ideas of what task forces the Township should have, please contact the Legislative Coordinator/Deputy Clerk, Alycia Wettlaufer at awettlaufer@zorra.ca or (519) 485-2490 ext. 7250.



“Zorra Now” Magazine is published quarterly by the Township of Zorra. Circulation is 4000 and is delivered to the residents and businesses of Zorra Township. If you have any questions or comments or would like to advertise in the magazine, please contact: →

Zorra Splash Committee



In spring of 2019, several residents presented a delegation to Zorra Council requesting that Council consider putting a splash pad in the village of Embro. As a result of that delegation, the Zorra Splash Committee (ZSC) was formed. Six Embro residents were appointed to the committee – Crystal Finch, Emily Moitoso, Danika Lyons, Alicia McCall-VanGinkel, Victoria Cybulski, and Debbie Baker – as well as Councillor Steve MacDonald.

The ZSC has worked tirelessly over the past few years on bringing a splash pad to Embro. The committee has encouraged community support for the project, worked alongside Township staff to provide advice to Council on the design and construction of the project, and led community fundraising efforts for the Embro splash pad.

In the last edition of the Zorra Now, we congratulated the committee on surpassing their fundraising goal of \$250,000 by raising \$258,234.40. Over \$183,000 of that total was funds raised by the committee and included donations from local families, community organizations, local businesses, and grants. Since then, the committee has raised a total of \$271,401.90!! This amount is well over the original goal and includes a grant from the Trillium Foundation. Congratulations to the ZSC!

Over the next several months, the committee will be working to finalize the design criteria for the splash pad. The Embro splash pad project is set to begin construction in 2022 and plans to open for the hot summer months ahead. Make sure to stay tuned on the Township's social media pages for more updates!

Zorra Multi-Use Courts Committee

The Zorra Multi-Use Courts Committee (ZMCC) is working towards bringing multi-use courts to Zorra Township at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre and the Embro-Zorra Community Centre. The ZMCC is comprised of five community members – Andrew Goodwin, Brenda Carnahan, Julie Riley, and Darren Whittaker – as well as Councillor Katie Grigg.

The committee was formed in early 2021 and has since then brought a multi-use courts proposal to Council. The proposal included recommendations to Council on the location of the courts, number of courts, types of sports the courts would accommodate, materials to be used, and additional features. For the past several months the committee has been preparing to start fundraising efforts. Check the Township of Zorra's website and social media pages for updates on the ZMCC and fundraising initiatives!

VACANCY! The ZMCC is currently advertising for a vacancy on the committee. If you are interested in joining the committee, please fill out an application form (found on the Township website) and email it to the staff liaison of the committee, Alycia Wettlaufer, Legislative Coordinator/Deputy Clerk at awettlaufer@zorra.ca.

Karen Martin
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Township of Zorra
274620 27th Line, P.O. Box 306, Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5

Ph. 519-485-2490 ext. 7228
Toll Free 1-888-699-3868
kmartin@zorra.ca www.zorra.ca

ZORRA COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE (ZCPC)

ATV/ORV USE IN ZORRA

The ZCPC would like to thank the citizens of the Township who replied to the survey on ATV/ORV use in Zorra Township. Numerous responses were submitted, several which outlined concerns, ideas, and possible solutions to make our Township safe and enjoyable for all.

Two main themes were expressed:

1. There are many safe and responsible riders of ATV/ORVs in the Township who use such vehicles for agricultural use and rural property recreation and maintenance. These riders are to be respected.
2. There is a significant problem with ATV/ORV misuse in the Township.
 - Trespassing on private property
 - Signage destroyed, barricades ignored
 - Significant property damage (lawns, crops, woodlots, stream/river banks, wetlands)
 - Riders not residents of Zorra (trailer into areas or riding into the Township via rail lines, river trails, local roads)
 - Excessive noise, speed & careless use on roads

Several responses were very clear: **"Someone is going to get seriously injured or killed. It's a matter of when, not if."** Responses were not specific to one area of the Township, which indicates that this is a widespread problem. Thamesford, Embro, Lakeside, Harrington and Banner Road were all highlighted.

How to Approach the Problem?

1. Clearly post your property "No Trespassing." Use commercially available yellow/black signs or highly visible red paint (single solid circle) on trees, posts, etc.
2. Install fencing, gates or barriers to prevent entry to property.
3. Call the OPP (1-888-310-1122). The police need to know where the problem areas exist. Call repeatedly!
 - If you can - provide the OPP with licence plate numbers, cell phone pictures of riders, accurate descriptions of riders and vehicles.
 - Request the OPP to patrol your area with their ATV/ORV mobile units. These do exist and are an effective deterrent.
 - If the OPP do catch trespassing ATV/ORVs, request the riders be charged with trespassing. If your property is clearly posted and riders trespass, they should be charged.
4. Support your neighbours.
 - Record licence plate numbers of suspected trespassers' vehicle/trailers.
 - Contact property owners if you encounter trespassing ATV/ORVs on their property.

Parents and Guardians of ATV/ORV Riders

- Remind your riders that ATV/ORVs are not permitted on any roads in Zorra. This is a Township by-law #72-20.
- Riders of ATV/ORVs must be 16 years of age.
- **Ask your riders:** "Where are you riding? Do you have permission to be there?"
- Remind your riders that Zorra residents are concerned for rider safety and the protection of private property.

The misuse of ATV/ORVs can be managed by a collective effort of all residents. If we work together and demonstrate a shared responsibility, the number of incidents will decrease and injury or death may be prevented.

Each of us must call the OPP to report concerns and contact your councillor to increase awareness on the issue.

Let's make Zorra a safe, responsible, and environmentally friendly place to live. - Zorra Community Policing Committee



Township of Zorra
**SUMMER
DAY CAMP**

2022



LITTLES: age 4 - 8 years **BIGS:** age 9 - 11 years

\$164.00/week*

LOCATED IN THAMESFORD AND EMBRO

JULY 4 - 8 Wild West

JULY 11 - 15 Adventures Unlimited
*Field Trip to Funvilla

JULY 18 - 22 Treasure Island



JULY 25 - 29 PowerHouse Science
*Field Trip to London Children's Museum

AUGUST 2 - 5 Creative Campers

AUGUST 8 - 12 The Great Outdoors
*Field Trip to Clovermead Adventure Farm

AUGUST 15 - 19 Sporty Spirit

AUGUST 22 - 26 Magic of Storytelling
*Field Trip to Fanshawe Pioneer Village

AUGUST 29 - SEPT. 2 Cartoony Creations

REGISTER NOW!



**Camp Hours:
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Pizza
Friday!**

New!
**FIELD
TRIPS!**

*Additional fee required.

www.zorra.ca
zorracamp@zorra.ca
519-485-2490 x7223

**Before and After Care
Available**

Swimming!

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thamesfordpool@zorra.ca

LESSONS

COVID-19 Updates: With the lessening of COVID-19 restrictions, swimmers can now participate in lessons without their parents/guardians. Additionally, class sizes have returned back to recommended levels.

LESSON SCHEDULE

Morning Lessons

Swimmers will come each weekday morning for two weeks and participate in the Red Cross Swim Program.

Lessons are scheduled between 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Session 1: July 4 – 15

Session 3: August 1 – 12

Session 2: July 18 – 29

Session 4: August 15 – 26

\$56.00/session

Swim Preschool & Swim Kids Levels 1 to 4.

30 minutes/lesson

\$65.00/session

Swim Kids Levels 5 to 10.

45 minutes/lesson

Evening Lessons

Swimmers will come once each week for 8 weeks. Lessons are scheduled between 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

\$46.00/session

Tuesdays or Thursdays

30 minutes/lesson

Saturday Lessons

Swimmer will come every Saturday for 8 weeks. Lessons are scheduled between 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

\$46.00/session

Saturdays

30 minutes/lesson

Private Lessons

Can be scheduled as often as required, subject to availability.

Lessons are 1 on 1 and are 30 minutes in length.

\$25.00/lesson

Wednesday & Friday evenings, Saturday mornings

30 minutes/lesson

REGISTRATION

**REGISTRATION OPENS
MAY 2, 2022!**

HOW TO REGISTER

ONLINE: Starting May 2, visit www.zorra.ca for access to the registration link. For assistance registering online, please contact us at thamesfordpool@zorra.ca or 519-485-2490 Ext.7285

IN PERSON: Registration in person is available at the pool starting June 27 from 1:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. See hours of operation below for more information. The Thamesford Area Swimming Pool is located at 204 George Street, Thamesford.

WAITING LISTS

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

REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY

- Refunds will not be considered after the 2nd lesson. Due to the short pool season, missed classes will not be made up.
- Cancellation of lessons by the Township due to inclement weather or mechanical/chemical malfunctions will not be refunded or rescheduled.



LESSONS

The Red Cross Swim program will no longer be offered after the 2022 season. TASP will move to the Lifesaving Society curriculum in 2023. You may find a combination of these two programs being introduced to your child this summer as Staff work through this transition.

Placement in Red Cross Swim Programs depends on many variables including age, skill proficiency, previous experience and readiness. Please use the following as a guide when registering your child. If you have any questions or wish a skill screening of your child, please contact the pool at 519-485-2490 x.7285 or thamesfordpool@zorrapool.ca

RED CROSS SWIM PRESCHOOL

For swimmers 6 months - 5 years.

PARENT & TOT

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

SEA TURTLE

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

SEA OTTER

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

SALAMANDER

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

SUNFISH

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

CROCODILE

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

WHALE

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

RED CROSS SWIM KIDS

For swimmers 6 years and older.

LEVEL 1

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

LEVEL 2

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

LEVEL 3

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

LEVEL 4

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

LEVEL 5

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

LEVEL 6

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

elementary back stroke (15m), learn dolphin kick, tread water in deep water, perform front dive, and swim 75 metres continuously

LEVEL 7

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

LEVEL 8

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

LEVEL 9

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

LEVEL 10

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

PRIVATE LESSONS

For swimmers who prefer one on one instruction.

A 1-on-1 setting designed to provide extra attention to a specific skill or a swimmers need that group lessons may not address. Private lessons are flexible and scheduled as often as required and are booked late afternoons or on the weekend. Lesson times are subject to availability. Please contact the pool to discuss your needs

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DROP-IN PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

PUBLIC SWIMS

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

Schedule:	<i>*Schedule Subject to Change</i>
Monday	2:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	2:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	2:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Schedule begins Saturday, June 25, 2022

FEES

Per Person	\$3.00
Children 3 & Under	Free
Family*	\$8.00
10-Swim Punch Card	\$25.00
Single Season Pass:	\$60.00
Family Season Pass*	\$150.00

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

ADULT FITNESS

AQUAFIT

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

LANE SWIM

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

Schedule:

Monday & Tuesday	7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DIVE-IN

Friday, August 12, Dusk

Watch a movie under the stars in the pool or on the deck with us! (*drop-in fees apply*)

ADMISSION GUIDELINES

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

Age	Band	Guardian Supervision Requirements	Supervisory Ratios
6 Years & Younger	RED BAND	Guardians (13+) must stay WITHIN ARMS REACH at all times	1 Guardian for every 2 children OR 1 Guardian for every 4 children with lifejackets
7 - 9 Years Old <small>Swimmers will take a swim test to determine their ability and supervision level</small>	YELLOW BAND <i>(unsuccessful swim test)</i>	Guardians (13+) must stay WITHIN ARMS REACH at all times. When the child wears a lifejacket, guardian must only remain at the facility.	1 Guardian for every 2 children OR 1 Guardian for every 4 children with lifejackets
	GREEN BAND <i>(successful swim test)</i>	Guardian (13+) must remain at the facility and continue to supervise their child.	1 Guardian for every 4 children OR 1 Guardian for every 8 children with lifejackets
10 Years & Older	GREEN BAND	No supervision required. Swimmers may be asked to take the swim test at any time as the discretion of the Pool Staff	n/a

Swim Test Includes: Swimming on their front with his/her face in the water using a recognizable stroke for a half-length of the pool and then treading water for 30 seconds. Swimmers must maintain a regular, comfortable breathing pattern and must not stop during the entire test. A guardian must be present for the test.

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ADVANCED CLASSES

As a lifeguard and instructor in aquatics, you can get a great summer job here TASP! Working at the pool is a fun and rewarding experience. Work with great people, be part of an awesome team, and gain valuable skills to help you in your future career goals!

DATES AND TIMES WILL BE CONFIRMED IN JUNE – PLEASE CHECK WITH THE POOL FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

SWIM PATROL

The Rookie, Ranger and Star Patrol levels provide enriched training for those who are ready to go beyond regular lessons. These classes will continue to develop participants swim strokes and provide the skill foundation that prepares them for success as they prepare for the Bronze medal courses. Minimum Swim Kids Level 6 recommended.

- \$65 per session
- Minimum of 4 candidates required
- Available during morning lessons. Times vary per session.

BRONZE STAR

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

- \$80 + manual (\$55)
- Minimum of 6 candidates required
- 10hr. of water & classroom or virtual instruction

SWIM TEAM

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

Practices: 1:00pm – 2:00pm,
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
Swim Meets: Wednesday evenings.
Cost: \$85.00 per swimmer
Register: www.zorra.ca



BRONZE MEDALLION & BRONZE CROSS

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

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

- \$150 + manual (\$55)
- Minimum of 6 candidates required
- 20hr of water & classroom or virtual instruction

VOLUNTEER!

Volunteer at the pool! A great way to get some experience as a Swim Instructor! Volunteers will help run the swim classes with our staff during regular lesson times throughout the summer. Volunteers must be minimum 12 years of age and have completed Red Cross Swim Kids Level 8 or higher. To apply, visit www.zorra.ca for more information.

2022 Large Article Collection

A WEEK EARLIER IN 2022

ZORRA TOWNSHIP
APRIL 25

REQUIREMENTS

- Set out by 7 a.m. the Monday of your collection week. **Late set outs may not be collected.**
- Max weight for any item is 45 kg or 100 lbs.
- Bag tags are not required for large items.
- Place items no more than one metre from the curb.
- Items must be on your property, not across roads/ditches, and easily visible (clear of tall grass).
- Do not place small items on top of larger items. **Inaccessible material may be left behind.**

EXAMPLES OF LARGE ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Household furniture, tables and chairs
- Carpet rolls and under padding (6' max., rolled and bundled)
- Pool filters (no sand) and pool covers
- Water softeners (no salt or contents inside)
- Mattresses and box springs
- Any large item which cannot be placed in a garbage bag, weighs less than 100 lbs and is not collected through an existing diversion program.



* An alternate diversion program exists.

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- * Regular household garbage and recycling
- * Leaf and yard waste
- * Electronics (computers, TVs)
- * Scrap metal
- * Tires
- * Construction, demolition and building material (concrete, toilets)
- * Freon containing units (fridges, air con., freezers)
- * Hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, propane tanks)
- * Appliances (washers, stoves)
- Glass and mirrors
- Items that can be broken down & put in a garbage bag
- Automotive parts
- Items piled on trailers/ wagons or loose in cardboard boxes

DOES YOUR ITEM FIT THE PROGRAM?

- Does your item weigh more than 45 kg (100 lbs)?
- Can it be easily broken down into a garbage bag?
- Is there another diversion program in place?
- Is your item small but you have a large quantity?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, your item **does NOT** meet the program requirements.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY HOURS

Mon – Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sat: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
384060 Salford Rd.
Salford, ON

519-539-9800 | info@wasteline.ca

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 Embro Highland Games



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If you are interested in an early copy, email your name and address to tourism@oxfordcounty.ca or call 519-539-9800 #3355

THE GOLSPIE DAIRY

455259 45th Line, Woodstock

Open: (Opening Summer 2022) (YR) Store: Thu-Sat: 10am-4pm, Self-Serve Everyday: 10am-8pm

Products: On-farm cheese plant specializing in small-batch artisanal British-style cheeses, fresh dairy products, and a milk vending machine! Pasteurized, non-homogenized whole milk: white or chocolate!
Contact: 226-888-4819 golspiedairy.ca
FB Instagram: @golspiedairy

AARDEN FARMS

196709 19th Line, Lakeside

Open: Jul-Oct, Sun-Fri: 10am-6pm, Sat: 9am-6pm

Products: Fresh sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, melons, as well as other seasonal fruit and veggies

Contact: 519-349-2406
Twitter@AardenFarms

BRAEMAR HILLS FARM

844251 Rd 84, Embro

Open: (YR) Online year round. On-Site Farmgate: May-Nov, 7 days a week: 8am-8pm

Products: We offer locally grown vegetables without the use of chemicals. Garlic, onions, lettuce, carrots, tomatoes and more.

Contact: 519-536-0091 braemarhillsfarm.com
braemarhillsfarm@gmail.com
FB @braemarhillsfarm IG @braemar_hills_farm

FLEMING FARMS

743804 Rd 74, Embro

Open: When in season Mon-Fri: 8am-8pm, Holidays & weekends: 8am-6pm, Ingersoll Farmers' Market, Jun-Oct: 8am-12pm

Products: Farm gate, road side stand with our fresh picked produce: strawberries, sweet corn, pumpkins, squash, garlic, asparagus, rhubarb, maple syrup & homemade jams. PYO strawberries while in season, check Facebook & Instagram for updates.

Contact: 519-697-7553
wendy.fleming@hotmail.com
FB@Fleming-Farms Instagram: @fleming.farms

SHELDON BERRIES

276347 Line 27, Lakeside

Open: (YR) Jun 1-Oct 31, Mon-Sat: 9am-6pm Closed Sun. Also at St. Mary's (Sat) & Grand Bend (Wed) Farmers' Markets. Off season by appointment.

Products: U-pick & Ready-pick Strawberries. Summer & fall raspberries, blueberries, green & yellow beans, peas, rhubarb, squash, pumpkins, jams, honey. Off season frozen berries.

Contact: 519-283-6025 sheldonberries.com
FB @sheldonberriesfarm

ALSTEIN FARMS INC.

436455 43rd Line, Embro

Open: (YR) By appointment only

Products: We offer a wide range of Black Angus beef cuts customized to suit your family. Beef cuts can be purchased individually, in packages, or as 1/2 or 1/4 beef. Can be purchased as grain finished or grass finished. From farm to fork, we hope to serve you.

Contact: 519-788-4391 alsteinfarms.com
FB @AlsteinFarms Instagram @alstein_farms

BUFFALO BEN BISON

255395 25th Line, Thamesford

Open: Retail Store, Thurs: 1pm-6pm, For availability or pasture tours, call 519-608-3020

Products: 100% Grass Fed Quality Bison Meat

Contact: 519-608-3020 FB Buffalo-Ben-Bison
Instagram @buffalobenbison

ESHCOL FARMS

157030 15th Line Zorra, RR1 Lakeside

Open: By appointment only or St. Mary's Farmers' Market, May-Oct, Sat: 8am-noon

Products: Varied cuts of organic, milk-fed red veal, organic ground beef plus a limited variety of other cuts of organic beef, all beef summer sausage, beef/pork sausages and all beef pepperettes

Contact: 519-349-2783 msslater@quadro.net
FB @londonareaorganicgrowers
@FarmersMarketofStMarys

GOOD NATURE ECO FARM

135148 13TH Line, Thamesford

Open: (YR) Mon-Sat: 8am-7pm, by appointment
Products: All natural pasture-raised chicken (whole chickens as well as pieces). Farm fresh eggs from free-range chickens, goat meat, and grass-fed beef. Poultry equipment (shelters, feeders, drinkers, transport cages).

Contact: 519-993-6606 or 519-719-9489
goodnatureecofarm.ca
goodnature.ecofarm@gmail.com

MIEDEMA'S MEAT MARKET

129 Huron St, Embro

Open: (YR) Mon-Tues: 7am-4pm, Wed-Thurs: 7am-5pm, Fri: 7am-6pm, Sat: 1pm-3pm

Products: Offering local beef, pork & chicken to Oxford County since 1982. Custom butchering available, and fresh cuts of meat every week!

Contact: 519-475-4010 miedemasmeats@live.ca
FB @MiedemasMeatMarket

VANDERPOL FARMS "What's your beef?"

Order Pickup at 883505 Rd 88, Lakeside

Open: (YR) 9am-6pm by appointment

Products: Call or text us to order & arrange pick up for locally raised beef. Whole, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8 etc. - Variety, select cuts. Work within your budget. We raise our animals at our farm at 255992 25th line, Lakeside.

Contact: 905-541-2441 [Whats.your.beef84@gmail.com](https://www.whatsyourbeef84.com) FB What's your beef?
Insta @whats.yourbeef

DEEP PURPLE LAVENDER FARM

355548 35TH Line, Embro

Open: On-Line, check Facebook for Seasonal Hours and by appointment

Products: Find 10 different English & French lavender varieties, providing fragrant fresh/dried bouquets & used in the making small batch beauty care products. Distilled lavender & lemongrass products available.

Contact: 519-535-4361 deeppurplelavender.ca
FB Instagram @deeppurplelavender

GARDEN IN HARRINGTON (THE)

336813 33rd Line, Embro

Open: On-farm sales: Thurs-Fri: May-Oct; On-line all year - thegardeninharrington.com

Products: Family owned and run cut flower farm growing fresh, local and beautiful in-season flowers year round just for you. Vegetables also available in season.

Contact: 519-859-2428 thegardeninharrington.com
FB Instagram: @thegardeninharrington

WILDLIFE GARDENING

414943 41st Line, Ingersoll

Open: By appointment, Garden Parties and Workshops

Products: Wildlife Gardening plant nursery, home to over 150 species of native plants. We host various workshops, teaching the joy of working with native plants. Open for special events and by appointment.

Contact: 519-532-3818 WildlifeGardening.ca
FB Instagram @wildlife_gardening



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 235606 23rd Line, Thamesford
Open: (YR) Fri: 9am-5pm, Sat: 9am-2pm, Other times by appointment
Products: Live edge slabs, milling, custom furniture and timber frames
Contact: 519-777-8343 bigassslabs.shop
 FB Instagram @bigassslabs

KINTORE CUSTOM HARDWOODS
 155999 15th Line, Kintore
Open: Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am-5pm, Sat: 9am-12pm
Products: Visit their live edge lumber showroom to find the perfect piece or plan out your next project. Live edge lumber, epoxy and much more
 Contact: 519-495-4002 kintorecustomhardwoods.ca
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519-539-9800 #3355
tourism@oxfordcounty.ca

Embroid & Zorra Agricultural Society

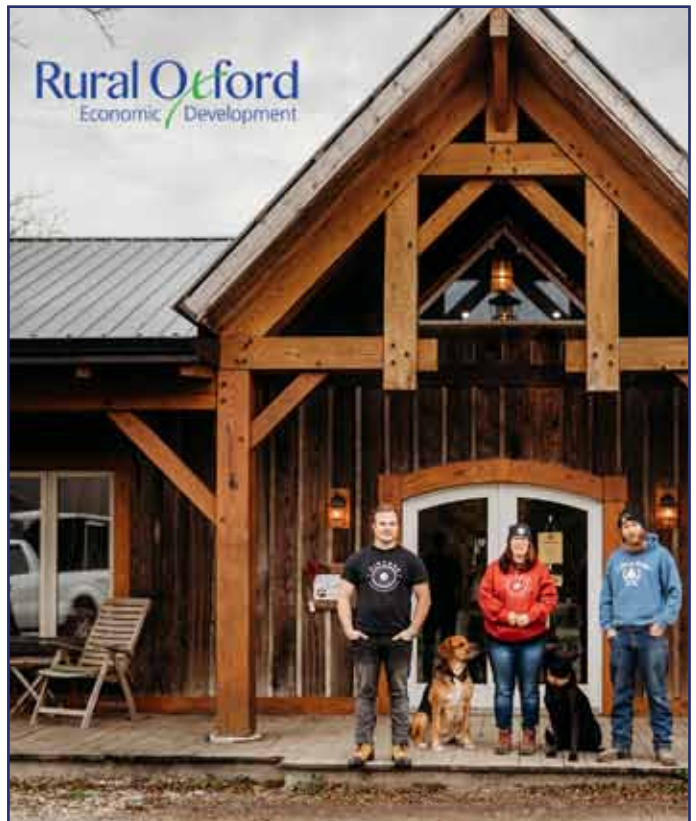
The Embroid Fair is BACK!

We are excited to welcome guests back for an in person fair on Sept 17 & 18, 2022.

We look forward to hosting the following event:

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New program offers mental health support for farmers and their families

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) has long advocated for increased access to mental health programs, tools and resources aimed at addressing the unique needs and stressors of the agriculture and rural community. Earlier this year, a new province-wide initiative was launched to provide enhanced mental health and wellness support to all farmers and their families.

Funded by the governments of Ontario and Canada, the Farmer Wellness Initiative officially launched on January 1, 2022. The initiative provides access to up to four free counselling sessions with a mental health professional. Each mental health professional has received training to understand the unique needs of Ontario farmers.

The Farmer Wellness Initiative is operated by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)

– Ontario Division, in partnership with OFA, and aims to protect and enhance the mental well-being of farmers and their families. This program will provide valuable support for the agricultural community by giving farmers easy access to a comprehensive network of mental health counselling and crisis services.

Accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, in English and French, farmers can call the telehealth line at 1-866-267-6255 to speak with a professional. This project was funded by the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

Farmers are resilient, but it is important to recognize when you or someone you know needs help. It is important to take the time to do a self-assessment of how you are both physically, mentally and look out for your community.

OFA encourages all members of the farming community to add these mental wellness tools to your toolbox as you plan and prepare for the busy season ahead.



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Our Hours are expanding!

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Competition warms up for Oxford Reads 2022

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Bringing Back Healthy Soil

Healthy soil is not only key to good crop production but is also the reason certain fields are able to withstand the erosive forces of wind and water. UTRCA Conservation Services staff are working with Zorra landowner Ian Matheson to establish a three acre soil health plot, to demonstrate whether fields can be returned to good health and productivity. A small section of highly erodible and less productive land was planted into a cover crop / forage crop mix and will be left for multiple years before being put back into row crop production. Before and after yield measurements will be compared to see if there is a response to this project. We hope that demonstrating this best management practice and the improvements to long term soil health will inspire other landowners to consider this approach on their farms.

For funding opportunities, please visit

www.cleanwaterprogram.ca



Oxford 4-H Association



The Oxford Quilting 4-H project “It’s Hip to Be Square” was held virtually in the fall of 2020. But the pandemic played havoc in the completion of the Achievement quilt. Our two members in Singapore faithfully finished and sent off their blocks way-ay-ay back in January of 2021 but they never arrived. So, when they resettled in Canada in the fall of 2021, new block kits were delivered to them. Each member started with a kit consisting of two 10-inch squares, batting and a 14-inch square for backing. They followed the instructions to make a pinwheel block, then cut it into a nine patch and reassembled the pieces into a Disappearing Pinwheel variation. They then layered block, batting and backing and quilted it by machine. Completed block were then returned to a leader for assembly into the quilt. Many thanks to a friend of 4-H who contributed the embroidered label. Leaders also completed blocks but the quilt would have to be inspected to find differences between their work and the members who ranged from 10-16 years old.



Oxford Quilting 4-H project for 2022 is “Quilting in the Spotlight” to start late April. Members will sew borders onto a panel or special print, sandwich and then quilt it using machine quilting, hand quilting and big stitch. Project will start off virtually. Colour theory and imagination needed. For more information contact Linda oxfordquilting4-hclub@gmail.com.

Oxford 4-H clubs have a variety of projects starting this spring for hands-on learn to do by doing activities in-person.

Thamesford 4-H Club will be doing an ‘Explore 4-H’ project, Brooksdale 4-H Club will be doing ‘My Plate and the Planet’ project, Hickson 4-H Club is doing a ‘Hospitality’ project, the Community 4-H Club will be doing ‘Community Engagement’ project and the Cloverbud 4-H Club will start. The Mt Elgin 4-H Club is doing a ‘Paint’ project, Oxford Beef 4-H Club started the ‘Beef’ project and there is an ‘Ag Awareness’ project promoting agriculture. Fancy Feather, Dairy and Swine 4-H Clubs will start soon.

The 4-H program is a leadership development program for youth ages 6-21 from urban and rural areas learning about health, environment, technology, agriculture, science, food, community and communication in a hands-on learning atmosphere.



To know more about the 4-H program, please contact the acting Oxford 4-H Communications Coordinator, Shonna Ward, by email oxfordcounty4h@gmail.com or call/text 519-854-6919 or check out Oxford County 4-H Facebook.

FRAUD AWARENESS



The OPP encourages everyone to be aware of potential frauds or scams if they receive unsolicited emails, texts or phone calls. If anyone suspects a fraud/scam, the OPP encourages residents to report it to the police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Center at 1-888-495-8501 or <http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca>

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Thamesford Club



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JC Graphics • McFarlan Rowlands Insurance • Shell Gas Station

Tickets can be purchased in Embro from: Highland Restaurant

Contact: Lion Tony 519-285-3618

Electronic, Metal, Batteries Recycling Day - Saturday April 23, 2022

8AM-3PM Thamesford Recreation Centre • Contact: Lion Jim 519-285-3349

Calithumpian Weekend - Trout Brunch - Sunday May 22, 2022

Serving: 11AM-1PM Thamesford Recreation Centre Take-Out available: 12-12:30PM

Contact: Lion Barb email: barbcorrin@gmail.com

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Upcoming Council Meetings

*Council meetings are held the first WEDNESDAY of the month at 9:00 a.m. and the third WEDNESDAY of the month at 6:00 p.m.

May 4 at 9am
May 18 at 6pm
June 1 at 9am
June 15 at 6pm
July 6 at 9am
August 17 at 9am

Employees

Building/Drainage Department

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Email: ssimmons@zorra.ca

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Phone: 519-485-2490 Ext. 7260
Email: dcollins@zorra.ca

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Fire Chief/CEMC - Deanna Kirwin
Phone: 519-485-2490 ext. 7240
Email: dkirwin@zorra.ca

Embro District Chief - Matthew Cackle
Email: embrofire@zorra.ca

Thamesford District Chief - Jim Manzer
Email: thamesfordfire@zorra.ca

Uniondale Deputy District Chief – Matt Hopkins
Email: uniondalefire@zorra.ca

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Facility Booking

Phone: 519-485-2490 Option 4, then 1
Email: booking@zorra.ca

Recreation Facilities

Thamesford District Recreation Centre
Phone: 519-485-2490 Ext. 7245
Email: tdrc@zorra.ca

Embro Zorra Community Centre
Phone: 519-485-2490 Ext. 7251

Thamesford Area Swimming Pool
Phone: 519-485-2490 Ext. 7285



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Community Contact Listing

Minor Sports

Embro:	
Embro Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-475-6515
Zorra Skating Club	519-281-1402
	www.zorraskatingclub.ca
Embro Minor Ball Association	519-475-4012
Embro Minor Soccer Association	
Tim and Katrina DeWit	519-475-0460
Kintore Minor Soccer	
Kate Henderson	519-320-8660
Thamesford:	
Thamesford Minor Hockey Assoc.	519-285-3796
Thamesford Skating Club	519-285-5556
Thamesford Jr. PJHL Hockey Club	519-285-3618
Thamesford Minor Baseball	Jay Bruinsma
jaybruinsma@gmail.com	519-572-3802
Thamesford Minor Soccer	519-670-7002
Thamesford NBC	519-639-4507
Thamesford Rec. Men's Slow Pitch	226-926-9016
West Oxford Girls Hockey Assoc.	519-852-4509

Schools (Elementary)

Embro	
Zorra Highland Public School	519-475-4121
Kintore	
A.J. Baker Public School	519-283-1098
Thamesford	
Thamesford Public School	519-285-2043
Roch Carrier French Immersion	519-537-7321
John Knox Christian School	519-539-1492

School Boards

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

Service Clubs & Community Groups

Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society	
Nicole Barndt	519-533-2208
Embro Highland Games/ Zorra Caledonian Society	519-475-4451
Thamesford Lion's Club	
Jim Keron, President	519-639-1910
Thamesford Scouts	
Jackie Van Daele	519-283-6159
Kintore Optimist Club	519-283-6321
Harrington & Area Community Association	
Philip Kerr	519-475-0484
Harrington Grist Mill Restoration Project	
Tim Van de Kemp	519-475-4376
Oxford County 4-H	oxford4-h@explornet.com

Other

Alzheimers Society	519-421-2466
	1-877-594-2368
Beachville District Museum	519-423-6497
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ingersoll, Tillsonburg & Area	519-485-1801 or 519-842-9000
	ingtburg@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
	www.sharethefun.org
Calithumpian Committee - Rebecca Garrod	519-535-9198
Canadian Blood Services	888-236-6283
Canadian Cancer Society	888-939-3333
Canadian Red Cross	519-539-0265
Children's Aid Society, Oxford County	519-539-6176
Crime Stoppers	800-222-TIPS
Cuckoos Nest Folk Music	519-473-2099
Embro West Zorra History Book	
Helen Brenneman	519-535-4728
Embro Library	519-475-4172
Fanshawe Pioneer Village	519-457-1296
Girl Guides - Thamesford	519-285-1126
Harrington Public Library	519-475-6909
Hardeman, Ernie, MPP.	519-537-5222
Horticultural Society (Ingersoll)	519-485-1808
Ingersoll Choral Society	519-285-2825
Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre	519-485-4691
Ingersoll Services for Seniors	519-485-3869
Ingersoll Theatre of Performing Arts	519-485-3070
Lawn Bowling Embro	519-475-4729
MacKenzie, Dave MP	519-421-7608
North Embro Cemetery	
Darwin Cooper	519-475-4385
Ontario Early Years Programs	800-539-9800
OPP	800-265-7191
Oxford County Jr. Farmers	519-469-3281
Oxford County Federation of Agriculture	519-852-8856
Oxford District Women's Institute	519-475-4502
South West Community Care Access Centre	519-539-1284
	info-woodstock@sw.ccac-ont.ca
Thamesford Block Parents	519-285-1126
Thamesford Business Association	519-285-3249
Thamesford Public Library	519-285-3219
Thamesford Snowmobile Club	
Harold Hacon (trails)	519-461-0855
David Blight (President)	519-432-2729
Thistle Theatre - Box Office	519-475-4201
	infothistletheatre@gmail.com
Tiny Paws Dog Rescue - Linda Collier	www.tpdr.ca
VON Oxford	519-539-1231
VON Sakura House	519-537-8515
Welcome Wagon	519-485-2990
Wienerfest - Linda Collier	519-285-5123
Women's Canadian Club	519-471-8924

Places of Worship

St. Andrew's United Church	924044 Road 92, Brooksdale, Ontario
	519-475-6011
Chalmers United Church	842993 Road 84, Kintore, Ontario
	519-283-6376
Crossroads Alliance Church	194552 19th Line, R.R. 3
	Ingersoll, Ontario
	519-485-4440
Knox Presbyterian Church	115 St. Andrews Street
	Embro, Ontario
	519-475-4816
Knox Presbyterian Church	963727 Road 96, Harrington, Ontario
	519-475-4011
Knox United Church	116 Kincardine Street, Embro, Ontario
	519-475-4060
Maple Grove Christian Retreat	194936 19th Line
	Thamesford, Ontario
	519-285-3334
St. John's Anglican Church	220 Dundas Street
	Thamesford, Ontario
	519-285-3218
Truth Community Church	154978 15th Line (Banner Rd.)
	Thamesford, Ontario
	519-285-2112
	www.truthcommunitychurch.ca
Westminster United Church	115 George Street
	Thamesford, Ontario
	519-285-3212
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East Nissouri Union Church	519-349-2333

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TROJANS NEWS



At the time of this writing, the Trojans are about to enter into the play offs. Once again the Trojans with the coaching of John Cauldarozzi have completed another super season of P.J.H.L. hockey. Our division is very competitive with many games being won or lost by one goal or by 7 minute 3-on-3 overtimes (no shoot outs). In spite of covid, the fans have had a very entertaining season of hockey.

There are now 4 on-ice officials to finish off our season. This may be the result of hockey being a much faster game now, and larger ice surfaces. We will have to wait and see how this works out but it is another expense that must be absorbed by the teams.

Thanks to the generous support of our loyal fans and sponsors we are able to keep icing your team here in Thamesford. The cost of supporting your local team keeps rising and the executive are getting older, I can only hope that our Trojan alumni will step up and play a more active roll in running the club. We are a not-for-profit organization made up of volunteers. Our objective is to advance amateur hockey. We offer a venue where young players can expand their talents and aspiring coaches and officials can hone their skills and maybe move up the ranks. The Trojans also offer the community a local sporting event that is entertaining and exciting without having to travel a long distance. For some, hockey is just a game, for others it is taken very seriously, especially for many parents: they, understandably, want the best for their son or daughter. Speaking of daughters, it was great to see the woman's Olympic team win the gold. Whether it's your minor hockey team or local Jr. hockey team

that you are supporting; the adrenalin rush is much the same. It is a very exciting time to have your home team win, especially for the players and coaches and everyone else closely connected to the team.

Green Horizons are once again helping the Trojans by offering the Give and Grow program. If you are in need of quality top soil or mulch please consider ordering from green horizons the BIG YELLOW BAG and use the code "Trojans 22". Green horizons will donate a portion to the cost to the Trojans as well as give the Trojans \$5.00 for each empty bag returned.

We are making plans to have a Rib and Brisket Yuk Yuk's comedy night in June but this will depend on what if any covid restrictions are in place. Watch for further information in regards to this.

The players are looking forward to participating on the Cali weekend and hope to be able to talk with many of you. They really do appreciate you and know that without your help they would not be playing hockey.

As one season finishes another starts and this is the nature of Jr. Hockey. We start raising fund for next season, the coaching staff start looking for players to replace players that moved on and try outs resume over the summer months. This is all in anticipation for the next season and we all know that the fans are waiting. Stay well and I hope to see you at the rink this fall.

Tony Redix
President, Thamesford Trojans Hockey Club

Tree Planting around Zorra!

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

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

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



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

Township of Zorra Memorial Tree Program

Memorial Trees can be purchased, in memory of loved ones, at the Township Office for \$40.00 through the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA). Individuals may also have their loved ones name added to a memorial tree sign when they purchase a tree for an additional fee. Signs are located at Grace Patterson Park in Thamesford, Embro Conservation Area and Harrington Conservation Area. The trees are planted in various locations throughout Zorra on Township or UTRCA property at a pre-determined location. Approximately 171 trees, usually 6'-8' sugar maples, have been planted throughout the Township since the start of this program in 1995. Fill out the Memorial Tree Request Form on the Zorra website www.zorra.ca or contact the Township Office.

Township of Zorra Memorial Tree Forest

In 2015, Zorra Township partnered with Brock and Visser Funeral Home – Thamesford Chapel and UTRCA to have trees planted in memory of those individuals whose funeral arrangements have been conducted through Brock and Visser Funeral Home. The Memorial Tree Forest is located on the 43rd Line, North of Road 68 on land owned by UTRCA. The trees are purchased by Brock and Visser Funeral Home. The trees that are being planted are native species, 6'-8' in size. Since 2015, 400 trees have been planted in the forest. Contact Brock and Visser for more details at 519-285-2427.

Township of Zorra Replacement Tree Program

Currently when the Township of Zorra Public Works staff take down a tree along a road side or near private property, they offer the land owner two trees to replace the one that was removed. The two trees are for planting on their private property. In 2021, 250 6'-8' sugar maple trees were planted through this program. Fill out the Tree Replacement Form on the Zorra website www.zorra.ca or contact the Township Office.

UTRCA Private Lands Program

Landowners who reside in the Upper Thames River watershed and own a minimum of 2.5 acres of property are eligible to participate in the UTRCA's Tree Planting on Private Lands program. The program offers large stock trees and seedlings. For further details visit the UTRCA website at www.thamesriver.on.ca.



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