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March 2019 Newsletter

PUBLIC WORKS, WATER & AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCIES

Public Works and water department hours are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding holidays
For after hours drainage, roads, water, sewer and animal control problems, please call 519-671-8915.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL: Mayor Grant Jones 519-671-0182
Deputy Mayor Robert Monteith 519-878-6742
Councillor Sarah Emons 226-236-4215
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Councillor Justin Pennings 519-319-7932

Welcome!! Township of Southwold Council and Staff would like to welcome our newest members to the team – Kurtis Harry, Public Works, Paul Van Vaerenbergh, Public Works Superintendent and Caitlin Wight, Communications Clerk.



Did you hear?

The Township of Southwold has been granted \$150,000.00 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation towards a washroom, pavilion and playground at the new Shedden Open Space Park.

Southwold Community Policing Association The SCPA hosts their 4th bi-annual Smartie Pants Trivia Night on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Check-in begins at 6:30pm with games beginning at 7:30pm. The event is at the Keystone Complex in Shedden. Contact Cathy Bishop at 519-631-4393 or 519-933-4393 or cmbishop@rogers.com for more information and to register.

Greening Communities Program Native tree seedlings are available for Southwold landowners at an affordable rate to help "green" the township. Planting trees is important in achieving a healthier, greener municipality. Stock is limited, and orders are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Betsy McClure (betsy@kettlecreekconservation.on.ca or 519-631-1270) at Kettle Creek Conservation Authority for more information about Greening Communities or for help in selecting species for your property.

Communities in Bloom Communities in Bloom is hosting their spring seminar on Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 7-9pm at the Keystone Complex in Shedden. This seminar is free and open to the public. Communities in Bloom is holding their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 9am-12pm at the Keystone Complex Pavillion in Shedden.

Southwold's Talbotville Neighbourhood Committee Neighbours in Talbotville including The Ridge, Green Park and Shady Lane area have been working together since the fall of 2018 to understand and participate in the development of our community. "The rural feel and a caring community is the experience we are excited to see grow, thrive and offer to other families from various income levels to embrace and cherish." **Community is not just where you live but how you live.** Recently formed as a committee of Council, we are currently working with Southwold Township to keep residents informed and included in the development process. If you are interested in knowing more about the Neighbourhood Committee, contact the Township at 519-769-2010 or cao@southwold.ca.

Important Tax Dates in 2019

Interim property tax installments are due by Friday, March 29, 2019 and Friday, May 31, 2019.

Payment Options:

- In person at the Township Office in Fingal – 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, except holidays – Payable by cash, cheque, interac or credit card (a 2% fee applies to all credit card transactions)
- Using on-line/televoting services at most financial institutions
- By mail (cheques only)
- Mail slot located to left of front door at Township Office in Fingal
- Preauthorized Payment – enrollment forms are available on the Township website and at the office

Water Bill Due Dates

2019 Due Dates: April 30, July 31, October 31, 2019 and January 31, 2020

Payment arrangements can be made by contacting the Township office

**Water will be shut off after failure to pay late notice – there is a \$150.00 fee to turn water back on during regular business hours

Preauthorized Payments – Available monthly and on due dates

The preauthorized payment (PAP) plans are available monthly and on due dates for tax installments and water/sewer bills. You may set up both bills or either bill as a monthly withdrawal or for withdrawal on the due date. The monthly withdrawal is on the last business day of each month. If your account is paid in full and you are interested in enrolling in a PAP plan, please fill out the necessary form available at the Township office or on the website (southwold.ca) and return it to the Township office.

Bill Delivery

The Township of Southwold offers email delivery of property tax and utility bills. Forms are available on our website or at the Township office.

Volunteer Recognition Award

The deadline for nominating a volunteer for the Volunteer Recognition Award is **June 30th** of each year.

Southwold Scholarship Award

The deadline for applying for the Southwold Scholarship Award is **July 31st** of each year.

Landfill Odour Complaint? Call Green Lane Landfill @ 519-652-0909

Locates – Call Before You Dig:

If you require a locate for your outdoor project, you need to contact Ontario One Call for all of your locate requests. Call 1-800-400-2255 or go on their website <http://on1call.com> to request a locate.

Streetlights

The Township of Southwold relies on residents to report when street lights are out. Please contact the municipal office. **Thanks for your help!!**

Garbage and Recycling Calendar

The 2019 garbage and recycling calendar is available at the Township office or on the website southwold.ca. **Note the pick-up changes in April and December 2019 and January 2020.**

Drain Maintenance

All maintenance required on a municipal drain must be reported on the Drain Maintenance request form. Forms are available at the Township office or on the Township website. The more detail you provide, the easier it is for staff to make the necessary repairs. A hand drawn or GPS map and a flag or stake by the repair site would greatly assist our staff in the field.

Homeowners Connected to Municipal Water

It is the homeowner's responsibility to have the water shutoff valve (curb stop) accessible and visible to Municipal Staff at all times in order that it can be easily located in the case of an emergency or in the event that the water needs to be turned off to your home.

911 Signs

The maintenance of 911 signs is the responsibility of the property owner. Please check your sign on a regular basis to ensure the sign is clear of trees, bushes and weeds to enable emergency responders to read your sign.

Dogs

To report a dog running at large call the Township office at 519-769-2010. A dog running at large must be contained before staff will be dispatched to pick it up. The fine for a dog running at large is \$150.00. All dogs within the Township of Southwold are required to be licensed.

Install a Carbon Monoxide Alarm – It's the LAW!

It is the law in Ontario to install carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas. If your alarm goes off, get everyone out of the house and call 911. CO alarms need to be replaced every 7-10 years depending on the brand. Have fuel burning appliances checked annually to make sure they are in proper working order and vented correctly. Install alarms on every floor of your home.

Municipal Parking By-Law

By-law EG1 prohibits the parking of any motor vehicle on municipal streets between the hours of 3:00 am and 5:00 am. Owners of vehicles that are in contravention of this by-law are subject to a fine. Any vehicles in contravention of this by-law are subject to removal at the owner's expense.