



# Southwold in Motion

Spring  
2018



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**A NICE PLACE TO VISIT...A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE...OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**



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Your tax and utility bills can now be EMAILED to you. Forms can be found on our website [www.southwold.ca](http://www.southwold.ca) under Departments – Online Forms



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Township of Southwold,  
Communities in Bloom, Southwold  
History Committee, Southwold  
Fire Rescue & Southwold  
Community Policing Association!

### Election Day is Monday, October 22, 2018

The Township of Southwold will again be using the "Vote by Mail" process for the 2018 Municipal Election. With Vote by Mail, voters can fill out their ballots in the privacy and convenience of their own home. Casting a vote is as easy as mailing a letter!

Around the end of September, voters will receive a Voter Kit in the mail containing all of the materials required to place their vote by mail. The voter simply follows the instructions in their kit, deposits their ballot in the mail using the postage paid return envelope, and the ballots will be delivered to the Municipal Office for tabulating on Election Day.

#### **GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY! BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

Nominations will be accepted for the following positions: Mayor (1), Deputy Mayor (1), Councillor (3). The term of office is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The Nomination Period is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 until 2:00 p.m. on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Candidate's packages are available for pick up at the Township Office, 35663 Fingal Line. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk at 519-769-2010.

**If you think that you may be interested in running for Municipal Council you can attend Candidates training opportunities**

*Ministry of Municipal Affairs*

April 24, 2018 from 7-9 p.m. East Elgin Community Complex, 531 Talbot Street West, Aylmer, ON

Cost: Free Registration at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/candidate-information-session-tickets-44262983776>

*AMO Online Training - So you want to run for Council?*

Cost \$66.37 + HST (\$75) Registration: [www.MunicipalElection.ca](http://www.MunicipalElection.ca)

#### **VOTER LOOKUP**

Are you on the list to vote for the upcoming municipal election?

If you are an Ontario resident over the age of 18 you can visit [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca) to confirm or update your information in a few easy steps.

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.

Find out ahead of time if you are eligible to vote. Visit [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca) or call 1-866-296-6722.

Township of Southwold residents can find out whether they're on the list to vote for the upcoming municipal and school board elections at [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca).

[voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca) is an online service used to collect and confirm information 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. If you do not have access to the internet, please visit our local Library at the Keystone Complex, 35921 Talbot Line. If you need support, please call 1-866-296-6722.

### **ROSY RHUBARB FESTIVAL JUNE 8-10, 2018**



Come enjoy  
all things  
rhubarb and  
more!

**Optimist Club of Fingal-Shedden & District will be hosting an antique car show on Sunday June 10, 2018 at the Rosy Rhubarb Festival**



Any questions please contact  
Gayle Bogart 519-764-2219

**SHEDDEN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
164<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FAIR  
is coming  
AUGUST 25 - 26, 2018**



**2018 DATE-TBA**

Watch the Township  
website and  
Facebook page

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southwold by Tractor**

-Tractor criteria: 1985 or older, must be able to maintain 12 mph speed, fitted with SMV sign, must be on rubber tires, must be full of fuel, must be in good mechanical condition.  
-Driver must be 16 or older.  
-Driver must sign a waiver.  
-Route details available soon

## UPDATE FROM SOUTHWOLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Mayor and EDC Chair, Ian Chard.

- ❖ In March 2017 we published an update of our Economic Development Committee's activities since its inception in 2011. Following is a report on our activities since that date.
  - ❖ Organized two successful "Southwold by Tractor" road runs.
  - ❖ The Township was contacted for the very successful "Breakfast on the Farm" event.
  - ❖ Organized and volunteered at the Township displays at the London and St Thomas Home Shows aimed at attracting new families to Southwold.
  - ❖ Involved in the design and creation of:
    - a) a brand new 24-page brochure to be used to promote Southwold as "a great place to live in and do business" in at home show
    - b) a brand new 15 page "Guide to your Community" including:
      - >Southwold business directory
      - >What's happening in Southwold calendar
      - >Volunteer group list
      - >Business flyers from all interested Southwold businesses. Some come with a "first purchase" discount coupon
- Materials will be delivered to all new Southwold residents beginning in April as part of a "Welcome to Southwold" package.
- ❖ Continued involvement in meetings to help our existing businesses grow and to attract new businesses with help from the Elgin Business Resource Centre & Elgin County Economic Development.
  - ❖ Started work on a "Seniors Healthy Living" project.
  - ❖ Working on a Southwold "Market Threshold Analysis" and "Alternative Accommodation Strategy" with Elgin County Economic Development aimed at supporting our business and tourism promotion plans.

A big thank you to all of our committee volunteers, to our staff, Elgin Business Resource Centre & Elgin County Economic Development.

### SOUTHWOLD TOWNSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2018 Final Approved Strategic Plan will be presented to residents at the 2018 Rosy Rhubarb Festival. Thank you to all residents who attended our public meeting on February 27, 2018.

It is not too late to send your wishes for the future of Southwold to

[cao@southwold.ca](mailto:cao@southwold.ca)

The Action Plan is being drafted now for Council approval in May.

### DOING SOME SPRING CLEANING AND WANT TO GET RID OF SOME LARGE ITEMS ?



Residents of the Township of Southwold can use the St. Thomas Community Recycling Centre. Some items are free. Some items are charged by the tonne. Check out their website for more information

<http://stthomas.ca/content/community-recycling-centre-crcold>

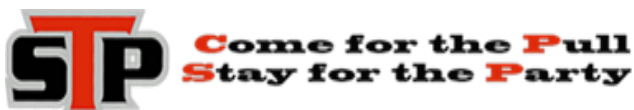


### 2018 CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

Bring the whole family and join us to celebrate on June 30, 2018 at the Fingal Ball Park!

Fireworks, cake, face painting, live entertainment and more!

Joins us to celebrate Canada's 151<sup>st</sup> Birthday!



### SHEDDEN TRACTOR PULL SAVE THE DATE! June 15, 2018



Registration Open – fee \$75 /player

Info: [www.sheddensoccer.ca](http://www.sheddensoccer.ca)

Contact: Michelle Lackey

[sheddensoccer@gmail.com](mailto:sheddensoccer@gmail.com)

Youth: age 3-18

Ladies 5 on 5: age 19+

Mens 5 on 5: age 19+

### I ♥ SOUTHWOLD



New to the Township - Check out our Community Guide available at the Township office.

### Reminders

Nominations for our 2018 Volunteer Recognition will be accepted until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Categories, Criteria and Nomination Forms can be found on our website.

[www.southwold.ca](http://www.southwold.ca)

A BIG thank you goes out to all of our VOLUNTEERS. We appreciate your contribution to our community

Watch for details on our Volunteer Recognition Evening to be held in November!

July 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit your applications for the 2018 Southwold Scholarship Award.

