



## August 2023 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 and animal control problems, please call 519-769-2010**

**For after hours water and sewer problems, please call OCWA at 519-868-0034**

### Members of Council:

Mayor Grant Jones - [mayorgjones@southwold.ca](mailto:mayorgjones@southwold.ca)  
Deputy Mayor Justin Pennings - [deputymayorpennings@southwold.ca](mailto:deputymayorpennings@southwold.ca)  
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Councillor Scott Fellows - [councillorfellows@southwold.ca](mailto:councillorfellows@southwold.ca)

Township of Southwold Council and Staff would like to welcome our newest members to the team Aaron Van Oorspronk, Director of Infrastructure & Development Services, Brittany Jessome, Community Services & Communications Clerk, and Brady Johnson, Public Works. We would also like to thank all of the students that joined us in the office, Public Works, Parks and Facilities and Water Departments this summer!

### Welcome Back!

Township of Southwold Council and Staff would like to welcome back Lisa Higgs, CAO/Clerk, from her maternity leave.

### Garbage & Recycling Collection Reminders

We've received some feedback and want to remind residents of 5 important guidelines to ensure your garbage and recycling is collected:

1. Ensure your garbage and recycling is curbside by 7:00 am. While your collection day has not changed, the routes of collection may be different, resulting in your materials being collected at a different time than you are used to.
2. Garbage collection has a max weight of 44lbs and size of 125 litres/28 gallons per bag.
3. Rural collection has a 6 bag bi-weekly limit. Urban collection has a 3 bag weekly limit. Anything over this limit will not be collected.
4. Yard waste and large items will not be collected.
5. Remember to sort your recycling into two categories: plastics and paper products. Recycling in plastic bags will not be collected.

We appreciate your cooperation and support. We are continuously monitoring to ensure a smooth transition.

For recycling concerns contact Waste Connections, your recycling collection provider at:

[townshipofsouthwold@wasteconnections.com](mailto:townshipofsouthwold@wasteconnections.com)  
519-691-2206

For garbage concerns, contact the Township office at:  
<https://forms.southwold.ca/Submit-a-service-request>  
519-769-2010

### Thursday Sept. 28, 2023, is Ontario's first Test Your Smoke Alarm Day!

Last year there were 133 fire fatalities in the province – the most in 20 years. As part of Test Your Smoke Alarm Day, all Ontarians are encouraged to learn more about smoke alarms, fire safety, and home fire escape planning, which can save the lives of you and your loved ones. Most importantly, we want you to test your smoke alarms!

Curbside by 7:00 am

125 litres/28 gallons max size  
44lb weight limit

Rural - 6 bags bi-weekly  
Urban - 3 bags weekly  
Yard waste & large items not accepted

Sort recyclables  
No plastic bags



### Township's Strategic Plan Update

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey and attended the community meetings.

For more information on our progress, please visit:  
[www.southwold.ca/stratplan](http://www.southwold.ca/stratplan)

### Southwold Young @ Heart Events

In-person events at Keystone Complex September 14 & November 9 1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Drive-thru Dinner October 12.

Christmas Dinner December 14. More details on the dinners will be available soon.

### Remembrance Day Service

This year's Remembrance Day Service will be both in-person and virtually broadcast on Sunday, November 5th, 2023. Follow the Township of Southwold's Website and social media for upcoming announcements.

### Important Tax Dates in 2023

**Final property tax installments are due by Thursday, August 31, 2023 and Tuesday, October 31, 2023.**

**2023 TAX BILL INFORMATION**

**Penalty** - A penalty of 1.25% for the entire month will be added on the first day taxes are past due and every month thereafter in which default continues in the year 2023. Interest will be added commencing January 1, 2024 at a rate of 1.25% per month on the first of each month. Payments are applied first to penalty and interest and then to the oldest taxes outstanding until account is current. The tax department has no authority to waive or alter a penalty and/or interest charge for any reason.

Failure to receive a Tax Bill does not excuse a taxpayer from responsibility for payment nor relieve them of liability for penalty for late payment.

**ASSESSMENT INFORMATION** - The amount of assessment and the name and address of the person assessed as shown on the face of the Tax Bill are in accordance with the Assessment Roll compiled in 2022 and updated where applicable to date by the Municipal Property Assessment Office. The Township of Southwold is required by statute to send out its Tax Bills strictly in accordance with the information appearing on the Assessment Rolls. It is important that any changes of ownership or tenancy or matters affecting property valuation be called to the attention of the Treasurer and the Municipal Property Assessment Office, at: Westmount Mall, Unit 252, 785 Wonderland Road South, London, Ontario N6K 1M6. For more information regarding assessments phone 1-866-296-6722. Unless this is done, a new owner may not receive a Tax Bill.

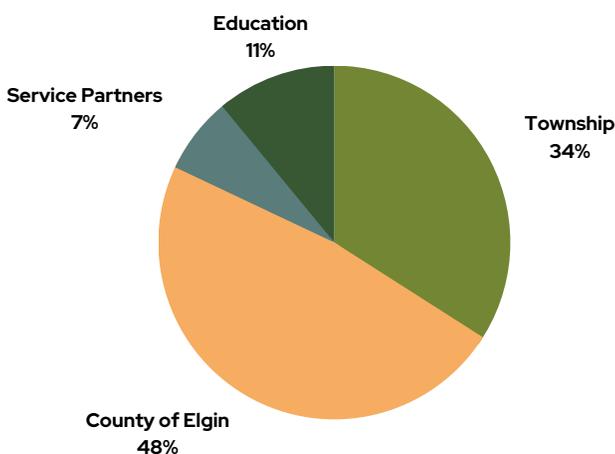
**2023 TAX RATES**

<b>Residential</b>	<b>.01363026</b>
<b>Farmland</b>	<b>.00316556</b>
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>.02861539</b>
<b>Commercial Vacant</b>	<b>.02861539</b>
<b>Large Industrial (Occupied)</b>	<b>.04306553</b>
<b>Large Industrial Vacant</b>	<b>.04306553</b>
<b>Industrial (Occupied)</b>	<b>.03572430</b>
<b>Industrial Vacant</b>	<b>.03572430</b>
<b>Pipeline</b>	<b>.02264996</b>
<b>Managed Forest</b>	<b>.00340757</b>

To calculate property taxes for a Residential property assessed at \$255,000:

Current Value Assessment multiplied by Tax Rate Equals Property Taxes  
 $\$255,000 \times 0.01363026 = \$3,475.72$

**Share of Residential Tax Bill**



- 33.7% of the residential property tax bill funds Township services
- 48.4% funds County of Elgin
- 6.7% funds Service Partners (OPP, Conservation Authorities)
- 11.2% funds education

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

Please retain the final tax bill for your 2023 Income Tax Return. **NO DUPLICATES OF TAX BILLS WILL BE ISSUED.**

**MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETED FOR 2023**

Shedden Fire Station - 4th Bay	\$150,000
Public Works Fleet & Equipment Replacements	\$1,036,000
Parks Projects	\$171,000
Talbotville Fire Station Construction Project	\$1,750,000
Administration Office Renovations	\$80,000
<u>Road Projects</u>	
Lynhurst Subdivision Project	\$100,000
Gravel Road Improvements	\$400,000
Hardtop Road Improvements	\$400,000
Bridges & Culverts	\$174,000

**911 Signs**

It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain their 911 sign. There is a \$50.00 fee for a replacement 911 sign if repairs are not possible. Please check your sign on a regular basis to ensure that the sign is clear of trees, bushes and weeds to enable emergency responders to read your sign.

**Drainage**

All maintenance required on Municipal Drains must be reported on the Drain Maintenance request form. Forms are available at the Township Office and on the website (southwold.ca). Please provide as much information as possible for identification of the drain and location of the repair site. A hand drawn or GPS map and a marker by the repair site would greatly assist our staff in the field.

**Building Permits**

All building permit applications are now submitted through Cloudpermit. Did you know that all pools, inground and above ground, also require a building permit? Contact the Township office at 519-769-2010 or visit our website: [www.southwold.ca/building](http://www.southwold.ca/building)

**Dog Licences**

Residents are no longer required to purchase a dog tag from the Township of Southwold. Each owner is to obtain their own tag with owner contact information clearly displayed. By-law 2013-30 will continue to contain provisions requiring identification and continue to establish fines for those who do not meet the requirements.