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NEW: Internet & Telephone Voting in Zorra!



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Message from the Mayor

September and back to school and corn harvest starting is soon. Please watch for children walking and waiting for buses, and watch for tractors and share the road.

The municipal election is on October 24th. Whatever your voting intention please vote. As Canadians we are fortunate to have the right to vote, but voting is also a privilege and a responsibility. So please ensure you are on the voters list by checking at <https://elections.zorra.ca>.

New traffic calming measures have now been implemented in Uniondale and north of

Thamesford, and additional measures in Embro. Each of these is based on nationwide, evidence based best practices. Each is also a one year trial that will be measured: if it works it will be left there, if it doesn't it will be removed, changed, or added to. This now means that over the last four years new traffic calming measures have been implemented entering every Zorra community, and the Township has a Traffic Calming Policy that allows residents to request traffic calming measures. The next step is to monitor for effectiveness and look for opportunities to further improve.

As always, feel free to contact me on any issue.

Mayor Marcus Ryan



**Thursday,
September 15, 2022**

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Creekside Wedding Ceremony Venue
295769 29th Line
Lakeside, ON N0M 2G0



**Thursday,
October 20, 2022**

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Snyder's Family Farm
936685 Blenheim Road
Bright, ON N0J 1B0



**Thursday,
November 17, 2022**

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Ingersoll Public Library
130 Oxford Street
Ingersoll, ON N5C 2V5

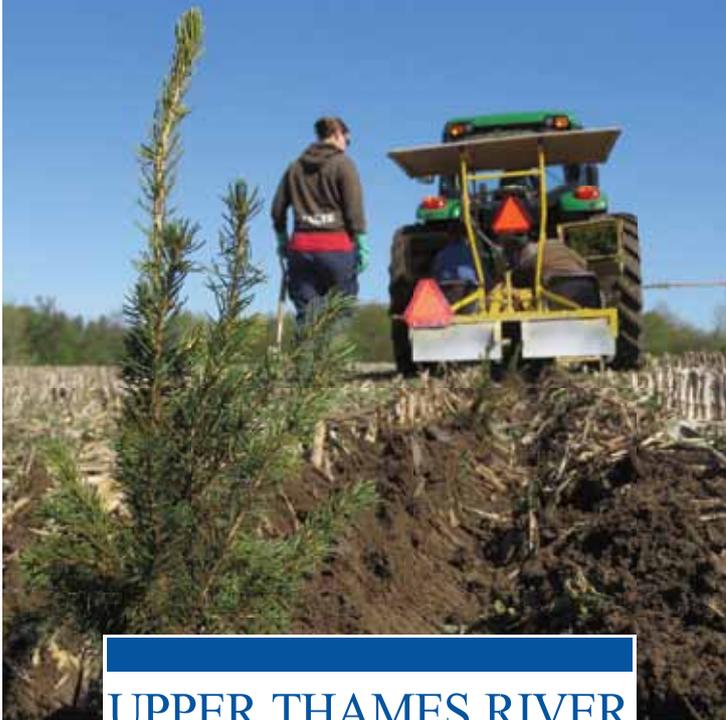
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**Oxford Rural Entrepreneurs
Networking Events**

Register at ruraloxford.ca/networking

Available Spring 2023

Trees and Grants



UPPER THAMES RIVER
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

For information on other funding opportunities, such as erosion control structures and wetlands, please visit www.cleanwaterprogram.ca or contact:

Tatianna Lozier
Stewardship Services Coordinator
loziert@thamesriver.on.ca
519-451-2800 ext. 233

The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) is hosting a series of events as part of its new “**Celebrating Natural Connections**” project. The events will be celebrating the natural spaces that became so important for physical and mental health during the pandemic as well as commemorating the efforts of front line workers.

On **Saturday, October 15**, join us at Hodges Pond, just outside of Woodstock. For more information please visit: thamesriverevents.ca. This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada.

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“Zorra Now” Magazine is published three times a year 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:

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Ingersoll, ON N5C 3K5

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Toll Free 1-888-699-3868
kmartin@zorra.ca
www.zorra.ca

Zorra Welcomes New Staff!

Council and staff are pleased to welcome Lynda Thornton as the new Tax Collector, Michelle McLellan as our new Customer Service Representative, and Nicole van Breda as our Building Services Coordinator.

Having grown up in Ingersoll, Lynda started her career in office administration at Dogwood Business Centre where she worked part-time for 8 years while also raising her two daughters. She then worked for the County of Oxford in various capacities, mainly as Secretary at Woodingford Lodge in Woodstock for nearly 10 years. After taking on-line and part-time evening finance courses through Fanshawe College, Lynda took a leap into a completely new direction and accepted a position with United Way Oxford as Finance Administrator. She then moved to St. Clair Township as her partner accepted a new position in Lambton County. During the past seven years, Lynda has obtained a diploma in Municipal Administration through AMCTO as well as a certificate in Municipal Tax administration through Seneca College.



Lynda Thornton

Through continued learning and many great practical work experience opportunities in Lambton County, Lynda served as Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, Drainage Clerk, and finally as Clerk-Treasurer before returning closer to her hometown of Ingersoll. "It's great to be back home serving the great residents here in Zorra Township!"



Michelle McLellan

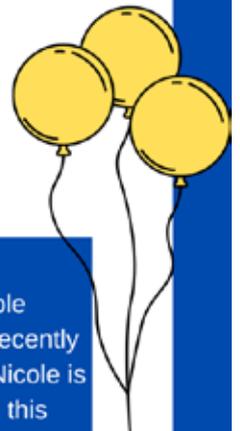
Michelle McLellan has recently joined the team at the Township of Zorra as our Customer Service Representative. You will likely speak to her if you call the office, and she will try her best to help you accordingly! Prior to Zorra, Michelle also worked in administration working as a receptionist in the medical field. Michelle looks forward to continuing to serve the Township of Zorra with her positive attitude!



Nicole van Breda

Nicole has recently started with the Township of Zorra as the Building Services Coordinator. She is responsible for assisting the Building Department with administrative duties related to permits in our growing community.

Nicole previously worked as a Special Constable Coordinator at the University of Waterloo, but has recently relocated with her family to the Township of Zorra. Nicole is excited to be able to work and raise her family in this wonderful township!



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Public Works Department

Zorra Maintenance Facility

Construction continues at the new Zorra Maintenance Facility (ZMF) with completion expected this fall. This new facility will house all of our Public Works Staff and equipment in one location. The facility is located beside the existing Kintore Shop on Road 78, just east of Highway 119. An Open House will be planned once the facility is complete.



Share the Road

Farm operations are always extremely active in the fall with harvest season. Please pay special attention to the large equipment moving about on Zorra roads. Especially during this busy time of the year, we like everyone to share the road equally, be aware, and be courteous. We know farmers are extremely busy during harvest time and it is important to take that extra care regardless of which vehicle they are using.



Brush, Leaf and Yard Waste Depot

Zorra has a Depot for brush, leaf, and yard waste. Located across the road from the Kintore Public Works Shop at 783045 Road 78, just east of Highway 19.

- **Acceptable materials include:** fruits and vegetables, garden hedge and tree trimmings, grass, leaves, Halloween pumpkins, house and garden plants, brush (no longer than 6ft). and Christmas trees.
- **Unacceptable materials include:** garbage, old fencing, plastic bags, hazardous waste, top soil, rocks, and stumps.

This depot is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no charge for this service.

Construction Zone Sign Classification

In a Construction Zone, “Local Traffic Only” means you are accessing a property inside the section of road that is closed. It does NOT mean that you live in the area adjacent to the construction and the closed road is the shortest distance to your destination. It is a Highway Traffic Act Offence to misuse this privilege.

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, either 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:

Zorra has adopted new Building Permit Fees. To view the fees visit our website at www.zorra.ca

A Building Permit is NOT required for a fence.

Failure to obtain a Building Permit will result in a penalty.

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
519-485-2490 ext. 7224
or mhughes@zorra.ca



DISCOVER YOUR OXFORD COUNTY LIBRARY

OXFORD READS

This year's book is ***Driven: The Secret Lives of Taxi Drivers*** by Marcello Di Cintio. The author will join us for a virtual Oxford Reads Gala later in the Fall. Stay tuned to www.oxfordreads.ca for a full list of programs and gala details coming soon.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Join the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge at OCL. Reading and sharing books with your child from the moment they are born helps them to develop pre-reader skills for Kindergarten, form a positive attitude towards reading, and encourages bonding. Any child from birth to five years can participate for free. Visit www.ocl.net to sign up and for further details.

THAMESFORD LIBRARY

2022 marks 20 years since the current Thamesford Library opened its doors on October 24, 2002. Stop by the branch during October and November to see our anniversary display featuring images and information about the Thamesford Library's history. Join us for a 20th-anniversary celebration in November. For details contact the library at 519-285-3219.

For up-to-date library information and hours call your local branch or visit ocl.net



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KNOW ?**

Multi-Station Training

This year, Firefighters from all three Zorra Township fire stations - located in Thamesford, Embro, and Uniondale - have been participating in multi-station training to build comradery and skills for working together on large scale scenes. One multi-station practice took place in Embro where a pump relay was performed through a local subdivision. Another focused on extrication strategies for hybrid and electric vehicles and most recently Firefighters completed training on Rural water supply with multiple apparatus and various types of equipment. Upcoming multi-station practices will include heavy auto-extrication with larger type vehicles such as transports trucks as well as live fire and water rescue training scenarios.

Multi-station training is a crucial aspect of Zorra Fire, as it ensures an overall understanding and level of preparedness for multi-station emergency calls. Further it helps unite the members from all three stations through working together in training and not just on scene at an emergency. Zorra Fire is thrilled to present these training opportunities to our firefighters and upcoming recruits.



Zorra Fire & Emergency Services

Township of Zorra Fire Chief Deanna Kirwin
519-485 2490 ext. 7240





Firefighter Recruitment

Are you interested in becoming a firefighter with Zorra Fire & Emergency Services?

- Are you looking to serve your community?
- Are you willing to dedicate the time required to successfully complete a recruit training program?
- Are you committed to attending weekly training sessions and able to respond to emergencies when called upon?

If you think you have what it takes and would like to contribute to the safety and quality of life in your community, **we need you!**

New Recruits with Zorra Fire, without existing firefighter certification, will be required to attend training within Oxford County. This program will include topics like medical delegation, auto extrication, hose streams, firefighter survival, plus more, 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.

Applications are available for pick up by attending a Zorra Fire Open House.

Dates will be advertised on Social Media



In order to be considered you must attend one of the **MANDATORY** information session Open Houses. Recruitment applications will be available as of September 1, 2022 and the application deadline is September 22, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Chief Deanna Kirwin at dkirwin@zorra.ca

Zorra Fire & Emergency Services

Township of Zorra Fire Chief Deanna Kirwin
519-485 2490 ext. 7240



By-Law Enforcement

Municipal Enforcement Unit

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Municipal Enforcement Unit (MEU) has shut down their services throughout Southwestern Ontario. The Township is currently working on a new By-law Enforcement model and will provide an update when the information becomes available

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 from adjacent properties.

Winter Parking

Please be advised that the winter parking restrictions will be enforced starting November 15th and remain in place until March 31, 2023 in accordance with By-law 48-20. For snow removal purposes, parking is not permitted on any road or street from 1:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. 7 days a week during this period. Any vehicle owner found in violation of this by-law could be fined or have their vehicle removed/towed at owners' expense. The set fine for this violation is set at \$50.

Leaves/snow removal on to Roadways

The autumn season is quickly approaching and therefore the leaves will begin to fall. As a reminder to all residents, depositing your leaves onto the roadway and sidewalk is dangerous and is a contravention of the Clearing Refuse from Land By-law No. 16-18. If you wish to drop off your yard waste, visit the County of Oxford website to view all brush, leaf, and yard waste depot locations. Pushing or placing any leaves, snow or ice or any other obstruction of a roadway is an offence that carries a Provincial Offences Fine of \$200.00.

Keeping Properties Clean and Clear

In the Township of Zorra, all grass and weeds must be maintained at a height less than 8 inches. This is done to promote safety in the Township, including pest-control, as well as to maintain the appearance of Zorra. Further, property owners and tenants shall keep their land free from industrial and domestic wastes, inoperable motorized vehicles (both licensed or unlicensed), vehicle parts, construction materials, and other refuse. If refuse has started to accumulate on your property, you are required to place it in appropriate containers, stored at the side or rear of your lot, and placed curbside within 14 days.

If you wish to view our By-laws they can be found on our website www.zorra.ca
Thank you for your co-operation.

Mathew Paul, By-law Enforcement Officer
519-485-2490 ext. 7230 or mpaul@zorra.ca

Zorra Hunting Regulations



Sunday gun hunting in the Township of Zorra is prohibited. For further information visit the Ministry of Natural Resources website: www.mnr.gov.on.ca

In accordance with Township By-Law #43-09, Municipal Licenses are not required for hunting rabbit and pheasant in the Township of Zorra.

Finance Department

Community Grants Program

Volunteer organizations provide many services and complete a variety of community-minded projects for the citizens of the Township of Zorra. To assist these organizations in completing their activities, the Township of Zorra offers financial assistance through the annual Community Grants Program. Applications are due by September 30th, 2022 and approved through the annual budget process. Details of the program and application form can be found on the Township of Zorra website at www.zorra.ca

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

Tax Department

The Final 2022 Tax Bills were mailed in July. If you have NOT received your bill, please contact the Township Office immediately.

The third instalment is due August 31, 2022 and the fourth AND FINAL instalment is due October 31, 2022.

Payment Options:

- Cash, Cheque or Debit accepted at the office
- OR
- Online or Telephone banking.

To setup your property taxes as an online bill payment:

1. **Go to 'add a bill' and search for "Zorra".**
2. **Select Zorra Township Tax and enter the Roll Number from your tax bill as your account number.**
3. **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 on the instalment dates, or a 10 or 12 monthly payment plan.

eTransfer payment now accepted. Please send eTransfer payments to accountsreceivable@zorra.ca

Lynda Thornton,
Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer
519-485-2490 ext 7222
or lthornton@zorra.ca



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 four 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 2,823 lbs of batteries to Raw Materials Company for Recycling.

TASK FORCE

In 2021, the Township began researching alternate public consultation mechanisms to better engage the Zorra community. As a result, the Township decided to move forward with the establishment of "task forces."

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.).

"TASK FORCE"

advance previous decisions of Council

Delegated authority from Council to "get the work done"

"COMMITTEE"

make recommendations to Council so that Council can make an informed decision

Delegated authority from Council to provide recommendations.

At the July 6, 2022 Council meeting, Council decided to move forward with **Cultural Mapping Task Force** as a trial for the task force model. The task force will begin work in fall 2022.

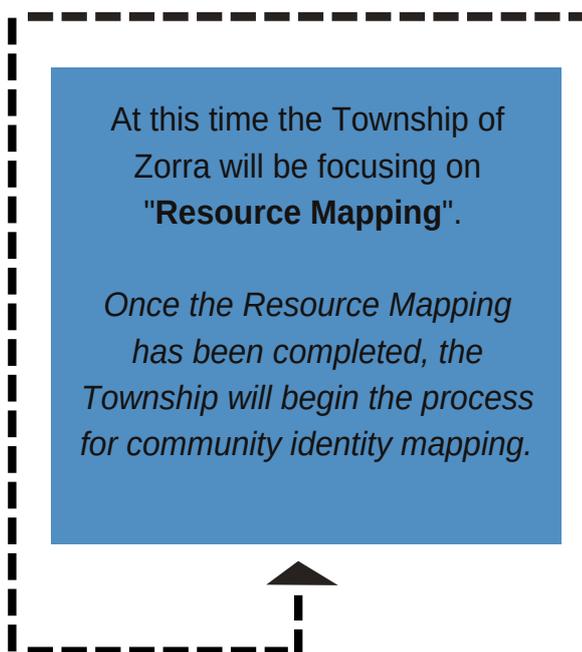
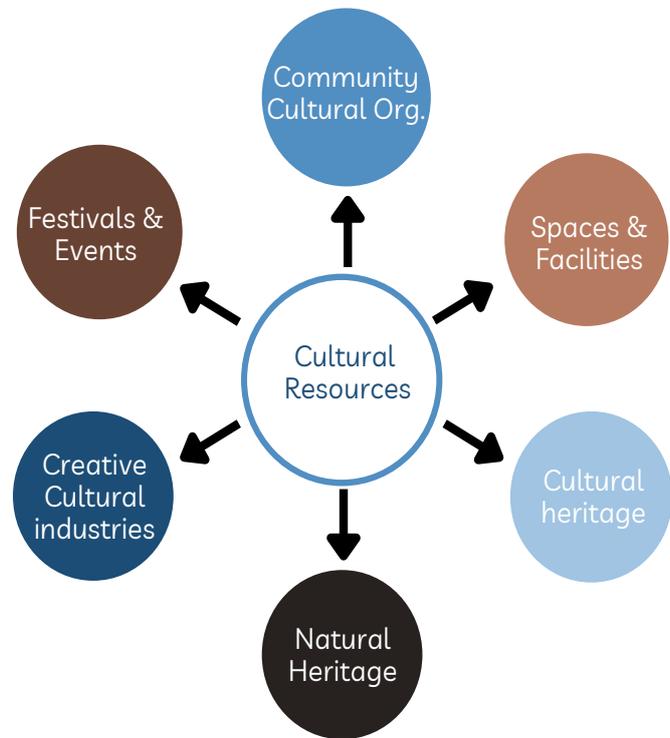
If you are interested in joining the Cultural Mapping Task Force, or would like additional information, please contact the Deputy Clerk, Alycia Wettlaufer, at awettlaufer@zorra.ca or (519) 485-2490 ext. 7250.

CULTURAL MAPPING

WHAT IS CULTURAL MAPPING?

Cultural mapping is a community-based and community-driven process of identifying, recording, and valuing local cultural assets. This includes both tangible assets (assets that have a physical presence) and intangible assets (the stories, traditions, and histories that make up our unique identity).

Cultural mapping involves looking at culture as a multifaceted force in the community. Ways in which culture exists in regions can be broken down into categories.



TYPES OF CULTURAL MAPPING

There are two (2) main types of cultural mapping:

1. Resource Mapping

- Resource mapping involves identifying and recording tangible cultural resources, which are then plotted on a map (usually making use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools and platforms).

2. Community Identity Mapping

- Community identity mapping involves exploring 'intangible cultural resources' (i.e., the unique stories and traditions that define a community identity and sense of place).



2022 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.

At the close of voting on October 24, the totals from all votes will be compiled. The unofficial results will then be displayed at the Township Office at 274620 27th Line and on the Zorra Township website. Feel free to attend!

Contact Karen Martin, Township Clerk for more information at 519-485-2490 ext. 7228 or visit <https://elections.zorra.ca>

Check the Voters' List

If you haven't already: please ensure that your information is accurate and on the Voters' List by contacting the Township Office at 519-485-2490 or visiting <https://elections.zorra.ca>

OR - Please visit the Township elections website and select "Am I on the Voters' List?" to make a request to verify that your name appears on the list for the upcoming Municipal Election.

The revision period for electors to make changes to, or have their name removed, from the list takes effect from September 1, 2022 until Voting Day on October 24, 2022.

If your name appeared on the Provincial Voters' List it DOES NOT mean that you will automatically appear on the Municipal Voters' List! We encourage residents to check that their name appears on the Voters' List and that their information, including school support, is recorded correctly to ensure that they receive the correct voting kit in the mail.

ZORRA COUNCIL POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED:

- MAYOR
- WARD 1 COUNCILLOR
- WARD 2 COUNCILLOR
- WARD 3 COUNCILLOR
- WARD 4 COUNCILLOR

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES TO BE ELECTED:

- Thames Valley District School Board Trustee (2)
- London District Catholic School Board Trustee (1)
- Conseil scolaire catholique Providence (1) for the Counties of Oxford, Perth and Grey
- Conseil Scolaire Viamonde (1) for the Counties of Oxford, Elgin, Lambton, Municipalities of Haldimand-Norfolk and Chatham-Kent



Township Wards & Representation

The Township of Zorra Council consists of the Mayor and four Ward Councillors. There is one Councillor elected by vote of the residents within each Ward. The Mayor, also referred to as the Head of Council, is elected Township wide.

Members of Council are elected by residents to a four-year term of office.

Council acts as the Township's decision-making body. Decisions are made by Council as a whole and by majority vote at Council meetings. The elected Council representatives represent the public and considers the well-being and interests of the Township on a range of issues such as roads, emergency services, buildings, by-law enforcement, licensing, property taxes, winter maintenance, recreation and economic development.

Council develops and determines which services the Township will provide and carries out the duties of Council as provided for in the Municipal Act and the Township's Procedural By-law.

School Boards

Education is a provincial government responsibility in Canada. In Ontario, education is governed principally by the Education Act and its regulations which set out duties and responsibilities of the Minister of Education and of school boards, school board supervisory officers, principals, teachers, parents and students. Ontario's 72 District School Boards operate the province's publicly-funded schools. They are made up of 31 English-language public boards, 29 English-language Catholic boards, 4 French-language public boards, and 8 French-language Catholic boards. A school board is a body that operates the province's publicly funded schools and is governed by its publicly elected members - school board trustees.

Acclamations

Typically, a voter will vote for their ward councillor, mayor, and school board trustee. However, sometimes candidates may be elected by **acclamation**, which means that only one individual filed nomination papers for that position and therefore an election process is not required. You cannot cast a vote for a position that has been acclaimed. For example, if your ward councillor and the mayor position are acclaimed then you may only receive a voting package for the applicable school board trustee.



Mark your calendars...

the Municipal Election is being held on Monday, October 24th



OCTOBER 2022						
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The Township of Zorra has transitioned to electronic voting for the 2022 municipal election! Eligible voters will be able to cast their vote by internet and telephone. A Voting PIN Letter will be mailed to those that are on the Voters' List in the end of September. The Voting PIN Letter will contain an individualized PIN for the voter to use to cast their vote. The voter simply follows the instructions in their kit and chooses between telephone voting or internet voting.

To vote by telephone, the voter will call the number provided in the voting kit, enter the individualized PIN number and the voter's birth date, and then the voter will cast their vote (and use the '#' button to confirm the selections).

To vote by internet, the voter will visit the voting website provided in the voting PIN letter. The voter will enter the last 8 digits of their Voter ID number, their PIN, and the voters' year of birth. The voter will follow the prompts through all contests, and complete their ballot by pressing 'Cast Ballot'.

Voting will be open from **October 13, 2022 to October 24, 2022.**



Beginning on October 13, 2022 until the end of Voting Day on October 24, Eligible Voters may attend the Township Municipal Office during office hours to use the Computer, Internet access or touch-tone telephone provided, for voting purposes.

Township staff will be available for support and for residents to use computers, access the internet or utilize a touch-tone telephone as follows:

- **Saturday, October 15, 2022:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the **Embro-Zorra Community Centre Small Hall**
- **Saturday, October 22, 2022:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the **Thamesford Library Beaty Room**

Recreation Department

BOOK WITH US!

reception halls

Located at the Thamesford District Recreation Centre or the Embro Zorra Community Centre, our large halls can hold up to 300 people and are the ideal location for your wedding reception, stag and doe or family reunion! Equipped with a full size commercial kitchen, tables, chairs, a PA system and a generous amount of tableware are just a few of the many amenities that we offer.

For smaller events, the Beaty Room in Thamesford and the Small Hall in the Embro Zorra Community Centre is an ideal location for a variety of events, such as business meetings and bridal showers! With a capacity of up to 80 people, these halls also include tables, chairs, and access to a well stocked and inspected kitchen.

Consider renting at some of Zorra's historical locations for your special event. The Embro Town Hall or the Harrington Community Centre facilities boast a rich heritage and a unique setting for your event. With capacities between 50 – 100 and many of the amenities you can enjoy at our other facilities, these beautiful space will provide an experience you can't find anywhere else!

For more info & to book these rooms & all other recreation spaces, please email us at booking@zorra.ca or call 519-485-2490 ext. 7223

Rental room rates can also be found online at www.zorra.ca

WINTER SKATING CALENDAR 2022-2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Embro Zorra Community Centre	Shinny (1:00-2:00p.m.) Public Skating (2:00-3:00p.m.)		Adult Skate (9:30-10:30a.m.) Parent&Tot (10:30- 11:30a.m.)				
Thamesford Recreation Centre	Public Skating (2:00-3:00p.m.)		Shinny (5:00-6:00p.m.)		Adult Skate (9:30-10:30a.m.) Parent&Tot (10:30 -11:30a.m.)		Shinny (3:30-4:30p.m.)

Public Skating

Get on the ice with your friends and family! There's no better way to spend your afternoon!
(\$3.00/person or \$8.00/family)

Parent & Tot Skate

A time to bring your pre-school children out for a quiet skate. Strollers permitted & skate aides are available.(\$3.00/person, pre-school age free)

Adult Skate

Enjoy a skate around the rink during this adult-only drop in program.(\$3.00/person or \$8.00/family)

Shinny

Non-competitive 'pick-up' hockey for all ages and abilities. Skaters will play cooperatively with small nets and no goalies. Required equipment: skates, helmet, stick and hockey gloves.
(\$5.00/person or \$12.00/family)

Additional Public Skating is always scheduled from 2:00pm-3:00pm during school holidays and PD Days!

October 3, 2022 to March 31, 2023

Pickleball popularity continues to rise in Zorra! Drop-in & learn what it's all about!



Pickleball

All abilities and
experience
welcome!
Equipment is
available to use!

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

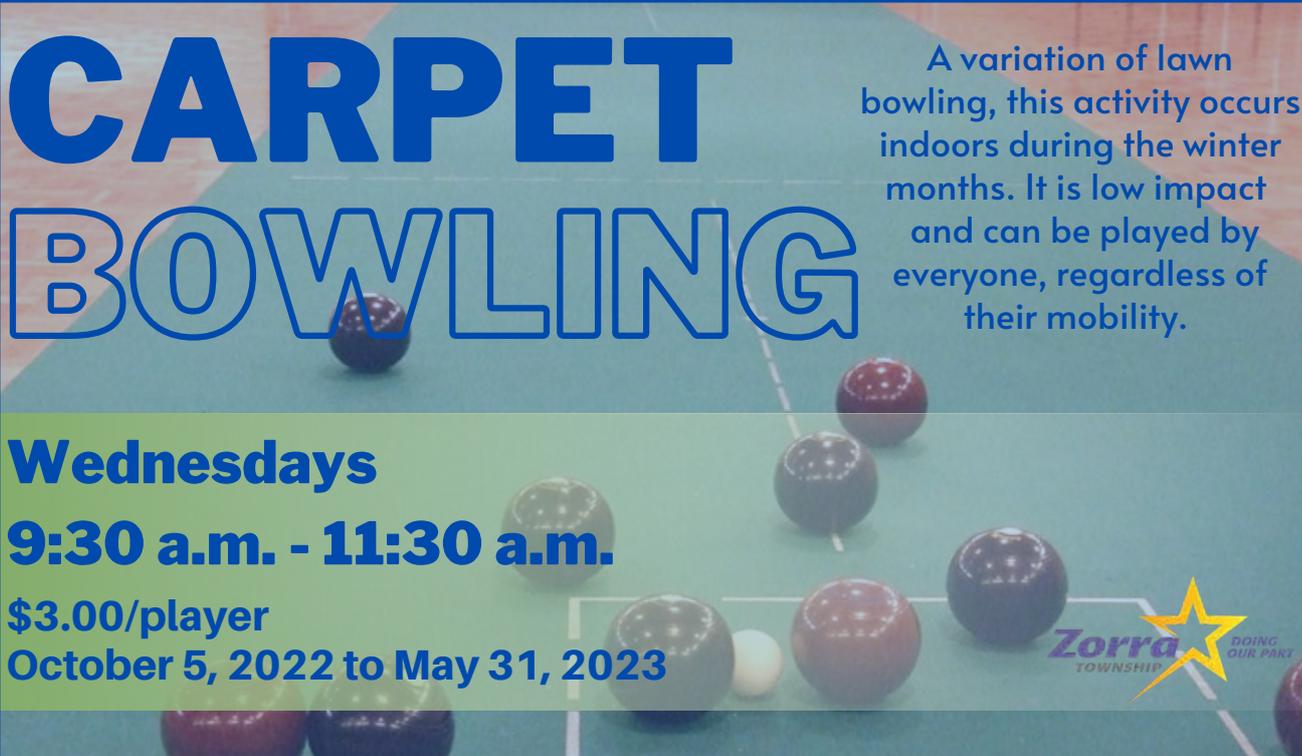
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thamesford District Recreation Centre

September 6, 2022 - June 29, 2023 (except holidays)

\$3.00

CARPET BOWLING



A variation of lawn bowling, this activity occurs indoors during the winter months. It is low impact and can be played by everyone, regardless of their mobility.

Wednesdays

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

\$3.00/player

October 5, 2022 to May 31, 2023



Township of Zorra Committees

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 to bring a splash pad to Embro. The committee has encouraged community support for the project, worked alongside the Township staff to provide advice to Council on the design and construction of the project, and led community fundraising efforts.

Construction for the Embro splash began in July this year, and the grand opening party for the splash pad took place on August 24th.

It is no secret that a community is enriched by the contributions of those who live and work there. Significant improvements, like splash pads, don't happen by accident. They happen because enough people step up with their shared vision for exciting new things that simply make a place better than before. This is exactly what happened in Embro, with the shared dream for a place to play, cool off, and gather. The Zorra Splash Committee has completed the task of shaping the project, promoting it, and undertaking significant fundraising. This was done mostly during a pandemic when it seemed impossible to do anything, but they knocked it out of the park. This is the drive that our community volunteers have. Incredible!

The Mayor has asked that I share a message of gratitude on his behalf to the Zorra Splash Committee. I could not be more excited to thank the members of ZSC for dreaming big for the

community. Thank you for your dedication to the project and to the work that went into making it a reality. You have truly embodied the Zorra Township motto of doing your part. Congratulations!

Katie Grigg – Ward 2 Councillor

Zorra Multi-Use Courts Committee

The Zorra Multi-Use Courts Committee (ZMCC) is working towards bringing multi-use courts to Thamesford. The ZMCC is comprised of six community members – Andrew Goodwin, Brenda Carnahan, Julie Riley, Libby Wilkinson, Kate Lockhart, and Rebecca Ruddy – as well as Councillor Katie Grigg.

The committee has begun fundraising for the multi-use courts and hosted their first fundraiser – a pickleball tournament in Thamesford – on Saturday, July 18th. The tournament was a great success! With 14 teams competing, the committee was able to raise over \$1,000!



Make sure to check out the **ZORRA MULTI-USE COURTS COMMITTEE** on Facebook for updates on the ZMCC and their fundraising initiatives! And keep an eye out for the ZMCC's mascot "Coach Pickle" at upcoming fundraiser events!

See the next page for the committee's new logo, designed by Finleigh Howe!!



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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Council was thrilled to present members of the Zorra Splash Committee with the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award! These ladies worked so hard to fundraise for a new splash pad in Embro - and during a global pandemic! We are so happy to have folks like this in our community making things happen. Congrats to Committee Members Crystal Finch, Debbie Baker, Emily Moitoso, Danika Lyons, Victoria Cybulski, and Alicia McCall-VanGinkle. Thanks for doing your part!



SENIOR OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to the 2022 Senior of the Year Award Winner Doug Ferguson! Doug is a longtime member and Past President of the Caledonian Society, and member of the Board for the Beachville District Museum. Doug contributes selflessly to the community in many ways. Thanks Doug for doing your part to make Zorra a better place to live!

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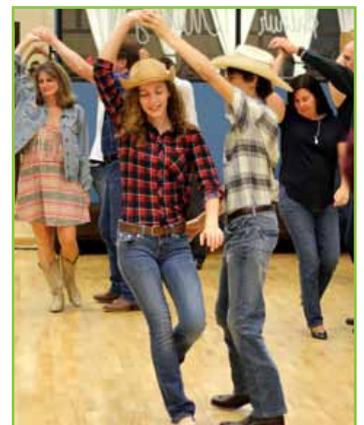
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Modern Square Dancing Starts Up in Woodstock

Modern square dancing will "take to the floor" on Monday evenings at College Ave Church on Peel St. in Woodstock. Our first night of dancing will be Monday Sept 12, from 7:00-9:00pm. Come and give it a try – it is a great combination of physical activity and social outing, while including much laughter, learning something new, keeping your brain active and making new friends. First night is free! For more information, check our facebook page, Thames Valley Dance Club Woodstock, or contact Doug at 519-537-9037 or Lois at 519-535-2884.



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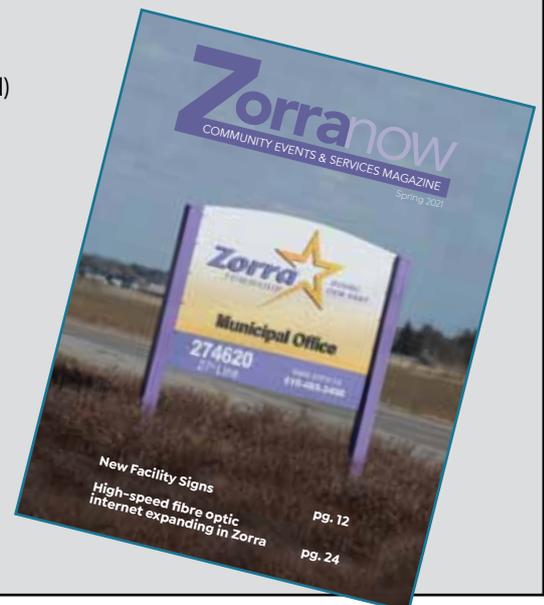
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Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society

Embro Fair

Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society is excitedly preparing for the upcoming Embro Fair on September 17 & 18, 2022, with this year's theme 'How Sweet It Is', all about bees and honey! We are so excited to be back to in-person events again! Fair prizebooks (including exhibit entry forms) are available for pick-up at locations in Embro (Embro Cheesehouse, Kintore Coffee Company, Embro Foodmarket, and Embro library), as well as at the Thamesford and Ingersoll libraries, and Zorra Township office. You may also get a prizebook by contacting the Embro Fair Secretary Nicole Barnett (519-533-2208).

The Embro Fair officially opens at 3:00p.m. Saturday, following the Parade which leaves Matheson Park at 2:00p.m. and ends at the fairgrounds. To enter your parade float, please contact Tori Smith (519-535-3903).

Lots to check out at the Embro fall fair including:

SATURDAY (3:00-9:00p.m.)- kids activities, face-painting, balloon-animals, bouncy inflatables, touch-a-truck, tractor-barrel train rides, ambassador competition, silent auction, 50th anniversary of the ambassador competition, Earth + Honeybee beekeeping demonstration stage show, pumpkin prince & princess competition, fair exhibits and displays, field crops competition displays, food trucks, Tex Rexman cowboy show, children's evening movie, Saturday night wing night (5:00-11:00p.m.).

SUNDAY (8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.) - church service featuring band Rescue Junction, heavy horse & haflinger show, touch-a-truck, brunch by Oxford County 4-H, local artisan market, food trucks, fair exhibits and displays, tractor-barrel train rides, kids' activities, face-painting, balloon animals, bouncy inflatables, Tex Rexman cowboy shows, baby show, pet show, 1st annual Nash Barnett Memorial Car Show, local bands, and more!

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age, any ability welcome!
Please contact Kim Jakeman
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Ambassador Competition (Jr. & Sr.)

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Baby Show

Chantel Van Ryswyck (519-532-5872)

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Upcoming Presentations

Wednesday, September 28, 2022:

Laura Green - Women's Institute 125 Anniversary

Wednesday, October 28, 2022:

Doris Weir - Cold Springs Farm in Thamesford

The Society hopes to hold both presentations at the Woodstock Museum, NHS. Doors open at 6:30pm. These events are open to the public and are free to attend.



For the latest information and to confirm location and time of the presentations please visit www.oxhs.ca/upcoming-events

Oxford County 4-H Association



The Oxford 4-H Judging/Critical Thinking Event was held in June at Karnview Farms with 66 4-H youth participants. “Judging” or “critical thinking” is one of the five “core competencies” that 4-H Canada and 4-H Ontario require as part of 4-H projects because you will make choices that affect you, your family, friends, community, country, and your world for your whole life.

There were 8 classes and a general quiz for each participant to complete. Youth gave reasons on two designated classes. The classes included dairy heifers & cows, feather birds, hay, blue jeans, footwear for outer space, photography and a packed lunch. After judging/critical thinking was done, a pizza lunch with ice cream bars was enjoyed by all the participants. Thank you to the Oxford Beef & Ingersoll Kiwanis Dairy 4-H Clubs for organizing the event!!

The youth were divided into age categories to receive the judging/critical thinking awards as follows Novice: Sophie Doan, Elliott Peters, Danique DeBoer; Junior: Micah DeBoer, Courtney Pletsch, Blake Zehr; Intermediate: Nicole Danen, Bren Zeldenrijk, Emily Hartle; Senior: Taylor Buckrell, Sophie Pike and KimmelyZeldenrijk. The top youth in each age category will be presented with the Norman Dickout Judging Award at the Oxford 4-H Awards Night November 18, 2022 at the Embro Community Centre.



This year the Oxford Cloverbud 4-H Club has fourteen enthusiastic youth who have been exploring what 4-H is all about with learning about Nature Fun at Embro Pond Conservation Area, Dairy Processing at Roesbett Farm, Alternative Sports-Bowling at Ingersoll Bowling and attending Discovery Days in Regions 4, 5& 6. They will also be learning about Lakes & Oceans, Snacks and Harvest Festivals.

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.



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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.

September 7 at 9:00a.m.
September 21 at 6:00p.m.
October 5 at 9:00a.m.
October 19 at 6:00p.m.
November 2 at 9:00a.m.
November 15 at 7:00p.m. *
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