

PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

THE SARNIA CITIZEN



City Hall
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8:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.



"Year of the Veteran"

WOW !! WHAT CITIZENS WE HAVE!!!!

CANATARA PARK

The City and the Seaway Kiwanis have partnered to construct a 3,000 square foot wedding/picnic pavilion overlooking Lake Chipican near the Children's Animal Farm. The Seaway Kiwanis were instrumental in the building of the farm in 1964 and continues to help support its maintenance. The first phase of construction includes an attractive pavilion that seats 120 people plus a head table, a beautiful fireplace and roughed in washrooms, food preparation area and storage space. The Seaway Kiwanis will apply for a Trillium Foundation grant to complete the washroom and kitchen facilities. The pavilion will be available for rent in early 2006.



SEAWAY KIWANIS PAVILION
CHILDREN'S ANIMAL FARM

BLACKWELL TRAILS PARK

Canadian Waste Management has officially opened Blackwell Trails Park on Blackwell Road. This site was previously a landfill and has recently been converted to a 45 hectare (110 acre) private park featuring over 3 km of walking trails. A total of \$1.47 million dollars was invested into this park by Canadian Waste.

WHAT A SPLASH !!

Thanks to a generous donation by Mrs. Norma Cox and her late husband Edward, a children's spray park/wading pool facility is under construction at Tecumseh Park. Other improvements will include upgrades to the tennis courts, a BMX area, play equipment, picnic shelters and building upgrades.



Tecumseh Park Splashpad, ON
FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY.

DONATIONS !!

- 80 Sakura (Japanese flowering cherry) trees donated by the Japanese Consulate were planted at City Hall and Centennial Park.
- The Chamber of Commerce donated the 2500 daffodil bulbs planted at the Sarnia Municipal Highway Sign.
- Memorial Benches have been donated at Canatara Park, Boardwalk - Front and Wellington

- Streets, Cathcart-Webster Park, Bayshore Park and Newton Park.
- Many parks in the City have received public and private donations.
- If there are any groups or citizens that are interested in finding out how to donate for various Community Projects contact Ann Tuplin at 332-0330, extension 230.

BE PREPARED!!!!

Together, your family should create an emergency plan so that you'll know what to do in times of emergency.

To Help Prepare Yourself for Emergency Situations have a Home Emergency Supply Kit with:

- At least 3 days (72 hours) of drinking water and food per person
- Flashlight and batteries (in case of service interruptions)
- Radio and batteries (so you can listen to news bulletins)
- First Aid Kit
- Special needs that someone in your family may require such as medication, oxygen, diapers, etc.



To see some examples and additional helpful hints visit:

Sarnia Emergency Management at: www.sarnia.ca
Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada at: www.psepc.gc.ca

SARNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

City of Sarnia Switchboard	332-0330
Fire (Administration)	332-1122
Police (Administration)	344-8861, ext. 0
Roads/Sewers/Water	344-1932
Sarnia Emergency Management	344-8861, ext. 5206 or 0
Sidewalks	332-0330, ext. 276



AFTER HOURS, HOLIDAYS, WEEKENDS 344-8861, ext. 5263 (Police) USE IT, DON'T ABUSE IT. Only use 9-1-1 for emergencies. Non emergency calls will cause delays to those calls that require immediate attention. In case of a natural or industrial emergency in the community, listen to CHOK 1070 for information.

HOT TOPICS !!

In the last five years, there have been approximately 1,400 candle fires in Ontario homes that have caused 20 fatalities and 187 injuries. Too often fires are ignited when candles are left unattended. "Use Candles with Care" by following these important candle safety tips:

- Always stay in the room where candles are being used.
- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or when going to sleep.
- Ensure candles are not used in any bedrooms.

- Keep lit candles well away from anything that can burn.
- Keep candles, matches and lighters out of the reach of children and pets.
- Use sturdy candleholders that won't tip or burn. Those with glass shades or chimneys are safer.
- Extinguish candles when they burn to within five centimetres (two inches) of their holder.

For more information contact Tom Marshall, Public Education Officer at 332-0330, extension 323.



JOIN THE FUN

- Winter Recreation Program Registration - Starting December 5. Contact 332-0330, extension 217 or www.sarnia.ca for further information.
- Celebration of Lights - November to January.
- Celebration of Lights Bus Tour - December 14, 15 and 16 from Lambton Mall.
- Holiday Skating Sponsored by Tim Horton's:

Sarnia Arena
December 27 & 28
January 2, 2006
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Germain Arena
December 29 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Sarnia Arena
December 30
January 3 - 6, 2006
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
December 24 & 31
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

- Sarnia Transit provides free bus rides on New Year's Eve.
- Snowfest 2006 - January 20-22, 2006 Dow People Place in Centennial Park - 15th Anniversary.



If you would like to advertise in this space and help cover the cost of the newsletter, please contact Marlene Haney at 332-0330, extension 290.

Free
Help with Reading,
Writing and Math
Adults and Children

Call: **332-4876**
Organization for Literacy in Lambton

- Free Tow
- Tax receipt
- Our partners @ SARNIA AUTO WRECKERS will pick up the vehicle
- Proceeds help support local patient Services & Research

Is there a tax deduction in your driveway?

CALL THE KIDNEY CAR HOTLINE @ 344-3462

CHARLIE HUCKER
Flooring Specialist

800 Campbell Street
Sarnia, ON N7T 2J7
(519) 337-3743
Fax: (519) 337-9289

LET IT SNOW

It's that time of year again when snow is just around the corner. If you have a neighbour who is not able to shovel why not be a good neighbour and give him or her a hand. It is a great way to be a good Samaritan and keep in shape at the same time.

Snow Removal – For people who can't do the work themselves:

- Senior VIP 332-2814
- Lambton Seniors 339-8866

CORE SERVICES REVIEW

Council is currently reviewing the City's Core Services. The review identifies:

- the service level of departments
- how services are funded
- staff levels
- whether services are discretionary or mandatory, and assists the corporation in providing a look at the services we provide as set forth by the strategic report.

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE.....

Water in your basement - **BAD**
Water on the street - **GOOD**

Keep curbs and gutters clear of leaves, sticks and debris. A **Restrictor Plate located underneath the catchbasin grate** controls or limits the flow of rain and snow melt from entering sewers. **DO NOT REMOVE RESTRICTORS YOURSELF. Call 332-0330, extension 316 if you suspect your restrictor is blocked.**

DID YOU KNOW?

- You can obtain and submit your Passport Applications, as well as bring your student loan certificates for processing, to the Sarnia Post Office located at 105 Christina Street South. Their hours of operation are 8:00 - 5:00.
- André Marin, Ombudsman of Ontario announced an investigation into whether the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's (MPAC) process of valuing properties in Ontario is fair and transparent. If you have any complaints about your assessment contact André Marin at www.ombudsman.on.ca or write Ontario Ombudsman, 125 Queens Park, Toronto M5S 2C7.
- Christmas Trees will be picked up the week of January 15, 2006. **Do not put in plastic bags.**
- New traffic lights are operating at Airport Road and London Line.
- Municipal sirens along with Industry sirens are tested every Monday at 12:30 p.m.
- The first Monday of every month Sarnia Police test the interruption of local Cogeco TV.



SHAKE A LEG !



NEW FACE OF TODAY'S MATURE ADULT. Try and keep up with this crowd, come in to the **Strangway Community Centre** at 260 East Street North.

- For the active types there is Line and Latin Ballroom Dancing, Pilates, Yoga, Weight Training, Tai Chi, Scuba Diving, Exercise on the Ball, Aquatic Exercises and Build your Bones classes.
- The Artistic types can try their hand at Pottery Making, Swedish Weaving, Rug Hooking, Jewelry Making, Drawing and Watercolour/Oil Painting.
- If it's a new skill you want to learn consider Bridge, Texas Hold'em Poker, Woodworking, Computers and Billiards.
- Be more informed through seminars on topics related to finances, legal issues, health and wellness and leisure interests such as decorating.
- Numerous entertainment events are held throughout the year.
- The Centre offers many volunteer opportunities.
- Musical types can try the choir, musical jam group and drama club.
- People can join others with the same interests in chess, book club, and painting group.
- In addition to the above, there are over a dozen weekly activities including table tennis, shuffleboard, Bocce and euchre.

For further information call 332-0656

WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS !

- The City of Sarnia requires certain businesses to be licensed.
- For a complete list and the fees contact 332-0330 extension 320 or visit the City's website at www.sarnia.ca
- If you run a business out of your home a Home Occupation Permit is required. Contact the City's Planning and Building Department for details at 332-0330, extension 295.
- To obtain the permitted zoning for a business contact the Planning and Building Department at 332-0330, extension 295.
- To obtain a Provincial Vendors Permit please call toll free 1-800-265-1540 or www.fin.gov.on.ca

THAT'S NO BULL!

- Pit bull owners must have their dogs leashed and muzzled in public as of October 28, 2005.
- Pit bulls must be spayed and neutered by October 28, 2005.
- A leash may be a maximum of 1.8 metres long.
- Muzzles should be humane, strong enough and well-fitted to prevent the pit bull from biting.
- **All dogs including pit bulls must be licenced with the City yearly, due January of each year.**
- For more information call 332-0330 extension 351.

YOUR VOICE - CITY COUNCIL

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CORRECTIONS

- In the Spring/Summer 2005 Edition of "The Sarnia Citizen" we indicated that the rail tunnel under the St. Clair River was opened in 1889 when, in fact, it was opened in 1891.
- Sarnia was originally called "Les Rapids" and not "The Rapids".

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to write or call in their comments on the first issue of "The Sarnia Citizen".

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

December.....6 - Budget
December.....8 - Budget, if necessary
December.....12 - Regular

- Agendas for regular meetings are available on the Friday prior to the Meeting in the Clerk's Department, 2nd Floor, City Hall,

- and on the web site.
- Regular meetings generally start at 4:00 p.m.
- Meetings are televised on Cogeco live at 4:00 p.m. on Council days, as well as at times advertised on Cogeco.

CITY HALL CLOSED

December 23 - closed 12 noon
December 26
December 27
January 2, 2006



COMMENTS? SUGGESTIONS? QUESTIONS?

We are interested in hearing your thoughts about this publication. Please send your suggestions and comments by mail to Marlene Haney, Communications Coordinator, 255 Christina Street North, Sarnia, ON N7T 7N2, or by e-mail to mhaney@city.sarnia.on.ca or call 332-0330, extension 290. Fax: 519-332-0776

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