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WE'RE THE BEST

SARNIA – THE MOST LIVEABLE CITY IN ONTARIO

Pembina Institute, an environmental and energy think tank ranked Sarnia as the most livable city in Ontario. Results were based on:

- availability of affordable housing
- community centres
- parks and recreational areas
- relatively low crime
- relatively low vehicle accident rates

Detailed data for each indicator can be viewed at City Hall in the Mayor's Office.

Sarnia ranked third in North America by Financial Times group of London, England as the "micro-city of the future". Site Selection Magazine has recognized Sarnia-Lambton for its economic development, new job development and total new investment. Sarnia was the only Ontario community listed.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

Sarnia won the top award of five blooms in the Provincial Communities in Bloom competition held recently. Sarnia was also judged to have the best landscaped areas in Ontario. Judges criteria consisted of:

- landscaped areas
- floral displays
- environmental awareness
- urban forest management
- cultural heritage
- overall tidiness

TICKETS PLEASE

Transit passes and tickets can be purchased from:

- Sarnia Transit Office - 1169 Michener Road
- City Hall - Christina and George Streets
- Tickets and Moore - Northgate Plaza
- Lambton Mall Post Office - Lambton Mall
- Greer's Variety - Eastland Plaza
- Bayside Sampler - Bayside Mall
- Lambton College Bookstore (adult only) - Lambton College
- Daisy Mart - Lakeshore Road
- For You Convenience - Bright's Grove
- Zehrs Market - London and Murphy Roads
- Vidal Variety - Devine and Vidal Street
- Point Edward Municipal Offices - 135 Kendall Street



A LOOK BACK



Thomas Forsyth was the community's first mayor, serving from March, 1857 until he was forced to resign five month's later. His election was controversial with both Thomas Forsyth and Malcolm Cameron claiming they had won the top post. Forsyth arrived at the inaugural meeting first and took the

chair. In September of 1857 the courts ruled the results of the election invalid.

Under his leadership the community made rapid progress. Council decided to build a town hall, passed laws to widen Cromwell and Lochiel Streets and built sidewalks on Wellington, Christina and George Streets. The town hired a police constable and he played hardball with those who didn't obey town bylaws, helping to push through a motion providing imprisonment for anyone who failed to pay municipal fines. He left Sarnia for good in 1864 and was believed to have settled in Detroit.

Dan McCaffery, a Sarnia Observer reporter and a local historian, has given Sarnians a view to their past through his feature on the Mayors of Sarnia, a copy of which can be viewed in the foyer of City Hall.

9-1-1 EMERGENCY

CALL 9-1-1 for Police, Fire or Ambulance. If calling on a cell phone indicate your City **DO NOT DIAL AREA CODE**

- remain calm
- know what the emergency is
- know where the emergency is
- know who needs the help and number of people involved
- know if anyone is injured or trapped

DO NOT HANG UP. Allow the dispatcher to release the call even if you have called 9-1-1 by accident

For all other non-emergencies call 519 344-8861

DO NOT CALL 9-1-1 FOR:

Power outages, snow plowing, overnight parking, road and weather reports or Community Emergency updates. Tune into local radio station Country CHOK - 1070 am.

By calling 911 and reporting suspected impaired drivers to local police services, we can play a role in keeping our roads safe from impaired driving crashes causing injuries or even worse death.



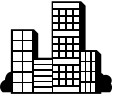
HOT TOPICS

Holiday celebrations often mean an increase in cooking, smoking and alcohol consumption - three of the leading contributors to fire. Many fire deaths are caused by people attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol. A lit cigarette dropped on the couch or a forgotten pan of grease on the stove is a common scenario encountered by fire investigators. Combining these activities with other hazards such as Christmas trees, fireplaces, improper use of extension cords and candles are a potential for disaster.

- check all lights and cords for cracks before using
- when using Christmas lights make sure they are (CSA) approved
- when putting strands of lights together do not exceed the recommended amount of lights. (3 strands means 3 strands not 4 or 5)
- make sure your tree is well watered
- use outdoor lights for outdoors and indoor lights for indoors
- tape all outdoor connections to keep water out

GROWING SARNIA

- Building Permits for 2007 topped 178 million dollars in construction value
- Traffic Analysis indicate that subject to future development Exmouth Street could be widened to nine lanes within the next ten years



WORK IN PROGRESS

- Tim Horton's on Exmouth Street between Front Street and Christina Street is expected to open by year's end
- A Building Permit application has been received for St. Joseph's Hospice Resource Centre of Sarnia-Lambton for 475 Christina Street North
- A Building Permit has been issued to Bluewater Health for the new hospital and construction has begun

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

City Projects:

- **Reconstruction** of Maria Street between Russell and Mackenzie Streets
- **Completion** of Talfourd Street between Russell and East Streets
- **Completion of Sewer Separation** on Exmouth Street, between Parker Street and Colborne Road plus reconstruction of Collingwood Street between Highway 402 and Nelson Street
- **Rehabilitation** of guard rails and culverts related to a number of city bridges
- **Resurfacing** of various streets throughout the City
- **Berger Road** is now open
- **Improvements** to the Highway 40 off-ramp to London Line
- **Design work** will start this fall on the East Street Trunk Diversion Sanitary Sewer and associated sewer separation projects. This project will take five years to complete, will reduce basement flooding and sewer overflow into the St. Clair River



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<http://sarnia-lambton.netalerts.ca>

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COMMUNITY IN ACTION

- "Brentwood Park Committee" has formed and are currently fundraising for new play equipment for their park located at 536 Rosedale Avenue. Anyone interested in helping with this project should contact Shelley at 519 332-0330 for serwin@sarnia.ca.



- Kinsmen Club of Sarnia donated \$11,000 to the installation of a new basketball court at Baxter Park located behind the Kinsmen Centre on Lakeshore Road. The funds were raised at Ribfest by the Kinsmen.

- Rotary Club of Bluewaterland provided \$75,000 for the new play equipment at Centennial Park in partnership with the City of Sarnia. The Grand Opening was held in June.



PEOPLE'S COURT

- Sarnia has a Community Mediation Centre, the purpose of which is to provide a way for citizens to help resolve neighbourhood differences or potential conflicts.
- Some issues appropriate for mediation are excessive noise, property damage and maintenance, care and control of pets, etc.
- To contact the Centre, call 519 336-5950.

IT'S THE LAW

- Sign permits are required for fascia signs, stand alone signs and portable signs
- Dog Licences EXPIRE DECEMBER 31 OF EVERY YEAR. Rabies Tag is NOT a City of Sarnia Dog Tag.

PUBLIC BUDGET OPEN HOUSES

Bright's Grove Public School
Saturday, November 17, 2007
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Clearwater Arena
Tuesday, November 20, 2007
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Council Chambers, City Hall
Public Input and Grant Session**
Monday, November 26, 2007
Contact Solicitor/Clerks office at 519 332-0330 extension 263 for a time

PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

As a number of vandalism acts have been happening in the City it would be a good idea for citizens to keep an eye open and report any unusual activity to the City Police.

YOUR VOICE - CITY COUNCIL

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Bus ridership is up 2.3 per cent for the first six months of 2007 from the same period last year. Ridership hit the 481,000 mark.
- The City has a Downtown, Mitton Street and a Northgate Façade Program. For more information go to www.sarnia.ca and look under the Planning and Building Department.
- Tecumseh Park has a BMX trick area
- Public Works maintains 460 km of road. Services include resurfacing, patching hot and cold mix asphalt, pot holes, gravel roads, ditches, bridges, grass cutting, litter pick-up, etc.
- The University of Western Ontario Sarnia Lambton Research Park has announced a major expansion with a \$10 million dollar Provincial grant that will focus on Bio Industrial Innovation based in a new building on the campus
- The OHIP office is now located at the Government Information Centre in the Bayside Mall.
- Gifts for those who have absolutely everything – a donation in their name to a charity
- If you drive behind a truck and you can't see the truck driver's side mirrors chances are the driver can't see you
- If you hear sirens while driving (fire, police and ambulance) please pull over.

We're on the Web
www.sarnia.ca

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

November 5
November 26
December 17

- Agendas for regular meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting in the Solicitor/Clerk's Department, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and at www.sarnia.ca and at all three Sarnia library branches
- 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
- Minutes are available at www.sarnia.ca

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



JOIN THE FUN

- **Celebration of Lights** – November 16, 2007 to January 4, 2008
- **Jingle Bell Walk** – November 16 – 6:30 p.m. – Bayside Mall to Centennial Park. Bring a canned good in exchange for a bell.
- **Christmas On The Farm** – November 30, December 1 and December 2
- **Christmas Parade** – December 1 beginning at 6:00 p.m. leaving from Exmouth and Christina Streets heading south on Christina Street
- **Winter Recreation Registration** will begin Monday, December 3 at City Hall or by calling 519 332-0330, extension 217
- **Celebration of Lights Bus Tour** – December 12 - 14. Call Sarnia Transit at 519 336-3271 for further information
- Call Community Services at 519 332-0330, extension 217 for **Public Skating** times for all ages and for the free Holiday Skating sponsored by Tim Hortons or pick up a schedule at City Hall.
- Free Activity Brochures are available at the Strangway Community Centre for Adults or call 519 332-0656
- **Snowfest** - January 18-20, 2008, Dow People Place in Centennial Park



If interested in booking Dow People Place in Centennial Park, the Wedding/Picnic Pavilion at Canatara Park or the Community Suite for 2008, contact Community Services at 519 332-0330, extension 214 or email parksrec@sarnia.ca

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

FALL BACK ONE WEEK LATER

Move clocks BACK 1 hour

NOVEMBER 4, 2007

"CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY"



STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS

High School Students interested in completing their mandatory volunteer hours please contact Community Services at 519 332-0330, extension 217 or parksrec@sarnia.ca.

CITY HALL CLOSED

- November 12 
- December 24 closed Noon
- December 25
- December 26
- January 1, 2008 

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