



CHIEF FOR A DAY!

Confederation Central School was selected as the school with the most improved time on fire drills with an improved time of 44 seconds over last year. They were presented with a plaque that will remain in the school for a period of one year. Along with the plaque the grade four students will be asked to come up with a **Fire Safety Poster**. After receiving the posters one student will be chosen to become "**Fire Chief for a Day**". This consists of:

- Fire truck and crew to pick student up at home and take to school;
- Chief will pick student up in the Chief's car after morning announcements;
- Visit the Mayor and City Manager;
- Visit East Street Station and the Chief's office;
- Lunch at McDonald's;
- Visit other Fire Station(s);
- Fire truck and crew will take student back to school to catch the bus for home.



SIGNS OF SUMMER

ROAD CLOSED



Another busy construction season is upon us! As a commitment to renewing the City's infrastructure, a number of construction projects will be undertaken this spring and summer including:

- Reconstruction of Christina Street, between Talfourd and Johnston Streets (City Project)
- Reconstruction of Exmouth Street, between Front and Christina Streets (City Project)
- Reconstruction of Confederation Street from Ontario to Russell Streets (City Project)
- Improvements to Blackwell Road between Modeland Road and Blackwell Side Road (City Project)
- Reconstruction of Modeland Road from Highway 402 to Michigan Avenue (widening to 4 lanes) (County Project)
- Rehabilitation of guard rails and culverts related to a number of City Bridges (City Project)
- Resurfacing of George Street between Brock and East Streets (City Project)
- Resurfacing of Old Lakeshore Road between Waterworks and Bay Street including paved walkway (City Project)

Reconstruction of a street involves the replacement of all services including water and sewer lines under that street as well as resurfacing. When streets are reconstructed, the first layer of asphalt is laid down in the same season, but the final surface is not applied until the next year when any settling has taken place.

Resurfacing involves removal and replacement of the top layer of asphalt. In these zones, please use common sense. Always reduce your speed, increase your following distance, stay alert and be cautious and patient when traveling through construction zones. Your safety and that of others depends on it. Notices of road closures to facilitate scheduled construction are announced on CHOK 1070 and posted on the City web site.

JOIN THE FUN



• "Easter in the Park"-
Canatara Park, April 15

• **City Summer Program**
Registration beginning June 3 at
City Hall

• **Kidsfest** - June 10 - Centennial
Park



• **Bright's Grove Canada Day** -
June 24

• **Canada Day** - July 1 **ONLY** -
Centennial and Canatara Parks

• **Canada Day Parade** - July 1 at
11:00 a.m. beginning at Lakeshore
and Indian Roads and ending at
Canatara Park - Special Canada
Day Transit Service available
from 9:30 a.m. - 11:05 p.m.

• **Fireworks** - July 1 at 10:00 p.m.
at Centennial Park

• **Public pools** will be open June 19

• **Public Pool rentals** are available
for schools. For bookings or
further information call 332-0330,
extension 210

DIFFICULT TO BUY FOR?



• Why not give that person an aerial picture of Sarnia taken by Astronaut and Sarnia native Chris Hadfield. Pictures are available for \$14.00;

- Lapel pins are available for sports teams or travelers;
- Anniversary or Birthday Certificates signed by the Mayor are available. For details call 332-0330, extension 308.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

In the spring and summer it is important to be considerate of your neighbours by:

- Controlling persistent barking dogs
- "Stoop and Scoop"
- No excessive noise
- Cleaning up debris



ON THE ROAD AGAIN!!!

To assist snow clearing, street cleaning and to help the Police Services to carry out its responsibilities, overnight parking is prohibited in the City between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Between April 15 and November 15, an exemption program allows homeowners who, on occasion, need to leave their vehicles parked on the street (home renovations, driveway repairs etc.).

If you require a parking exemption, please call Sarnia Parking Services and leave a voice mail at (519) 336-5049 with the following details:

- your name
- your address
- your home and/or work phone number
- the date(s) the vehicle will be parked on the street
- the vehicle make and license plate number
- reason for parking on the street
- Please call during office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; however, calls will be accepted up until 1:45 a.m. of the night requiring the exemption.



Vehicles parked on the street overnight must comply with all of the applicable requirements of the City's Parking By-Law (i.e. no on-street parking during snow storms, no parking in prohibited areas, park facing proper direction, no parking too close to intersections, no parking in front of fire hydrants, etc.).

It is the right of the City of Sarnia to deny an exemption to a vehicle or a person if staff feels there is a misuse of the call-in system.

For information on the Municipal Election and to view a list of candidates and important dates visit the City's website at www.sarnia.ca



THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER

• **CUT HIGH** - grass should be 7 cm (3 inches) high. This shades the roots, crowds out weeds and conserves water. The most effective means to a good lawn.



• **AERATE** - at least once a year.

• **SAVE MONEY** - don't water your lawn in the hot summer - let it go dormant.

• **FERTILIZE** - after May 15 or in the fall.

• **DIVERSITY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE** - learn to accept a few dandelions.

• **GRASSCYCLE** - leave your clippings on the lawn. This does not cause thatch.

Submitted by Sarnia Environmental Advisory Committee.

SPRING AHEAD
(move clocks ahead 1 hour)
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
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BACK TO THE FUTURE

- In 1952 there were 1100 cities with City Managers. Sarnia had its first City Manager in 1951.
- The Lawrence House was built in 1892 at a cost of approximately \$30,000.
- The first Mayor's Honor List was started by Mayor Marcel Saddy in 1981.

IT'S THE LAW!

- The Province has announced that effective March 1, 2006 a smoke alarm is required to be installed on **all** levels of **all** existing residences whether there is a bedroom on that level or not. Also, the change requires that all smoke alarms be changed every ten years.
- Persons wishing to install a Swimming Pool in the City of Sarnia that is capable of holding more than **24 inches** of water, **must** first obtain a Swimming Pool permit from the Planning and Building Department, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 255 Christina Street North.
- The penalty for commencing work before obtaining a Building Permit is 100% of the usual fee in addition to the required permit fee.
- There is a Property Standards Inspection Fee of \$67.60 after the initial inspection.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Sarnia has a 4 bag limit for garbage per week. Extra bags at the curb require tags which can be purchased at City Hall for \$1.50 each.
- Non-profit groups can apply to have their name put in a lottery to have use of the City's Arena Box at the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre. Contact 332-0330, extension 217 for further information.
- The Chi Cheemaun ferry that goes from Manitoulin Island to Tobermory has been docked at Sarnia Harbour for several weeks with new equipment being installed.
- Property taxes can be paid monthly by pre-authorization provided you sign up prior to November 1.
- All Fire Stations are a collection site for food donations for the Inn of the Good Shepherd.
- Municipal Election is November 13, 2006. Contact Solicitor/Clerks Department for candidate information. To encourage greater voter turnout Sarnia Transit will be offering free bus service.
- Seed Day is on October 7, 2006 at Centennial Park and Germain Park. Gardeners will be on hand to offer assistance.
- Downspouts **cannot** be connected to the sewer system.
- Ratepayers now have the option to pay their taxes with their debit card in the Finance Department; and to pay for licenses and by-laws in the Solicitor/Clerks Department.
- Tours of City Hall are available by contacting the Mayor's Office at 332-0330, extension 308.
- Starting June 17, 2006 10-digit local calling will be in effect, according to Bell Canada.
- Check out Sarnia's air quality at the Ministry of the Environment's new website www.enviroplace.ca.
- Sarnia Transit provides charters for senior groups, weddings, proms, schools and other social events within City limits. Vehicle sizes range from 8 to 48 passengers to meet your charter needs.
- You can advertise on the Sarnia Transit Bus. Contact Transit at 336-3271 for more information.
- Sarnia Transit services the Slots at Hiawatha Horse Park on every inbound Bright's Grove run.
- Sarnia Transit is retrofitting approximately ten buses with Diesel Oxidation Catalysts (DOCs) to address air quality issues. The buses are identified with a sticker.
- Lifeguards will be patrolling an area at Canatara Beach from June through August.
- Positions are available for summer students. For further details visit the City's website at www.sarnia.ca or call Human Resources at 332-0330, extension 306.



WORK IN PROGRESS.....



- Phase 1 of the Canatara Park Pavilion is almost complete



- A 12 storey, 64 unit luxury Harbour Front Condominium is near completion in downtown Sarnia
- Construction is underway for the Coast Guard Office building at 516 Exmouth Street
- Watch for the grand opening this summer of the Edward and Norma Cox Youth Pool and Activity Centre at Tecumseh Park .

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COUNCIL MEETING DATES

April 10	August 21
April 24	September 11
May 8	September 25
May 29	October 16
June 12	October 30
July 17	November 20, if required

- Agendas for regular meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting in the Solicitor/Clerk's Department, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and on the web.
- 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.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Water restrictions are in effect from June 15 to August 31. Odd number addresses water on odd days and even number addresses water on even days - 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

THANK YOU!

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

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@sarnia.ca or call 332-0330, extension 290.
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