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## ACT LOCALLY THINK GLOBALLY

- On **designated** weeks, compost material – leaves or grass and brush will be picked up with your garbage beginning in April. Please check your Waste Calendar.
- A compost site is located on St. Andrew Street (off Vidal Street South) and will be open Mondays and Wednesdays April 2 to December 5, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays April 7 to December 8, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Compost items are leaves, grass, yard waste (from flower beds, plants, etc.) fruit and vegetable matter and coffee grounds. No charge for compost items. Brush fees are posted on site.
- All businesses that are on a regular waste collection route can put their acceptable waste out to the curb for Marcotte to pick up on their regular garbage day.
- Plastic containers coded 1, 2 or 5 are now recyclable. Examples are yogurt, margarine, ice-cream, cottage cheese and spread containers.
- Blue Flag program sets standards for clean beaches around the world. Canatara Beach will be a candidate in 2007.



## INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

- Now you can ride the Sarnia Transit and receive a tax credit. Save your expired passes as proof of purchase. For more information go to [www.transitpass.ca](http://www.transitpass.ca)
- Sunday Service has expanded. Bright's Grove route has added two new times – 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The 9:30, 11:30, 12:30 and 5:30 services remain.
- Routes 1, 4, 9 and 14 have 30 minute Sunday Service. Routes 5 and 7 have 60 minute service
- A fitness tax credit is proposed for children under the age of 16 or children with disabilities under the age of 18. For more information go to [www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness)
- 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 to 10:00 p.m.

## AWARD WINNING SIGN



The meaning of the **Sarnia** sign located on Highway 402 east of Chris Hadfield Airport is:

**Columns** – designed to mimic the historical stone abutments at the Bluewater Bridge and also to represent a municipality with a solid foundation  
**Red Arch (Top)** – designed to represent sunsets on the lake  
The **blue lights** and the **blue wave** were designed to represent “blue water” because of our proximity to the lake and river. The blue lights (seemingly misaligned) are aligned with the spaces between the letters of Sarnia above them.

## A LOOK BACK



**H O P E FLEMING MACKENZIE** was Sarnia's second Mayor. He was born in Scotland on May 24, 1821. He was a cabinet maker by trade, a carpenter and a handy shipbuilder. He was elected to Sarnia Council in the late 1850's and was appointed

Mayor on September 4, 1857. At his first meeting as head, Council voted to raise 900 pounds to erect a farmers' market downtown. It later became a thriving market at the corner of the former Lochiel and Victoria Streets that stood for 90 years before moving to Ontario Street, where it currently stands. He only served four months as Mayor and was elected to parliament in 1859, becoming the first member of his family to enter the House of Commons. His brother Alexander later became Prime Minister of Canada. Hope Mackenzie died on

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.

## SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

The Mayor's Office issues letters of congratulations marking birthdays of 75 years or more and certificates of congratulations for wedding anniversaries of 50 years or more. Contact 519 332-0330, extension 308 or [jmoore@sarnia.ca](mailto:jmoore@sarnia.ca)

## SARNIA FROM SPACE

Trying to find a gift for someone who has everything? What about a picture of Sarnia taken from the International Space Station laboratory, Destiny, by Sarnia native astronaut Chris Hadfield. The picture can be purchased at cost - \$11.00 from the Solicitor/Clerk's Office on second floor, City Hall.

## GROWING SARNIA

- Building Permits for 2006 topped 172.7 million dollars in construction value - a record year!
  - Four more single family dwellings were built in 2006 than in 2005
- Community in Action:**  
Thanks to the children and their families for fundraising and Sarnia Kinsmen Club for improvements to area parks.
- **Baxter Park** (Colborne & Lakeshore Roads) has a new basketball asphalt surface and new standards will be installed shortly thanks to a generous donation from Sarnia Kinsmen Club. The Neighbourhood Committee continues to fundraise for new play equipment in the park
  - **Wildwood Park** (Hamilton Road) – Bright's Grove School children and families recently raised funds to purchase new equipment for the Park
  - **Meadowview Park** Committee (Avenue Road) recently held a ladies volleyball tournament at Huron Oaks to raise funds for Phase II of the play equipment project

## 2007 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

### City Projects:

- **Completion** of Confederation Street **reconstruction**, between Russell and Ontario Streets
- **Reconstruction** of Christina Street, between Johnston and Wellington Streets
- **Reconstruction** of Maria Street between Russell and Mackenzie Streets
- **Reconstruction** of Talfourd Street between Russell and East Streets
- **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

### County Project:

- **Reconstruction** of Modeland Road from Highway 402 to Michigan Avenue (widening to 4 lanes)

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# BACK TO THE FUTURE

## STREET NAMES

Many streets in Sarnia were named after Malcolm Cameron, claimed to be founder of Sarnia, politician and shipbuilder:

- Cameron Street named after himself
- Christina Street named after his wife
- Euphemia Street named after his mother
- College Street (originally called Cole Avenue) was named after his daughter
- Lochiel Street was named in memory of his homeland of Scotland
- Wellington, Cromwell, Cobden and Bright Streets were named after men he admired



## PARK HISTORY

- The original Tecumseh Park was a gift to the people of Sarnia from the native community
- Over the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, three driving forces supporting the park system were W. E. Germain, Norm Perry and Mrs. M. Hanna
- Elgin Park was originally a cemetery
- The pride of the community for sporting and community events was Athletic Park. In 1933, the Grey Cup was played at the park between the Sarnia Imperials and the Toronto Argonauts. The Imperials lost on a bad call, 4 to 3. The next year the Imperials won. In 1957, Athletic Park was renamed Norm Perry Park to recognize perhaps the greatest running back in Canadian football history and a former Mayor - Norm Perry



## TIDBITS

- A historical film on Sarnia-Lambton "Just Passing Through" is available from any Sarnia-Lambton Library Branch, the Lambton-Heritage Museum and the Oil Springs Museum.
- A missing time capsule was discovered at Lochiel Kiwanis Community Centre in August, 2006. In 1938 a two foot square box filled with priceless memorabilia was enclosed in an eight foot high bell cairn in the Lochiel Street School playground – the former site of the George Street Model School. The bell cairn sustained damage in the 1953 tornado and was removed and put into a forgotten storage place.

**Marriage and death certificate** applications are available on line. The Ontario government is implementing a 15-day money-back guarantee for marriage and death certificates through Service Ontario to ensure that Ontarians can easily access the services they need as quickly as possible. If an application is eligible for the guarantee and the certificate is not mailed within 15 business days, it's free. Go to [www.gov.on.ca](http://www.gov.on.ca) for further information.

The city **Animal Control Officers** only deal with cats and dogs – not wildlife. For wildlife control contact [www.caht.ca](http://www.caht.ca). The Humane Society have pamphlets on Wildlife and what to do to control them on private property.

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# DID YOU KNOW?

• For advice on dealing with nuisance **smoke alarms** go to [www.makeitstop.ca](http://www.makeitstop.ca)

• Canatara Park covers 200 acres with more than 3,000 feet of Lake Huron shoreline. Canatara is located in the northwest corner of the City where Lake Huron flows into the St. Clair River.

## Passport Applications:

- Canada Post is a Receiving Agent for Passports. Canada Post employees are responsible for reviewing passport applications to ensure accuracy and completeness
- Passport applications can also be sent through Pat Davidson - MP's office. For further information call 519 383-6600
- Out of town motor coaches can go to the Sarnia Transit Office at 1169 Michener Road if they require refueling or need a wash. Dumping facilities are available for motor coaches and RV's. Call 519 336-3200 for more information
- The City provides 12,000 hours of ice time and sport field usage

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](mailto:parksrec@sarnia.ca)

**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](mailto:parksrec@sarnia.ca).

# COUNCIL MEETING DATES

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| April 2   | September 10 |
| April 23  | October 1    |
| May 14    | October 22   |
| June 4    | November 5   |
| June 25   | November 26  |
| July 16   | December 17  |
| August 13 |              |

- Agendas for regular meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting in the Solicitor/Clerk's Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, and at [www.sarnia.ca](http://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](http://www.sarnia.ca)

# JOIN THE FUN

**April 20 and 21, 2007 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Active 2010 Sports & Recreation EXPO**  
Sponsored by Community Active Living Lambton (CALL) Committee  
Free Admission - an event for the whole family.  
Clearwater Arena – Friday, April 20, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Inside and outside displays, activities and demonstrations on being active hosted by organizations throughout the Sarnia - Lambton area. For more information contact City Hall at 519 332-0330, extension 210

- **May 29** - The Waterfront Program Community Stage Entertainment begins at Dow People Place. Calendar of events will be available mid May at City Hall, 3rd Floor or at [www.sarnia.ca](http://www.sarnia.ca)
- **June 2** - City Summer Program Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - City Hall Lobby – (Swim Lessons, Day Camp, Parks Programs, Music/Art/Dance Workshops, Bike/In-Line Skate Safety Camps, Babysitting Training Course, Karate, Martial Arts)
- **June 9** - Kids Funfest - Centennial Park - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **June 23** - Bright's Grove Canada Day
- **July 1** - Canada Day - Canatara Park
  - **Parade** - 11:00 a.m. beginning at Lakeshore Road and Colborne and ending at Canatara Park – special Canada Day Transit Service available from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for \$1.00
  - **Fireworks** - 10:00 p.m. at Centennial Park
- **July 15** - Hobbyfest - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park



# URBAN WILDLIFE

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