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AT YOUR SERVICE

The CITY SOLICITOR/CLERK'S DEPARTMENT is located on the second floor of City Hall. They are responsible for:

- Licences for:
 - Business
 - Marriage
 - Lottery
 - Dogs
- Animal Control for dogs and cats
- Registration of Births
- Applications to receive a copy of Birth/Death/Marriage Certificates
- Requests for Municipal Freedom of Information
- Processing Insurance Claims



They also:

- Prepare agendas and correspondence for all Council meetings; record and provide minutes of the meetings
- Provide information on City By-laws



- Have assessment rolls available for public viewing
- Are Commissioners for witnessing affidavits

City Clerk is the Returning Officer for Municipal Elections.

BOAT LAUNCH - CENTENNIAL PARK

Season Runs May 5 – October 13, 2008

Season Pass	\$125.00
Senior (55+ - 7 Day)	80.00
Senior (55+ - 5 Day)	60.00
Daily Fee	10.00

Passes available now at:

City Hall, Community Services Department – 3rd Floor or
Call 519 332-0330, extension 217 or go to www.sarnia.ca



A LOOK BACK



Mayor Thomas Johnston was the first mayor to serve more than one term in office. He was born in Ireland in 1813, moved to the United States at an early age, studying medicine in New Orleans before setting up shop as a Louisiana surgeon. He moved to Sarnia and was the doctor for the 4th Lambton Battalion. Mayor Johnston was Sarnia's fourth mayor serving from 1859 to 1861. He was acclaimed to the top post every time he ran. He helped usher in a period of unprecedented growth, partly by lowering taxes. Annual license fees

for downtown businessmen were slashed from \$60 to \$40. He tried to make life a little more enjoyable for ordinary citizens by luring circuses to Sarnia on a regular basis by dropping circus fees from \$100 to \$30. The great Western Railroad had arrived connecting the municipality to London but the Grand Trunk's arrival was even bigger news. A train station was built at the foot of Cromwell Street, helping to stimulate development downtown. He did not seek a fourth term in 1862 and was appointed county registrar in 1865. He died March 12, 1876 at age 62 and was buried in Sutherland Cemetery in Mooretown.

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.

WELCOME



Sarnia's new City Manager, Bruce Peever replaces Ann Tuplin who was Sarnia's City Manager for six years and just recently retired. Mr. Peever is the seventh City Manager of the City of Sarnia since the community adopted the City Manager-style form of government in the early 1950's. The City Manager is a professional who is the only employee of City Council. All other employees report to the City Manager who is responsible for the day to day running of the City while City Council sets the overall policies. Mr. Peever comes with nine years of experience as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Lincoln, Ontario. Prior to that he was Director of Corporate Services for the City of

Cold Lake and also served as City Clerk in the City of Whitehorse and Chief Administrative Officer in the Town of Faro. He has a Master of Business Administration from Queen's University; a Master of Arts (Political Science) from Wilfred Laurier University and a Bachelor of Arts from Bishop's University.

Welcome to Sarnia!!!!

EMERGENCY AWARENESS

A campaign encouraging people to enter an emergency contact number in their mobile phone's memory under the heading "ICE" ("In Case of Emergency") has rapidly spread throughout the world as a particular consequence of terrorist attacks in London. Originally established as a nationwide campaign ICE allows paramedics or police to be able to contact a designated relative/next of kin in an emergency situation.

By adopting the ICE advice, your mobile phone will help the rescue services quickly contact a friend or relative – which could be vital in a life or death situation. It only takes a few seconds to do, and it could easily help save your life. The local Emergency Measures Services and Fire support the use of ICE. Why not put ICE in your phone now? Simply select a new contact in your phone book, enter the word "ICE" and the number of the person you wish to be contacted. For more than one contact name ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, etc. It's so simple that everyone can do it. It may save a life!

GROWING SARNIA

- A Building Permit application has been received for 475 Christina Street North - St. Joseph's Hospice Resource Centre of Sarnia-Lambton
- A fourth round-trip flight a day to Toronto is being added to the Sarnia airport
- Chris Hadfield Airport is receiving an upgrade by improving aging runways and a new beacon light on top of the terminal

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Construction on the Carpenters' Union building located on London Line in the Sarnia 402 Research Park has begun
- Bluewater Health construction has begun. For information on the progress go to www.bluewaterhealth.com
- Parks Canada has committed to restore and maintain the grave site of Alexander Mackenzie at Lakeview Cemetery, Canada's 2nd Prime Minister from 1873 to 1878.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

City Projects:

All Businesses will remain open during construction and we encourage everyone to patronize all the businesses

- Exmouth Street Phase 3 - Sewer separation - East Street (Exmouth to Maxwell). Reconstruction - Nelson Street (East to Cecil)
- Reconstruction of Christina Street from Wellington to George Streets. Combined Sewer Separation and Downtown Revitalization along with new light fixtures and sidewalks
- Reconstruction of Talfourd Street between Russell and Proctor Streets and Harkness Street from Talfourd to Ontario Streets
- Reconstruction of Milton Street between Campbell and Devine Streets
- Resurfacing of various streets throughout the City
- Force main installation on St. Andrew Street



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Contact the Kidney Foundation for your chance to win FREE GAS (April 1 - September 30).
Do you have a tax deduction in your driveway?
Our partners at Sarnia Auto Wreckers will pick up the vehicle
DONATE... FEEL GREAT... GET A TAX REBATE...
CALL THE KIDNEY CAR HOTLINE @ 519 344-3462

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Business: (519) 332-6880
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800 Campbell Street
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COMMUNITY IN ACTION



Sarnia Fire Rescue Services have awarded their first Life Saving Action Awards to the following recipients:

- John Patrick Lambley for his actions at an apartment building fire on Alice Street
- John Maloney for his actions taken at a house fire on College Avenue, and
- Kevin Miller, Brett Moss and Norm Laakes for their actions at a fire on London Line.

Rose Gardens was established by **Dick and Elsie Rose** in 1952 on the west side of Canatara Park. After 7 years, the outdoor roller rink was enclosed to provide roller skating as well as Friday night record hops. Popular entertainers such as David Clayton Thomas (Blood, Sweat & Tears), Bobby Curtola, Del Shannon, Ronnie Hawkins, the Capers, the Stacattos, and others played to the hearts of Sarnia area young people.

More than the bricks and mortar of Rose Gardens, Dick & Elsie provided loving support to thousands of young people - and remember the delicious "spudnuts"! The building closed in 1974 and the structure was resurrected as the Lambton Heritage Museum located across from the Pinery Park. A commemorative rock with a picture of Dick and Elsie Rose sits quietly on Sandy Lane, across the street from the "Memories of Rose Gardens".



Brentwood Park (near County Buildings) Improvement Committee is busy fundraising for new play equipment. A door to door donation campaign in the Rosedale and Berkshire area will begin in April and May. Anyone interested in helping with this project please contact Shelley at City Hall at 519 332-0330, extension 210 or email Shelley at serwin@sarnia.ca

Meadowview Park (Avenue Road, Bright's Grove) Improvement Committee is busy selecting their new play equipment for a spring installation. The committee raised over \$10 000 and the City will match these funds. WAY TO GO!!

KNOWING YOUR BY-LAWS

- No person shall conduct more than **two** garage/yard sales per calendar year at **one** location and no garage/yard sale shall exceed **two** days in duration.
- No commercial vehicle weighing over 3,000 kilograms is permitted to be parked or stored outside of a building on a Residential Lot except for a period of time longer than is necessary for the loading or unloading of such vehicle.
- The outdoor storage of any derelict vehicle is prohibited.
- The use of a travel trailer, tent trailer or motor home, hotel or motel, either in whole or in part, as a dwelling unit is prohibited.
- No more than two boarders are permitted in a single detached dwelling.



YOUR VOICE - CITY COUNCIL

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Garden Plots located at Germain Park and Canatara Park can be leased - Call Community Services at 519 332-0330, extension 214
- Community Services maintains all the boulevard trees and public park trees in the City
- Saturday Night Transit service started Feb. 2, 2008 and runs until 10:45 p.m.
- All Sarnia Arenas are now equipped with defibrillators and all arena staff have been trained
- Clearwater Arena was the first double pad ice surface in Sarnia with seating capacity of 912 and 294; and the Blue side is wheelchair accessible with elevator to Community Room
- In 1858 the first fire station was built at 168 George Street - cost, including the land, was \$4,800
- Hazardous Waste depot days are the last Saturday in the months of March, April, May, June, September and October at Clean Harbour, 4090 Telfer Road
- A new Waste Calendar will be delivered to all households by the end of June
- The compost site located on St. Andrew Street opens March 31, 2008 Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Community Services is going Green in 2008. Changes implemented will result in savings in utility costs and reduction in electricity and natural gas consumption

JOIN THE FUN



• **May 26** - 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

• **June 7** - City Summer Program Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - City Hall Lobby - Swimming lessons, Day Camp, Parks Programs, Children's Music/Art/Theatre Workshops, Bike/In-Line Skate Safety Camp, Kinderdance Camp. New Programs include "Girls Way" and "At Home Alone plus First Aid"

• **June 14** - Kids Funfest - Centennial Park - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Free Admission

• **June 21** - Bright's Grove Optimist 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 20** - Hobbyfest - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Centennial Park - Free Admission

• Children's Farm is now open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Beginning May 20, 2008 it opens daily from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Annual Active 2010 Sports & Recreation EXPO

Free Admission - an event for the whole family.

Clearwater Arena - Friday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Inside and outside displays, activities and demonstrations on being active. Hosted by organizations throughout the Sarnia-Lambton area. For more information contact Community Services at extension 210

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

April 28	September 8
May 12	September 29
June 2	October 20
June 23	November 10
July 14	November 24
August 11	December 15

- Agendas for regular meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting in the City 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

Levels of Government contact numbers are:

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Provincial Issues contact:
Robert Bailey at 519 337-0051
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Municipal Offices contact:
City Hall at 519 332-0330
E-mail webmaster@sarnia.ca

TTY Services are available for persons with hearing impairments. Call 519 332-2664 or 519 336-5145

CITY HALL CLOSED

Victoria Day - May 19, 2008
Canada Day - July 1, 2008
Alexander Mackenzie Day - August 4, 2008

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Writing and Math
Adults and Children

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

April is Organ and Tissue
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Sign your donor card - talk to your family

Mark your calendar for the Jazz & Blues Festival September 19th and 20th

For information or to volunteer please call 519 344-7777 or email soda@ebtech.net.

We're on the Web

www.sarnia.ca