



Lakeshore Waves

News for You

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Lakeshore is now the **IN MOTION COMMUNITY** for the entire Tri-County Region!

Way to go Lakeshore! Let's keep spreading the word about the benefits of staying active and eating well for a better tomorrow!

Visit the Puce Sports and Leisure website at www.pucerecentre.com for activities at the centre.

Your Members of Council:

- Mayor - Tom Bain
- Deputy Mayor - Bob Sylvester
- Councillors
- Ward 1 - Francis Kennette,
- Ward 2 - Al Fazio
- Ward 3 - Charles W. McLean
- Ward 4 - Raymond Lalonde
- Ward 5 - Dan Diemer
- Ward 6 - Paddy Byrne

Please notify the Town immediately if you notice any missing or damaged stop signs or any other related traffic signs or signals.

Seeking nominations for the annual **Community Service Award**. Do you know of a volunteer deserving recognition in your neighbourhood?

Submit a letter outlining a volunteer's countless deeds towards the betterment of the Community and he/she will have an opportunity to be recognized for their efforts.

Contact Recreation Services at 519-727-0470 for more details.

Grant Received for Lakeview Park

The Town of Lakeshore recently received a grant from Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) to upgrade Lakeview Park. With this grant money, we have a total of \$3 million to enhance this park.

Dillon Consulting Limited and ENVision—The Hough Group have been retained to assist the Town in this undertaking.

Public input into this process is critical. The Town would like to ensure this park incorporates as many features as possible under

the grant guidelines. To this extent, we will be holding Public Open Houses and asking residents to provide input and meet the design team.

The Open House will be held Monday October 19 at St. Simon & St. Jude Parish Hall from 2—8 p.m. The Final Design Open House will be November 16, 17 and 18 in Council

Chambers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This project will include an inventory and analysis of existing uses and functions of the waterfront park, identification of opportunities for improvement, concept development and final design and construction.

Lakeview park is one of the more popular parks in Lakeshore. Every day you can find families enjoying the park. What can we do to make it even better?



Regional Transit

The County of Essex, with support and participation from all the other municipalities in Essex County has begun the process to investigate the feasibility of having a regional transit system.

The objectives of the study are to assess public transit needs, objectives and opportunities. They will also define and prioritize all possible transit

alternatives, assess costs and benefits and the possi-



bility of integration with existing transit systems in Windsor and Leamington.

The project is in the data collection and public con-

sultation phase. If you are interested in having a transit service in Lakeshore, they need to hear from you.

We will be posting on our website when public information sessions will be held. You may also contact the Project Manager, Mr. J. Garcia at the County of Essex office (519-776-6441 ext. 385) for further information or to be included on the mailing list.

Drain Maintenance

Municipal Drains are very important to Lakeshore. Since we are very flat geographically, drains help prevent flooding and move excess water to the Lake, rivers and tributaries. Lakeshore is serviced by over 1000 drains and 60 pumps which work together to keep our water in control.

Drain maintenance can occur every 10—15 years. To initiate maintenance on a drain, Landowners submit a request. Forms to request maintenance on a municipal drain can be found on our website. Maintenance requests received in the current year are scheduled to be completed in the next year.



The municipality is fortunate to qualify for grant money to assist landowners for drain maintenance. Municipal staff submit for maintenance grants through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.



When performing work, Lakeshore works within guidelines established for the protection of endangered species, and fish habitats to name a few.

Landowners should refrain from dumping garbage and yard waste as these could cause flooding issues or increase the need for maintenance.

Landowners should also refrain from dumping used motor oil in catch basins as well. Most storm systems empty into Municipal drains which then dump directly into Lake St. Clair.

As a note, there are also County drains and roadside drains in the municipality. If you are ever in doubt about a drain, feel free to contact the municipality.

Smoke Alarm Inspections

Lakeshore Firefighters conducted their annual Smoke Alarm Inspection Program during the month of June in the Lighthouse Cove area. During this time they were able to visit 244 homes in which they conducted a voluntary inspection for smoke alarm compliance and general fire safety. A total of 190 homes were found to have no



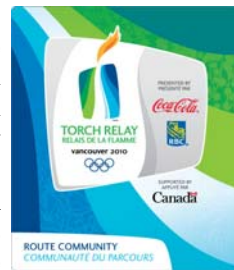
issues but 54 homes were found with some kind of deficiency that required correction.

The Lakeshore Fire Department would like to remind all residents that working smoke alarms are required on all levels of your home and outside sleeping areas. If you have any questions regarding your smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm, please do not hesitate to call the Fire Prevention Office at (519) 728-0550.

Olympic Torch

The Town of Lakeshore is planning our participation in the Olympic Torch Relay. Mark December 23rd on your calendar to see the Olympic torch pass through our community of Comber.

Join us for fun and festivities and bring the children for this once in a lifetime event!



Festivals

The Rendezvous Belle Riviere, hosted by the Belle River BIA was a success. This festival, in it's second year brought together more community groups to celebrate our French Heritage.

Other community groups have also had successful events and we encourage everyone to participate. To assist in the promotion of your community event, contact the webmaster to place it on our event calendar at no charge.

Carbon Monoxide

All residents of Lakeshore should note that with winter fast approaching, the need to turn on our fuel fired appliances will cause a large increase in Carbon Monoxide Alarms. To help us reduce the number of nuisance alarms, the Lakeshore Fire Department asks all residents to ensure that if they have a Carbon Monoxide Alarm to verify that it isn't more than 5 years old. Models older than 5 years will cause more false alarms. Manufacturers recommend replacing your Carbon Monoxide Alarm every 5 years and your smoke alarm every 10 years. The sensors on these units do not last forever.

Vandalism Crusade

Vandalism. It's dirty; it's offensive; and it's costly. The Town of Lakeshore has been experiencing a rash of vandalism and wants to put a stop to it.

Recently, the Stoney Point Park was targeted in broad daylight and the washrooms were severely damaged, costing the municipality and taxpayers approximately \$4,000 to repair. And this is not the only park that has been damaged.

Other parks include Ladouceur/Lions Park, Millen Community Centre, Leffler Peace Park, Centennial Park and the Legion Park.

Are we doing something about it? You bet. The Town is working with the OPP to step up patrols in parks. The OPP is also dispatching plain clothes officers in order to stem vandalism.

Is there anything you as a resident can do? Yes there is. The Town

has an enforceable bylaw that regulates use and protection of our parks. Did you know that you cannot remain in or enter into any park between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. (except for events and festivals approved by the Town)?



The Child and Family Services Act, a provincial law states a

child under 16 years of age is not allowed in a public place between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or the parent authorizes an individual 18 years of age or older to accom-

pany the child.

Lakeshore OPP is enforcing these laws and will be apprehending offenders and taking them home or to a place of safety.

As a resident, if you see children loitering or anyone damaging a park, park equipment or buildings, dial *OPP on your cell phone or call 1-888-310-1122. The OPP will respond and check out the situation.

If you have any information on previous vandalism, contact Crimestoppers anonymously at 519-258-TIPS, text TIP270 plus your message to CRIMES (274637) or on their website at www.catchcrooks.com

Unless the community gets involved, it will be hard to apprehend the people responsible and put a stop to vandalism in Lakeshore. Please get involved and report suspicious activities before damage occurs.

Building Activity Update

Lakeshore's building activity has been fairly solid for the economy, having one of the highest new home starts for Essex County. So far this year, we have had 93 dwelling units created down slightly from the 115 we had last year.

We have had 16 Industrial renovations and additions which is over the 4 from last year.

The value of construction up to August was over \$60 million, above the 2008 figure of \$50 million.

Not surprisingly, the bulk of new homes have been built in the area around the new St. Anne's High School.



Lakeshore Oasis

Have you been to the Lakeshore Oasis Plaza yet? If not, you may want to pay a visit to Lakeshore's newest establishment on Advance Blvd. just off Patillo Road.

The focus of this facility is Health Care to promote a healthy lifestyle which you can see from the businesses currently operating.

Of the medical facilities, there is a Pharmacy, Physiotherapist,

Optometrist, Chiropractor, Dentist, Laboratory, Walk-in Clinic, and five family physicians (3 of which are women). They are looking for up to three Nurse practitioners to join their team as well.

In October, a Cardiologist is scheduled to open who will provide



stress tests along with other services. Having a Cardiologist in Lakeshore will benefit the community.

One of the keys to this plaza is having all businesses work together to provide a "One Stop Health Shop".

Lakeshore Oasis is continuing to grow and focus on providing even more facilities for Lakeshore. Keep an eye on this area for further growth and expansion.

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LAKESHORE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Did you know that we provide transportation?!

Accessible Transit Bus Service available Mon-Fri.
Lakeshore Seniors 55+, or those with limiting medical conditions
AFFORDABLE Door-to-Door Service!!

Meals on Wheels

Fresh Daily Meals AVAILABLE 7 days/week
\$4.50 per meal~Delivered to your door

Volunteers Always Welcome



55 and Better Club



The 55 & Better Senior Interaction Room is now complete and ready for use. Since its opening date August 13th, uses such as the Wii Fit, quilting, sewing and cross stitch social, pot luck, pepper card game, in motion Senior Fitness class, ball room dance, Yoga, Tai

Chi and various workshops such as stained glass, scrapbooking and wellness programs have taken place. Check your October schedule, lots more coming!

There is no cost to participate other than the cost of materials. Volunteers have come forth to assist in the planning and preparation of activities and we certainly welcome others that may have an interest in bringing forth more ideas on how to keep our adults active. Transportation is available through the Lakeshore Community Services Handi-Transit if required.



Contact Recreation Services directly at 519-727-0470 for all inquiries pertaining to the 55 & Better Club activities or visit www.lakeshore.ca or www.pucerecentre.com.

Capital Projects Update

This year has been another busy year for construction. A total of 17 construction projects have been scheduled for this year with over 70% completed at this time.

Some of the road projects, totaling over \$3.8 million included the reconstruction of Harbour Drive, reconstruction of Patillo Road, Tar and Chip 3.9 km of Lakeshore Road 305, Bridge rehabilitations at various locations, and addition of street lights. An upgrade of the railway crossing at Wallace Line is scheduled to begin this winter. The roofs of two municipal buildings had to be replaced as well.

In Water works, several projects were completed, including the replacement of six (6) watermains at a cost of over \$4 million. The watermains were located on Old Tecumseh Road, Notre Dame Street, Tecumseh Road, Island Drive and

Henry Street, Railway, Second and Fourth Streets and St. Jude, St. Peter, St. Simon and Poisson Streets. The Town is also completing the engineering for the new water tower in Belle River.

In Wastewater, three infiltration and inflow projects have been completed in Stoney Point, Comber and Belle River/Maidstone at an estimated cost of \$325,000.

We anticipate all of these projects will be complete by the end of the year.

As you can tell from the project list for this year, Lakeshore is maintaining our commitment to replace

all old cast iron water mains. The Town will continue this process until all cast iron mains are replaced.

Construction is well underway on the upgrades to the Belle River - Maidstone Water Pollution Control Plant on Rourke Line. The Town's largest sewage treatment plant is undergoing a \$20.1 million dollar upgrade which includes new screening and grit removal facilities, conversion of the biological treatment process, new final settling tanks and a new effluent pumping station in addition to various power, control and site servicing improvements.



Construction is progressing well and the project is currently on budget and on schedule to be completed by October 2010. The Town of Lakeshore was successful in obtaining federal and provincial funding support for this important infrastructure project in the amount of \$4.298 million.