

Newsletter January 2011

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

We want the residents to be aware that we have been experiencing a constant increase in the level of THMs in our water. We think this is due to excessive cutting that have taken place in our water shed area in the past number of years. We are working with government officials to try to get a solution to this matter. Attached is a pamphlet explaining Chlorine & THMs. Anyone wishing for further clarification you may contact the Town Office or any members of Council.

Happy New Year to All.

We are pleased to greet you through our newsletter and to inform you of issues of concern for the Town.

Christmas Light up:

The Town Council would like to thank all the participants in the Christmas Light up. It made the town look wonderful.

The winners selected were: Traditional Christmas Theme - Donald & Joy Chippett, Christian Theme - Vincent Paul & Lori Byrne and Children's Theme - Denny & Joan Curlew. But many more really deserved recognition.

Finances:

We are pleased as Council to present a balanced budget for 2011 and this was accomplished without having to raise taxes. We were able to achieve this without compromising any of our services and we still have budgeted to carry out Capital Works Projects in 2011 if approved.

Once again residents are reminded that Property Tax, Poll Tax and Business Taxes are over due after June 30th and water/sewer service fees are due monthly. We appreciate the effort of the majority of residents to keep taxes up to date.

Taxes must be paid on a regular basis in order to maintain services otherwise Council will take the appropriate action to collect and cut off notices will be issued to anyone when necessary to deal with tax arrears.

Note: We want to remind residents being billed Poll Tax that if you feel that you qualify for an exemption you must apply before June 30th, 2011. Exemptions for this current year will be based on previous years income and a copy of your tax return and applicable documents will be required.

Businesses:

While it continues to become more difficult for small business to operate in rural areas, we appreciate those who do and we would like to encourage all residents to support the local business in our Town. Anyone starting up a business in Town should inform Council of their business plans.

Public Works:

Snow Clearing:

We remind residents that garbage boxes and fences near roadside have to be clearly marked for snow clearing purposes. Also wood, logs etc. cannot be stored close to the roadside to create a hindrance for snow clearing.

Note: In the past there has been a real problem with residents clearing snow from driveways and leaving it on the town streets. In some incidents the street was narrowed to one lane. In consultation with the RCMP this action can and will be issued a ticket under Section 163 Highway Traffic Act.

ATV:

ATV 's used on the shoulder of our roads is very dangerous and damaging the road. Please consider your actions and refrain from using the road shoulders.

Dump:

Council is still maintaining environmental standards with our dump operations and the dump is kept locked most of the time. However, there is a key available at the Town Hall for residents.

We would like to remind residents that when using numerous shopping bags for garbage disposal **please** make sure they are placed into a large garbage bag for pickup.

Note of interest: this may be the last year for the dump as we know it now. So it would be in the best interest of residents if you have any wrecks or large items for disposal make an effort to clean up before we have to pay fees to do so. **Our dump will be closed after this year.**

Water Supply:

We remind everyone that ATV's, Snowmobiles etc are strictly prohibited on Little Pond Water Supply.

Point Leamington Day:

July 9, 2011 will be the Point Leamington Day celebrations.

Fire Department:

The Fire Department wishes to remind residents that chimneys should be cleaned on a regular basis and efforts to keep all potential fire hazards at a minimal.

Anyone interested in joining the Fire Department can pick up an application at the Town Office or any member of the Fire Department.

Parks & Recreation Committee:

New Members Needed

We are seeking new members. Both male and female members are welcome. Please consider joining our dedicated team.

Clean out your closet! Recycle clothes you no longer need!

The Parks and Recreation Committee have been asked by the Diabetes Association to try the clothing drive one more time. They will be here to pick up our bags on March 28th, early in the morning so the last day for drop off is Saturday, March 26. We will take your old cloths, bed sheets, draperies, bedspreads, blankets, skidoo suits etc., anything that is made of cloth/material, stuffed toys, and other toy, any non-breakable knick nacks, belts, shoes, boots, small appliances, jewelry, luggage, sporting goods, anything that will not break and can fit in a garbage bag. We also take breakable items but they have to be boxed for transport. Two dates have been setup for drop off at the recycling shed and they are February 19th and March 26th from 10 am to 12 pm. Call a Recreation member for more information.

Heritage Council:

Aunt Ethel's Kitchen will open again this summer. Please support it and any other project that may be undertaken by the Heritage Council. We are pleased that we have experienced an increase in visitors to the sight over the past year.

Ambulance Board:

We are pleased to be able to offer Ambulance Services. Our service is running without a paramedic on sight but we are currently trying to fill that position. Please note that fridge magnets with emergency numbers are available at the Town Office.

Members of Council:

Mayor Roosevelt Thompson
Deputy Mayor Cecil Jewer
Councillors: Cora Andrews
Robert Elliott
Connie Kinden
Nancy Paul
Bryce Thompson

Town Staff:

Town Clerk Patricia Lanning
Part-Time Office Primrose Woodworth
Maintenance Dept. Donald Chippett
Part-time Maintenance Reginald Rice

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Rick Noseworthy 484-3381
Assistant Fire Chief Reginald Rice 484-3570

Emergency Number: 484-3339

Ambulance Board:

Chairperson Roosevelt Thompson 484-3404
Secretary Bernice Moyles 484-3760 (Ambulance Office)

Emergency Number: 484-3777

Parks & Recreation Committee:

Chairperson Nancy Paul 484-3526
Secretary Violet Paul 484-3421

Heritage Council:

Chairperson Donald Stuckless 484-3463
Secretary Primrose Woodworth 484-3442