

# Huron East Newsletter



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As Council commences the final year of the term of Council, Council acknowledges that there are a number of private developments either nearing completion or underway that demonstrate both the diversity and vitality of our communities. The Marcrest manufacturing facility near Molesworth is nearing completion and the Brussels Four Winds - Wedding & Events Barn will be hosting its first events in March. Site work for the JL Retirement home and condominium project is continuing and Council has recently approved a site plan for an expansion of the Sun-North manufacturing facility in Seaforth.



As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, municipal elections will be conducted in the fall of 2018 with election day being Monday, October 22, 2018. On behalf of Council, I encourage your participation in the process, either as a candidate or by voting.

Best regards,

**Mayor Bernie MacLellan**

### 2018 Budget

Council has commenced the 2018 budget process and has set Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 as the meeting that Council will consider the 2018 Budget for adoption. Council will be reviewing different components of the budget during their regular meetings between now and April 3<sup>rd</sup> and members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings. A notice of the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be placed in local newspapers and a brief synopsis of the budget will be placed on the website prior to this meeting.

### Property Taxation & Assessment

Tax notices are sent out twice a year; the interim bill in early March and the final bill in early September. Each bill contains two installment dates. The 2018 installment dates are as follows: March 29<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, September 28<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure payment is received at the municipal office on or before these due dates to avoid penalty. If making payments by telephone or electronically, please allow for processing time as payments must be received in the municipal office on/or before the due date to avoid penalty charges. Please notify the tax department if your mailing address is incorrect or has changed. **Failure to receive a tax notice does not exempt you from penalty.**

### Tax Sale Legislation Change

**PLEASE NOTE:** Legislation has changed reducing the number of years a property is in tax arrears before tax sale proceedings can be started, from 3 years to 2 years. **If your property taxes are 2 years or greater in arrears, your property is at risk of being registered for tax sale.** This process can add an additional \$2,000 plus to your taxes outstanding, as all tax sale costs are recovered from the property owner.

### Assessment Value Appeals

For all property assessment concerns, please contact MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) at 1-866-296-6722 or go to your property at [www.aboutmyproperty.ca](http://www.aboutmyproperty.ca). Have your property roll number available to assist with your inquiry. If you wish to appeal your 2018 property assessment the deadline is 90 days after the date of MPAC's Assessment Notice. Request for Reconsideration forms are available at the Municipal office in Seaforth, at [www.huroneast.com](http://www.huroneast.com) or [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca).

### E-Billing

The Municipality is excited to offer e-billing for 2018 Water & Sewer bills/Tax bills and Accounts Receivable bills. If you would like to receive your bills from Huron East via email, please download the application form from [www.huroneast.com](http://www.huroneast.com), come into the municipal office, or contact the property tax clerk, utility clerk or accounts payable clerk at 519-527-0160 for assistance.

### **Door-to-Door Sales Restrictions Take Effect**

As part of the *Putting Consumers First Act* new provisions will take effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to regulate door-to-door sales. The *Act* prescribes the goods and services with respect to which suppliers are prohibited from soliciting or entering into unsolicited contracts at consumer's homes, with certain exceptions. Prescribed goods and services covered in the regulation include: furnaces, air conditioners, cleaners or purifiers, water heaters, water treatment devices, purifiers, filters or softeners, duct cleaning devices and bundles of any of these goods and services. You can view the full regulation at <https://news.ontario.ca/mgs/en/2017/04/ontario-passes-legislation-to-put-consumers-first.html>

### **MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Municipal elections will be held in 2018 for Mayor, Councillors and School Board Trustees. The nomination period for these positions runs from May 1, 2018 to July 27, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Nomination papers will be available in April on the Huron East website or at the Municipal Office. Additional information can be obtained from the Huron East Municipal Office. MPAC will be commencing the municipal enumeration process in April.

**Voting Day is Monday, October 22, 2018.** The Municipality of Huron East will be using the telephone/internet method of voting again for this election. The system will make it more convenient, accessible and flexible for electors to participate in the election process. Watch for additional details and information closer to Voting Day.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING

The household hazardous waste depot is located at the Mid-Huron Landfill site for proper disposal of paints, oils, medications, cleaners, etc. The Mid-Huron Landfill Site is located at Holmesville, 37506A Huron Road (Hwy 8) and is open 5 days a week from 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday until noon. This service is free to all Huron County residents.

### Compost Sites

Huron East provides 2 compost sites for the disposal of yard and garden waste only. In the south, the compost site is located at 79522 Hannah Line, Harpurhey. In the north, residents are encouraged to use the compost site in Brussels at the north end of Turnberry Street on the west side.

### Recycling and garbage collection

Collection schedules along with bag tag locations are on the Huron East website. Bag tags are available at the Huron East Municipal Office. Residents of Seaforth & Tuckersmith Wards should note that operational changes at the Mid-Huron landfill site effective July 1st may affect collection schedules – more information will be available before July 1st.

## VANASTRA EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTRE

### (formerly Tuckersmith Day Care)

- Quality child care with trained professional RECE staff
  - Open 6:30 am to 6:00 pm
  - Weekly, Bi-weekly and Monthly rates
  - Children 16 months - 12 years
  - Full or Half Day Child Care
  - Emergent Curriculum, Learning Through Play
  - Gym and Swim
  - After School Care with Swimming Lessons
  - Full Time/Part Time/Flexible Schedules
  - Kids Crew Care - before & after school, school holidays
  - Fee Assistance to Qualifying Families
- Please drop in to visit the Centre any time or call 519-482-7634 for information.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK  
MAY 6 – 12, 2018



For more information on Emergency Preparedness Week call 519-527-0160 or 1-888-868-7513 [mbedard@huroneast.com](mailto:mbedard@huroneast.com)

### FIRE DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST DATES FOR HURON EAST

Brussels – June 17, 2018  
Grey – June 24, 2018  
Seaforth – July 1, 2018

Brucefield - June 2 and Sept. 8, 2018

Proceeds from the breakfasts assist with equipment purchases.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

For recent Ontario Building Code changes please go to the [Huron East website](#).

Electrical Vehicle Charging System Requirements have been introduced into the Ontario Building Code, check our website for details.

Building Permits are typically required for the following:

- All new buildings and additions to buildings
- Repair, renovation and alteration of existing buildings
- New and used corrugated grain/feed bins 12 feet or greater in diameter
- Prefabricated and relocated buildings
- All swimming pools in excess of 24" deep
- Building systems (heating systems, fire protection systems, etc.)
- Various structures such as decks, retaining walls, wind generators in excess of 3 kw and free standing towers over 60 ft. high
- Demolition of structures (obtaining a demolition permit removes this structure from your taxes)
- Change of use of a building

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Notice to owners with sump pumps

It is illegal to pump storm water from eaves troughs or basement sump pumps into the sanitary sewer. **Sump Pumps should discharge water directly onto the ground and away from neighbouring properties.**

### Municipal Road Safety

For safety and to ensure proper drainage, municipal road allowances are not to be planted with crops. Every property should have a defined legal entrance. The grass ditch area between the fence line and road should not be used as headlands.

A permit is required for new field entrances, laneways or driveways. The application and information is on our website.

The average rural road allowance is 66 feet.

### Watering Restrictions (By-Law 34-2006)

Outdoor watering - even numbered houses on even days and odd numbered houses on odd days from 7:00-9:00 morning/evening.

### Burning Restrictions (By-Law 121-2001)

In urban areas, no person shall burn or start a fire, except in an out-of-door fireplace or barbecue used for the sole purpose of cooking food.

## RECREATION

The Huron East Recreation Department is committed to providing services and programs that encourage health, fitness, recreation, education and social opportunities. You can discover information on programs and services in the Huron East Community Guide or by visiting our website at [www.huroneast.com](http://www.huroneast.com)

### Minor Ball Registration

Ethel - March 20 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Brenda Boyer's Home, 44380 Brandon Road, Ethel.

Contact Brenda at 519-887-6153 or Sue at 519-887-9642

## BRUSSELS MORRIS & GREY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Registration nights for all your summer sports were held on February 27th and March 1st for baseball, soccer and swimming lessons. If you missed the registration night and would still like to register, please contact the BMG Community Centre. Remember if you are a new registrant for soccer or baseball a copy of your birth certificate and an extra cheque for shirt deposit will be required

Walking Available - 9:00 - 11:00 am every morning

Pickle Ball - Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:45 to 8:45 pm. No equipment needed except a pair of good clean running shoes.

### March Break

Painting for Kids - March 14th, 5-7 yrs. old 9-11:00 am and 8-12 yrs. old 1-3:00 pm - call arena to register.

Cooking with Kids - 8-12 yrs. old - learn the safe way to cook in the kitchen

Goat Yoga - stay tuned for details

Full schedules will be posted on the website or call 519-887-6621

## SEAFORTH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRES

- Tuesday Tunes - every Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:30 pm until the end of April.

- Shuffleboard - every Wed. 1:00 to 3:00 pm

- Walk for Wellness

- Monday to Thursday 8:00 - 10:00 am

- Skating - Parents & Tots (Free)

- Tues. Wed. and Thurs. from 10:00 am until Noon

- Free Public Skating (Thanks to many sponsors!)

Sundays 1:00 - 2:30 pm depending on tournaments

- Pickle Ball

Tuesday and Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm & Thursday and Fridays 1:00 - 3:00 pm

For more information and to register for programs call the SDCC office 519-527-1272 or check the Community Guide or email [c4tharena@huroneast.com](mailto:c4tharena@huroneast.com)

## VANASTRA RECREATION CENTRE

### Membership

The one-year family membership now includes one session of lessons per child (some restrictions apply). Memberships include access to all public swimming; adults can enjoy full use of the fitness room and take part in any of the aqua aerobic classes offered.

### March Break

Swimming - March 12 to 16 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm

- General Admission Standards apply, children under the age of 6 must be supervised by an adult or caregiver in the water.

- Admissions rates - \$3.25/child, \$4.25/student (13 yrs+), \$5.25/adult and \$13.50/family

Babysitting Course - March 12. This course is great for kids ages 10 and up. Advanced registration is required.

Find all program information, schedules, and prices at [www.huroneast.com](http://www.huroneast.com) click on Recreation or call 519-482-3544.