
MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of Council and Staff, I would like to wish you and your families Happy Holidays and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

- Mayor Don Shipway -

HOLIDAY CLOSURE:

The Municipal Offices and the Service Ontario Office will be closed for the Holidays from Monday, December 26, 2011 until Monday, January 2, 2012. The offices will re-open with regular business hours on January 3, 2012.

CURBSIDE PICK UP OF CHRISTMAS TREES

The last day for curbside pickup of Christmas trees is January 6, 2012. Trees can be dropped off any time in the designated area at the Public Works Yard in Parkhill or the Lions Club Park in Ailsa Craig.

WINTER STREET PARKING:

Please take note that there is NO parking on any streets in Parkhill or Ailsa Craig annually from December 1st until March 31st between the hours of 2:00am - 7:00am

**SEASONS GREETINGS
FROM COUNCIL &
STAFF**



BUILDING AND BY-LAW ENFORCEMENTS:

This past year, the Building Department has noticed a great number of small, prebuilt accessory buildings being installed on properties in our municipality. Under the Building Code Act as well as our own municipal building By-law; any structure larger than 10 square meters (107.6 square feet) in size requires a building permit. No permit is required for buildings under this size unless they contain plumbing. This applies even to a metal tube framed poly covered accessory structure.

In addition, under current zoning by-laws, every structure (whether a permit is required or not), must meet the current zoning setbacks for the property on which it is being installed.

9-1-1 SIGNS: There are still a lot of 9-1-1 signs (or house numbers) turned the wrong way, damaged or hidden by overgrown trees and shrubs. It is time to check yours out. Yes! You and your friends know where you live; but not all emergency personnel know you, or where you live. Remember, **your life may depend on that clearly legible 9-1-1 or house number!**

MOSQUITO MEETING UPDATE:

The next public meeting regarding mosquitos will be held on January 18, 2012 at 7:00pm at the North Middlesex Community Centre (Parkhill).

A MESSAGE FROM THE AILSA CRAIG AND AREA FOOD BANK:

Once again we are gearing up to provide a Merrier Christmas for a number of families in our local communities. The generosity of area churches, schools, service clubs, businesses and individuals is both humbling and inspiring. On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, thank you and have a joyous and Blessed Christmas.



PLANNING:

During 2011, we were busy with the completion of the Five Year Review of the North Middlesex Official Plan. A review of the North Middlesex Zoning By-law was also recently completed along with the statutory Public Open House and Meeting outlining the proposed amendments to the by-law. The changes proposed as a result of this project, are primarily of a minor, housekeeping nature. This year, Council wished to implement a new policy into the Official Plan which would allow Surplus Farm Dwelling Severances in the rural areas of the Municipality. The Official Plan amendment was recently approved and a pamphlet has been developed that outlines the criteria that must be met in order to consider a severance application. It can be viewed on our website at www.northmiddlesex.on.ca/Departments/Planning.

As an owner of land, it is your responsibility to be aware of the zoning and the permitted uses on your property. If you are contemplating any changes to your property, it is best to contact the municipality early in the process to have a determination made as to compliance with the zoning.

YMCA of SARNIA - LAMBTON:

Thank you for Celebrating Our ONE YEAR in Parkhill!!

YMCA of North Middlesex now has Family Memberships.

New hours STARTING JANUARY 1, 2012:

Weekdays 6:00am – 1:00 pm, 3:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturdays 8:00 am – 12:00pm

Sundays 10:00am – 2:00pm

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Stay Back & Stay Alive.

Drive a safe distance behind snowplows. Plows often travel slower than other vehicles to remove snow, apply sand and assist stranded vehicles. Our dedicated, hard-working operators do their best to keep the roadways clear and safe. It is up to you to be cautious and drive safely. Snowplow operators are often out in treacherous conditions to make the roadways as safe as possible for you. Remember that a snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you. Please drive with care.

We wish you and your families a safe holiday season.

2012 Tax Installment Due Dates Are As Follows:

<u>Installment #</u>	<u>Due Dates</u>	<u>As they fall in 2012</u>
Interim #1	4 th last business day of Feb	February 24, 2012
Interim #2	4 th last business day of May	May 28, 2012
Final #1	4 th last business day of Aug	August 28, 2012
Final #2	4 th last business day of Nov	November 27, 2012



CANADA

Middlesex-Elgin

"Health Starts at Home"

Services provided include:

- Meal Programs
- Transportation
- Exercise Clinics
- Volunteer Visiting
- Hospice Visiting
- Caregiver Support
- Adult Day Programs
- Alzheimer Support Services
- Safety & Security Programs
- Flu & Foot Care Clinics
- Nursing
- Personal Support
- Supportive Housing

Family Supports

For more information regarding services or to volunteer, please call VON 160-D Main St Ailsa Craig 519-517-4546 or 1-800-561-1555

SERVICE ONTARIO - 218 PARKHILL MAIN STREET

Services available at this location are:

Driver & Licensing:

- Renewals/Replacements for vehicles and drivers licenses
- Abstract Reports
- Accessible Parking Permits
- Used Vehicle Information Package (UVIP)
- Pay reinstatement fee
- MTO handbooks for sale

Health Card:

- Renewals/Replacements
- Name/address changes
- Organ & tissue donations
- Red & White health card exchanged for a green health card
- New residents applying for health coverage

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LANDFILL DATES AND HOURS OF OPERATION – 2012

(north end of Victoria St., Parkhill)

Wednesday afternoon 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Saturday morning 8:30 am to 11:30 am

January

Wednesday 4

Wednesday 18

Saturday 21

March

Wednesday 7

Saturday 17

Wednesday 21

February

Wednesday 1

Saturday 11

Wednesday 15

April

Wednesday 4

Wednesday 18

Saturday 21 *** Spring Clean-up

UPCOMING EVENTS—N.M. ARENA

- 33rd Annual Novice International Silver Stick –
Dec. 27,28,29,30, 2011
- A Winter Wonderland New Year's Eve Family Skate:
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
(\$5 per person or purchase a Family Pass for \$25.00)
- Rec Hockey Tournament – Feb. 10,11,12, 2012
- Parkhill Silver Blades Skating Club Showcase – Feb. 18, 2012
- March Break Hockey Tournament March 10-18, 2012
- Tim Horton's Free Holiday Skating
Dec 24 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Jan. 2, 4, 6 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

