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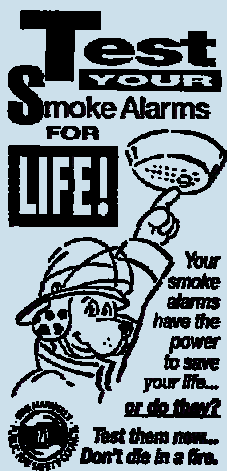
AUGUST 2006

Take Note:

Tax installments are due:

August 31st

October 31st



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2006 Municipal Election

November 13, 2006 is voting day for municipalities throughout Ontario. In order to vote, you must be a Canadian citizen; at least 18 years of age and a resident or property owner in the municipality. The qualification period for residency is September 5 - November 13, 2006. Your name can be added to the Voters List anytime within that period.

With respect to students, the place where a person's family resides is also their residence unless they have moved with the intention of changing their permanent lodging. Students can vote either at home or in the municipality in which they attend school, but not both.

Are You on the Voters List?

As required by the Municipal Election Act, the Voters List will be publicly posted in the Township Office on September 5, 2006. Electors should examine the list to ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown.

To see if you are on the list, electors may visit the office at 90 Loveys Street, Hickson, call 519.462.2697 or email the Township at ezt@twp.ezt.on.ca.

Applications for additions, deletions and corrections to the list may be made by completing and filing a form available at the Township Office in Hickson until Monday November 13, 2006.

Interested in Running for Council?

If you are interested in running for Council, the following will be of interest to you. The term of office has been increased by the Province from 3 years to 4 years, beginning December 1, 2006. Council meetings are currently held at 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month and at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. In order to be a candidate for a municipal election, you must be a Canadian citizen; at least

18 years of age, and not, by law, prohibited from voting. Also, during the qualification period a person must reside in the local municipality, or be the owner or tenant of land in the local municipality, or the spouse of such person. The filing fee is \$100.00 for Councillor or Deputy Mayor and \$200.00 for Mayor. Further information and nomination papers are available at the Township Office. Nomination period began January 2nd and ends on Thursday September 28, 2006. Nomination Day is Friday September 29, 2006 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m

Council will be comprised of the following 7 positions:

- 1—Mayor (elected at large)
- 1—Deputy Mayor (elected at large)
- 5—Councillors (elected by ward)
 - 2 Councillors elected from Ward 1 (Tavistock)
 - 1 Councillor elected from Ward 2 (North of Braemar S/R)
 - 2 Councillors elected from Ward 3 (South of Braemar S/R)

Polling Personnel

If you are interested in working at the poll in your area on Voting Day, or at the Advance Poll, kindly contact Brenda Junker at the Municipal Office in Hickson or bjunker@twp.ezt.on.ca leaving your name and phone number. We will be contacting those persons who have assisted in the past, and will fill our roster after those initial calls have been made.

For more election information see the Township Website www.twp.ezt.on.ca

**2006
Municipal
Elections**



Upcoming Flu Clinics

Unless there is a medical reason not to, everyone aged 6 months or older can benefit from getting the flu shot. The Oxford County Board of Health strongly recommends the flu vaccine as the most effective prevention strategy. Remember, you need a flu shot every year. The risk of the vaccine causing serious harm is very small; however, you should always discuss the benefits and risks of any vaccination with your health care provider. Please check the website in the fall for a listing of local flu clinics.



**INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS
IT'S THE LAW**

Smoke Alarm Safety

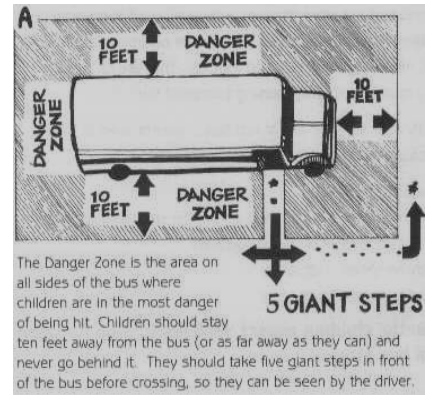
It is the law that every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. Remember to install a new battery of the proper type and never use rechargeable batteries. On October 28, we will be moving our clocks back so remember to change your batteries as well. **It could save you and your family.**

Back to School Safety

The Oxford Community Police Service reminds our Communities that September is Exciting! It is back to School Time!

Some Helpful reminders

- Take the time to show your youngster how to cross the street safely.
- Don't assume drivers can see you. Make sure they can.
- Drop off children at schoolyards **only** during the times when they are supervised in the schoolyard.
- **NEVER** leave children unsupervised in the schoolyard. Some predators wait for this opportunity.
- **DO NOT** pass the school bus when the lights are flashing.
- Get acquainted with your child's bus driver. Riding the bus is a privilege – take every opportunity to reinforce bus safety rules with your child.
- School is in. **Drive with caution.** Guilt is a life sentence!
- Remind yourself that stopping for a school bus, crossing guard, young pedestrian, and cyclist does not make you late. It keeps them safe.
- Get the details! Get license plate numbers!



Fire Prevention Week

The Fire that Sparked a Tradition

On a balmy evening in October, 1871, Daniel Sullivan was sitting outside his house enjoying the unusually warm weather. His contentment was suddenly shattered by the sight of flames inside the barn of his friends, Patrick and Catherine O'Leary, who lived across the street. Daniel rushed to the barn to help but the fire was already too far advanced and not much could be saved.

The fire, aided by a strong, restless wind, spread at lightning speed through the predominantly wooden structures of greater Chicago. By the following day--October 9--when the fire was finally brought under control by the use of explosives, much of Chicago had been devastated. At least 300 people had perished and some 18,000 buildings were destroyed. Almost one third of Chicago's population of 300,000 was left homeless. Understandably, the cause of the fire became the focus of much speculation. The popular theory revolved around Mrs. O'Leary's much

maligned cow, which was thought to have kicked over a lamp and set the barn on fire. Ironically, the O'Leary house survived the disaster with only minor damage. Thereafter, on each October 9th, the people of Chicago commemorated the fire with parades and ceremonies. In 1911, The Fire Marshals Association of North America

officially declared that date as Fire Prevention Day. Ontario became the first jurisdiction to observe Fire Prevention Week during the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls.

This practice continues to this day in communities throughout North America as a constant

reminder that prevention is the ultimate cure.



The Office of the Fire Marshall is pleased to announce that October 8 – 14, 2006 has been designated as Fire Prevention Week in the province of Ontario. This year's theme is " Prevent Cooking Fires - Watch What You Heat ".

Message From The Mayor



Recently I had the opportunity to participate in the Oxford County Drug Task Force Visioning and Strategic Plan Workshop.

Dr. Rosana Pellizzari, Medical Officer of Health for Perth District Health Unit was the guest speaker addressing the crisis they are facing with Crystal Meth issues. As neighbours, be

assured our young people are at great risk. This drug is cheap, readily available and provides a lasting high making it very attractive for young people. It is also very addictive, dangerous and extremely difficult to rehabilitate from. This has the potential to put a huge burden on our medical and social services. The workshop focused on the community services available and programs to help our youth. We need all the support and strategic planning we can provide.

As Mayor of your community I want to challenge each of us to get involved. Prevention is the key to protect our young

people. It is humbling as a parent to realize our children make their own decisions and we will not be there beside them when they are faced with drug use opportunities. The key is a positive self concept. Our young people need to know they are loved and cared for by their parents, neighbours, coaches and every one involved in their lives. As a community let us build quality young people with the courage to **“say no to drugs”**.

Thanks to all of you who give your time and energy to help coach a team. Thanks you to every employer who gives a student a job. Thanks to everyone that knows our young people by name and stops to say “Hi”. Each positive influence on their lives provides strength for them to say no to drugs. Thanks to our Optimists, our Lions Clubs and the many other community groups working to build quality young people. Thanks to our Churches and their youth leaders. Thanks to our 4-H leaders. Let us never stop caring!

Tavistock Arena News

With the helping hands of the members of the Tavistock Horticultural Society, their donation of \$1,000 as well as a donation of \$2,500 worth of product from NavaStone, significant enhancements are being made to the entrance of Queen’s Park. A pavestone sidewalk as well as a raised flowerbed are in the works for this area of the park. Eventually there will be a new entrance sign for the Park which will post upcoming events. The total cost of this project is approximately \$8,000. It should also be recognized that maintenance of the existing flowerbed in front of the Memorial Hall is done by the Horticultural Society. Many

hours of volunteer work by individuals in the community not only helps to create community spirit, it helps cut the cost of public and recreational services, benefiting all tax payers.



Arena Schedule

Adult Skate.....	Tuesdays.....	11:00-12:30
Tot Skate.....	Thursdays.....	1:00-3:00
Public Skate.....	Sundays.....	2:00-4:00
Jr. Hockey Games.....	Fridays.....	8:30
Sr. “A” Hockey Games.....	Saturdays.....	8:30

Tavistock Flood Prevention Update

The Township has taken several significant steps over the summer to deal with recent flooding problems. While these first steps aren’t building sewers or new drains, they are necessary for the Township to determine what must be done. The last thing the Township wants is new work just moving a problem from one area to another.

Over the summer the Township has:

- Engaged RJ Burnside to manage all aspects of the Flood investigation and engineering matters
- Authorized RJ Burnside to specifically investigate areas near Janelle St and the end of Westwood Ave
- Engaged RJ Burnside to commence with a Drainage Master Plan for the Village of Tavistock
- Continue to provide engineering advice to homeowners at no direct cost
- Continue to promote disconnecting from the storm sewer

- Work closely with the County and it’s engineers on resolving issues
 - Investigating the possibility of a low or no interest loan program to assist residents with disconnecting
 - Held a public meeting to share what the Township is doing and obtain comments from the public
- In 2005 Council initiated the Tavistock Flood Prevention Working Group. That group met several times and will continue to meet this fall. It’s meeting schedule is included in the Event Calendar. Dietrich Engineering was also appointed in 2005 to prepare a Drainage Report for the Bender Subdivision area. That report is nearing completion and should be presented to Council shortly. As these investigations are presented to Council, there will be significant decisions that need to be made. As most people know, the recommended solutions to improve drainage are likely to be very expensive.

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Council meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm

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8:30 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:30

Tavistock & District Recreation Centre

Phone: 519.655.2102

Fax: 519.655.3560

Innerkip Community Centre

Phone: 519.469.3449

Township Calendar

Date	Event
August 31	Taxes Due
September 4	Labour Day-Township Office Closed
September 5	First Day of School
September 8-10	Tavistock Agricultural Society Fall Fair
September 12-14	Canada's Outdoor Farm Show
September 16	Hazardous Waste Collection-Woodstock Waste Water Treatment Plant
September 16-17	Birtch Farms Estate & Winery-Annual Apple Festival
September 19	Tavistock Flood Prevention Meeting-Upper Hall Tavistock Arena
September 23	Scrap Metal Collection-Innerkip Community Centre
September 29	2006 Municipal Election-Nomination Day 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
September 30	White Goods Collection-Woodstock Waste Water Treatment Plant
October 9	Thanksgiving-Township Office Closed
October 17	Tavistock Flood Prevention Meeting-Upper Hall Tavistock Arena
October 28	Daylight Savings Time Ends-Change Your Fire Alarm Batteries
October 31	Halloween and Taxes Due
November 8	Sauerkraut Supper-Tavistock Men's Club 4:30-8:30 Tavistock Memorial Hall
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	Election Day
November 21	Tavistock Flood Prevention Meeting-Upper Hall Tavistock Arena
November 25	Tavistock Santa Claus Parade-1:00 p.m.

Events can also be viewed on the Township website at www.twp.ezt.on.ca

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What can I do with plastic bale wrap?

A. Effective July 3, 2006, the Oxford County Landfill will be accepting agricultural bale wrap for recycling. There will be no charge to drop off this material at the landfill as long as the loads are clean & segregated. Any load found to have other material mixed in will be charged the tipping fee for the entire load. For further information you can contact Oxford County Public Works at 519.539.9800 or visit www.thinkplastics.ca.

Q. What can I do with my yard waste and leaves this fall?

A. There are 3 Yard Waste Depots in the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock located at:

- 158 Loveys St. Hickson (Township Road Shop)
- 18 Hendershot St. Tavistock (Township Public Works Shed)
- 104 Blandford St. in Innerkip (Innerkip Park)

Please review your Waste Management Calendar for acceptable items. On occasion, some of these guidelines have not been followed and may result in the loss of use of this service.

Q. Can I install a new entrance to my property?

A. Construction of a new or replacement driveway entrance off the road must be approved and installed by the Township or County depending on which road you live on. If you believe you need a new entrance please contact the Township or County before completing any work.