



TOWNSHIP OF
EAST ZORRA-
TAVISTOCK

Tax Instalment

Just a friendly reminder that the 2nd instalment of interim taxes is due on May 29th. If you do not have your tax bill that was mailed at the end of January, please contact the Township Office.

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“Travel scenic rural back roads to explore eclectic culinary delights, artisans, festivals, cycling and hiking trails nestled amongst rolling hills and tranquil waters. Natural wetlands and woodlots set the stage for a birder's paradise. Pack your cooler or picnic basket and discover Oxford's unique communities and places in between”.

www.tourismoxford.ca

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Torch Relay - June 18th, 2015



In 2015, Toronto will be the proud Host City of the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

The “People’s Games” will be the **largest international multi-sport event ever hosted in Canada** - with more athletes and sports than the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and the Montreal 1976 Olympic Games. They are surpassed in size and scope only by the Olympic Summer Games and the Asian Games.

In order to share the Pan Am spirit with as many residents of Ontario as possible, the torch relay route was built such that 85% of Ontarians are within a one-hour journey of the route.

On June 18th, Day 19 of the relay's 41 day journey, **East Zorra-Tavistock** will be proud to cheer on local torchbearers as they carry the Pan Am flame through our community. The Pan Am Torch Games Torch Relay will be celebrating here in Tavistock. Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate and share and witness the "kissing of the flames".

Community Celebration:
Tavistock Queen's Park Centre
June 18th, 2015
2:30 p.m.



Did you know? Interesting Facts about the Pan Am Torch:

- 10 to 12 minutes' burn time
- Can withstand winds up to 70 km/h
- Visible in all weather conditions
- Can accommodate a variety of modes of transportation
- Length: 65 cm; Weight: 1.2 kg; Material: aluminum
- roughly the same weight as a baseball bat

<http://www.toronto2015.org/torch-relay>

Follow the torch relay on social media using #CelebrateAndShare and #TO2015torch

**OXFORD 72 HOURS
EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS
WINNERS**

You can't predict an emergency but you can Prepare for One!

Emergency Preparedness Week was May 3rd -9th, encouraging everyone to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:

- **Know the risks**
- **Make a plan**
- **Have an emergency kit:**
Put together emergency supplies to keep you and your family safe for at least 72 hours, the time it may take emergency responders to reach you.

On May 3rd 2015 the County of Oxford launched www.oxford72hours.ca as a new resource for disaster planning for Oxford County homes and businesses.

Congratulations goes to our two winners of the **Oxford72Hours.ca** contest.

**Kim Hutcheson
&
Tina Sawdon**

Each of our winners will be receiving a Red Cross Emergency Survival Kit, valued at \$60.

Visit the 72 Hour Club page to learn more about preparedness and building a survival kit for your family.

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East Zorra-Tavistock, Ingersoll,
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Tillsonburg, Woodstock &
Zorra.*

Bicycle Safety - Share The Road

In an effort to keep members of the community safe, as summer approaches be aware of the increase in cyclists on the road, and adhere to the responsibilities as a motorist and a cyclist.

Remember to follow the Three R's of safe cycling.

- **Same Roads:** Motor vehicles and bicycles share the same roads.
- **Same Rights:** As a cyclist, you have a right to your space on the road. The key is to understand your rights and follow them consistently.
- **Same Rules:** Other than a cyclist's position on the road, cyclists have to follow the same rules of the road as motorists including obeying all signs and traffic control devices.



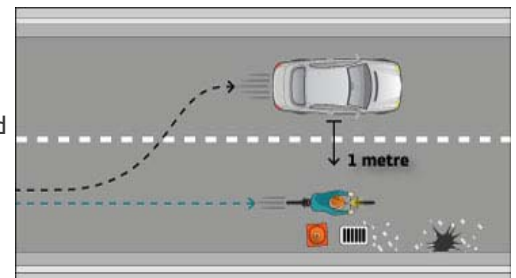
Your responsibilities as a cyclist

- Ride respectfully – the same traffic laws that apply to motorists also apply to you.
- Use hand signals and eye contact to communicate your actions to motorists.
- Ride in a straight line and do not weave between parked cars.
- Do not ride on the sidewalk.
- Ride single file when riding with other cyclists.
- Ride as closely as practicable to the right hand boundary of the road.
- Increase your visibility by wearing brightly coloured clothing.
- Use a white front light and a red rear light in low light conditions.

Your responsibilities as a motorist

Motorists can help reduce the number of bicycle and motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities by understanding cyclists' positioning on the road and following some important traffic tips:

- Reduce your speed when encountering cyclists.
- Leave a safe following distance in case the cyclist needs to stop suddenly.
- Try not to use your car horn as it can be very loud and startling to a cyclist.
- Recognize the hazards that cyclists may face (e.g. debris on the road) and give them plenty of space. Experienced cyclists recommend that motorists provide at least one metre (3 ft.) of clearance. Depending on circumstances and the cyclist's position, you may need to change lanes to pass safely.
- Be cautious and respectful of cyclists and other road users.
- When turning left, watch for and yield to oncoming cyclists just as you would to oncoming motorists.
- When turning right, yield to any cyclist traveling on your right. Do not try to pass a cyclist if you are planning to turn right at the next intersection or driveway.
- When passing cyclists, treat them as you would a slow-moving vehicle. Do not tailgate and always pass at a safe distance.
- Children on bicycles can be unpredictable. Expect the unexpected and slow down.
- Look for cyclists before opening your car doors.



Message from the Mayor



Remember the “Good Old Days?” Where have they gone? What exactly do we miss about them? Is it the five cent chocolate bars you and your friends purchased? Is it walking alongside your siblings to school, uphill both ways? Is it driving the big gas guzzling Buick with no seatbelts, and six children in the back seat? Is it the need to remember your friend’s telephone number so you could call them on the rotary phone, and they had to take the time to get up and go to the wall to answer it? Is it Sunday dinner at Grandma’s house, fresh roasted chicken that was raised and butchered right on the farm? Or is it the great bonding experience of washing the dishes by hand each night after dinner? Is it the stuff we miss? Is it the simpler life? Is it the connection we had with family, friends and community? I think we long for the “Good Old Days” because we miss the sense of belonging.

As human beings we long for connection and belonging. Connection is defined as the energy that is created between people when they feel seen, heard and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment. People’s needs are the same

today as yesterday even the same as in the “Good Old Days.” It may well be that we had a better sense of belonging fifty years ago and the life style was more conducive to having meaningful connections to people. However I do not want to give up all the conveniences of modern life. So maybe we need to sit on the front porch with family, go for a walk with a friend, stop at the community park or shop local in order to see and be seen. Maybe we need to be more attentive and listen in order to hear and be heard. Maybe we need to take the time and be more appreciative of those around us in order to value them and be valued ourselves.

My desire for the residents of East Zorra-Tavistock is that each one of us have a strong sense of belonging and connection with our local community. There are many activities throughout the summer for us to come together and experience the “Good Old Days” with all our modern amenities. Remember that belonging is one of those things you “give to get” so let’s get giving! Thank-you to all of our community leaders, teachers, pastors, coaches and volunteers that make EZT the great place it is for all of us to enjoy and thrive. May we all experience the energy of being seen, heard and valued.

OPP Online Citizen Self-Reporting

www.opp.ca/reporting

The Ontario Provincial Police is pleased to offer *Citizen Self Reporting*, an alternative reporting option that allows the public to report specific crimes to police via the internet, anywhere, anytime. The OPP’s Citizens Self Reporting system allows members of the public to use a computer or mobile device to report an incident without requiring an officer to attend the scene.

Citizen Self Reporting is simple and convenient and can be used when reporting incidents that do not involve injury or a suspect, or a crime that is not an emergency. The use of this new system is completely optional. Police will still attend a call for service if desired. Navigate to the above link then select your language preference, then click on the “Start Report” button. Using the Citizen Self Reporting system, specific incidents can be reported online at your convenience without attending a detachment or waiting for an officer.

Do NOT use if there is an EMERGENCY.

Use this online reporting system to report:

- Theft Under \$5,000
- Mischief/Damage to Property Under \$5,000
- Mischief/Damage to Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Theft From Vehicle
- Lost/Missing Property
- Stolen Licence Plates
- Driving Complaint (after the fact)



All submissions will be reviewed by an officer, and you may be contacted to provide more information. You must have a valid e-mail address in order to submit a report.

This system IS now compatible with mobile handheld devices such as phones or tablets.

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Council meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Garbage & Recycling is Changing

Oxford County is changing its waste management program to bring you better service at less cost, and with less impact to the environment. Starting September 14, 2015, garbage and recycling will be picked up by the same truck, at the same time on a weekly basis. And, with our new trucks, you will no longer need to sort containers (plastic, cans, and bottles) from fibres (paper) – you can use the same box for everything.

Look for the new full calendar in **August!**

Learn more at

www.oxfordcounty.ca/waste

Oxford County Waste Management Facility

Located at 384060 Salford Road, Salford

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

2015 Tipping Fees (Cash Only)

Garbage \$67.14/metric tonne

Freon Units \$15/unit

Construction and Demolition Material \$68.93/metric tonne

The following items can be brought in at no charge*:

♦ Blue Box Recycling	♦ Household Hazardous Waste
♦ Cardboard	♦ Scrap Metal
♦ Clean Tires off the rim	♦ Bale Wrap
♦ Electronics	

*Must not be brought in with a chargeable waste

Crossing Guard Opportunity

The Township of East Zorra-Tavistock is accepting applications for a Crossing Guard (s) position in **Tavistock**. Please visit the Township website at <http://ezt.ca/Newsroom/Employment.aspx> for more information regarding this position. Applications will be accepted until 12:00 noon, July 31st, 2015 to Revenue Coordinator, Katie Koski at PO Box 100 Loveys St. Hickson ON N0J 1L0 or email at kkoski@ezt.ca. *Personal information is being collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act 1989, as amended, and will be used for employment assessment purposes only.*



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Innerkip Community Centre

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