

Holiday Wrap Up

Mayor and Council Skate



It was an exceptional turn out at this year's Annual Mayor & Council Christmas Skate, as nearly 120 residents joined their Councillors and Santa

Claus for a free skate at the Oro-Medonte Community Centre Arena leading up to the holidays. Check your Recreation & Community Services Brochure or the Township's website for future special skating events being offered to residents, as well as information about the weekly public skating schedule.

Moonstone Choir Carols for Council

On December 7th, students from Moonstone Public School Choir helped kick off the holiday season with a very special Christmas Carol Concert at the Township Administration Centre prior to the Council Meeting. The choir was led by



Ms. Suzanne Williams and Ms. Sadie Bridgeman, and sang a number of festive carols for Council, Township Staff and those in attendance for

the meeting. The Choir delighted Council and audience members with their renditions of festive tunes.

News from Council

CRIME STOPPERS

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Crime Stoppers Month

A special flag raising ceremony was held at the Township Administration Centre

on January 11th to commemorate the month of January as Crime Stoppers Month. Mayor Hughes and Council joined members of the Oro-Medonte Crime Stoppers Committee, Community Members and Dignitaries to raise the flag. The flag will remain raised at the Township Administration Centre for the month of January.

Township Recognizes Employees and Volunteer Firefighters

Celebrating the accomplishments and service milestones of the Township's dedicated staff and volunteer firefighters is an annual tradition in Oro-Medonte. At its December 21st meeting, Council congratulated a number of employees during a special event attended by friends, family and coworkers. Congratulations to each of the staff members and volunteer firefighters who were recognized for their commitment and dedication to the Township and its residents.



Congratulations Carley Community Hall!



Through a collaborative agreement with the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and the Eady Grenard Women's Institute, Carley Community Hall applied

for and received a \$105,900 Ontario Trillium Grant.

The grant will be used on facility upgrades and repairs in order that the Community Hall may operate during the winter season. As such, the Hall will see increased usage that will benefit the Township by enhancing community engagement through social activities, while improving the health and wellness of all ages through added activities offered.

The Township of Oro-Medonte wishes to convey our congratulations to the volunteers and board members of the Carley Community Hall, Eady Grenard Women's Institute and Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario for their hard work and dedication.

Milestone Celebrations



The Township of Oro-Medonte Council offers congratulatory certificates to help commemorate your special occasion.

Mayor Hughes recently presented certificates to the following groups and individuals in recognition of their milestones:

- Thelma Halfacre – 90th Birthday
- Mel and Ruth-Ann Howell – 50th Anniversary
- Crown Hill Women's Institute – 100th Anniversary
- St. Thomas Anglican Church in Shanty Bay – Bishop Pryce Hall Dedication and Grand Opening of Revitalized Parish Hall

If you or someone you know is celebrating a significant milestone birthday or anniversary, contact the Township Administration Centre.

Corporate Services

Citizen of the Year

Do you know a neighbour, friend or family member who deserves recognition? Why not nominate them to be Oro-Medonte's 2012 Citizen of the Year? Nominations briefly outlining the reasons for the recommendation must be submitted in writing and signed by the nominator. To be eligible for the award, a person must be a resident of Oro-Medonte. Nominations will be accepted at the Township's Administration Centre in person or by mail. Please include "Citizen of the Year 2012" on the envelope of any mailed submissions. The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 2nd, 2012.

Senior of the Year

The Ontario Senior of the Year Award gives each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one outstanding local senior. The Township is currently accepting nominations for consideration for 2012 Senior of the Year Award. To be eligible for the award, a person must be a resident of Oro-Medonte, over 65 years of age, and have made their communities better places to live.

Nominations will be accepted at the Township's Administration Centre in person or by mail. Please include "Senior of the Year 2012" on the envelope of any mailed submissions. The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 2nd, 2012.

Council Meeting Schedule

Regularly scheduled Meetings of Council for the months of February and March will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 1st – 10:00am Public Session
Wednesday, February 8th – 7:00pm Public Session
Wednesday, February 22nd – 7:00pm Public Session

Wednesday, March 7th – 10:00am Public Session
Wednesday, March 14th – 7:00pm Public Session
Wednesday, March 28th – 7:00pm Public Session

All meeting times are subject to change and Special Meetings of Council may also be called on an as needed basis. For a complete schedule of 2012 Council meetings, please visit our website.

Upcoming Office Closures

The Township Administration Centre will be closed on Monday, February 20th for Family Day. Normal business hours will resume at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 21st.

Recreation and Community Services

Family Day at Sweetwater Park



Come join the Friends of Sugarbush Committee for Family Day at Sweetwater Park, Monday, February 20th. Lots of fun family activities including the outdoor rink and the return of the popular cardboard toboggan

race (weather permitting). Refreshments will also be available. For more information or to become a volunteer, contact the committee at friendsofsugarbush@gmail.com.

March Break Youth Programs

Oro-Medonte March Break Programs are back for the week of March 12th to 16th, 2012. There are lots of great activities to get involved with and participants can register for individual days or the whole week. Check out our Recreation and Community Services Brochure or visit our website for more information.

Transportation and Environmental Services

Snow Removal Operations

A reminder that By-law No. 2009-022 prohibits the parking of vehicles, whether attended or unattended between October 15th and April 30th inclusive, in such a manner as to interfere with winter road maintenance. Any vehicle found to have interfered with winter road maintenance will be issued a parking infraction with a set fine of \$100.00.

There are permitted parking zones on Municipal roads for individuals engaging in winter recreational activities on Lake Simcoe. Maps indicating the specific zones can be reviewed on the Township's website.

Damage to Sod

Snow plowing presents many challenges. As it is difficult to determine exactly where the edge of the road is, some sod damage may occur when the ground is not frozen. Sod in the right-of-way that has been damaged by the Township's snowplows will be repaired in the spring. Please call the Transportation & Environmental Services Department should you notice the damage and your address will be added to a list for repairs when materials are available.

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