

Upcoming Council Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Meeting(s) of Council will take place:

**Wednesday, February 22nd
7:00pm Public Session
Township Administration
Centre Council Chambers**

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 Council meetings, please visit our website.



Upcoming Advisory Body Meetings

The next regularly scheduled meeting(s) of Council's Advisory Bodies are as follows:

**Committee of Adjustment
Thursday, February 16th | 10:00am
Township Administration Centre Council Chambers**

**Recreation Technical Support Group
Thursday, February 23rd | 7:00pm
Township Administration Centre Neufeld Room**

Dates and times for all meetings of Council's Advisory Bodies are subject to change. Please visit our website for a complete schedule.

Upcoming Office Closure

Please be advised that the Township Administration Centre will be closed on Monday, February 20th for Family Day. Regular business hours will resume at 8:30am on Tuesday, February 21st.

Facility Rentals

Oro-Medonte Community Centre Banquet Hall

You can rent the Banquet Hall at the Oro-Medonte Community Centre for your next special event. With a capacity of up to 250 people, kitchen space, and washrooms, the Banquet Hall is the perfect venue for large functions such as birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, skating parties, buck and doe parties, business conferences and training sessions.

Please contact the Recreation & Community Services Department to inquire about availability, fees and applicable municipal policies that may be related to your event.



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 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.**

2012 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 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.**

Check Your Mailboxes

The Spring/Summer 2012 edition of the Township's Recreation & Community Services Brochure is scheduled to be delivered on Monday, February 20th. Check your mailbox, local community hall or the Township's website for information about the exciting programs that are being offered to residents of all ages and abilities. Spaces are limited so register early to avoid disappointment!



We're Seeking Applicants

Appeal Committee for the Canine Control By-Law

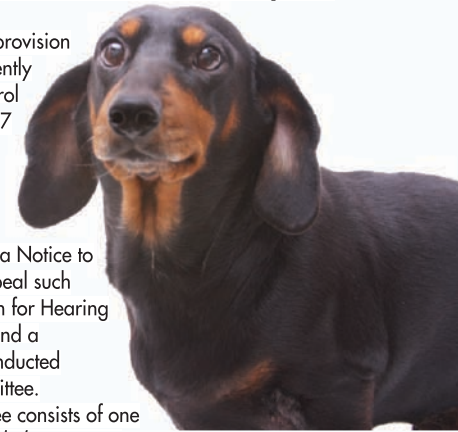
The Dangerous Dog provision of the Township's recently enacted Canine Control By-Law No. 2011-177 includes an appeal process.

If the owner of a dog that has been served a Notice to Muzzle wishes to appeal such notice, an Application for Hearing would be submitted and a hearing would be conducted by the Appeal Committee.

The Appeal Committee consists of one (1) member of Council, the Director, Corporate Services/Clerk or designate, and one (1) member of the public who resides in the Township.

The Township is seeking one (1) member of the public who may have experience with dogs and is interested in volunteering as a member of the Appeal Committee. The deadline to submit an application is 4:30pm on Wednesday, February 29th, 2012. For further information on the Appeal Committee please contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Division.

By-law No. 2011-177 can be reviewed in its entirety on the Township's website.



Library Services

Memberships are available to Oro-Medonte residents, free of charge at the following libraries:

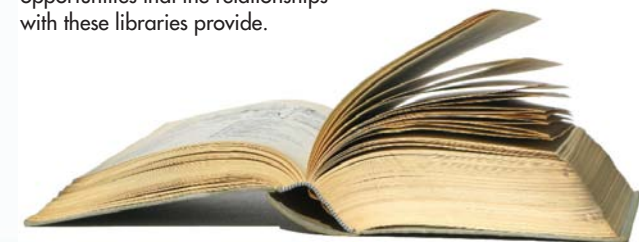
Barrie Public Library
60 Worsley St. | 705-728-1010 | www.library.barrie.on.ca

Orillia Public Library
36 Mississauga St. W. | 705-325-2338 | www.orilliapubliclibrary.ca

Coldwater Memorial Public Library
31 Coldwater Rd. | 705-686-3601 | www.coldwater.library.on.ca

Midland Public Library
320 King St. | 705-526-4216 | www.midlandlibrary.com

We encourage residents to take advantage of and enjoy the many opportunities that the relationships with these libraries provide.



BI-WEEKLY TOWNSHIP NEWS THAT MATTERS TO YOU!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Family Day Skate

Bring your entire family out to the Oro-Medonte Community Centre Arena on Family Day and enjoy a skate on the rink free of charge during this Special Skating Event.

Monday, February 20th

10:30am - 11:50am

**Oro Medonte Community Centre Arena
Located at Highway 11 and Line 4 North**

Friends of Sugarbush Family Day Event

Join the Friends of Sugarbush Committee for their second annual Family Day at Sweetwater Park.

A fundraising barbecue will be held and lots of fun family activities will be taking place, including skating on the outdoor rink and the return of the popular cardboard toboggan race (weather permitting). For more information or to become a volunteer, contact the committee at friendsofsugarbush@gmail.com.

Monday, February 20th

11:00am - 3:00pm

**Sweetwater Park
3353 Line 6 North**

Pancake Supper

Enjoy a delicious Pancake Supper and support the Hawkestone Women's Institute as it raises funds for its community outreach initiatives. \$5.00 for kids 10 and under, \$7.00 for adults.

Tuesday, February 28th

4:30pm - 7:30pm

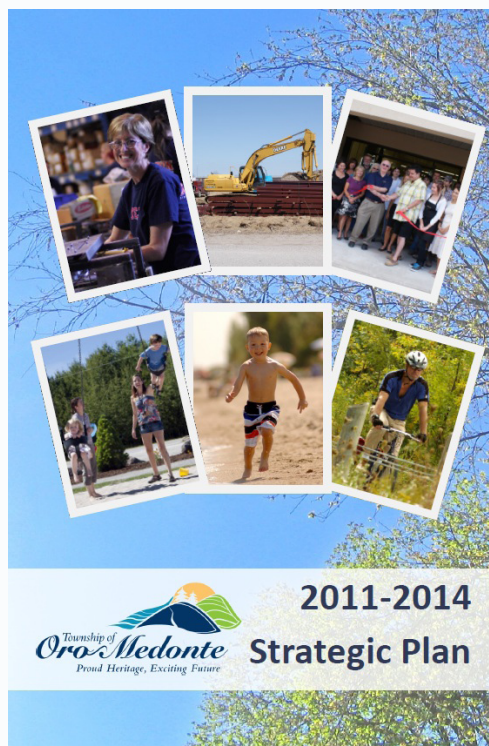
**Shaw's Pancake House
493 Line 14 South**



Submit Your Community Event

Is your community group or organization hosting an event that you want the Township to know about? If so, let us help you get the word out by submitting information about your community event!

To have your event posted on the Township's website and/or in Township publications, please visit the Community Events page on our website to fill out and submit the online form. Be sure to fill in all of the required fields. Please note that all submissions are subject to review, editing and approval by the Township prior to posting and/or publication.



**2011-2014
Strategic Plan**

Look inside the upcoming Spring/Summer 2012 edition of your Recreation & Community Services Brochure for your copy of the Township of Oro-Medonte's 2011-2014 Strategic Plan.

Tax Installment Due Date Notice

Tax bills have been issued to all Township of Oro-Medonte property owners for the first Property Tax installment for 2012. To avoid interest charges, payment of the first installment of your 2012 property taxes must be made **no later than Wednesday, February 29th**.

Property taxes are calculated annually by applying Council's approved tax rates to property assessment values as provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Payment for property taxes is due in four installments on the last banking day of February, April, July and September respectively.

Water Bill Notice

Payment of the first installment of residents' 2012 Water Bills is **due by Wednesday, February 29th**. Water usage is billed quarterly, with payment due dates falling on the last banking day of February, May, August, and November. For more information about paying your Water Bill please contact the Finance Department.



Fire Facts

Smoke Alarms

Ontario law requires that working smoke alarms be located on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Failure to comply with the Fire Code smoke alarm requirements could result in tickets or fines.

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for installing, testing and maintaining your smoke alarms.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- Change the battery in each smoke alarm once each year or whenever the low-battery warning sounds.
- Keep your smoke alarms clean by vacuuming the exterior using the soft bristle attachment on your vacuum cleaner.
- Replace smoke alarms that are more than ten years old.



Source: Office of the Fire Marshal



Register Today for 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 page 13 of the Winter edition of your Recreation & Community Services Brochure or visit our website for more information.

Look for Our Next Edition

The next issue of **The Oro-Medonte Messenger: Bi-Weekly Township News That Matters To You!** is coming on Thursday, March 1st!

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