

Living and Playing in Lambton Shores



MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Winter 2011/2012

5 BLOOMS at NATIONALS



In 2011, the Municipality of Lambton Shores was invited to participate in the National Communities in Bloom Program after 3 successful years at the Provincial Level. Lambton Shores was successful at the National level in achieving a top rating of 5 Blooms. The community was also a finalist in the *Environmental Action* category recognizing this community's leadership in protecting, preserving and promoting our environmentally sensitive areas and creating energy efficient facilities like the recently completed Legacy Centre.

Special mention was also given to the Grand Bend Beach Revitalization Project. The judges noted, "The Grand Beach Revitalization Project has contributed greatly to create a space that is more family-oriented and that enhances the natural beauty of both the beach and lake area."

The Results were announced at the Awards Ceremony which took place in Quebec City on October 29, 2011.

The Lambton Shores Communities in Bloom Committee would like to thank the service clubs, community groups, businesses, residents and Municipal Council and Staff for their ongoing support of this endeavor. Communities in Bloom would not be successful without you!

The Communities in Bloom Committee is currently

reviewing past projects and developing a plan for 2012. Some of the projects that will continue in 2012 include:

- Theme flower colours: red, purple and orange
- Trash Bash "community clean up" on Earth Day, April 22
- Lambton Shores in Bloom contest
- The Native Tree Program
- Adopt-A-Pot, Adopt-A-Plot Program

Further details on the upcoming plans will be available in early 2012.

Volunteers are always needed to assist with these projects. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Community Services Department, 519-243-1400 or email sprout@lambtonshores.ca.

Reminder:

Community Grant Applications are due **December 31, 2011**. To obtain a copy of the application, visit www.lambtonshores.ca or visit any Lambton Shores Municipal Office.

See page 5 for more information.



There are many great events taking place in Lambton Shores in the Winter. Check out the events calendar inside this issue!

Sign up for weekly email updates— email events@lambtonshores.ca

Download your FREE copy of *Living and Playing in Lambton Shores* online at www.lambtonshores.ca.

To submit events for the Spring edition, email events@lambtonshores.ca. The deadline for the Spring issue is **February 17, 2012**.

FOREST SKATING CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY



The Forest Skating Club, a community group within Lambton Shores, will be celebrating their golden anniversary in 2012.

The Forest Skating Club holds the distinction of being the oldest skating club in the Bluewater Region.

The group has enjoyed the support of many local businesses as well as the long time support of the Royal Canadian Legion. They have also benefited from a fundraising partnership through the

Nevada Program with Main Variety.

Background:

On February 10, 1952, the Forest Figure Skating Club was established with Joe Ezbeidy, as the skating instructor and Elsie MacLeod as president. Over the years, the club has worked 3 arenas in Forest, settling nicely in the Shores Recreation Centre in 2007

The club's name was changed to the Forest Skating Club (FSC) to better reflect the programs it has to offer - specifically teaching people of all ages

to skate for any ice sport.

The Forest Skating Club (FSC) has been blessed with many long standing volunteers over the years. To mention a few Joanne Murray, Joanne Silverman, Christine Palmer and Patti Doolittle. Patti has been a volunteer for us over 18 years and is still contributing greatly. We have also enjoyed the dedication of a number of long time coaches: Marnie Smith, Marcy Walker and Karen Collins.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS... Upcoming Events in Lambton Shores

The **Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre** offers many programs and classes throughout the year which are FREE and are open to anyone in the community. Listed below are some of these great programs. For more information or to register, please call the GBACHC at 519-238-1556 ext. 231 or visit www.gbachc.ca.

- **Savannah Strollers Pinery Park Walking Program** every Wednesday we meet at the Lambton Heritage Museum **9:30 a.m.** Contact Cindy Maxfield at 519-238-1556 ext 231 for more information or check out the Pinery Park website www.pinerypark.on.ca. Indoor walking program starts in the Museum on January 7.
- **Partners In Learning Winter Courses** “Native Peoples of Canada”; “Kings and Queens”; “My Music”. Courses start January 16 at Pine Dale Motor Inn, Grand Bend. Everyone welcome! Registration starts December 1. For info call 519-238-5419 or 519-238-2847, email lwilbur@hay.net or visit www.partnersinlearning.ca.
- **Healthy Lifestyle Exercise in Port Franks at the Community Centre** every Tuesday and Thursday. Line dancing at 8:30 exercise 9-10 a.m. Free Program! Instructors Cathy and Faye. Contact Cindy Maxfield Health Promoter at the Grand Bend Area CHC for details 519-238-1556 ext 231
- **Gentle Exercise Program at PFCC** - Physiotherapist Nicole Pasut from GBACHC is offering this class every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30-11:30am. Everyone welcome. Call Shelley at 519-296-0117 for details.
- **Gentle Exercise Classes at GBACHC** - 10:30am in the Community Room. Please bring clean running shoes and wear comfy clothes. Contact Cindy Maxfield 519-238-1556 ext. 223 for details.
- **Coping with Grief through the Holidays** - 2-4:00pm at the GBACHC. Holidays can be a very difficult time for people who have suffered a loss. Please contact Social Work Mickey Gurbin at 519-238-1556 ext 233 to register for this workshop that is offered December 7 and January 4.
- **Alzheimer Caregiver Support**—December 5 at 7:00pm at the GBACHC. Provides education and support to **caregivers**. Please contact 1-800-561-5012 for details.
- **Canadian National Institute for the Blind Low Vision Clinic** - December 8, 10:00am - 2:00pm in the Adult Wing of the GBACHC. Get advice and help with accessing services for people with vision problems. Contact Cindy Maxfield at 519-238-1556 ext 231.

The **North Lambton Community Health Centre** offers many programs and classes that are open to anyone in the community and are FREE! Listed below are some of the great

programs offered by the Centre. For more information or to register, call the NLCHC at 519-786-4545 ext. 235 or visit www.nlchc.com.

- Forest Winter Walking – Tuesday’s and Fridays (Forest Legion)
- Thedford Winter Walking- Mondays and Wednesdays (Legacy Centre)
- Arkona Winter Walking – Tuesdays and Thursdays (Senior’s Hall)
- Low Impact – Tuesdays and Thursdays (The Shores)
- Seniors Coffee—Every Friday in Arkona and Forest
- Seniors Dinner— Forest Legion, cost is \$7.00
- After school programs:
 - * iCAN Forest-Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2:30-5:30
 - * iCAN Thedford-Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3-6pm
 - * Jepzidaa Kettle Point-Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3-6pm

Ontario Early Years Centre offers many valuable programs and services to families of Lambton Shores. Some of the programs offered by the Centre are listed below. For more information on these programs or to register, call 519-786-6161 ext. 230 or visit www.nlchildcare.ca/oeyc. The OEYC Lambton—Kent—Middlesex is a family drop-in program operated by North Lambton Childcare Centre. It is part of the Ontario government’s commitment to families with children ages 0—6. Registration is required for most programs:

- Parenting Through Each Other
- Parent & Baby Drop In Program (no registration required)

Forest Drop In Hours

Mon. 8:30 - 11:30 am
 Tues. 8:30 - 11:30 am; 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Wed. 8:30 - 11:30 am; 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Thurs. 8:30 - 11:30 am; 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Fri.. 8:30 - 11:30 am
 Sat. 9:30 - 12:00 pm

Grand Bend Outreach Centre

Grand Bend Public School
 Gill Road, Grand Bend
 9:30 - 11:30 am

- Special Dad & Mom Infant Massage
- Terrific Toddlers (1-4 years)
- My Feelings, Your Feelings
- Infant Massage
- Best Start Hub Forest

Royal Canadian Legion, Forest Branch No. 176

For information on the events listed below, call the Legion, 519-786-5373. For meat bingos, call 519-786-5357.

- Legion Breakfast, first Sunday of each month from 9:30am—12:30pm. Cost is \$7.00 per person.
- Meat Raffles, Saturdays, 4:00pm—6:00pm
- Meat Bingos, third Wednesday of each month, doors open at 6:00pm, Bingo starts at 7:00pm

Royal Canadian Legion, Grand Bend Branch No. 498

A public facility for all to enjoy. "You're only a stranger here once". For more information on the events listed below, call 519-238-2120. For hall rentals call Sharon, 519-238-6865.

- Bingo, Tuesdays, 7:00pm.
- Meat Draws, Fridays, 5:00pm—7:00pm
- Fun Darts, Mondays, 7:30pm
- Entertainment, Saturdays 3:00pm—6:00pm
 - * December 3 - DJ Barry Sheppard
 - * December 10 - Karaoke/DJ with Gracie
 - * December 17 - DJ Barry Sheppard
 - * December 31 - New Year's Eve—The Persuaders, 9:00pm
 - * January 1 - New Year's Day - Levee, Open at Noon—The Persuaders
 - * January 14 - DJ Barry Sheppard
 - * January 21 - The Cheap Shirts
 - * January 28 - DJ Barry Sheppard
 - * February 11 - The Brett Baker Show - 3-7:00pm
 - * February 18 - DJ Barry Sheppard
 - * February 25 - DJ Sheppard

Friends of Pinery Park is a charitable organization dedicated to education, promotion, preservation and support of Pinery Provincial Park. To help support the Pinery's educational programs, become a member of the Friends of Pinery Park. For more information call 519-243-1521 or visit www.pinerypark.on.ca.

Port Franks Seniors Events—all events listed below take place at the Port Franks Community Centre

- Mondays: Darts at 1:00pm, Euchre at 7:30pm
- Tuesdays: Bridge at 1:00pm
- Thursdays: Shuffleboard at 1:00pm and Bid Euchre & Texas Hold'em every other week at 7:30pm
- Fridays: Badminton at 10:00am, Bridge at 1:00pm
- Karaoke - February 11, 2012 - watch for more details.

Arkona Seniors provide many activities at the Seniors Hall in Arkona including cards, shuffleboard, mat making and pot luck dinners. Euchre parties at 7:30pm on Wednesdays.

Thedford Senior Citizens Club—note that all activities take place at the Thedford Village Complex.

- Euchre Wednesdays, 1:30pm—4:00pm
- Every 3rd Wednesday, potluck at 12:30pm
- Bid Euchre every other Saturday

Dunes Duplicate Bridge, Port Franks Community Centre, Mondays at 7:00pm, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:00pm

Thedford Shuffleboard Club invites you to join them at the Legacy Recreation Centre. Shuffleboard is a game for all ages. If you have never played before and would like to experience a very enjoyable, relaxing game, join us on Mondays from 1:00pm—4:00pm. We can provide an introduction to the game for beginners in a non-competitive atmosphere. No

equipment needed. For information call Dan at 519-243-1934, or Tony at 519-296-4472.

Optimist Club of Ausable Port Franks have Nevada break-open tickets available at MacPherson's Restaurant

Optimist Club of Ausable Port Franks Youth Drop-In Centre at Port Franks Community Centre. For details call 519-243-3005.

Lambton Shores YMCA offers a variety of programs at the Shores Recreation Centre in Forest including Y-Stretch, Zumba®, Bootcamp and more. State of the art exercise equipment is great for all levels of training. Schedules are available online at www.ymcaswo.org. For details call 519-786-9622.

Victim Services of Sarnia—Lambton Inc. is seeking caring individuals interested in volunteering in Lambton County. Victim Services is a volunteer organization that works with police to provide immediate emotional and practical support to victims of crime and tragic circumstance. For details, call 1-888-281-3665 ext. 5238.

Thedford Garden Club is dedicated to keeping the flower gardens around our community attractive. Meetings are held at the Village Complex on the second Tuesday of the month from April to December. We organize work parties for other evenings and weekends to keep our gardens beautiful. If you want to help out but can't make the meetings email Jeannette at tidballs@execulink.com or call 519-296-5804.

Caring Quilters of Lambton Shores is a non-profit organization of volunteers who create comfort quilts for distribution by Victim Services volunteers. We have just celebrated our 10th anniversary, and in those 10 years our group has created close to 700 quilts. We meet every Wednesday at the Port Franks Community Centre. Anyone is welcome to join, no sewing or quilting experience necessary. For details contact Annette at GAHitchins@execulink.com or call 519-243-1318.

Grand Bend Women's Probus is an organization for retired business and professional women. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month from September to June at the Grand Bend Legion. For details call 519-238-1114 or 519-238-5419.

Men's Probus of Grand Bend and Area meet the third Tuesday of each month at the Grand Bend Legion at 10:00am. For details call 519-238-1114.

The Forest Probus Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9:45am in the Crozier Hall, North Lambton Community Health Centre. This is a social club open to retired singles or couples. Info about "Probus Club" is available at www.probus.org/canada. Local Club info through Jim Minielly, 519-786-3329 or minielly@xcelco.on.ca. Please note the December meeting is a members only meeting.

The Port Franks Garden Club is a group of friendly gardening enthusiasts who meet on the third Tuesday of most months at 7:30pm at the Port Franks Community Centre. Our activities include guest speakers, plant sales, workshops, garden tours and various outings. Upcoming speakers include: January 17 - John Russell, "From Robin Hood to Communities in Bloom—How We View and Use Our Outdoor Public Spaces" and on February 21 - Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, "Owls in Ontario". Everyone welcome. For further information call 519-243-1818.

Forest Garden Club is a friendly group who come together because of their love of gardening and nature. Meetings take place on the second Monday of the month at the Shores Recreation Centre at 7:00pm. For more information call 519-786-3329.

Grand Bend Area Horticultural Society is committed to the beautification of Grand Bend and the improvement of the environment in which we live. Regular meetings take place the last Monday of the month at the Grand Bend Legion at 7:00pm.

Forest BIA—various events take place throughout the year at local businesses.

- * December 2 - Stewart McLean Christmas Stories @ Christ Church Anglican, 7:00pm - Tickets \$10—all proceed to go to Contact House
- * December 4 - Stewart McLean Christmas Stories @ Christ Church Anglican, 2:00pm - Tickets \$10—all proceed to go to Contact House
- * December 6—Men's Night @ VanValkenburg Jewellers & NorLam Furniture and the Kinnwood Central School Grade 1 and 2 Choir will be performing in front of the post office at 6:30pm
- * December 13 - Customer Appreciation at Sears and NorLam Furniture
- * December 13-17—Williamson Farm Country Store Christmas Open House

For more events and details, visit www.shopforest.ca.

Sunset Cinema Social Film Group, October to June

A movie is shown on the first Thursday of each month, from October to May, at 7pm, in the Community Room of the Grand Bend and Area Health Centre. Titles are displayed at the post office. December 8: "The Gathering Storm". January and February shows will be announced thru the weekly email from Lambton Shores. Admission is free, donations welcome. For more information please call 519-238-1114.

Port Franks and Area Camera Club is dedicated to fostering the creativity of its members as they enhance their skills in the art of photography. Anyone is welcome to join, regardless of skill level. Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Port Franks Community Centre at 7:00pm. *December Programme* - to be announced. Watch the weekly email for updates

January Programme

- Monday, January 9 - 7:00 p.m. Special Trio - Our

very own Trish Anderson, Vreni Beeler & Dan Shaw on the subject of "Portraits"

- Saturday, January 14 10:00 a.m. - Walkabout: Country Manor in Thedford. Portraits of residents.
- Monday, January 23 7:00 p.m. - Comment and Critique. Mini-workshop on photographing snow.

February Programme

- Monday, February 13 7:00 p.m. - Presentation: Fun Effects with Piknik with Janette Baillie
- Saturday, February 18 10:00 a.m. Walkabout: Pinery/Erin's
- Monday, February 27 - 7:00 p.m. Comment & Critique. Mini-workshop with Erin Steer on creating slideshows.

Port Franks Community Police Committee is a group of Port Franks residents who meet once a month to maintain the close liaison between the Forest OPP and the Port Franks community. We identify community and individual concerns, and put in place solutions. We also work to encourage a sense of pride and a commitment to improve the "quality of life" in our community. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:30pm in the West End Room of the Port Franks Community Centre. All community residents are invited to attend. Items to be discussed can be found at pfcpc.lambtonshores.com. If you are interested in the Committee's "Keep-an Eye" Property Monitoring Service, please contact the group before **December 23, 2011**. The cost of this service is a donation of \$15.

The Forest Museum - Holiday Hours

The Forest Museum will be open the following days with a Christmas exhibit of dolls and toys: Tuesday, November 29 and Tuesday, December 6 & 13 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Saturday, November 26 and December 3, 10 & 17 from 11:00am-2:00pm. Take a break from shopping and enjoy some Christmas goodies and a visit to the museum.

Thedford Spirit Club's Light the Park - December 1

The Thedford Spirit Club has decorated the village park again and would like to invite the community to the official lighting of the park at the Thedford Village Green between 7:00 - 8:00pm. Free hot chocolate! We will be singing Christmas carols and getting into the holiday spirit.

Second Annual Last Stop Christmas Craft Sale - December 3

Pick up those last few gifts at the Grand Bend Legion between 10:00am and 4:00pm. Donations from this event will be going back to the Grand Bend Legion. FREE Admission. For more information, please contact Edward Atchison at 519-238-1271.

Bringing "Love" to Africa - December 28

Charlene Love will be returning to Africa in January, 2012, - this time for a 7-month volunteer stint! She will be back in Ghana for 4 months, then will continue to Ethiopia, Kenya and conclude in Tanzania. She is coming home to Grand Bend from Victoria for Christmas - and will be giving a presentation in Grand Bend on December 28, 2011 at St. John's Anglican

Church at 7:00pm about her past and future volunteer endeavours. For more information, contact Charlene ("Charlie") at charlene@uvic.ca or Joan Love at lovenest@hay.net. Everyone welcome!

Prenatal Classes - January 3 - February 7

Learn more about healthy living during pregnancy, labour and delivery, and postpartum care. Each series of six week classes are held weekly on Tuesday evenings at the North Lambton Community Health Centre in Forest. Free to everyone in the community. Another session will be held from April 10 - May 15, 2012. Call 519-786-4545 to register.

Good Tyme Country Jamboree - 2012 Dates

An afternoon of fun, friendship, music and dancing. Bring your instrument and voice for a Jam-a-long! Please bring cookies to share, coffee will be provided. Freewill donation at the door for School Snack Programs.

- January 12 & 26
- February 9 & 23
- March 8 & 22
- April 12

Jamboree's take place at the Thedford Legacy Recreation Centre between 1:00 and 3:30pm. Everyone welcome!

22nd International Silver Stick Tournament 2012

PeeWee/Midget - January 13-15

Atom/Bantam - January 27-29

Games take place at the Shores Recreation Centre in Forest and the Legacy Recreation Centre in Thedford. For game schedules and more information, visit <http://ss-forest.pointstreaksites.com/view/ss-forest/home-page>.

Opening ceremonies will take place at the Shores Recreation Centre January 13 and January 27.

26th Annual Grand Bend Winter Carnival - February 3-5 & February 10-12

The annual event takes place throughout the Grand Bend Community. Details to follow.

Lambton Shores Community Grant Program

The Municipality of Lambton Shores has adopted a "Community Grant Program" to provide limited financial assistance to community groups and organizations within the municipality to assist with activities or special events.

This support is in recognition of the value of these groups to the well being and growth of the community and in helping the municipality retain a strong community focus.

Each year, as part of the annual budget process, Council will determine the financial commitment to the "Community Grant Program".

In addition to direct financial grants, "In Kind" grants will also be considered.

"In Kind" grants may consist of the use of Municipal property at reduced or no cost, waiving of permit fees, municipal staff support, loan of equipment or material and insurance coverage.

There are five categories for funding through the Community Grant program:

1. Supporting Youth/Senior Events
2. Community Beautification
3. Community Heritage
4. Tourism Development
5. Community Special Events

Community Grant Applications for 2012 are due December 31 2011. To obtain a copy of the application form, visit www.lambtonshores.ca or copies are available from any Lambton Shores Municipal Office.

For further information, call the Community Services Department, 1-866-943-1400 or email sprout@lambtonshores.ca.

Lambton Shores Updates

The Community Services Department is committed to keeping you informed of upcoming events and announcements. Join our email list to receive weekly email updates. Send an email to events@lambtonshores.ca to be added to the list.

Become Lambton Shores friend on Facebook or follow us on Twitter. A great way to keep informed with what's happening in your community!

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From

*Lambton Shores
Council and Staff*

Forest Skating Club - continued from page 1

The club has produced triple gold recipients, two quadruple recipients - Candace Flater and Bev Watson, and one quintuple gold recipient - Doreen Watson. Our skaters have represented Forest on a Regional, Sectional, Provincial, and National level by Chrystal Jones who won gold medals under the Forest banner. She is also looking at competing in the upcoming World Championships in Germany in 2012. We have also had some members compete on a university synchro team Thanks to the efforts of Robyn Doolittle. FSC has produced winning Sychro skating teams and accomplished solo skaters along with two Skate Canada Officials - Christine Palmer and Mary Watson.

Annual Carnival

The club holds an annual carnival and at times proceeds have been donated to causes within the community. The group has also brought in top level Skate Canada competitors to perform for the community such as Olympian Jose Chouinard and Steven Cousins.

FSC wishes to invite everyone to our 60th Anniversary Carnival "Through the Looking Glass" being held on **Saturday, March 24th at 2:00pm**. They invite all alumni to come skate and join the group for dinner and socializing afterwards. Please contact the club by email: mwatson@xcelco.on.ca for more information or visit our website: www.forestingskating.com.

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

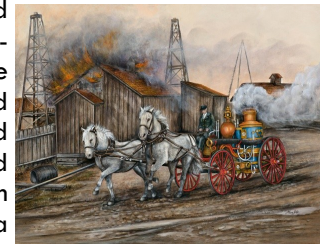
Looking for something special to give for Christmas this year? Consider one of two unique prints currently available at the Lambton Heritage Museum: "Only the beginning...." depicting Ontario's oldest horse-drawn ambulance or "Reliable to the Rescue" showing the Amoskeg Steamer racing to a fire on Tank St. in Petrolia.

In 2010 the Lambton Heritage Museum produced a fine art image depicting the historical Petrolia Ambulance making an early morning run. This was the final phase of the fundraising project which made possible the restoration of Ontario's oldest ambulance. The ambulance is now on permanent display at the Lambton Heritage Museum, resided, refurbished and made suitable for public display and events.



The horse-drawn ambulance has a remarkable history associated with Petrolia in Lambton's Oil Heritage District. The emergency vehicle was carefully crafted at the Petrolia Wagon Works in 1908 and served as first ambulance to the Lambton County oil town. It was stationed at Victoria Hall, the town's showpiece theatre venue, council chambers, fire station and ambulance depot.

In addition to serving the general populace of Petrolia, the vehicle administered to oil field workers who suffered drilling injuries and refinery burns. This scene depicts some of the two thousand three-pole derricks that studded the oil fields of Oil Springs and Petrolia in the early 1900s, each derrick marking the location of a producing well.



The commemorative image of the ambulance was painted by artist Maria Gotz. Gotz lives in Huron County and has been painting images from natural surroundings for over 35 years. She has developed a unique style that combines fine detail with realism. The print title "Only the beginning..." was chosen by Tom Moore, Lambton EMS employee who was closely involved with the restoration work.

Prints of "Only the beginning...." And "Reliable to the Rescue" are available for purchase at Lambton Heritage Museum with proceeds from the sale going towards the ongoing exhibition and display of the historic 1908 Petrolia Ambulance.

To order or for more information contact:
Lambton Heritage Museum
10035 Museum Rd. RR 2
Grand Bend, ON N0M 1T0
519-243-2600
heritage.museum@county-lambton.on.ca

**Do you have a
Special Occasion
to Celebrate?**

**Birthday?
Wedding?
Anniversary?**

Contact the Lambton Shores
Community Services Department to find the
perfect location to host your event!
519-243-1400 or 1-866-943-1400
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