LIVE LOVE LOCAL
YOUR GUIDE TO VISITING & LIVING IN LAMBTON SHORES
WELCOME TO LAMBTON SHORES

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of Council, and everyone that contributes to our community, I hope you find this Community Guide both interesting and helpful.

This guide will highlight the broad range of activities and facilities available within Lambton Shores, as well as a cross section of our vital community groups and organizations.

If you are looking to become more involved in your community, this guide should give you a great place to start...If you are just visiting or passing through, this guide should help make your Lambton Shores experience as fulfilling as you could wish!

I invite you to **live, love and be local**. Discover exactly why Lambton Shores is the place to be!

Sincerely,

Bill Weber, Mayor
Municipality of Lambton Shores
Lambton Shores... *Live, love, local!*

Lambton Shores is comprised of expansive beaches, popular campgrounds, parks, cycling, hiking and cross-country ski trails, indoor and outdoor theatres, rural farms, and marketplaces. Historic towns and villages are a shopper’s delight, while naturalists enjoy the area for the abundance of wildlife, birds, and butterflies found in the Pinery Provincial Park, Port Franks Wetlands and Forested Dunes, and along the many nature trails. The Lambton Heritage, Arkona Lions, and Forest Lambton Museums tell the stories of our past.

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*Distances based on a central location within Lambton Shores*
LAMBTON SHORES
COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO BACK INTO YOUR COMMUNITY
2017 Tax Year

- Transportation Services - 42.8%
- Policing - 20.75%
- Recreation & Leisure Services - 10.01%
- Fire Services - 8.08%
- Arenas - 7.4%
- Protection to Person & Property - 3.94%
- Solid Waste Management - 3.44%
- Community Centres & Libraries - 1.26%
- Economic Development - 1.23%
- Harbours - 0.66%
- Drainage - 0.25%
- Cemeteries - 0.18%

Economic Development

Tourism, agriculture, and manufacturing are the leading drivers of our economy. With the sandy beaches of Lake Huron, the Oak Savanna Forest of the Pinery Provincial Park, and scenic Rock Glen waterfall, Lambton Shores is a picturesque community that draws many tourists. The Village of Grand Bend, famous for its sunsets, hosts a large variety of visitor accommodations and is an area of active growth. The community of Forest is a major service centre for the surrounding community, as well as a central commercial area and home to a cluster of industrial manufacturing companies. In the north, agriculture and tourism are the focus of economic activity. The bog areas near Grand Bend, Bosanquet, and Thedford grow specialty crops such as potatoes, celery, and cooking onions as well as traditional field crops such as corn, soybeans and winter wheat.

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lambtonshores.ca
Our History

Lambton Shores was incorporated in 2001 by the amalgamation of Arkona, Bosanquet, Forest, Grand Bend, and Thedford, and occupies approximately 331 square-kilometres in northeast Lambton County along the shores of Lake Huron. We are home to approximately 10,600 full-time residents and have an influx of campers and cottagers who call Lambton Shores their home away from home in the summer months.

DID YOU KNOW?

INTERESTING FACTS

During the 1950s huge changes were underway in Bosanquet Township that continue to affect the local land and people. In 1937 Dr. Gordon Hagmeier bought the land containing Lake Smith, a shallow lake located behind what is now Pinery Provincial Park. With an abundance of ducks and migrating birds, Hagmeier soon began inviting his friends to go hunting on Lake Smith. One version of the story goes that, after the Department of Lands and Forests charged him with violating seasonal hunting regulations, a frustrated Hagmeier decided to drain the lake. Canals, ditches, and pumps were built in the 1950s and to this day keep water levels low and rich farmland exposed. The black bog soil that Hagmeier cultivated soon attracted a host of market gardeners planting and harvesting crops like celery, potatoes, onions, and peppermint.

Historical stories and photos shared by the Lambton Heritage Museum.
Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation

One of Lambton Shores neighbours are the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. The community has 2,500 members with 1,000 members living on the First Nation and 1,500 residing in urban regions. Both Lambton Shores and the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point have been working together to strengthen the region and build a network of residents and visitors committed to inclusion and innovation.

Kettle Point is named for its unusual spherical rock concretions that protrude from the underlying shale beds along the shore of Lake Huron. These rock formations known as “kettles” are unique to only three locations in the world.

Kettle Point has many local attractions including the “kettles”, beach, golf course, shopping plaza, veteran’s memorial & annual Powwow.
GO ON, GET OUT THERE.

THINGS TO DO

IN LAMBTON SHORES
With a wide array of activities and natural attractions, Lambton Shores offers so much to do for day-trips, vacations or even a quick jaunt into your own community!

**NO. 1**
Grand Bend Beach

**NO. 2**
Pinery Provincial Park

**NO. 3**
Conservation Areas

**NO. 4**
Sunset Concerts

**NO. 5**
Shopping

**NO. 6**
Lambton Heritage Museum

**NO. 7**
Golf

**NO. 8**
Trails

**NO. 9**
Kineto Theatre

**NO. 10**
Farmers Markets
LIFESTYLE ACTIVITIES

THINGS TO DO IN LAMBTON SHORES

GOLFING
Lambton Shores has various courses to suit different skill levels. Because of the unique terrain of the region, you will find the landscape challenging at times, but always easy on the eyes. Reserved tee-off times are recommended for courses. See page 46 for more information.

TRAILS
We invite you to explore the nature trails of Lambton Shores. Enjoy the vistas, the sounds, the smells, and the feeling of our community. Come see what nature has to offer - sand dunes, Carolinian Forest, waterfalls, flowers, plants, wildlife, and so much more. There is something new waiting to be discovered! See page 22 for more details.

HORSEBACK RIDING
With several farms throughout the area, horseback riding is an ideal activity for the whole family.

DINING
Explore the culinary gems throughout Lambton Shores and you might just find a new go-to spot!

PARASAILING & WATERSPORTS
Beaches offer ample opportunity to take advantage of the waves! There are local businesses available to help you prepare for your adventure.

BIRDING
The tundra swans make their way through Lambton Shores each season, and songbirds thrive in the forest and field areas. In addition, some predatory birds, like Bald Eagles, have been spotted throughout the area year-round.

FISHING
Lambton Shores has many great places for fishing. Lake Huron and its rivers satisfy the serious angler. Smaller ponds, rivers and the Provincial Park are the perfect location for a relaxed family fishing outing.
The year-round and seasonal businesses within Lambton Shores will cater to your every need. Local businesses supply everything from groceries to gifts, as well as many services! Take the time to get to know the shops in your community.

10 REASONS TO SHOP LOCAL

1 More money stays in the community. Local businesses often purchase from other local businesses, which helps strengthen the local economy.

2 Supporting local, one-of-a-kind businesses helps maintain the distinctive character of the community, making it a great place to live, and to visit!

3 Local ownership ensures that important decisions are made by people who live in the community and will feel the impact of those decisions.

4 You can develop a relationship with your local merchants. They will get to know you, make personalized recommendations, and better respond to your needs.

5 Local merchants care about and invest in the community. Many local business owners live in the community and want to contribute to its future.

6 Local community groups often receive greater support from local businesses compared to non-locally-owned companies.

7 Buying local supports local jobs, and the success of local businesses attracts new entrepreneurs and skilled workers to the community.

8 Local shops are more accessible for everyone. This is especially important for elderly, vulnerable, and young people, and those without transportation.

9 You save money and time by shopping closer to home. You spend less on gas and save time by travelling a shorter distance to shop.

10 You reduce your environmental impact by making shorter trips to local stores, compared to driving to the big-box stores in the city.

THE 3/50 PROJECT

3 What are 3 local businesses you would miss if they disappeared? Stop in, say hello. Pick up something that makes you smile. Your purchases will keep those businesses around.

50 If half of the employed population spent $50 each month in locally owned indpendant businesses, it would generate substantial revenue for the community and keep jobs alive.
Lambton Shores plays host to many community events, festivals and activities throughout the year. Keep an eye on our website, lambtonshores.ca, for up-to-date listings of what is happening in the region. Below are just a handful of annual events within Lambton Shores.

**JANUARY**

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING & OTHER WINTER ACTIVITIES**
Pinery Provincial Park (Grand Bend)

**INTERNATIONAL SILVER STICK**
Shores, Legacy, Watford arenas

**FEBRUARY**

**PINERY FAMILY DAY WEEKEND**
Pinery Provincial Park (Grand Bend)

**MARCH**

**RETURN OF THE TUNDRA SWANS**
Thedford Bog (Grand Bend)

**PAINT ONTARIO**
Lambton Heritage Museum (Grand Bend)

**IPPERWASH MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL**
Ipperwash: Williamson Farms (7739 Lakeshore Rd.) / Silver Birches Campground (9537 Army Camp Rd.), Thedford: Legacy Centre

**APRIL**

**EASTER IN THE PARK**
Thedford, Port Franks Community Centre, Rotary Civic Park (Forest)

**MAY**

**PINERY ANTIQUE FLEA MARKET**
Sundays, May to October (Grand Bend)

**MIGRATION WEEKEND**
Pinery Provincial Park (Grand Bend)

**GRAND BEND FARMERS’ MARKET**
Wednesdays, May to October, The Colonial parking lot (Grand Bend)

**FOREST FARMERS’ & ARTISANS’ MARKET**
Fridays, May to October, King St. (Forest)

**THE BACK DOOR SALES EVENT**
King St. (Forest)

**LAMBTON FILM & FOOD FESTIVAL**
King St. (Forest)

**SPRING FLING DAY**
King St. (Forest)

**ARTS, EATS & BEATS**
Grand Bend & Port Franks

**JUNE**

**SUMMER THEATRE PRODUCTIONS**
Huron Country Playhouse (Grand Bend)

**FOREST KIWANIS BIKE RODEO**
The Shores Recreation Centre (Forest)

**BEACHFEST**
Grand Bend Main Beach

**ARKONA FUNTASTIC DAY**
Utter Ball Park (Arkona)
JULY
CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS & FIREWORKS
Grand Bend Beach and Esli Dodge Conservation Area (Forest)

FAMILY FISHING WEEK
Pinery Provincial Park (Grand Bend)

SUMMER SUNSET SOUNDS CONCERTS
Sundays, Rotary Community Stage (Grand Bend Beach)

FAMILIAR FAVOURITES SUNSET CONCERT SERIES
Wednesdays, Rotary Community Stage (Grand Bend Beach)

AUGUST
ANNUAL WESTERN ONTARIO STEAM THRESHERS FESTIVAL
Forest Fairgrounds (Forest)

THEDFORD FUNDION DAYS
Thedford

KIDS DAY & MARKET EVENT
King St. (Forest)

DISCOVERIES THAT MATTER TOUR
Throughout Lambton Shores

SEPTEMBER
AUTUMN INDULGENCE
Huron Country Playhouse (Grand Bend)

FOREST FALL FAIR
Forest Fairgrounds (Forest)

OCTOBER
THANKSGIVING MARKET & SIDEWALK SALE
Grand Bend

LAMBERTON FALL COLOUR & CRAFT FESTIVAL
Lambton Heritage Museum (Grand Bend) & Legacy Recreation Centre (Thedford)

PINERY FALL CLASSIC RUN/WALK
Pinery Provincial Park (Grand Bend)

HALLOWEEN WEEKEND AT THE PINERY
Pinery Provincial Park (Grand Bend)

NOVEMBER
LIGHT UP GRAND BEND
Optimist Park (Grand Bend)

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS WEEKEND
King St. (Forest)

KIWANIS SANTA CLAUS PARADE
King St. (Forest)

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY
Grand Bend, Forest

GRAND BEND HOLIDAY HOME TOUR
Grand Bend

DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Pinery Provincial Park (Grand Bend)

THEDFORD SANTA CLAUS PARADE
Thedford

For a complete listing of all community events, please visit lambtonshores.ca to see the Community Events Calendar.
IT’S ADVENTURE TIME.

THINGS TO SEE
IN LAMBTON SHORES
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ARTS AND CULTURE

MUSEUMS

ARKONA LIONS MUSEUM
8680 Rock Glen Road, Arkona
519-828-3071 or 519-235-2610
lambtononline.ca
The Arkona Lions Museum and Information Centre houses an impressive collection of Devonian Era fossils and First Nations artifacts found in the local area.

FOREST LAMBTON MUSEUM
8 Main Street North, Forest
519-786-3239
lambtononline.ca
The collection at the Forest Lambton Museum includes local artifacts, pictures and documents, an extensive doll collection, flax production display, early local telephone, electrical and railway exhibits, Excelsior Band memorabilia and more.

LAMBTON HERITAGE MUSEUM
10035 Museum Road, Grand Bend
519-243-2600
lambtonmuseums.ca
The Lambton Heritage Museum is home to more than 25,000 artifacts and 10,000 photographs depicting the history of Lambton County.

BY-A-RIGHT THEATRE
Esli Dodge Conversation Area
88 Main Street South, Forest
519-243-1400
Hillside seating capacity is over 6,000 people. Featuring a man-made lake, picnic shelter and tables, and walking trails.

THEATRES

HURON COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE I & II
RR1, 70689 B Line, Grand Bend
519-238-8387 or 1-855-372-9866
huroncountryplayhouse.com
The spacious 650-seat main auditorium and the 160-seat Playhouse II are both air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible.

KIWANIS KINETO THEATRE
24 King Street West, Forest
519-786-2303
kineto.ca
The Kineto offers the finest in movie entertainment with a small town appeal. The theatre is operated by the Kiwanis Club of Forest, as a non-profit venture.

THE FOREST AMPITHEATRE
Esli Dodge Conversation Area
88 Main Street South, Forest
519-243-1400
Hillside seating capacity is over 6,000 people. Featuring a man-made lake, picnic shelter and tables, and walking trails.

STARLITE DRIVE-IN
36752 Credston Road, Grand Bend
519-238-8344
starlitedriveintheatre.com
Concession stand and washroom facilities. Free overnight parking and camping on request. Open seasonally.
Lambton Shores is home to many talented artists and artisans. Their work is displayed in a variety of settings, including home studios. Visit grandbendtourism.com or ontbluecoast.com for an up-to-date listing of local artists.

**STUDIOS & GALLERIES**

**ART BY 3 STUDIO**
7710 Clayton Street, Port Franks  
artby3.com  
519-243-3321

**BAILLIE’S PICTURE FRAMING**
22 - 81 Crescent, Grand Bend  
bailliespictureframing.wordpress.com  
519-238-1472

**BLISS STUDIO**
7617 Riverside Drive, Port Franks  
519-243-3598

**GLASS IN MOTION**
17 Main Street West, Grand Bend  
glassinmotion.ca  
226-271-5134

**GRAND BEND ART CENTRE**
16 Municipal Drive, Grand Bend  
gbartcentre.com  
519-872-7824

**JOSY HILKES BRITTON**
9922 Pinetree Court, Huron Woods, Grand Bend  
josybritton.com  
519-238-6036

**PUCK MERKIES FINE ART STUDIO**
10350 Lakeview Avenue, Grand Bend  
519-238-8759

**RICHMAN GALLERY**
30 Alberta Street, Grand Bend  
huronart.com

**SUNSET ARTS GALLERY**
63 River Road, Grand Bend  
sunsetarts.info  
519-238-6914

**TREEHAUS CANADA STUDIO**
Grand Bend  
treehauscanada.ca  
226-678-5118

**VICTOR ALDERSON GALLERY**
14 Main Street West, Grand Bend  
victoralderson.com  
226-927-7508
Beautiful sandy beaches along the fresh, clear water of Lake Huron and breathtaking sunsets make for special summers in and around Lambton Shores. Whatever your idea of summer fun is, you’ll find it here.

GRAND BEND BEACH
90 Main Street West, Grand Bend
- Owned and operated by the Municipality of Lambton Shores
- Blue Flag designated beach
- Lifeguards
- Beach house features an upper observation deck, washroom and concession, elevator access to the observation deck
- Paid parking
- Shopping and restaurants nearby
- Accessible splash pad
- Accessible playground equipment
- Shade areas
- Boardwalk
- Gazebo
- Beach volleyball courts

IPPERWASH BEACH
- Unsupervised
- Parking, public washrooms and picnic areas off of East Parkway and West Parkway
Sailing and boating enthusiasts can find everything they need at Port Franks Marina and Grand Bend Marina, which are open from the Victoria Day weekend to Thanksgiving weekend. Both the Grand Bend Marina and Port Franks Marina have been awarded Blue Flag status every year since 2009.

**MUNICIPAL MARINAS**

**GRAND BEND MARINA**
91 River Road, Grand Bend
lambtonshores.ca
519-238-2000

**PORT FRANKS MARINA**
7574 Biddulph Street, Port Franks
lambtonshores.ca
519-243-2354

**PRIVATE MARINAS**

**CEDAR COVE MARINA**
5165 Cedar Point Line, Forest
519-786-6841

**LIGHT HOUSE MARINE**
7604 Biddulph Street, Port Franks
519-243-2701

**PUT IN COVE**
7625 Biddulph Street, Port Franks
519-243-0700

**R&R MARINA**
9340 Lakeshore Road, Forest
519-786-5604

**SEVEN WINDS MARINA**
7572 Biddulph Street, Port Franks
519-243-3433
THINGS TO SEE IN LAMBTON SHORES

BEACHES & MARINAS

BLUE FLAG

Blue Flag is a highly respected and internationally recognized eco-certification. Blue Flags are awarded to beaches and marinas that meet strict criteria for water quality, environmental education, environmental management, safety, and services. Out of the 27 beaches and 8 marinas in Canada with Blue Flag status, 3 are located in Lambton Shores – the Grand Bend Beach, Grand Bend Marina, and Port Franks Marina.

The Blue Flag means the beach or marina is clean and accessible, has great water quality, meets high safety standards, and is working to protect local shorelines and ecosystems.

blueflag.global

WATER QUALITY. The Blue Flag program requires that beaches achieve excellent bathing water quality. The beaches undergo regular water testing measured against national standards and legislation. For marinas, the water must be clean without any evidence of pollution.

SAFETY AND SERVICES. Blue Flag sites are required to be safe and accessible for all ages and for people with disabilities. Lifeguards or lifesaving and first aid equipment must also be available at the beach. Emergency and safety measures must be in place to protect the users of the Blue Flag site.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT. Dedicated beach management committees are set up at Blue Flag sites to conduct environmental audits of the site and its facilities. The committee is also responsible for ensuring that beach habitat is protected and managed sustainably. Marinas must have an environmental policy and plan in place.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. Educational activities that promote sustainability are organized at Blue Flag sites. The activities can range from educational signage to training workshops for municipal staff.
ONTARIO PARKS

Ontario Parks is committed to providing world-class recreational opportunities to visitors at reasonable and competitive prices. Visit the Ontario Parks website for a comprehensive listing of the provincial parks in Ontario.

1-800-ONTARIO
ontarioparks.com

PINERY PROVINCIAL PARK
9526 Lakeshore Road RR2, Grand Bend
519-243-2220 (General Inquiries);
519-243-8574 (Visitor Centre);
519-243-1521 (Friends of the Pinery)
pinerypark.on.ca

Pinery Provincial Park is one of the largest and most unique natural areas in South Western Ontario. The Park welcomes thousands of visitors each year and is open year-round so that all may enjoy the beauty each season has to offer. Features of Pinery Park include:

- 6,330 acre park which is the largest protected forest in Southwestern Ontario
- 757 plant, 319 bird and 60 butterfly species
- Globally rare Oak Savanna ecosystem
- Freshwater coastal dunes
- Habitat for endangered species
- 10 km of beach, 10 nature trails and 38 km of ski trails
- Hiking, bicycling, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, hydrobiking (rentals available), cross country skiing, snowshoeing and tobogganing
- Birding
- National Geographic has described this area as having one of the “Top Ten Best Sunsets” in the world
- Natural Heritage Education—The best way to discover Pinery is through the park’s extensive interpretive programs for visitors—bike hikes, evening programs, and conducted walks
- One of the largest year-round interpretive programs in Ontario
- Wheelchair accessible general store and restaurant
- Year-round Visitor Centre and Friends of Pinery Park Nature Gift Store
- 1,000 campsites and 12 yurts available for rental
- Accessible ramps to the beach
THINGS TO SEE
CONSERVATION AREAS

CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES

Lambton Shores falls within two conservation area zones: north of Port Franks under the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and south of Port Franks under the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority. The Conservation Authorities implement programs to reduce the risk to life and property from flooding and erosion; water and land stewardship; forestry; wildlife habitat creation and outdoor recreation.

CONSERVATION AREAS

AUSABLE RIVER CUT CONSERVATION AREA
9984 Northville Crescent, Lambton Shores
1-888-286-2610 (Administrative Centre)
abca.on.ca
One of the last remaining public rest stops for travellers on the Bluewater Highway. Walkers can enjoy a stroll on the nature trail through this forested area within the Carolinian Zone.

ESLI DODGE CONSERVATION AREA
88 Main Street South, Forest
519-243-1400 (Rentals)
The scenic area is ideal for family picnics and weddings. Theatre and concert events have utilized the area’s outdoor amphitheatre design. Newly constructed tennis courts available for public use.

ROCK GLEN CONSERVATION AREA
8680 Rock Glen Road, Arkona
519-828-3071 (Gatehouse);
1-888-286-2610 (Administrative Centre)
abca.on.ca
Rock Glen Conservation Area is a unique park owned and maintained by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. There are many beautiful sights to take in, whether you are hiking along the Ausable Gorge or through the Carolinian Forest, there is something for the entire family to enjoy at the Rock Glen Conservation Area.

- Arkona Lions Museum and Information Centre, which houses an impressive collection of Devonian Era fossils and First Nations artifacts found in the local area
- The breathtaking 10.7 meter-high waterfall is the park’s most popular feature
- Trails, boardwalks and a scenic lookout
- Visitors can explore for fossils in the exposed beds at the bottom of Rock Glen Falls
- Public washrooms
- Two picnic pavilions available for reservation
- The lookout, washrooms, museum, and some trails are wheelchair accessible
- Guided and educational hikes are available
NATURE TRAILS

LAMBTON SHORES NATURE TRAILS (LSNT)
lsntblazers.com
LSNT maintains 30 kilometers of nature trails on approximately 1,200 acres of environmentally significant land in Lambton Shores and vicinity, beyond the boundaries of the treasured Pinery Provincial Park and Rock Glen Conservation Area.

- Trail routes have been established, cleared and blazed
- Roadside signs, trailhead signs and on-trail signs have been installed
- ATV trails have been closed to prevent further destruction of fragile natural areas
- Benches have been placed along some of the trails
- A wheelchair accessible lookout platform has been constructed in the Ausable River Cut Conservation Area

LAMBTON COUNTY TRAILS
lambtoncountytrails.com
The County of Lambton has developed a trails GIS mapping system which allows the public to access information on local trails through the internet. Available information includes trailheads, lookout points, trail distances, nearby amenities, etc.

FOREST WALKWAY TRAIL
lambtonshores.ca/parks-trails
A 2.8 km asphalt walking and cycling trail linking Rotary Civic Square with Esli Dodge Conservation Area.

GRAND BEND ROTARY TRAIL
lambtonshores.ca/parks-trails
A 9 km trail extending from Pinery Park to Grand Bend along the Highway 21 corridor.

WATERFRONT TRAIL
waterfronttrail.org/Lambton-Shores
Stretching over 1,400 km along the Canadian shores of Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair, Lake Huron, and the Niagara, Detroit and St. Lawrence Rivers, the Waterfront Trail connects 68 communities and over 405 parks and natural areas including wetlands, forests and beaches. The trail is comprised of country roads with shoulders in place in most cases (8 km), Neighbourhood roads (16 km), and the Rotary Trail from Pinery to Grand Bend Beach (9 km).

Visit lambtongis.ca for a interactive map to plan your trail route.
Species at Risk

While out on the trails, stay on the designated paths to ensure you don’t enter protected areas or disturb species of concern.

Lambton Shores is home to unique habitats including bare and forested dunes, freshwater coastal wetlands, rare Oak Savanna, and Carolinian forests. Along with these unique habitats are an abundance of flora and fauna that call the area home.

There are many plant and animal species that are at risk throughout Lambton Shores. In the coastal areas, dune grass is threatened by erosion. Informational signage is posted in these areas, and re-introduction efforts are being made.

Lambton Shores is also home to many endangered and threatened species including the five-lined skink, rusty patched bumble bee, several species of bats, and several species of fish including the pugnose shiner and lake chubsucker.

What can you do to help when you are out on the trails?

- Stay on marked paths
- Be respectful and leave the trail as you found it
- Never feed, chase, or harass wildlife
- Adhere to permitted trail uses and activities.

Five-Lined Skink
Once you get here in Lambton Shores you’re always welcome.
DID YOU KNOW?

In the summer of 1910 the Arkona Women’s Institute held their first picnic. The picnic grew out of a movement that started when Adelaide Hunter Hoodless spoke to a meeting of farmers’ wives in Stoney Creek, Ontario. Out of that meeting came the first Women’s Institute, and within ten years, more than 500 Women’s Institutes had been organized across Canada. The Women’s Institute, an organization for personal growth and community involvement, is still active in Lambton County today!
FACT
DID YOU KNOW?

Entertainment in Forest is synonymous with the name Rumford, a local family who originally owned a bakeshop in the town around the turn of the century. In 1917 Marty and Tom Rumford purchased the present theatre at 24 King St. and called it the Kineto, a name taken from the brass equipment used to pull film up on projectors. In 1977, the Kiwanis Club of Forest purchased the theatre and completed major renovations in 1981 and 2012.
DID YOU KNOW?

When the Lakeview Casino opened its doors for the first time in the summer of 1919, a tradition of live musical entertainment began that would endure for the next five decades. Dancing and live music were staples of the Casino and the likes of Louis Armstrong, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Rudy Vallee, the Lombardos, Gordie Tapp, Stan Patton, Juliet Lionel Thornton and Tommy Dorsey all played at Grand Bend.
FACT

DID YOU KNOW?

In the spring of 1929 a dance hall was erected on the beach in Ipperwash to compete with the neighbouring holiday town of Grand Bend. Col. Duncan Ross and the Ovens brothers of Ailsa Craig ran the exclusive night spot that featured a spacious dining room and regular performances by big bands. The casino was a popular place for live music, dancing, or to stroll around the open air deck and listen to the waves rolling in off Lake Huron.

In August 1968, just at the close of the evening, Ipperwash Casino burned to the ground. Bert Sims, the owner of the property since 1959, chose not to rebuild.
The Great Storm of 1913 was the deadliest and most destructive storm to ever hit the Great Lakes. The storm raged between November 7th and November 10th. Dozens of cargo ships eager to deliver their goods before winter arrived were either destroyed or grounded by the force of the storm. One of the ships caught in the storm was the Northern Queen. Although the ship was close to land, massive waves prevented the crew from escaping for two days.
DID YOU KNOW?

The community began in the 1860s when farmer Nelson Southworth, a native of Vermont, agreed to donate land for the construction of a Grand Trunk Railway station, with the condition that he would be able to name it. Southworth chose the name “Thetford”, as a way of honouring Thetford, Vermont. A local clerk’s poor handwriting was mistaken for the current spelling, which is how it first appeared on official records.

LEGEND

1) Legacy Recreation Centre and Park
2) Widder Station Golf & Country Club
3) Thedford Village Complex
4) Thedford Village Green
5) Thedford Library
6) Royal Canadian Legion Br. 278
GROCERY STORES
In addition to the abundance of seasonal farm stores and roadside stands throughout Lambton Shores, there are also several large grocery suppliers in the area:

- Arkona Food Market
- Forest Foodland
- Mike & Terri’s No Frills Grand Bend
- Points Preference Supermarket
- Sobey’s Grand Bend

Visit ontbluecoast.com for more listings.

LODGING
Lambton Shores plays host to a wide variety of lodging options.

- Campgrounds
- Hotels & Motels
- Cottage/Apartment Rentals
- Bed & Breakfasts
- Trailer Parks

Visit ontbluecoast.com to discover where you’ll be resting your head!

RESTAURANTS & BARS
The restaurants of Lambton Shores serve all kinds of cuisine including sushi, pizza, Chinese, and good ole’ Canadian fare.

Check out the area online at ontbluecoast.com to discover where your next delicious meal will be!

NEWS & RADIO
Tune into the local stations and stay informed of what’s going on!

- 99.9 The Fox
- 103.9 CHOK FM
- 104.9 The Beach
- 106.3 Sarnia’s Best Rock
- 107.7 The Eagle

Looking for something to read at the beach? Local papers offer a glimpse into life in Lambton Shores.

- Lakeshore Advance
- The Standard Guide Advocate
LIVING HERE
IN LAMBTON SHORES

THE FOUNDING OF THEFORD
In 1855, during the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway through this region, Nelson Smithworth purchased land here on the line and donated a site for a station and laid out a village which he named Thedford. The hamlet which developed, however, took the name of the depot, Welder Station, which opened to serve the nearby village of Wilder. During the 1860s, a sawmill, flour mill, grist-mill and a planing mill, fostered the village’s growth and it was incorporated as the Village of Thedford by a County by-law of 1877.
LIVING HERE
PLACES OF WORSHIP

ANGLICAN

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN
20 Main Street South, Forest
519-786-2634

ST. ANNE’S ANGLICAN CHURCH
10027 Port Franks Road, Port Franks
519-243-1418

ST JOHN’S BY-THE-LAKE ANGLICAN CHURCH
70642 Ontario Street North, Grand Bend
519-238-2489

BAPTIST

ARKONA BAPTIST CHURCH
13 Church Street, Arkona
519-828-3062

FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH
19 Prince Street, Forest
519-786-3480

PINEY BAPTIST CHURCH
8751 Lakeshore Road (Hwy 21), Port Franks
519-243-2144

BIBLE CHAPELS

ELIM BIBLE CHAPEL
8457 Townsend Line, Arkona
519-828-3076

FOREST BIBLE CHAPEL
33 Main Street North, Forest
519-232-4314

CHURCH OF GOD

GRAND BEND CHURCH OF GOD
4 Gill Road, Grand Bend
519-238-2142

FULL GOSPEL

GRAND BEND GOSPEL HALL
64 Ontario Street, Grand Bend

LAKESHORE GOSPEL HALL
8908 Fuller Road, Forest
519-786-4040

lambtonshores.ca
JEHOVAH WITNESS
JEHOVAH WITNESS KINGDOM HALL
5959 Townsend Line, Forest
📞 519-786-6200

PENTECOSTAL
BETHEL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
143 Anne Street, Thedford
📞 519-296-4468

ECHOES OF FAITH
24 Prince Street, Forest
📞 519-786-2808

PRESBYTERIAN
KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
182 Main Street, Thedford
✉ kpcthedford.com

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
19 Main Street North, Forest
📞 519-786-4522
✉ pccweb.ca/stjamespc

ROMAN CATHOLIC
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
331 Ontario Street South, Grand Bend
📞 519-238-8556

ST. CHRISTOPHER’S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
68 Union Street, Forest
📞 519-786-5243

UNITED
FOREST UNITED CHURCH
21 James Street North, Forest
📞 519-786-2514
✉ forestunitedchurch.com

HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH
25 Main Street, Grand Bend
📞 519-238-2402
✉ huronshoresunitedchurch.com

RAVENSWOOD UNITED CHURCH
7476 Lakeshore Road (Hwy 21), Ravenswood
📞 519-786-5682

THEDFORD-SYLVAN UNITED CHURCH
Corner of Pearl Street and Nelson Street, Thedford
📞 519-296-5657

OTHER
JUNCTION COMMUNITY CHURCH
✉ junction.church
NORTH LAMBTON CHILD CARE CENTRE
37 Morris Street (Forest), 44 Main Street (Forest), 15 Gill Road (Grand Bend)
\( \text{519-786-6161 ext. 9224} \)
\( \text{nlchildcare.ca} \)
North Lambton Childcare Centre is a multi-service centre dedicated to providing safe, quality care, education and developmental opportunities to children and families in the community. North Lambton Childcare Centre provides an early learning and care program for children ages 3 months to 12 years.

FOREST EARLYON CHILD & FAMILY CENTRE
63 MacDonald Street (Morris Street Entrance), Forest
\( \text{519-786-6161 ext. 9230} \)
Forest EarlyON Child and Family Centre provides opportunities for children from birth to 6 years of age to participate in play and inquiry-based programs, and supports parents and caregivers in their roles. Mobile EarlyON sites are located in Thedford, Arkona and Grand Bend. Families and caregivers will find support, advice, make personal connections and have access to a network of resources.

SMALL WORLD NURSERY SCHOOL
16 Allen Street, Thedford
\( \text{519-296-4454} \)
Two and a half hour sessions are offered in both the morning and afternoon. Early Learning Program (ELP) provides up to sixteen hours of free childcare per month for residents of Lambton County between the ages of two and a half to four years, and who are not yet eligible for Junior Kindergarten. The Program is also available for children at two years of age (fees apply).

BEST START HUB, KINNWOD CENTRAL SCHOOL
63 MacDonald Street (Morris Street Entrance), Forest
\( \text{519-786-6161} \)
\( \text{ourbeststart.ca} \)
Best Start Hubs support families with children from birth to age 6 with family drop-ins and parenting programs at the Ontario Early Years Centre. Best Start also provides direct linkages with community professionals including preschool speech and language, infant development, postpartum mood disorder and parent & baby drop-in programs.
SCHOOL BOARDS

LAMBTON KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
200 Wellington Street, Sarnia

TEL: 519-336-1500 or 1-800-754-7125
EMAIL: lkdsb.net

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
420 Creek Street, Wallaceburg

TEL: 519-627-6762 or 1-866-336-6139
EMAIL: www.st-clair.net

ELEMENTARY

BOSANQUET CENTRAL SCHOOL
8766 Northville Road, Thedford

TEL: 519-296-4962
EMAIL: bosanquet.lkdsb.net
Soccer field, gymnasium, classrooms

KINNWOOD CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
63 MacDonald Street, Forest

TEL: 519-786-5351
EMAIL: kinnwood.lkdsb.net
Soccer field, gymnasium, classrooms

SECONDARY

NORTH LAMBTON SECONDARY SCHOOL
15-17 George Street, Forest

TEL: 519-786-2166
EMAIL: nlss.lkdsb.net
Gymnasium, auditorium with stage, soccer field, running track, classrooms

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS
Community Use of Schools is a Ministry of Education initiative which supports access to school spaces outside of regular hours for local, non-profit community groups. Locally, the Lambton Kent District School Board and the St. Clair Catholic District School Board collaboratively endorse and encourage community use of their schools in Chatham-Kent and Sarnia-Lambton.

The two boards, working together under the umbrella of the Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School Services (CLASS) Agreement, support the Ministry’s vision to see schools as welcoming and inclusive places for community members to come together, volunteer, build skills, access community programs, and become physically active during non-school hours.

For more information on available spaces or for rentals, please call 1-877-330-4287 or visit www.communityuseofschools.com.
LIVING HERE
LIBRARIES

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Public Libraries are operated by the County of Lambton.

ARKONA LIBRARY
16 Smith Street, Arkona
📞 519-828-3406

FOREST LIBRARY
61 King Street West, Forest
📞 519-786-5152

GRAND BEND LIBRARY
15 Gill Road, Grand Bend
📞 519-238-2067

PORT FRANKS LIBRARY
9997 Port Franks Road, Port Franks
📞 519-243-2820

THEDFORD LIBRARY
16 Allen Street, Thedford
📞 519-296-4459

Lambton County Headquarters
787 Broadway Street, Wyoming
📞 519-845-3324 or 1-866-324-6912
💌 library.contact@county-lambton.on.ca
✉ lclibrary.ca

Get to know your neighbourhood library!

Lambton County Library offers a variety of free materials and services to meet the leisure and informational needs of the community through its 26 branches, bookmobile and website. eReader lending, multi-media resources, online services, programs, and Internet access are all available. An active library card is required to borrow materials and access online services.

There are many great programs available for all ages at Lambton County Library branches including preschool and children’s programs, summer reading programs, and book clubs, as well as community-led programs.

Visit www.lclibrary.ca for a complete list of programs, or call your local branch for program information. Pre-registration may be required.
For more facility information or rental information, please visit lambtonshores.ca or contact the Community Services Department at 519-243-1400.

THE SHORES RECREATION CENTRE
7883 Amtelecom Parkway, Forest
- NHL sized ice surface/ concrete pad during the non-ice season
- Concrete pad capacity of 1,200
- Arena stands capacity of 700, with additional 300 standing
- Free access walking track
- Full-sized, dividable gymnasium
- Concession
- Board room with a capacity of 30
- Suncor Wellness Centre, operated by the YMCA

THE LEGACY RECREATION CENTRE
16 Allen Street, Thedford
- Full sized ice surface (180’x80’) doubles as an indoor exhibition/event space
- Arena stands have combined seating and standing for 600, concrete pad capacity of 1,000
- Hall can be divided to become two multi-purpose rooms
- Thomas Hall package pricing is available
- Concession
- Bosanquet Small World Nursery School and Thedford Public Library
- Emergency Reception Centre for Thedford
- First LEED® certified building in Lambton Shores

ARKONA COMMUNITY CENTRE
16 Smith Street, Arkona
- Community Room with a capacity of 50
- Meeting room
- Facility grounds include playground
- Equipment, basketball court, spray pad, parking and a sitting area

ARKONA SENIORS CENTRE
7355 Arkona Road, Arkona
- Multi-purpose room with a capacity of 60
- Kitchen available for use
- For rentals, call the Arkona Seniors at 519-828-3409

GRAND BEND RECREATION CENTRE
15 Gill Road, Grand Bend
- Located at the Grand Bend Public School
- Gymnasium has a capacity of 200
- Community Room has a capacity of 40 and includes a small kitchen

KIMBALL HALL
6276 Townsend Line, Forest
- Community hall with a capacity of 400, and a meeting room with a capacity of 15
- Kitchen, bar area and stage available for use
- For rentals and additional details, contact the Optimist Club of Forest

THEDFORD VILLAGE COMPLEX
109 Pearl Street, Thedford
- Contains one multi-purpose room with a capacity of 70
- Includes a kitchen
- Adjacent to the Village Green Playground and Parkette
PORT FRANKS COMMUNITY CENTRE
9997 Port Franks Road, Port Franks
- Optimist Hall has a capacity of 240
- The West Wing has a capacity of 149
- The two halls can be combined to form a larger hall
- Facility grounds include plenty of green space, tennis courts, playground equipment, a soccer field, shaded sitting areas, a skateboard park, pavilion and trail heads for the Lambton County Heritage Trail System
- Emergency Reception Centre for Port Franks

GRAND BEND AREA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
69 Main Street East, Grand Bend
- 519-238-1556 (Programs & Allied Health Services)
- 519-238-2362 (Primary Care)
- gbachc.ca
- Weight management
- Nutrition classes
- Healthy choices & lifestyle changes
- Smoking cessation
- Exercise classes
- Heart health & cholesterol management
- Mental health programs & support groups
- Community initiative programs that address the social determinants of health

NORTH LAMBTON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
3-59 King Street West, Forest
- 519-786-4545
- nlchc.com
- nlinfo@nlchc.com
- Prenatal classes
- Afterschool programs (multiple outreach locations)
- Coffee Time
- Young at Heart Seniors dinner
- Low Impact Fun and Winter Walking programs (multiple locations)
- Garden Fresh Box

LIVING HERE
HEALTH CENTRES

Health Centres are non-profit community governed organizations that provide comprehensive primary medical care and health promotion programs using multi-disciplinary teams of health providers. Health Centres are funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care through the Local Health Integrated Networks ( LHIN) system. Lambton Shores is part of the Erie St. Clair LHIN. Health promotion and disease prevention programs are available to everyone in our community and are usually free, low cost, or subsidized.
For more information on how to stay green, visit us online at lambtonshores.ca under Garbage, Recycling and Composting

**RECYCLING** – Every year the list of items that can be recycled increases. Visit the Lambton Shores website to keep up-to-date on what you can save from a landfill.

**ELECTRONIC WASTE** – You can bring your old TVs, computers and components to the Lambton Shores Municipal Offices in Forest or Northville, Mon-Fri, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm for no fee.

**LEAF PICK-UP** – Leaves can be bagged in BROWN PAPER BAGS and left by the curb for pick-up during allotted times.

**COMPOSTING** – Learn more about composting with www.bra.org. For wood, brush and leaves, you can visit the Lambton Shores Compost Site at 7550 Brush Road, Lambton Shores, during the operating hours listed on the Lambton Shores website.

**HOW TO DISPOSE OF LARGE ITEMS** – Please check your community listings to inquire if there is an organization in need of your item. Or visit the Lambton Shores website for other disposal options.
ELECTRICAL

HYDRO ONE

- Billing and Service Inquiries (7:30am - 8:00pm, Monday to Friday): 1-888-664-9376
- Report a Power Outage, Fallen Tree Hazard or Emergency (24 Hours): 1-800-434-1235
- HydroOne.com
- CustomerCommunications@HydroOne.com

GAS

UNION GAS

- Billing & Service Inquiries (8:00am-6:00pm, Monday to Friday): 1-888-774-3111
- 24-Hour Emergency Assistance 1-877-969-0999
- uniongas.com

INTERNET, CABLE AND TELEPHONE

EASTLINK (Arkona, Forest, Kettle & Stony Point)

- 1-888-345-1111
- eastlink.ca

EXECULINK (Arkona, Forest, Ipperwash, Port Franks, Thedford)

- 1-866-706-1994
- execulink.ca

HAY COMMUNICATIONS (Grand Bend)

- 1-888-831-4333
- hay.net

WATER, SEWER, STORM WATER AND DRAINAGE

MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES - COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- 519-243-1400 or 1-866-943-1400
- lambtonshores.ca
- works@lambtonshores.ca
LET’S BUILD A COMMUNITY.

GETTING ACTIVE
IN LAMBTON SHORES
GETTING ACTIVE

EVENT PLANNING

GETTING ACTIVE IN LAMBTON SHORES

RENTING A FACILITY

The Municipality of Lambton Shores currently rents out the following facilities and parks for events:

- Arkona Community Centre
- Thedford Village Complex
- Grand Bend Recreation Centre
- Port Franks Community Centre
- Legacy Recreation Centre
- Shores Recreation Centre
- Utter Park
- Coulitis Park
- McRae Park
- Lions’ Park
- Klondyke Sports Park
- Shipley’s Grove
- Esli Dodge Conservation Area
- Grand Bend Beach, Observation Deck, Pavilion, or Rotary Community Stage

For more information on these facilities and their amenities, or to book a rental, call Recreation and Leisure Services at 519-243-1400 or email events@lambtonshores.ca.

POLICIES IN LAMBTON SHORES

Visit lambtonshores.ca/plan-an-event for more information or to access the policies and permits.

FINDING VOLUNTEERS

If you require local volunteers for your event, please notify Recreation and Leisure Services at 519-243-1400 for an announcement to be made through the Lambton Shores Volunteer initiative.

ADVERTISING

Please submit your event at lambtonshores.ca/events-calendar if you would like your community event to be advertised by the Municipality through our weekly newsletter or social media pages. Some restrictions do apply and the posting must be approved before it is added.
Volunteer Appreciation Awards

Every year, the Volunteer Appreciation Awards are held to recognize and honour the achievements and contributions of community volunteers.

These prestigious awards express Council’s appreciation of the many individuals who are helping to enhance the quality of life in Lambton Shores.

We invite you to submit nominations for those individuals and community groups whom you believe to have made a significant contribution to our community.

Award Categories:

- Accessibility
- Arts & Culture
- Environment
- Good Neighbour (3 per ward)
- Heritage
- Sports & Recreation
- Civic Awards (26 and older, 2 awards & 25 and younger, 2 awards)
- Outstanding Community Group

Nominees must live, own a business or go to school in the Municipality of Lambton Shores and demonstrate volunteer commitment in the region. *

Awards are presented at the Annual Volunteer Recognition BBQ in September of each year.

For more information, contact the Lambton Shores Comunity Services Department, 519-243-1400 or email events@lambtonshores.ca

*Considerations for outside residents may be made depending on contribution to Lambton Shores area
Take a look at the list of community groups presented in this guide (pages 51-63) to get involved today!

**TOP 10 REASONS WHY VOLUNTEER?**

**#10: IT’S GOOD FOR YOU.** Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards. It:
- Reduces stress
- Improves health

**#9: IT SAVES RESOURCES.** Volunteering provides valuable community service so more money can be spent on local improvements.

**#8: VOLUNTEERS GAIN PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.** You can test out a career!

**#7: IT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER.** As a volunteer, you assist in:
- Uniting people from diverse backgrounds to work towards a common goal
- Building camaraderie and teamwork

**#6: IT PROMOTES PERSONAL GROWTH AND SELF-ESTEEM.** Understanding community needs helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.

**#5: STRENGTHENS YOUR COMMUNITY.** As a volunteer you can help:
- Support families (daycare & eldercare)
- Improve schools (tutoring, literacy)
- Support youth (mentoring and after-school programs)
- Beautify the community (beach and park cleanups)

**#4: YOU LEARN A LOT.** Volunteers gain valuable knowledge about:
- **Self:** Volunteers discover hidden talents
- **Government:** Through working with local non-profit agencies, volunteers learn about the functions and operation of their government
- **Community:** Volunteers gain knowledge of local resources available to assist in community needs

**#3: YOU GET A CHANCE TO GIVE BACK.**
You can support community resources that you use or that benefit people you care about.

**#2: ENCOURAGES CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.** Community service and volunteerism are an investment in our community and the people who live in it.

**#1: YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.** Every person counts!
GOLF

ARKONA FAIRWAYS GOLF COURSE
8562 Townsend Line, Arkona
TEL 519-828-3211
EMAIL arkonafairways.com
arkonafairways@execulink.com
Arkona Fairways Golf Course offers an 18 hole, par 70 course. Golfers can benefit from golf lessons and the driving range.

FOREST GOLF & COUNTRY HOTEL
102 Main Street South, Forest
TEL 519-786-2397 or 1-800-265-0214
EMAIL golfforest.ca
The 27 holes at Forest Golf & Country Hotel provides both novice and experienced golfers with an enjoyable and challenging game.

INDIAN HILLS GOLF CLUB
6991 Lakeshore Road, Lambton Shores
TEL 519-786-5505
EMAIL indianhillsgolf.ca
Indian Hills Golf Club offers a challenging 18 hole, par 71 course.

OAKWOOD RESORT
70671 Bluewater Highway, Grand Bend
TEL 519-238-2324 or 1-800-387-2324
EMAIL oakwoodresort.ca
oakwood@oakwoodresort.ca
Oakwood Resort provides golfers with an 18 hole, par 70 course, power and pull carts are available for rental.

OUR PONDEROSA RV & GOLF RESORT
9338 West Ipperwash Road
TEL 519-786-2031 or 1-888-786-2267
Our Ponderosa offers golfers a 9 hole, par 33 course within 1,964 yards. Power and pull carts are available for rental. Other services available at Our Ponderosa includes camping, general store and more.

SAND HILLS GOLF RESORT
9767 Port Franks Road, Thedford
TEL 519-243-1800
golfsandhill.ca
Sand Hills Golf Resort offers an 18 hole, par 71 course that is ideal for novice through experienced golfers. Sand Hills features a fully stocked pro shop, power cart rentals, and a clubhouse. Golf instruction and kids camps are available.

WIDDER STATION GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
8395 Decker Road, Thedford
TEL 519-296-4653
widderstation.com
Widder Station Golf & Country Club is nestled in a picturesque country setting. The course offers a challenging 18 hole, par 72 course.
GETTING ACTIVE
RECREATION SERVICES

There is an abundance of recreation service providers in Lambton Shores that offer a variety of programs to meet the needs of residents. From dance lessons to fitness centres, Lambton Shores recreation service providers are committed to providing quality programs to help keep the public active and entertained while improving the quality of life for the community.

MARTIAL ARTS

GRAND BEND KARATE CLUB
519-318-9003
grandbendkarate@gmail.com

INTEGRITY MARTIAL ARTS AND WELLNESS
7271 Arkona Road, Arkona
519-319-0005

LAKESIDE SEIKIDO
6276 Townsend Line, Forest
Master Russ Taylor
519-786-4090
lseikido.wixsite.com/lakeside-seikido
lseikido@execulink.com

YOGA

ANNE’S YOGA WORKS
Anne Chute
519-243-3548
achute@execulink.com

LAMBTON YOGA
Lynne Shiffer
519-899-2023
lambtonyoga@gmail.com

LJ CENTRE
Lindsey Ashworth-Ducharme
519-243-1713
ljcentre.com
lindseyashworthducharme@gmail.com

FITNESS

AQUAFIT
519-381-7685

MY FIT ROOM
myfitroomstudio@gmail.com
myfitroomstudio.com

FLK TAOIST TAI CHI SOCIETY
519-238-6312
taoist.org

FUN FITNESS WITH BONNIE
519-786-5491

GRAND BEND FITNESS
519-317-6646
grandbendfitness.com

HEALTH & FITNESS (NLCHC)
519-786-4545 ext. 281

ROCK GLEN RESORT AND RECREATION CENTRE
8685 Rock Glen Road, Arkona
519-828-3456

SUNCOR WELLNESS CENTRE (OPERATED BY THE YMCA)
519-786-9622
ymcaswo.ca

WORKOUT FOR YOUR LIFE
519-238-5555
bethandjoe@hay.net

ZUMBA
519-381-7685
Visit us online at lambtonshores.ca/sports-and-recreation for a complete listing of contacts.

BALL HOCKEY
MEN’S BALL HOCKEY
WOMEN’S BALL HOCKEY

BASEBALL
ARKONA LADIES TWO-PITCH BASEBALL
ARKONA MEN’S TWO-PITCH BASEBALL
FOREST DRAGONS’ SENIOR MEN’S BASEBALL
FOREST MINOR BASEBALL

GRAND BEND CO-ED BASEBALL LEAGUE
GRAND BEND YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
grandbend.com/baseball

LAMBERTON SHORES LIGHTNING YOUTH FASTBALL ASSOCIATION

THERDEDFORD KID’S BALL

BASKETBALL
FOREST OPTIMIST YOUTH BASKETBALL

BOATING & SAILING
GRAND BEND YACHT CLUB
gbyc.ca

LAMBERTON SHORES DRAGON BOAT CLUB
lambtonshoresdragonboatclub.ca

PORT FRANKS YACHT CLUB
www.portfranksyachtclub.ca
PFYinfo@gmail.com

CURLING
FOREST CURLING AND SOCIAL CLUB
forestcurling.ca
info@forestcurling.ca
HOCKEY

GRAND BEND MARINERS
HUFF & PUFF HOCKEY
LAKESIDE OLD TIMERS HOCKEY
LAMBTON MIDDLESEX REC HOCKEY
LAMBTON SHORES MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
  lambtonshoresminorhockey.ca
SKILL SHOTS HOCKEY SCHOOL
  skillshots.net
SUNDAY MORNING MEN’S LEAGUE
SUNDAY RAIDERS HOCKEY
THEDFORD BOSANQUET OLD TIMER’S LEAGUE
THEDFORD LEGACY LADIES HOCKEY LEAGUE
THEDFORD LEGACY YOUTH HOCKEY LEAGUE
WEDNESDAY NIGHT HOCKEY LEAGUE

LAWN BOWLING

FOREST LAWN BOWLING
  lawnbowlingforest.ca

PICKLEBALL

SUNCOR WELLNESS CENTRE—LAMBTON SHORES YMCA
7883 Amtelecom Parkway, Forest
  519-786-9622
  ymcaswo.ca

lambtonshores.ca
RINGETTE
FOREST XTREME RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
forestringette.com

SHUFFLEBOARD
GRAND BEND SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE
THEDFORD SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

SKATING CLUBS
FOREST SKATING CLUB
forestskatingclub.org
THEDFORD SKATING CLUB
thedford.skating@gmail.com

SOCCER
GRAND BEND DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION
grandbendsoccer.ca
TAXANDRIA FALCONS SOCCER CLUB
www.taxandriasoccer.on.ca
info@taxandriasoccer.on.ca
registration@taxandriasoccer.on.ca

VOLLEYBALL
FOREST OPTIMIST YOUTH VOLLEYBALL
There are over 100 community groups that exist in Lambton Shores. These groups are responsible for organizing many special events, community projects, recreation programs, beautification of our communities, and more. On the following pages you will find a listing of volunteer groups in our community. Visit us online at lambtonshores.ca/community-groups for the most up to date listings and contact info.

Please note: We have made our best efforts to include all groups in Lambton Shores, however if your group is not listed, please contact the Community Services Department at 519-243-1400 to ensure you are included in next year’s guide.

**ALGARVA #168 CARAVAN ORDER OF ALHAMBRA**

-algarva168.org
-algarva168@execulink.com

Algarva #168 Caravan of the Order of Alhambra is dedicated to assisting people with developmental disabilities in our community. To fund their work, they operate an annual golf tournament and a cash draw dance in Lambton Shores.

**ARKONA LIONESS CLUB**
The Arkona Lioness Club is a small group of dedicated women who work to raise funds to help support the needs of the local communities of Arkona, Forest, Port Franks, and surrounding rural areas. The group is very supportive of Arkona-area seniors.

**ARKONA LIONS CLUB**

Formed in 1984, the Arkona Lions Club has worked to assist the community of Arkona and surrounding areas. Current membership participates in fundraising, community service and promoting Arkona through an annual car show.

**ARKONA SENIORS**
The Seniors meet at the Seniors’ Hall on the second Wednesday of the month (except July and August) for a potluck luncheon at 12 noon.

**AUSABLE PORT FRANKS OPTIMIST CLUB**

-ausableportfranksoptimist.club

Every year, Optimists conduct 65 thousand service projects and serve over 6 million young people. Optimists worldwide value all children and help them develop to their full potential.
CARING QUILTERS OF LAMBTON SHORES
This group was formed for one purpose, to assist people in crisis. Each one of the comfort quilts is donated to Victims’ Services volunteers who carry them in their cars. Meetings are every Wednesday from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Port Franks Community Centre.

FOREST CANADA DAY COMMITTEE
Meetings are held during the months of February through June to organize the July 1st festivities. Activities at the event include a chicken BBQ, children’s fair, local entertainment on the stage, Canada Day Idol contest and fireworks at dusk at Esli Dodge.

FOREST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
investinforest.org
The Foundation was established in 2001, and was funded by the proceeds from the sale of the Forest PUC. Approximately $800,000 has been given to non-profit organizations within the former Town of Forest over the past twelve years.

FOREST & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
519-786-6403 (Fair Board)
forestfair.ca
forestfair@xcelco.on.ca
The fair has become an annual tradition for family and friends to gather the fourth weekend in September. The facilities are also rented for auction sales, cattle shows, camping weekends and the Western Ontario Steam Threshers show.

FOREST EXCELSIOR BAND
forestexcelsiorband@gmail.com
The band specializes in swing, jazz, and current popular music. Community members with some band experience are welcome to join.

FOREST FARMERS’ AND ARTISAN MARKET
The Forest Farmers and Artisan Market takes place on Fridays from 8:00am—1:00pm in downtown Forest. The Farmers Market operates from the May 24th weekend until the Friday before Thanksgiving in October. Come to the Market to enjoy fresh seasonal vegetables and fruit, baked goods, maple syrup and more from local suppliers.

FOREST GARDEN CLUB
The group maintains the gardens located behind the Forest Library. General meetings are held on the second Monday of the month.
FOREST-LAMBERTON MUSEUM SOCIETY
The society is always looking for volunteers to help with various events throughout the year at the museum, as well as events where the Travelling Museum is taken on the road.

FOREST LEGION PIPE BAND
Since 1959, the Forest Legion Pipe Band has maintained an active presence throughout Forest and surrounding area. It participates in local events whenever possible.

FRIENDS OF PINERY PROVINCIAL PARK
519-243-1521
pinerypark.on.ca
The Friends of the Pinery Park is a charitable organization dedicated to education, promotion, preservation and support of Pinery Provincial Park.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF PORT FRANKS
The Club provides a welcoming atmosphere for all who enjoy gardening and nature. Featuring guest speakers, workshops, garden tours and more! Come share the love for growing green.

GOOD TYME COUNTRY JAMBOREE
An afternoon of fun, friendship, music and dancing for seniors at the Thedford Legion. Patrons are encouraged to bring their instruments and voice for a Jam-A-Long! Proceeds from the free-will donations go to local schools and food banks.

GRAND BEND ART CENTRE
gbartcentre.com
519-872-7824
The Grand Bend Art Centre is a catalyst and innovator for artistic endeavors and community art projects that result in cultural and economic benefits for the local community. It is a not-for-profit community arts project that offers classes for adults and children, some free activities, and popular blues concert fundraisers.

GRAND BEND FARMERS’ MARKET
grandbendfarmersmarket.ca
Fresh local produce and meats, homemade baked goods, locally handmade crafts and beautiful flowers. The market takes place every Wednesday from the Victoria Day Holiday to the last Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

GRAND BEND CANADA DAY COMMITTEE
The Committee plans a day-long event featuring free live entertainment at the Main Beach and a spectacular fireworks display at 10:00pm. Donations accepted.
GRAND BEND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
grandbendcommunityfoundation.ca
The Foundation has distributed more than $700,000 in grants since 2002, supporting local schools, environmental groups, health and cultural organizations.

GRAND BEND & DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUB
grandbendoptimistclub.ca
The Grand Bend Optimists host a variety of fundraising events throughout the year where all funds raised go back into the community for projects such as Grand Bend Public School events, playground equipment, Optimist Skateboard Park and basketball courts.

GRAND BEND GOLDEN AGERS CLUB
Social club for older adults and seniors – meet weekly at the Grand Bend Legion around noon with luncheon served at 12:30pm.

GRAND BEND & AREA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
The Grand Bend and Area Horticultural Society is committed to fostering education in horticultural practices and helping improve and beautify our environment. Members share their love of plants and gardening.

GRAND BEND WOMEN’S INSTITUTE
fwio.on.ca
Grand Bend Women’s Institute is a branch of the well-established Federated Women’s Institutes of Ontario. The group exists to offer fun, fellowship and education to women of all ages. Committed to community support and personal growth for members.

HILLBILLIES, OUTHOUSE #3
The “Hillbillies” is a unit of Shriners International; the singular purpose is to raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children and/or patient transportation. “Outhouse #3” is a subsidiary unit of the London-based Clan 59 and routinely hosts several meat raffles during the year.

HURON COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE GUILD
draytonentertainment.com/volunteer#huron
The Huron Country Playhouse Guild is a volunteer organization of local women who continue to support the Huron Country Playhouse. Working year-round raising funds, assisting with ushering, operating the Gift Shoppe and staffing the Meet and Greet kiosk; and while doing this, have a great deal of fun.
IPPERWASH AND AREA COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
ipperwashareacsc.com
The Committee oversees and monitors the local Neighbourhood Watch areas. Committee meetings are held regularly to address topics.

KIWANIS CLUB OF FOREST
forestkiwanis.org
The Kiwanis Club of Forest is kept busy with ongoing and special projects. The major project is the Kineto Theatre. The goal is to provide a quality entertainment and meeting facility to area residents and visitors to the Forest community.

LAKE SMITH CONSERVATIONISTS
The Lake Smith Conservationists support nature initiatives in Lambton, Huron and Middlesex counties. They also partner with organizations that are planning projects for youth. Volunteers raise funds through fish fries and the annual March Game Dinner.

LAKESIDE FLYERS
forestlakesideflyers.weebly.com
A small club with a high level of participation by the members, whose main objective is to have fun flying model planes.

LAMBTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The Lambton Historical Society exists to research, collect, preserve, exhibit, and publish historical documents and artifacts.

LAMBTON SHORES COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE
communitiesinbloom.ca
The Committee exists to promote and plan the Communities in Bloom program within the Municipality. The Lambton Shores program has won provincial, national and international categories over the past 7 years.

LAMBTON SHORES NATURE TRAILS COMMITTEE (LSNT)
isntblazers.com
LSNT is a volunteer group dedicated to update & maintain existing nature trails and help build other community and connector trails in Lambton Shores & Vicinity in partnership with landowners.

MASONIC LODGE, CASSIA
#116 LODGE
sarniadistrictmasons.ca
A charitable organization, a part of Sarnia district and a member body of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Ontario. Post-secondary bursary available.
NORTH LAMBTON QUILTERS GUILD
Established in 1989 to share a love of quilting. Meetings include hands-on activities. All skill levels are taught. Projects shared are personal and community-minded.

OPTIMIST CLUB OF FOREST
Dedicated to service in the former Town of Forest, and now the Municipality of Lambton Shores. Sponsoring youth volleyball, basketball, golf, recreational hockey, as well as many community and health-related projects.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, FOREST CHAPTER #116
easternstar.on.ca
The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest worldwide fraternal organization to which both men and women may belong.

PARTNERS IN LEARNING
partnersinlearning.ca
Partners in Learning provides peer learning through a variety of five week courses of general interest. Moderators offer ideas and guidance for participants who are encouraged to discuss and present a variety of topics.

PORT FRANKS AND AREA CAMERA CLUB
portfrankscamerclub.com
Come and enjoy guest speakers, information sessions, Comment & Critique nights and Walkabouts. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month upstairs in the Port Franks Community Centre.

PORT FRANKS DUNES DUPLICATE BRIDGE
dunesbridgepf@gmail.com
Exists to promote bridge in the area.
PORT FRANKS SENIORS CLUB
Programs and events include: Euchre-Rama, bid euchre, darts, euchre, shuffleboard, bridge, badminton, bus trips, picnics and a Christmas party. Executive meetings occur on the first Tuesday of each month at Port Franks Community Centre.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF FOREST
probus.org
The Probus Club of Forest was chartered in October 2009. The Club meets on Wednesday mornings at the North Lambton Community Health Centre.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF GRAND BEND & AREA (MEN’S)
probus.org
The Club welcomes all retired or semi-retired gentlemen in the Grand Bend Area. A fun sharing experience that offers opportunity for fellowship combined with thought provoking, exceptional speakers at every meeting.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF GRAND BEND & AREA (WOMEN’S)
probus.org
Women’s Probus of Grand Bend and Area is an organization for retired business and professional women. Meetings feature presentations, coffee, and fellowship, and opportunities for organized field trips.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GRAND BEND INC.
grandbendrotary.com
The Rotary Club of Grand Bend has about 40 members and continues to raise funds to give back to the local community and international projects.

ROYAL OAK ODD FELLOWS LODGE #108
The Forest Odd Fellows is a fraternal organization that is open to anyone ages 18 years or older.

ROYAL REBEKAH LODGE #389
The Royal Rebekah Lodge is a fraternal organization that is in place for the betterment of mankind. Anyone ages 16 years or older can join.
SPIRIT OF THEDFORD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
The Spirit of Thedford helps to provide financial support for community projects and plans annual events like an Easter Egg hunt.

SUNSET CINEMA FILM
The group presents a variety of films on the first Thursday of each month, September through May at the Grand Bend and Area Community Health Centre.

THEDFORD GARDEN CLUB
The Thedford Garden Club is a group dedicated to making Thedford beautiful. The club maintains and plans gardens in the community.

THEDFORD SENIORS CLUB
Activities are organized by the Thedford Seniors Club and take place at the Village Complex on the corner of Pearl and Main Streets. Join for cards, prizes, coffee and a snack.

WEST COAST LIONS CLUB, GRAND BEND
e-clubhouse.org/sites/westcoaston
We serve where we live. All costs are covered from dues, ensuring that all donated funds go to the causes.

WESTERN ONTARIO STEAM THRESHERS ASSOCIATION
steamthresher.com
The purpose is to preserve and honor agricultural heritage, and provide an opportunity for the community to remember the past in an environment of genuine fun and excitement.
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on enhancing green spaces in communities.

Communities in Bloom began in 1995, with 29 Canadian communities being honoured. The program now includes hundreds of communities across Canada, and holds an international challenge that includes communities across the United States, Asia, and Europe.

Lambton Shores has been a National Winner in the 2012 competition, Class of Champions Winner in 2013, and most recently, International Champions in 2016!
LAMBERTON SHORES
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM ANNUAL PROGRAMS

TRASH BASH EVENTS
Community clean-up events take place in April and July.

Volunteer to plant and maintain planters and pots through the spring, summer, fall, and winter so that residents and visitors can enjoy a beautiful community year-round!

GARDEN OF THE WEEK
Each week, for 12 weeks, 5 gardens will be selected as the “Garden of the Week” by community members. The winning gardens will be featured in the local newspapers, on our web page, and on social media.

BEST BLOOMIN’ BUSINESS
A friendly competition for all Lambton Shores businesses to participate in! Help fill our community with each year’s theme colours. No formal entry is necessary – just put your blooms on display!

NATIVE TREES
Plant a native tree on your property! Each year “featured trees” are selected and discounts are given at select retailers on these select tree varieties.

COMMUNITY GARDENS
Continuing work with the success of the existing community gardens in Grand Bend, Forest, and Port Franks.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
BBQ fundraiser at the Arkona Home Hardware as part of the Arkona Funtastic Day celebrations.

DISCOVERIES THAT MATTER TOUR
A self-guided tour will take you to see what the judges see when they visit our community! The committee has been working hard to prepare a fantastic tour of beautiful gardens, historical landmarks, businesses, and tourist destinations throughout Lambton Shores. More details will be released as they become available.

For more information on the Communities in Bloom Committee, please contact the Community Services Department at 519-243-1400 or 1-866-943-1400.

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GETTING ACTIVE

YOUTH GROUPS

4-H ASSOCIATION (LAMBTON COUNTY)

4-hontario.ca
4-H helps young people (10-21 years of age) learn self-confidence and new skills. 4-H Ontario Members can choose to be involved in any of over 60 different projects ranging from drama to woodworking, life skills to livestock, and square dancing to conversation.

FOREST CLIFF CAMP

forestcliff.ca
info@forestcliff.ca
Week-long camps are available for youth entering grades two to seven, and teens entering grades seven to nine. Available activities include: aqua-sledding, knee boarding, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, climbing wall, horseback riding, handicrafts, science, drama and more.

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA

1-800-565-8111
girlguides.ca
Girl Guides of Canada enables girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous, and to make a difference in the world. To find a program, visit the Girl Guides website.

GRAND BEND YOUTH, ART AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

16 Municipal Drive, Grand Bend
519-872-7824
gbartcentre.com
The Grand Bend Youth Centre is operated by the Grand Bend Art Centre in partnership with the Grand Bend Optimist Club.

LAMBTON CENTRE, UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

519-786-5663
lambtoncentre.com
info@lambtoncentre.com
Lambton Centre offers summer camp programs for children and youth ages five to fifteen. Campers enjoy a wide variety of activities including: crafts, drama, outdoor recreation, nature, swimming, archery, and more.

LAMBTON SHORES YMCA

519-786-9622
ymcaswo.ca
The Lambton Shores YMCA runs a number of youth-based programs and camps throughout the year at the Shores Recreation Centre in Forest.

SCOUTS CANADA

1-888-855-3336
scouts.ca
Scouts Canada’s mission is “to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society”.

lambtonshores.ca
GETTING ACTIVE
IN LAMBTON SHORES

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 176, FOREST
58 Albert Street, Forest
☎ 519-786-5357
🌐 forestlegion.ca

The Legion is an organization that provides facilities and support for veterans. The facility is also used by seniors and youth groups. Many charities are supported through the lottery program and many groups use the facility for meetings. The banquet hall is available for rent by the community. Regular programs that take place at the Legion include: shuffleboard, darts, seniors’ games, and cards.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 498, GRAND BEND
20 Municipal Drive, Grand Bend
☎ 519-238-2120

A public facility for all to enjoy. Regular events include bingo, meat draws, darts, line dancing, and entertainment every Saturday afternoon.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR. 278, THEDFORD
43 Nelson Street, Thedford
☎ 519-296-4939

This facility is available for many functions including birthdays, anniversaries, and small gatherings.
CONTACT HOUSE
519-786-5692
The Contact House has been in operation since 1988 and receives donations from the public and other agencies to provide food items to families in Lambton County who are in need.

WELCOME WAGON
welcomewagon.ca
Welcome Wagon is the only national, Canadian-Owned, free greeting service celebrating over 80 years. The group greets people who are moving into the community from another area, planning a wedding, expecting a baby, a new executive or manager, and first-time grandparents.

FOREST BIA
shopforest.ca
The BIA beautifies and promotes the downtown core of Forest. The group organizes and oversees special events and advertising campaigns for the merchants and residents within the market and for tourists.

GRAND BEND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM
519-238-2001
GrandBendChamber.ca
info@grandbendchamber.ca
GrandBendTourism.com
info@grandbendtourism.com
Chamber Member services include networking, advocacy, promotion and information. The Chamber also provides tourism and visitor services to the area, promotion of area amenities, attractions and businesses to residents and visitors.
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