



# Lakeshore Waves

## News for You

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Fall 2012

The Winter Recreation and Leisure schedule for all community centers is now available on the website. Registration starts Dec. 3.

### Your Members of Council:

- Mayor - Tom Bain
- Deputy Mayor - Al Fazio
- Councillors
- Ward 1 - Len Janisse
- Ward 2 - Dave Monk
- Ward 3 - Charles W. McLean
- Ward 4 - Steven Bezaire
- Ward 5 - Dan Diemer
- Ward 6 - Linda McKinlay

If you see a dead animal on the side of the road, call our Animal Control officer at 519-728-5010.

Have you seen issues with playground or park equipment? We inspect our 25 playgrounds monthly. However, if something happens between inspections, please call 519-255-0683 to report it. We will need you to provide the name of the park, location within the park and when you noticed the issue. Our staff will take the information and dispatch someone to investigate and repair.

## MURF Campaign Manager

The Town has named Linda Smith as the Capital Campaign Manager for the Multi-Use Recreational Facility, or MURF. This approximately \$40 million facility is scheduled for a spring 2014 opening. The fundraising target is a minimum of \$2.5 million.

The new facility will include a 1,000 seat rink; a second 200 seat recreation rink, a planned third 200 seat recreation rink; a double gymnasium with wooden floors, an 8,000 square foot library, indoor heated 4 lane walking/running track, large double meeting/banquet room with kitchen (seats 100), dance room (with mirrors and bars) and 3 multi-purpose meeting rooms.

Linda, a Lakeshore resident, is the past President of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce and former southwest Regional Director of the Kidney Foundation of Canada. She will advise and support the activities of the Campaign Leadership Team (to be named shortly) with fundraising initiatives designed to solicit corporate and grassroots community donations.

Naming rights to the various components of the facility, sponsorship opportunities and individual donations will form the backbone of the campaign.

"Linda brings both a deep appreciation and understanding of fundraising strat-



egy and a passion for the need and benefits that a Multi-Use Recreation Facility contributes to the quality of life of local residents," says Steve Salmons, Director of Community and Development Services.

"Lakeshore deserves an outstanding multi-use recreation facility. It's infrastructure required for a community looking to the future. It's where our families come together to play and where our active retirees meet to discover new skills" adds Smith.

"Community participation and buy-in are critical to community ownership."

It is Council's intention to ensure the complex serves as a community centre bringing together all age groups from across Lakeshore. It is sure to be a focal point and a source of pride for our community and will further ignite community vitality and wellness. There will be something for everyone.

The tender process has closed and Aquicon Construction submitted the lowest price bid within budget.

We are now awaiting word from the Federal Government expected anytime about Federal funding that will give this project the green light to move forward.

This will be the largest construction project in the history of the Town.

Anyone interested in learning more about naming opportunities or making a donation should contact Linda at 519-728-5025.



## After Hours Numbers

Have you ever had a municipal incident after hours and not know what to do? Call the office! 519-728-2700

As you know our office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, however we have an after hours service. When you call the main 519-728-2700 number, you will be directed via an auto attendant to select an option for the issue you have (after a brief message). You will then be directed to our after hour responder who will take general information from you so they can contact the staff on-call.

We have staff in water and public works on call at all times in case of emergencies. This service notifies them of the issue and the staff member will attend to check the issue out.

If necessary, they will attend to the issue immediately, call additional staff in or wait until the next day pending the circumstances.

The key thing to remember when calling is to provide clear information regarding the issue, location and your contact information should the staff member need to contact you with questions. Try to obtain all particulars including the address, street light pole number (printed on all poles), or other area specific information which may assist staff in locating the problem.

Do not use Facebook or website comment forms for urgent issues as they are not monitored during off hours.

## Brian Prestyko



We are proud to recognize one of our staff members who has taken it upon himself to obtain his CIT or Certified Ice Technician designation. This NHL recognized credential

was designed to recognize the academic excellence and specialized expertise of individuals who work in artificial ice operations. It has quickly become one of the most sought-after certifications in the industry.

Brian has been with the Town of Lakeshore for 3 years full-time as a Rink Attendant. Brian is also a volunteer firefighter at Station 3. Congratulations Brian!

## Broadband Project Finalized

The Rural Broadband Project is in the final stages. The technical component including installation of new towers and equipment upgrades is complete. The Ministry OMAFRA has checked and passed the technical connections and speed to ensure it meets their criteria. The Ministry mandated a minimum of 1.5 Mbps sustained download speed and confirmed 4.4 Mbps in a number of areas. Xplornet was the successful recipient of the RFP to participate in the Broadband project.

Residents across Lakeshore in the rural area should now have the ability to access high-speed internet service through this program.

High speed internet service provides the ability to access numerous business and non-business items.

The Essex County Library system has loads of features for users including e-book access; individuals can access online courses through the University and College. Students can also do research

from home, required for all grade levels now, check activities on the Municipal website, watch TV and movies online through service providers and a host of other activities too numerous to mention.

The Town of Lakeshore is pleased to have been able to work with OMAFRA and the University of Windsor on this project to help our residents gain access to this technology.

## Local Fairs/Events

Did you get a chance to experience any of our local events or fairs this summer? We begin with Lakeshore's annual Canada Day celebration, then on to Sunsplash and in mid-August the Comber Fair, now in its 153rd year. If you didn't get a chance to attend, mark your calendar for next year.



## Gateway Signs

One thing is missing when you enter into the Town of Lakeshore on Highway 401. A gateway sign. This is a sign that sits on the side of the highway proclaiming our municipality.

Construction has begun to place a sign at both ends of the Town. Each sign will be solar powered so the name and sign will light up at night. Maintenance free landscaping will be placed around the sign beautifying it. The Town is also looking into other signage upgrades.



# Construction Updates

This year has seen a number of construction related activities. The Rourke Line construction is anticipated to be complete and the road opened the beginning of November. Our contractor has worked diligently on this project so we are ahead of schedule.



ting that happen over the first winter are taken care of the next year. The Town has been following this process and that is why you see road work done in one year and redone the second year. The second year is the final road layer being applied.

Throughout the summer, six bridges were rehabilitated as well.

The project on Shoreline to construct a trail network and pave the road is expected to be complete in December.

For road construction, it is standard practice to put a base layer of asphalt down in the first year and let it settle over the winter, experiencing the freeze/thaw cycle. After a road has gone through this season, we put the final layer of asphalt down to finish the road. By following this process we are able to have longer lasting & better quality roads as any issues or set-

On Notre Dame, the utilities are finalizing their relocation to allow for future construction. The next phase, should Council approve, is complete reconstruction of First Street from Notre Dame to the tracks north and from Notre Dame to Dupuis Street to the South.



New Playground equipment has been installed over the last year at the following parks: River Ridge, Girard Park, Legion Park and Comber Park. The Town plans to continue to update and enhance playground equipment throughout Lakeshore. The watermain under the Puce River has been completed. A total of 400 meters were bored through the ground and the watermain installed.

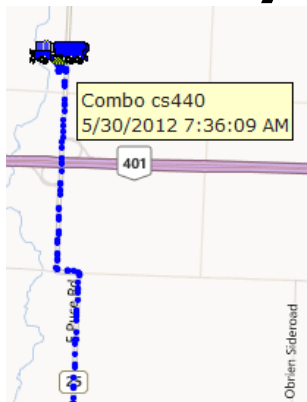
We are continuing the cast iron watermain replacements. The mains replaced this year were identified because of their age, frequency of breaks along with discoloration concerns. Faith Drive, St. Mary's Street, and Rourke Line cast irons mains were replaced with PVC (plastic) pipe that can last 100 years. One of these mains was from 1959 showing how long they last.

# Where is My Snow Plow?

Do you want to know where our snow Plows have been? Visit [www.wherismysnowplow.com](http://www.wherismysnowplow.com).

The Town is using this website to show where our municipal vehicles are during the work day. When you go to this website, click on the live map and then select Town of Lakeshore. Each of our vehicles have a GPS mapping locator installed on them. This locator will allow the vehicle to be displayed on the map which is updated on a regular basis (see time in lower right hand corner). The location shown is a general location of the vehicle and path taken. Vehicles that are not moving could be at the shop or at a job site as not all vehicles perform snow control.

This system is turned on from November to April.



Hovering over a vehicle will provide details regarding that vehicle. The blue lines or dots indicate the path the vehicle has taken.

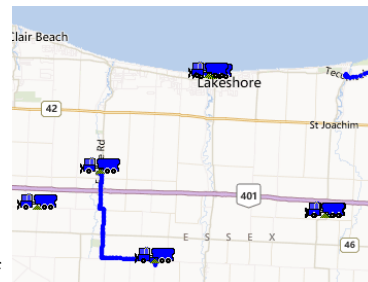
During a snow event, residents will have the ability to check to see if the plows have passed through their area. We anticipate residents will appreciate this feature and it may cut down on the number of phone calls re-

ceived. This will free up staff to handle other matters.

Public Works would like to remind residents that during snow events, our protocol is to clear priority roads (main roads) and once they are clear, we proceed to clear secondary roads (such as roads in subdivisions). Blowing and drifting snow is always a concern in rural areas and should be taken into consideration when driving.

We also request that residents refrain from parking on the streets during snow events so plows can travel down the roadway and clear the path properly.

This winter, you won't need to wonder if the snow plows have been in your area, or on their way, you can check online.



## Town of Lakeshore

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Phone: 519-728-2700  
Long Distance: 1-877-249-3367

Visit our website at [www.lakeshore.ca](http://www.lakeshore.ca)

## Puce Website

The [www.pucerecentre.com](http://www.pucerecentre.com) website has been redirected to the Town of Lakeshore's website. The Puce website, was put in place to promote our Puce Recreation and Leisure Centre. We now have a very active community centre in Puce.

Programs identified on this website were duplicated from the Town of Lakeshore's website. The removal of this separate website will end the duplication. Residents can find recreation programs and activities on the main Town website under the Recreation and Leisure link on the front page. We will also post under News the seasonal calendar of programs.

We encourage everyone to visit the website and Like us on Facebook to stay up to date on Town activities.

## Driving Safely

Most of us know the basics of safe driving: no texting, using a hands free device, keeping our eyes on the road, don't drink and drive, put our seatbelts on, using our turn indicators, etc. With so many people on the road and the need to drive to most locations our exposure to potential accident situations increase. The statistics are shocking—our fatalities and serious injuries are high.

How do we bring this number down? Rethink road safety and adopt a safer behaviour. Exercise caution at stop lights, signs, railroad crossings, and in and around pedestrians and cyclists. Contributing factors to accidents are impaired driving, speed and aggressive driving. In bad weather slow down, and stay focused. There are regular seat belt clinics for child restraint systems, where you can take your vehicle to ensure the child seat is installed correctly. Visit one of these if you have a small child.

Nothing is more disheartening than an injury that could be prevented. As a municipality, we value our residents and visitors and want you to return home safely. On a monthly basis we travel our roads, looking for safety related issues, but Lakeshore is a large municipality. We need your help. If you notice a road safety issue, contact the office at 519-728-2488 to report it.

Rethink road safety, rethink your safety.



## Ontario Clean Water Agency

The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) manages/operates the Denis St. Pierre Water Pollution Control Plant on Rourke Line. This plant recently renamed in honour of Denis St. Pierre, who farmed the area and provided the land for the initial construction. The plant has recently undergone upgrades and modifications to the treatment process.

The plant employs operator/ mechanics along with support staff, in order to maintain the works and the processing of the facility waste materials into dewatered biosolids for future agriculture land application. Staff also maintain 30 pump stations, 93 septic tanks and a treatment facility in the former South Woodslee. They



also operate and maintain 2 rural sewage lagoon collection/treatment systems. The plant staff are on a 24 hour on-call rotation in case of emergencies.

The plant treats waste water from areas east of Belle River to Manning Road

and from the Lake south to County Road 42. The pumps that bring waste into the facility have a current capacity of 704 litres/second and can biologically treat 406

litres/second of raw wastewater using an aerobic process to break down the waste products. Wastewater is passed through screening to eliminate debris prior to being biologically treated.

Tours are available to schools by contacting OCWA at 519-727-6256.

## Safe Lakeshore

Based on the Juristat Article outlining Police reported crime statistics in Canada, Ontario has the lowest Crime rate in Canada. Lakeshore has been ranked the 5th safest community in Ontario based on the Overall Crime Severity Index for 2011. This report takes into consideration numerous facets of crime including age, sex, location, and types of crime (violent, non-violent).

The police-reported crime rate continued to decline in 2011, down 6% from 2010. The crime rate measures the volume of crime while the Crime Severity Index measures the seriousness of crime.

Lakeshore and the municipalities in Essex County continue to remain some of the safest communities and safest places to live in Ontario.

