



Lakeshore Waves

News for You

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- 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

Visit our website Rec. & Leisure page to see all the activities we have for all ages.

2012 Summer Student Hiring

Watch for upcoming details regarding the Summer Student hiring.

All student hiring is subject to the Student Lottery Hiring process.

Watch our website and the local newspaper for further details.

Deadline for applications will be early to mid March.

Lakeshore Libraries

Did one of your New Year's resolutions include saving money? If so, you need to reacquaint yourself with your local Library.

You are a member of the Essex County Library system and as such, have the opportunity to participate in a number of initiatives at no cost. Did you know there are 14 Library branches in this system? The best part is you only need to visit the branch closest to you.

By using the web system, you can have a book delivered to the branch closest to you. And, they have more than books now.

Movie Rentals - Did you know you can rent movies from the library for free? Visit a local branch to see their selection or, better yet, go online to their website and reserve copy to watch.

Did you get an electronic book reader for Christmas? You can download ebooks from the library too. This is a new feature the library is proud to offer and if you are not sure how to do this, contact your local library branch or visit the website for instructions. They will also be holding classes in January to show you how easy it is.

Like a magazine but need to cut back? You can borrow many of the popular magazines as well.

Like to listen to music on an MP3 player? You can get your tunes here too.

Have a little one into Tumblebooks? They have them too.

Yes, they still have regular books too. You can reserve a book via the online system as well.

The Library system has kept up with the times and technology advances. They offer us everything at no cost.

To access the electronic system, you first visit any library branch to register and obtain a PIN number. After that, you are welcome to use the online system. It is a quick and easy process that only takes a few minutes.

Stoney Point Branch

There has been concern that the Library Branch in Stoney Point is closing because the building is up for sale. This is NOT the case. The building is for sale, but the library is not closing. It will remain open in this location. We want to invite all Stoney Point residents to check out their local library. Vanessa Schiller, the Branch Supervisor, is bilingual and provides wonderful children's story times, class visits, afterschool and Saturday programmes.

www.essexcountylibrary.ca

Training programs

Save money, cut your budget make use of your local library today.

Website

Preorder, reserve

LAKESHORE LIBRARY



FAMILY STORYTIME
Is an opportunity for parents to introduce their children to

reading

and language in a fun way with stories, fingerplays, songs and

action rhymes. Session is on Wednesdays (January 11 - March 7) at 9:30 a.m. For children

ages 1.5 - 5 years old and caregiver. Register at the library.

PLANES, TRAINS, AUTOMOBILES

Join us for a fun-filled hour of stories, games and activities on Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30 p.m. For children ages 5 & up. Register at the library.

STONE POINT LIBRARY

Marina Update

Over the next few months, there will be activity at the Belle River Marina. The Town has received \$1.5 million from the Federal Government to replace all of the docks and fuel tanks. The docks are aged and have reached the end of their designed lifespan. The fuel tanks do not meet current code standards.

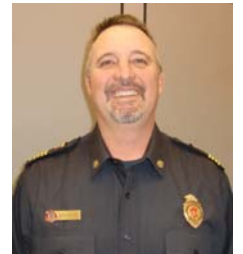
Once the work is completed, the Town of Lakeshore will



make application to the Federal government to take over possession of the Marina which was in Federal hands. We will assume ownership of an upgraded Marina at no cost.

New Deputy Fire Chief

Welcome John Quennell.



2012 Budget

Whats in for next year?

Parks

Roads, water/sewer

Murf

Increase

Water Billing

What is the “basic charge” on my water bill and why do I have to pay it?

The basic charge on your water bill is a minimum charge regardless of the amount of water that is used. It is to help with the fixed costs of providing water and wastewater services to you. More than 50% of the costs are fixed, meaning they do not increase or decrease with the amount of water or wastewater that is treated.

If you go to Florida for the winter, the water pipe running in front of your house still has to be maintained, the hydrants have to be flushed, and the water has to be tested and treated, etc. If you choose not to use the service, you still have to pay for the ability to use. This is very similar to the lease payment you make on your car. If you do not drive it for 2 weeks in a month, you still have to pay the full monthly amount.

Safety When Vacationing

If you are planning on taking a trip this winter, there are a few safety items to consider. Everyone’s situation is different and we hope these suggestions will help you ensure you can have that worry-free vacation.

Do not post that you are going away on a social media site, such as Facebook. Tell only close friends and neighbours. Inform your alarm company and follow their guidelines. Ensure your alarm is registered with the municipality to avoid potential fines should there be a false alarm. The fee is only \$10.

Lower your heat and unplug unnecessary electronics to reduce hydro consumption. Ensure Windows are locked and curtains closed. Consider putting lights and/or a radio on a timer (can use an alarm clock radio function). Turn off your phone ringer

and consider turning off or unplugging the garage door opener. Ask a friend or neighbour to pickup papers, mail and shovel for you if it snows (or at least drive in and out of driveway). Stolen mail is a major source of identity theft. Cancel the paper or hold the mail if necessary.

Ensure a neighbour or close friend has your contact information and a key. If you have pets, make sure they have the veterinary information and understand your wishes before you leave.

Consider contacting the Police to inform them you will be away and who may have a key. Should they have to respond, they will be better informed.



If you leave a vehicle in the driveway, record the plate number, make, and colour. If stolen, it will assist the Police should they not be able to get a hold of you. Ensure whoever watches your house, checks on the vehicles in the driveway as well.

Photocopy your passport, driver’s licence, credit card and health insurance cards before you go away. Keep one copy at home and bring one copy with you, separate from the originals. This way you will have the information should it go missing. Certification that documents are a true copy may help too.

For separated parents travelling with children, have the other parent sign a document stating it is OK for you to take the children out of the Country. Providing details about the timeframe and vacation will assist foreign authorities should there be any questions.

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Did You Know?

The sewer system is a series of underground pipes that take sewage and water from homes to a wastewater treatment facility. The sewage is treated to a regulated standard and released in to the lake. Flushing the wrong things can block the sewer pipes, creating sewer backups and lead to basement flooding.

Only flush toilet paper. Our sewer systems are not designed to handle anything else. Flushable wipes or baby wipes, even though they may say they are flushable are not. They take longer to break down and can get caught in sewers or pumps causing maintenance issues or worse. In the kitchen, do not flush the stickers on fruit as they catch in the screens. Place them in the garbage.

Bylaw Issues

Duck Creek Park