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MUNICIPAL E-NEWSLETTER

TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CLARKE

This new e-newsletter is our latest initiative to reach out to our residents and keep them informed! I encourage you to share it with your neighbours who are not online.

This e-newsletter will be posted on the Township website monthly.

On behalf of Council and Staff, I would like to wish you a warm and happy SPRING! It seems Mother Nature was in no rush this year!

Whether you are a resident or a visitor, I invite you to take a few moments to explore our website, which offers a wealth of information on our beautiful Township.

It will provide you with information on services offered by the municipality, news involving our community, updates on events and activities in Ramara, as well as Council decisions, programs, bylaws and many other topics that may be of interest to you.

As such, I invite you to browse through it and discover why it is so great to live in the Township of Ramara!

If you have any comments or suggestions, don't hesitate to send them to ramara@ramara.ca

FOLLOW US ON



ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

Upon request, the Township of Ramara will provide, or arrange for the provision of, accessible formats and or communication supports for people with disabilities in a timely manner. Please contact the Clerk's Department at 705-484-5374 Ext. 242 if you wish an accessible format or communication support.

A **Council meeting schedule** can be found on our website www.ramara.ca or by calling the Administration office.

Individuals who submit their letters and other information to Council should be aware that any personal information contained within their communications may become part of the public record, and may become available to the public through Council / Committee agenda process which will be posted on the Township's website. You can email these communications to council@ramara.ca. If you wish to appear as a delegation before Council, please complete the delegation form found on the forms page of our website. The form must be received by 9:00 a.m. the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting. The written request must state the purpose of the deputation and provide a specific detailed outline of the subject matter of the presentation. **Deputations/Delegations shall be limited to not more than 10 minutes.**

ELECTION 2018— MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT BETWEEN OCTOBER 12 AND OCTOBER 22, 2018!

Due to changes to the Municipal Election Act, the Nomination Period is from May 1st, 2018 to July 27th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

The Township of Ramara will be using **telephone/internet voting in 2018.**

Eligible electors must be on the **Voters' List** in order to receive their personalized Voter Information Letter which includes your 8 digit PIN, internet voting website address and 1-800-number to use phone voting, phone assistance and other election information.

For more information on RAMARA VOTES 2018, visit www.ramara.ca

AMO Online Course: "So You Want to Run for Council" [Course Flyer](#) [Course Website](#)

MUNICIPAL WORKS

Street Sweeping occurs every year to approximately 60 km of Township roads in order to remove any sand or debris left over from the winter season. Sweeping is normally scheduled for June of each year. The website will be updated as schedules are finalized with our contractor.

FOR INFORMATION ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES...



TOWNSHIP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED—

May 21, 2018—Victoria Day
July 2, 2018— for Canada Day
August 6, 2018—Civic Holiday
September 3, 2018—Labour Day
October 8, 2018—Thanksgiving
December 24, 2018—at noon until 9:00 a.m. January 2, 2019

TREASURY SERVICES

Tax Due Dates

INTERIM

February 26

April 25

FINAL—bills will be mailed late May or early June

RESIDENTIAL/FARM

JUNE 25* (New Date)

September 25

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

October 25

November 25



[Click here.... WHERE ARE MY TAX DOLLARS GOING IN 2018?](#)

LAGOON CITY PARKS AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION

A History of Lagoon City

Weeds are prevalent in the canals and the Commission has the following programs in place:

1. Harvesting – takes place each week on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between July 1st and Thanksgiving. The Commission does not have any place to store the weeds and therefore cutting can only take place when the landfill site is open. The harvester will be seen out in the canals from the May 1st, but it will only be skimming debris from the surface. Due to fish spawning no cutting may take place prior to July 1st.

2. Weed Spraying – takes place annually as soon as possible after July 1st after fish spawning season has taken place. This is regulated by the Ministry of the Environment. The licence to spray REWARD is for 10 acres at a rate of 25 litres per acre and must be applied for annually. Therefore the only the areas that are affected by abundant weed growth is sprayed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week 2018 (May 6-12) is a Canada-wide initiative to increase awareness of individual and family preparedness.

Be Prepared

Click logo to sign up for alerts



FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES Spring Yard Waste Cleanup - Open Air Burning Warning

When doing yard waste cleanup this spring, please remember the following points of warning regarding open air burning: fires cannot be lit during burn bans, fires cannot be lit during smog alerts, weather conditions must be good for clearing smoke, fires may not be lit when wind causes unsafe conditions, fires must be supervised by an adult at all times, fires must be fully extinguished at the completion of a burn event, equipment for controlling and extinguishing fires must be available at the burn location, clean dry wood is the only material that may be burned, painted wood, leaves, grass clippings and other materials may not be burned, flying lanterns may not be sold or used within the Township.



GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

For information on Garbage and Recycling Collection, please contact the County of Simcoe at 705-735-6901 or from 426 or 689 exchanges call toll-free at 1-800-263-3199. County of Simcoe Customer Service operators are available to help you Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



CANINE CONTROL

Our Canine Officers will continue to canvas door to door in 2018! Please make sure your four legged friends are licensed!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS ON MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWERS

WATER TURN ON/OFF— For your protection against leaks, breaks or blockages, it is mandatory for someone to be onsite to confirm the water is ON/OFF. Township of Ramara Environmental Services requires 24 hour notice for this procedure. All charges for these services are in accordance with the Township of Ramara [Fees and Charges Bylaw](#)



SELLING YOUR HOME?—If you are selling your home, **please ensure your lawyer contacts the municipal office** to provide pertinent information such as closing date, new owners contact information and arrange for a final read of your water meter.

SEWER USE BYLAW—The discharge of storm water, surface water, ground water or sump pump into sanitary sewer is strictly prohibited.

BUILDING AND PLANNING SERVICES

Notice Regarding Proposed Increase in Educational Development Charges on Building Permit Applications

WHEN DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

- New buildings (including accessory buildings over 10 square metres), additions to existing buildings
- Additions to existing buildings
- Repairs, renovations and alterations to existing buildings
- Prefabricated and relocation of buildings
- Various structures (decks, sheds, retaining walls, towers, etc.)
- Installation of plumbing, drains, sewers and sewage systems
- Installation of solar panels
- Demolition
- Change of use of buildings or structures

To book an inspection please call 705-484-5374 extension 234. Please be advised inspections

OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

We are currently undergoing a comprehensive review of the Official Plan. Please visit the [EcoVue Consulting website](#) for more information. Click [Official Plan](#) to view the document.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Township underwent an Organization & Service Delivery Review in 2015 and a list of recommendations was presented to Council. One of the recommendations was for Council to develop a mission, vision, and Strategic Plan to serve as a guide for all other plans in the Township. All stakeholders in the Township including Council, taxpayers, businesses, ratepayer groups, churches and other groups assisted in developing this strategic plan through meetings and discussion to identify and rank strategic priorities for the Township.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Township of Ramara needs your help. We are on a mission to ensure our communities thrive! Help us identify unique community attributes as we begin the process to create a new brand identity. Take our [survey](#) today!

Do you know that a card is FREE if you live in Ramara? Do you have a library membership? If not, we encourage you to drop by either branch to learn about the many programs and services we offer. Check out the many upcoming programs and resources that are available to you as a resident of Ramara!

Wednesday, May 16th @ 6:30 PM

Makeup Tips: How to get that special glow for your upcoming occasion! Tweens, teens and adults welcome!

Friday, May 18th PA DAY!

10 AM – 4:30 PM - So Glad 2 Be Me: Build your self esteem – Ages 7-13 Cost \$10 (*pizza lunch included*), 10:30 AM – Dr. Seuss Birthday Party! Ages 0-8, 2 PM – Sock Monster Workshop! Ages 8+

Wednesday, May 23rd @ 11:30 AM

Baby Wearing Meet Up

Thursday, May 24th @ 6:30 PM

Hear from Angie, a 40 year old woman living with depression and anxiety, yet living a fulfilling life!

Wednesday, May 30th @ 1:30 PM

Ramara Library Book Club (*new members welcome!*)

Thursday, May 31st @ 6:30 PM

I Spy Science – Ages 8+

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Tuesdays @ the Brechin branch from 1-4 PM – Agilec Employment Assistance

Fridays at the Ramara Centre branch @ 10:30 AM – Skinamarink Story Time

NOTE: REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION ABOUT ALL THE ABOVE PROGRAMS CAN BE FOUND AT www.ramarapubliclibrary.org

NEW RESOURCES/SERVICES

Try FREE online eMagazines by downloading the Flipster app today. Book a free appointment with one of our knowledgeable staff if you need assistance.

Therapy lights are available at BOTH library branches for in-library use only. Stop by if you suffer from depression, SADS or just need to give yourself a pick me up on those cloudy, gloomy days!

Click, Connect is finally here! If you are an immigrant trying to settle in Simcoe County, stop by the Ramara Centre branch to use our technology that will immediately connect you with an immigration specialist to provide support.

RAMARA RECREATION

RAMARA YOUTH

Lots in store for Ramara Youth in May. Check out these great opportunities...

- May 5th - Mother's Day Magic - Make a gift for Mom!
- May 25th - Kinder to Grade 3 dance - 5:30-6:30 pm
- May 25th- Last Youth Dance of the Year- 7-10 pm
- Teeball begins May 15th - only a few spots open!
- 1-2-3-Play With Me Group- Wednesdays @ 10am
- Youth Nite 11-14 yrs - Friday May 9th - 7-10 pm

All programs take place at the Ramara Recreation Centre. Preregistration a must for Teeball & Craft Programs.

705-325-3091 kmccabe@ramara.ca



FREE MOVIE AFTERNOON

Once a month from September to June, the Ramara Rec Centre hosts a FREE movie on Wednesday at 1 pm. This month's selection is on May 16th and we will be watching "The Greatest Showman". See you there!

YOUTH COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Get Involved! Be a voice for yourself in Ramara! If you are 12-19 yrs, enjoy making new friends, and want to be a part of events and activities for Youth in Ramara- please contact Karly McCabe for more information. Be part of the solution!

RAMARA SUMMER DAY CAMP

Calling all super awesome mid-sized humans! Join us this summer for an amazing camp experience. Check out www.ramara.ca > Recreation .

