



SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, MONDAY, MARCH 20TH!

DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, SPRING FORWARD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH.

Welcome to the Municipality of Thames Centre's second issue of our new service – quarterly newsletters! An excellent tool for communicating vital and timely news and updates and other significant information from all of our departments, directly to our community, all in one release.

To help keep you informed of what is happening in Thames Centre, we post regular updates on our [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

What this Issue Contains:

- Mayor's Message
- Summer Playground Registration
- Swimming Lesson Registration
- NEW Online Credit Card Payments
- Tax Due Dates & Payment Options
- Marriage Licence Facts
- Upcoming Garbage Collection Dates
- Important Water Notice
- 2022/2023 Capital Project Updates

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Although we are now in early March and a little removed from the start of the new year, on behalf of Council, I would still like to take this opportunity to wish the residents of Thames Centre a happy and healthy 2023.

As residents, you have elected a new Council with a breadth of backgrounds and experience. We welcome back, Councillor Tom Heeman, and say hello to new team members Danielle Lockie, Chantel Crockett and our new Deputy Mayor, Michelle Smibert. Together we are looking forward to accomplishing as many of our goals as we can to make Thames Centre a vibrant place in which to live, work, and play.

We look forward to the extension of the Seniors Centre/VON in Dorchester in the months to come, an examination of our master and strategic plans, along with our first live Council Meeting in Thorndale in April. In addition to that, we are well into the process of bringing a new CAO on board to help us through the process of achieving our goals. I invite you to stay tuned - there's more to come.

Sharron McMillan
Mayor, Thames Centre



2023 Online Swimming Lesson Registration

Swimming lesson registration opens
April 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Each session runs for 2 weeks,
Monday-Friday and are based
on Lifesaving Society.

- July 3-14, 2023
- July 17-28, 2023
- July 31-August 11, 2023
- August 14-25, 2023



**Read more for additional information on Bronze Star, Bronze
Medallion, Bronze Cross and Swim Team.
www.thamescentre.on.ca**

Upcoming Summer Job Opportunities for Students

This Spring, the Community Services & Facilities Department will
be looking to hire summer students for the following positions:

- Playground Supervisors
- Playground Leaders in Training
- Cemetery Caretaker

You can stay up to date on [Employment Opportunities](#) on our
website thamescentre.on.ca.

Thames Centre Playground Program

2023 Online registration opened
March 7, 2023

The Thames Centre Playground program is open to children who have completed Junior Kindergarten up to grade seven with two locations: Dorchester & Thorndale.

Children come together to take part in a variety of games, crafts, sports, outdoor play, swimming (seasonal), along with many other fun activities.

This is a locally sponsored program, therefore all families registering must live, work or go to school in Thames Centre.

- The cost to enroll in a five-day week is \$185.00 per child, per week or a four-day week is \$148.00 per child, per week.
- The program runs from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Before and after care is available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at no additional cost.

Looking for activities for the kids or as a whole family during the March Break?

Look no further!

March Break Gym/Ice Schedule
in Thames Centre

Registering for Playground

Online registration opens
March 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

- Registration will be complete upon submission of the Registration Form, Health Screening Form and Payment.
- Health Screening Form (must be filled out prior to enrollment).

2023 Operating Dates:

July 4-7 (4-day week)
July 10-14
July 17-21
July 24-28
July 31-August 4
August 8-11 (4-day week)
August 14-18
August 21-25

[Register Here](#)

Lions Senior Centre

There are many benefits to becoming a member of the Lions Senior Centre. The amount and variety of programs and activities offered is amazing! Becoming a member provides you with discounts on programs in Thorndale and Dorchester as well as on bus trips.



Joining is easy and only
\$25.00 for the year.

Open to members 50 years or over.

For more information, contact the
Senior Centre at 519-287-7334.

Karen ext. 708

Kayla ext. 728

Read more for program information
and hours of operation.

Sports Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The Thames Centre Sports Wall of Fame Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the FlightExec Centre South lobby. More information about inductees and about the event will be posted closer to the date.

[Read more](#) about the Thames
Centre Sports Wall of Fame
Committee

Community Services & Facilities Master Plan Update

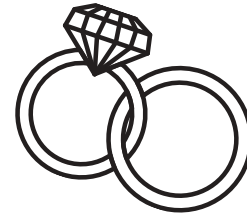
By mid-March 2023 we will have awarded the contract for an update to our Community Services & Facilities department's Master Plan. The end result will be a clear, innovative, and flexible planning document to be used by the Municipality to guide department initiatives for the next 10 years. Community input is paramount for a successful Plan, so please watch our municipal website and social media platforms in the weeks and months ahead for details on how, when, and where you can provide your input on the future of the Community Services & Facilities department.



FlightExec Centre Expansion Project Update

Excitement continues to grow regarding the expansion project budgeted for the FlightExec Centre this year. The Council has authorized staff to negotiate with MCI Design-Build to finalize the expansion & improvements for the Senior Centre, the auditorium, and the space rented by the Victoria Order of Nurses (VON). The Expansion Committee hopes to have a recommendation presented to Council at the April 12th Council meeting, which, if approved, would lead to construction beginning shortly thereafter.

Marriage Licences



Congratulations on your upcoming nuptials!

What You need To Know:

- A marriage licence is required to get married in Ontario.
- The licence is valid for use in Ontario only.
- The licence expires 3 months after the date of issuance.
- The cost for a marriage licence is \$140.00. Payment can be made by cash or debit.
- Your application can be submitted through mail, email, dropping it off in-person at the office or using our drop box outside of office hours
- Once your application has been reviewed, a staff member will reach out to you to schedule an appointment to pick up your licence
- **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED**

Booking an Appointment

- Appointments will be scheduled within 3-5 business days of completing the application.
- With an appointment, if you have the required identification and supporting documentation, it will take approximately 20-30 minutes to process your application and issue the licence.
- You may book an appointment by contacting 519-268-7334

For more information on required identification, previous marriage documentation, etc. [Read More](#) thamescentre.on.ca



The Municipality of Thames Centre is pleased to add an additional payment option. Residents now have the option to pay their municipal bills by using their VISA, American Express or MasterCard, subject to payment of additional convenience fee.

For more information on payment options, [Read more](https://www.thamescentre.on.ca) [thamescentre.on.ca](https://www.thamescentre.on.ca)

WANT TO KNOW MORE ON HOW TO READ YOUR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT NOTICE?
[Watch MPAC's short video.](#)

Important Billing Dates to Remember

Property Tax Bill Due Dates:

Interim Property Tax Bill- May 30, 2023

Final Property Tax Bills - (tentative) August 30, 2023 and October 30, 2023

Water & Sewer Bill Due Dates:

March 27, 2023

May 25, 2023

July 25, 2023

September 25, 2023

November 27, 2023

Important Water Supply Notice

The Thames Centre Water Department will be conducting their Spring Flush Program during the week of April 17th - 21st, 2023, between the hours of 8:00am - 4:00pm.

Fire hydrant flushing is done to remove any sediment or stagnant water from the distribution system and to test fire hydrant operation. These steps are taken to improve overall water quality within the distribution system.

[Read More](#) on the Spring Flushing Program.

Oversized Waste Collection

Oversized waste pickup is held annually at the beginning of May. The three piles of waste must be clearly separated, according to the following:
Oversized Waste, Wood and Yard Waste.

Waste bagged will NOT be picked up with the bulk waste collection.

[Read more](#) on Oversized Waste Collection
thamescentre.on.ca

Snowplow Damage & Sod Repairs

If your sod was damaged by a plow during snow removal, please contact the municipal office at inquiries@thamescentre.on.ca.

Please include your address in your email/message.

Municipal staff will repair the damage in the spring.

Weekly Garbage
Collection Resumes
April 3, 2023.



Damaged Blue Box? Bring
it into the municipal office!
A replacement will be
given at no charge.

Questions about collection
dates and items that are
acceptable for collection?

[Read more](#)
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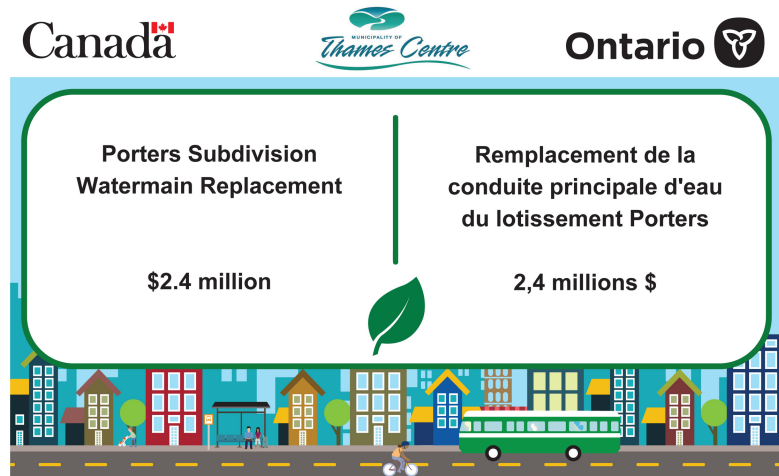
Porter Subdivision Update

The Municipality of Thames Centre implemented a Watermain Replacement and Road Reconstruction of Porters Subdivision – Phase 1 in 2022.

The 2022 Phase 1 reconstruction area included David Street, Patricia Ave, and Ross Ave from David Street East.

The reconstruction work included complete reconstruction of the roads, implementation of curbs and sidewalks, replacement of the watermain, and storm sewer replacement. Phase 1 will be completed in the Spring of 2023.

Phase 2 will begin in the Spring of 2023. The 2023 Phase 2 reconstruction area includes Carl Street, Ruth Street, and Ross Ave from David Street West. The reconstruction work includes complete reconstruction of the roads, implementation of curbs and sidewalks, replacement of the watermain, and upgraded storm sewers.



Hamilton Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project

Beginning in the SPRING of 2023, the installation of new sanitary sewer and services to the property line of each residence for connection will begin to take place.

[Read more](#) on 2022 & 2023 Capital Projects

Dorchester Union Cemetery North Cremation Garden

The North Cremation Garden has recently expanded to include two dome style columbaria. Each columbarium structure houses 72 niches and each niche will allow for the cremains of two individuals. The new “Domes” also offer the ability to have a Memory Plaque installed on a Memory Wall Column for a loved one that may be in the cemetery in a different location, or perhaps not in this cemetery at all.

The memory of your loved ones may be forever expressed in this beautiful area of our cemetery.

Additional information may be found on the cemetery page under the Dorchester Union Cemetery section or you may contact the Cemetery/Administrative Coordinator 519-268-7334 ext. 227 [Read more.](#)



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The Council and Staff
of Thames Centre
wish everyone a very
Happy and Safe
Spring Season!