



Municipal Newsletter

Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Township Council is always receptive to your questions and comments. To contact a Councillor via email, see below. Or call the Township Office to be put in touch via phone.

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Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 4:00 p.m. All meeting are open to the public.

Municipal Office

47 Wilmot St. S.,
Box 100

Drumbo, ON N0J 1G0

Phone: 519-463-5347

Fax: 519-463-5881

www.blandfordblenheim.ca

Hours of Operation

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday

Public Works Yard/ Leaf Waste Depot

The depot is located at
895957 Oxford Road 3,
just North of Drumbo

Community Services

Plattsville Arena &
Community Hall
68 Mill Street East
519-684-7482

Princeton Centennial Hall
35 Main Street South
519-458-4891

County of Oxford

Phone: 519-539-9800

www.oxfordcounty.ca

All dog owners must register their pets for the year 2018. You will not automatically receive an invoice or tag. Please complete and mail the following information with your \$15.00 payment (per dog) to register your dog with the Township for 2018. A tag will be mailed back to you. Mailing address above. If you register after March 31st, the fee is \$20.00 (per dog).

You may also visit the office at 47 Wilmot St. S.

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- Owner name(s) and contact numbers;
- Mailing address;
- Dog name, breed, markings/colour and gender.



Are you planning on constructing a building or structure?



If so, keep in mind a building permit may be required! Building permits ensure that all buildings within the Township have been inspected in accordance with the Ontario Building Code regulation and the community can be assured the buildings are safe, healthy and accessible. If you are unsure if a building permit will be required, feel free to contact the Building Department staff at 519-463-5347 or visit our website!

2018 Property Taxes

The Township is offering residents the opportunity to receive property tax notices by email as opposed to regular mail. We see this initiative as being both environmentally and fiscally responsible for all of us. We hope that you agree! To sign up for E-mail, please notify the Township office by forwarding an email to kkoski@blandfordblenheim.ca

ATTENTION DRUMBO RESIDENTS: PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR NEW P.O. BOX NUMBER IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR TAX BILLS.

Tax Instalments are due MAY 31, AUGUST 31 and OCTOBER 31, 2018

Organizations that may affect your Property Taxes

Farm Property Tax Credit Program – Even minor changes in ownership or farm tenants can have a dramatic effect on your assessment and taxes. Please call, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (**OMAFRA**) at 1-877-424-1300.

Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program – It is equally important to meet the July 31st deadline each year.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's (**MNR**) 1-800-268-8959.

Parks & Recreation News

Township Drop-in Center: We have partnered with the Drumbo + Plattsville Lion's Clubs and the Thames Valley School Board to provide a drop-in center! Happening weekly, alternating between the Plattsville and Blenheim Public Schools. Activities for youth of all ages. No cost. First night is Wednesday March 21st at Blenheim School, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Next is Wednesday March 28th at Plattsville School, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Township Food Drives: In partnership with many local community groups, the Township is offering drop off locations for non-perishable items at Princeton Library, Plattsville Library and Plattsville Arena. More drop off locations to be announced.

Township Family Fun Day: Bright Community Group, Drumbo and Plattsville Lions are co-hosting this event on June 23, 2018. Includes: Co-Ed Baseball Tournament, BBQ, Movie in the Park, Decorate your bike, Dodgeball and much more! For more information, contact Phil at 226-336-1906.

Other Events:

Pte Tyler W. Todd Event – March 30th & 31st at the Plattsville Arena, more information at www.toddevents.ca

Plattsville Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt – March 30th at 1:00 p.m. at the Plattsville Park

Little Ray's Reptile Show – March 31st at 3:00 p.m. at the Plattsville Curling Club



For Your Information...

STOP, STOOP, SCOOP!

If you are walking your dog, please make sure it is leashed and always carry bags to pick up after your animal. Dispose of the bags in an appropriate manner, do not leave them laying anywhere. Please be a responsible dog owner.



Township Office will be Closed:

March 30th for Good Friday

April 2nd for Easter Monday

May 21st for Victoria Day

July 2nd for Canada Day



August 6th for the Civic Holiday

September 3rd for Labour Day



From the Public Works Department

Two Municipal Bridges are closed: Gobles Road Bridge, and the Silver Bridge on Blenheim Road. These bridges are impassable for vehicles or pedestrians due to major safety concerns. The bridges have been inspected by Engineers. The repairs to Silver Bridge and construction on Gobles Bidge will begin when weather allows.

Construction season is almost upon us. When you see  be aware that you are entering a work zone with people & equipment ahead. Workers are repairing/improving the road to keep it safe for everyone to use. Please slow down, pay attention and be prepared to stop. We want to see that these workers get home safely to their families each and every day. If you see  it means that the road is impassable and you must take an alternate route.

Keep Our Roadways Safe: With spring here, it's important to remind people not to plant crops in municipal right of ways. They obstruct visibility! Public Works staff have the authority to cut down any crops planted on Township road allowances.

The Township Office is able to process your request for a Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check. If you require a Vulnerable Sector Check, the OPP requires a letter from the organization stating that you require this check along with a signature. It is required by you to bring two pieces of identification: Driver's License, Passport, Birth Certificate, Hunting License, Blood Donor Card or Student Card. We cannot accept A Health Card as identification.



Have you heard about the **Green Cone Composter** now offered? There are many benefits to the cone. It's made out of recycled materials and allows you to compost kitchen scraps that traditional systems can't break down. Visit us at the Township Office to purchase for \$40!

Wedding season is upon us! Did you know that you can purchase your marriage license at the Township Office? The license must be obtained within 3 months of the marriage date. There is a fee of \$110 to issue the license.

Please see our website for further information.



Emergency Preparedness Week May 6-12 2018 We've officially sprung forward, but have you checked your survival kit? This time of year can bring unpredictable emergencies, including storms, power outages and flooding. Check your stocks every time you change the clocks. Learn more at www.oxford72hours.ca

Outdoor Cleaning: With outdoor cleanup starting, cleaning up debris and limiting the level of flammable vegetation surrounding your home is a good practice. Make sure the way you do it is safe – for you, your home, your neighbors. If you are going to have a controlled burn, you **must** call into the Township Office. Failure to call in could mean that you will be faced with the expense of dispatching the fire department out. Controlled burns are not permitted in the villages, Forest Estates or Maple Lake Mobile Home Parks. Learn more at <http://www.blandfordblenheim.ca/Portals/Blable/Documents/Controlled%20Burn%20Guidelines%202017.pdf>

Can we find you? In an emergency, every second counts. You can help us locate your house by ensuring your address is visible to us. Clear vegetation and obstructions, and post your numbers so they can be easily visible from the road and large enough for us to see.

Municipal Drains

Dead & fallen trees can affect the function of drains, as can course blockages which may also cause flooding. Please inspect open drains on your property.

If you suspect that the municipal drain on your property requires maintenance or repair, including being affected by trees or their roots, please contact the Drainage Superintendent to schedule an inspection at 519-463-5347.

www.blandfordblenheim.ca/Services/MunicipalDrainage



Public Works Yard/ Leaf Waste Depot:

Open 24/7 to drop off yard waste. Please remember not to leave planter boxes or bags in the piles. The EZT yard by 123 Main St. E. in Innerkip is also available for your convenience.

Wood Chips:

When available, free of charge, Monday - Friday between 7am & 3:30 pm. Please call the shop, 519-463-5389, for availability of wood chips.

The Municipal Election will be held on Monday October 22, 2018.

Register as a Candidate: **Tuesday, May 1, 2018 to Friday, July 27, 2018**

Candidates can file a nomination paper and supporting signatures starting May 1, 2018 during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) up until Nomination Day on July 27, 2018, when the deadline to submit is 2:00 p.m.



Check that you're registered to vote: **HAVE YOUR SAY.
LOG ON TODAY.**

