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FALL HAS ARRIVED WITH WINTER SOON ON IT'S WAY!

"AUTUMN IS THE SEASON THAT TEACHES US THAT CHANGE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL."

Speaking of change, WELCOME to the Municipality of Thames Centre's first 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.



2022-2026 Council

From far left: Councillor Ward 1 – Tom Heeman, Deputy Mayor – Michelle Smibert, Mayor – Sharron McMillan, Councillor Ward 2 – Danielle Lockie and Councillor Ward 3 – Chantel Crockett

What this Issues Contains:

- New Term of Council
- Garbage & Recycling Collection
- Ice Safety
- New No Loitering Signs
- Paperless Billing
- Winter Road FAQ
- Overnight Parking Restrictions
- Holiday Hours of Operation

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THAMES CENTRE COUNCIL INAUGURAL MEETING

Thames Centre welcomed the incoming 2022 to 2026 Municipal Council at its Inaugural meeting on November 16, 2022. Mayor Sharron McMillan, Deputy Mayor Michelle Smibert, Ward 1 Councillor Tom Heeman, Ward 2 Councillor Danielle Lockie and Ward 3 Councillor Chantel Crockett each declared their Oath of Office in a formal swearing-in ceremony.

“Service is something I believe in very strongly and I do not take my position lightly,” said Mayor McMillan.

“As mayor, I am one person and only one person. Around me will be a team of exceptional Councillors, each bringing their work and life experience to the horseshoe. The real measure of the success of our efforts over the next few years will be not just in the decisions we make, but the way in which we make them.”

“Over the next little while, while we begin learning our new roles and putting together our goals and visions for the next 100 days, along with the expertise of the members of staff. I have every confidence that we will be able to manage all that comes our way with the best interests of Thames Centre in mind.”

In Mayor Sharron McMillan’s inaugural remarks, she acknowledged and thanked all members of the past council for their service to the municipality and wished them every success in whichever paths they choose.

Council orientation began on November 28th with a Special Budget Meeting scheduled for December 12th at 9:00 a.m. and a Regular Meeting, December 12th at 1:00 p.m.

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Garbage & Recycling

From the month of November – March, Thames Centre switches to a bi-weekly garbage collection. Recycling remains Weekly. This helps to increase a higher use of the recycling program.



Ice Safety and Storm Water Management Ponds – Winter Danger

The Municipality does not monitor ponds during the winter months. Ice surfaces are dangerous places, especially those with currents or drainage underneath, such as the Mill Pond and Stormwater management ponds. They may look frozen but is the ice thick enough? Please exercise caution.

Report a Concern

If you have a concern about something happening in the Municipality of Thames Centre, please don't hesitate to let us know! Wondering about a by-law or reporting a concern?

Contact us by telephone, 519-268-7334, or email inquiries@thamescentre.on.ca and we will be happy to respond to you.

You can also fill out our online reporting system by visiting: <https://www.thamescentre.on.ca/services/residents/law-enforcement>

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New – NO LOITERING SIGNS



No Loitering signs have been placed in the Parkview Alleyway that heads to LDSS. By-law will be monitoring and enforcing loitering in this area.

If you see loitering in the Alleyway, please call the OPP 1-888-310-1122

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Winter Road Maintenance FAQ

Which Roads Get Plowed First and Why?

Priority roads carry the higher volumes of traffic and are most easily identified as main roads or secondary collectors' roads. These are the roads people use to get to business areas and in and out of the municipality. The other roads are primarily residential or secondary routes, and these are systematically plowed after the priority routes are completed.

After a snowfall ends, it can take:

- 8-12 hours to clear priority roads, and
- for all Municipal roads, approximately 24 hours

When are Sidewalks cleared?

Sidewalks are cleared after snow accumulates in excess of two inches, and only after roads are cleared. Sidewalk clearing is generally completed within 24-48 hours after the end of the storm. Sidewalks are cleared to a snow packed condition, as the snow equipment does not allow for clearing down to bare pavement.

What if the snow plow hits my mailbox?

If your mailbox has been damaged during snow removal, please call the Municipality 519-268-7334 and leave your address with our staff. The Transportation Superintendent will inspect the damage to determine the cause. The Municipality does not repair or replace mailboxes knocked over by snow or from snow that is thrown off the plow blade.

Overnight Parking

Overnight parking is not permitted on any Municipal roads between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. year round.

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December/January

2022/2023

Thames Centre Holiday Gym/Ice Schedule

T = Thorndale D = Dorchester

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25</p> <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Adult and Senior Skate 10:00 - 11:00am APC</p> <p>Pickleball 10:00am - 1:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Adult Stick n Puck 11:00am - 12:30pm APC</p> <p>Badminton 7:30 - 9:30pm T-GYM</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Teen Shinny (ages 13-17) 12:00 - 1:30pm CANUSA</p> <p>Family Sports 12:00 - 2:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Teen Basketball 7:30 - 9:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Badminton 7:30 - 9:30pm D-GYM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Parent & Tots Skate 10:00am - 12:00pm APC</p> <p>Adult Stick n Puck 12:00 - 1:30pm APC</p> <p>Pickleball 10:00am - 1:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Family Sports 2:30 - 4:30pm D-GYM</p> <p>Teen Basketball 7:30 - 9:00pm D-GYM</p> <p>Badminton 7:30 - 9:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Adult Basketball 9:00 - 10:30pm D-GYM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pickleball 9:00am - 12:00pm D-GYM</p> <p>Adult and Senior Skate 10:00 - 11:30am CANUSA</p> <p>Open Skate 1:00 - 2:30pm APC</p> <p>Teen Basketball 3:00 - 4:30pm T-GYM</p> <p>Badminton 7:30 - 9:30pm D-GYM</p> <p>Adult Basketball 9:00 - 10:30pm T-GYM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Kite Flying 10:00am - 12:00pm D-GYM</p> <p>Pickleball 10:00am - 1:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Parent & Kid Stick n Puck 4:00 - 5:30pm CANUSA</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Family Sports 10:00am - 12:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Open Skate 5:00 - 8:00pm APC</p> <p>Thorndale closed at 3:30pm</p> <p>Dorchester closed at 8:00pm</p>
<p>1</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEARS!</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Adult and Senior Skate 10:00 - 11:00am APC</p> <p>Pickleball 10:00am - 1:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Adult Stick n Puck 11:00am - 12:30pm APC</p> <p>Open Sake 12:30 - 2:00pm APC</p> <p>Badminton 7:30 - 9:30pm T-GYM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Parent & Kid Stick n Puck 1:30 - 3:30pm CANUSA</p> <p>Teen Basketball 7:30 - 9:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Badminton 7:30 - 9:30pm D-GYM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Parent & Tots Skate 10:00am - 12:00pm APC</p> <p>Pickleball 10:00am - 1:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Adult Stick n Puck 12:00 - 1:30pm APC</p> <p>Teen Shinny (ages 13-17) 1:30 - 3:00 pm APC</p> <p>Family Sports 2:30 - 4:00pm D-GYM</p> <p>Teen Basketball 7:30 - 9:00pm D-GYM</p> <p>Badminton 7:30 - 9:30pm T-GYM</p> <p>Adult Basketball 9:00 - 10:30pm D-GYM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Adult and Senior Skate 10:00 - 11:00am APC</p> <p>Pickleball 9:00am - 12:00pm D-GYM</p> <p>Teen Shinny 11:00am - 12:30 pm APC</p> <p>Badminton 7:30 - 9:30pm D-GYM</p> <p>Adult Basketball 9:00 - 10:30pm T-GYM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Kite Flying 10:00am - 12:00pm D-GYM</p> <p>Pickleball 10:00am - 1:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Free Skate Sponsored by: Tim Hortons 1:00 - 3:00pm APC</p> <p>Parent & Kid Stick n Puck 4:00 - 5:30pm CANUSA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Family Sports 10:00am - 12:00pm T-GYM</p> <p>Teen Basketball 4:00 - 5:30pm D-GYM</p>

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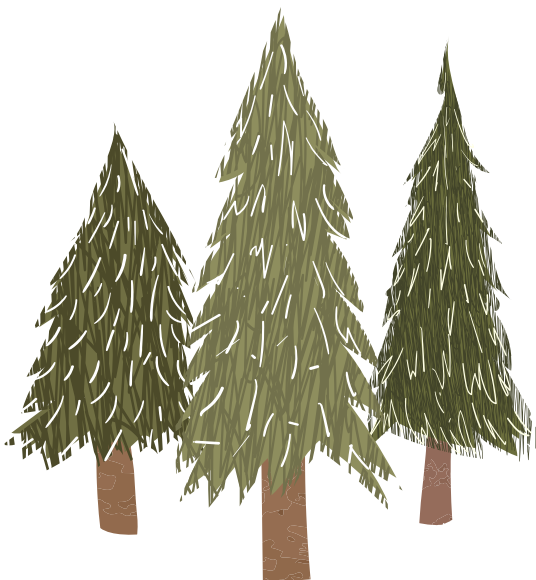


Garbage and Recycling Holiday Schedule

The Christmas Tree Depot

is being offered again this year from:

- December 27th to January 6th.
- Drop off locations: FlightExec Centre front baseball diamond parking lot and Thorndale Community Centre front west parking lot. There will be signage designating the drop-off areas.
- Artificial trees are not accepted.
- Ensure all tinsel and garland have been removed.



Garbage and Recycling Collections

will take place on their regular scheduled days.

The Landfill Site

will remain open during the regular scheduled hours of operation.

Water Emergencies

Will be responded to between December 24, 2022 and January 2, 2023 by contacting 519-930-8118.

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Holiday Office & Centre Closure Schedule

The Municipal Office

- closes at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 23, 2022
- re-opens at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

The FlightExec Centre

- Closes at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24th
- Closed Sunday, December 25th
- Closes at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31st
- Closed Sunday, January 1, 2023

The Thorndale Lions Community Centre

- Closes at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24th
- Closed Sunday, December 25th
- Closes at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 31st
- Closed Sunday, January 1, 2023



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