



# Municipal Newsletter

## Township of Blandford-Blenheim

**Council meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.**

The Mayor and Council are always receptive to your input and comments. Your attendance at Council is welcome.

### Stay up to date!

Check out our website to stay up to date with public events, road closures, Council Meetings and more!

[www.blandfordblenheim.ca](http://www.blandfordblenheim.ca)

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### Municipal Office

47 WILMOT ST. S.,  
DRUMBO, ON N0J 1G0

Phone: 519-463-5347

Fax: 519-463-5881

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### 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](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca)

### From the Public Works Department

**Construction season is almost upon us:** When you see signs, be aware that you are entering a construction 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 ensure these workers get home safely to their families each and every day. If you see a Road Closed sign, it means that the road is impassable and for your safety you must take an alternate route. DO NOT go around the sign.

**Keep our roadways safe:** It is illegal to put dirt, leaves or debris onto a roadway. When cleaning out ditches and driveways from the winter, this material must be picked up and disposed off not put on to the roadway. The Township wants to remind people not to plant crops in the municipal right of ways. They obstruct visibility! Public works staff have the authority to cut down any crops planted on Township Road allowances.

**2020 Projects:** The Township will be removing high shoulders and doing ditch cleaning along some Township roads this year. If you are interested in some of this material please contact Jim Borton at the Township office 519-463-5347 ext. 226.

### Township Office will be Closed:

April 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> for Easter  
May 18<sup>th</sup> for Victoria Day  
July 1<sup>st</sup> for Canada Day  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> for Civic Holiday  
September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labour Day



### Change your clocks...



### Change your batteries!

Do you have a pool? Spring start up may mean you are backwashing and draining water to prepare for the summer. Remember that it is against by-law to drain any water onto neighbouring properties. Be neighbourly and ensure your run off is draining on your own property.

### Municipal Drains

Dead & fallen trees can affect the function of drains, this can cause 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](http://www.blandfordblenheim.ca/Services/MunicipalDrainage)



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### 2020 Annual Dog Registration

**Please complete and mail the following information with your \$15.00 payment (per dog) to register your dog with the Township for 2020. A tag will be mailed back to you. Mailing address above. If you register after April 30<sup>th</sup>, the fee is \$25.00 (per dog).**

**You may also visit the office at 47 Wilmot St. S. (Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) to register your dog.**

Owner Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, ON Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Civic Address (911 #) \_\_\_\_\_

Dog #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings/Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Dog #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings/Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Dog #3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings/Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F



## About your Property Taxes

### Get Your Tax Notice Faster

The Township now offers residents the opportunity to receive tax notices by email as opposed to regular mail. We see this initiative as being both environmentally as well as fiscally responsible for all of us. We hope you agree! Save on the expense of having to have your previous year's tax bills re-printed, by having an electronic copy to conveniently refer back to. To sign up for email delivery of your tax notice please notify the township by forwarding an email to [kkoski@blandfordblenheim.ca](mailto:kkoski@blandfordblenheim.ca)

### Pre-Authorized Payment of Property Taxes

Paying your property taxes by pre-authorized payments makes sense. There are no administrative fees and your payment is never late. There is a monthly payment option; 10 months from January to October, withdrawn on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, as well as the installment option withdrawn on the four tax due dates. Forms are available online or at the Township office.

### Internet/Telephone Banking Tax Payments

Do you make payments to the Township via online or phone banking? IMPORTANT UPDATE! Please check the account you are paying! For property taxes the number MUST START with **3245**. This was previously not required, so some have left off the 3245. It is important to add these numbers to ensure that payments are applied correctly.

### Farm Property Tax Credit

Even minor changes in ownership or farm tenants can have a dramatic effect on your assessment and property 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 31<sup>st</sup> deadline each year. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's (MNR) 1-800-268-8959

**Tax installments are due February 28, 2020 & May 29, 2020**

## Parks & Recreation News

**Plattsville Arena Roller Skating** – April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22. 6pm-9pm. Skates available to rent

**Youth Drop in Center** – Feb. 19, Mar. 4, April 1, April 15, April 29, May 6, May 20 at Blenheim Public School (630-830pm)

**Youth Drop in Center** – Feb. 26, Mar. 4, Mar. 25, April 8, April 22, May 13, May 27 at Plattsville Public School (630-830pm)

**Adult Skate** – Tuesdays from 1-2pm until March 21, 2020 at the Plattsville Arena

**Public Skating** – Saturdays 1-2pm until March 14, 2020 at the Plattsville Arena

**Parents and Tots Skating** – Wed. & Thurs. 11am-12pm until March 26 at the Plattsville Arena

**March Break Free Skate** – March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm

**Plattsville Lions Easter Egg Hunt** – April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Plattsville Park

**Drumbo Lions Easter Egg Hunt** – April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Drumbo Park

**Drumbo Lions Auction** – April 10, 12pm at the Drumbo Agricultural Hall. Contact 519-463-5263 or 519-421-6939 for info.

**Adult Hockey Tournament** – PREVA Cup, March 27,28, & 29.

**Canada Day Family Fun** – July 1, 5pm at the Plattsville Park.

**Splash Pad** – Open June 1, 2020.

**For Info on all Parks, Arena, and Halls Please Contact 518-685-7482 or 519-463-5347**

# Free Home Fire Protection Inspection

THE TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM IS OFFERING  
FREE HOME FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTIONS FOR SINGLE  
FAMILY DWELLINGS

- Are you and your loved ones safe from fire?
- Would everyone know what to do if a fire occurred in your home?

- The Township of Blandford-Blenheim wants to make sure that your home is free from fire and associated hazards and that you are prepared if a fire occurs in your home.

**Give yourself "peace of mind" knowing that you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home.**

If a fire does occur in your home, remember these important points:

- Alert everyone in your house and follow your escape plan
- Never go back inside for any reason
- Call 9-1-1 as soon as possible from a safe place
- Meet our firefighters and tell them of any people or pets trapped inside

- Smoke alarm testing
- Carbon monoxide alarm testing
- Air quality testing using our 4-gas meters
- Fire extinguisher inspection
- Home Escape Plan Reviews
- Fire Safety Discussions



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