



# SOUTHWOLD IN MOTION - HEARTFELT AND HOMEGROWN

## STRATEGIC PLAN

Council of the Township of Southwold adopted their 2023 Strategic Plan on September 11, 2023. Over the next 4 years this plan will guide Council to achieve its vision of a vibrant, safe and growing rural community that offers a high quality of life and economic development. A copy of the Strategic Plan can be found on the Strategic Plan page on the Township website.

## A REMINDER TO BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU FLUSH!



Wet wipes, paper towels and facial tissues can cause major failures at the wastewater treatment plant. Residents should not flush wet wipes of any kind. Despite what some packaging says, wipes are NOT FLUSHABLE. Paper towels and facial tissues also do not belong in the toilet, since they do not break down like toilet paper does. If wipes, paper towels and facial tissues are flushed, they can severely damage the sanitary infrastructure, which may lead to sewage overflows, costly repairs, and ultimately, higher user rates.



### IT'S OFFICIAL! WE HAVE A NEW NAME FOR THE SHEDDEN OPEN SPACE PARK

The Shedden Open Space Park has been officially named **Corsley Park**.

Before the village was named Shedden it was known as Corsley.

An official naming ceremony will be held soon. Watch the Township's website and social media accounts for all the details.

Council would like to thank those who made a submission to the renaming of the park.



### Hydrant flushing and maintenance of the Southwold Distribution System will continue until October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

During flushing, residents may experience a drop-in pressure. Any disruption should be of a short duration and should only occur while mains in the area are being flushed. It is recommended that you turn on a cold-water tap, preferably in a laundry tub, to flush out your service once flushing has occurred in your area. If there is an aerator on your tap, remove it prior to flushing your taps.

If you have any questions, contact the Township of Southwold at 519-769-2010.

### Garbage Collection Changes

Please note that during the week of December 25<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, garbage collection will be pushed to one day after current collection date, as indicated below in green.

| December-23 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S           | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|             |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3           | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10          | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17          | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24          | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31          |    |    |    |    |    |    |

### 2024 Budget

Deliberations have begun for the 2024 budget. Over the next few Council meetings, Staff will be doing presentations on various major capital projects, recommending their needs for inclusion in the Capital Budget.

Operating Budget deliberations will begin after the approval of the Capital Budget.





## GARBAGE BAG TAGS

If you know that you are going to exceed your allotted bags of garbage, you can purchase extra bag tags. They are \$2.50 each and can be purchased at the Township office (35663 Fingal Line) or Country Grocery in Shedden.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OPTIMIST CLUB OF FINGAL-SHEDDEN & DISTRICT

#### **HALLOWEEN PARTY AT KEYSTONE COMPLEX**

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Ages preschool to 10 years



### **SOUTHWOLD YOUNG @ HEART DRIVE-THRU CHRISTMAS TURKEY DINNER**



Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:00 noon

**Cost \$20.00 per dinner**

Please call the Township Office at 519-769-2010 to reserve your dinner



### SOUTHWOLD YOUNG @ HEART IN-PERSON EVENT

Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
at the Keyston Complex

Come out and enjoy shuffleboard, board games, cards, video games or some social time.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

GUEST SPEAKER TED BARRIS

HARVARD'S FLY-OVER at approximately 11:00 a.m. and weather dependent.

**Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.  
at the Keystone Complex.**

Come out and enjoy this wonderful program of remembrance.

If you are not able to attend in person, the program will be recorded and available at a later date for viewing on the Township's website.



### **2023 Volunteer Recognition Award & Community Volunteer Appreciation**

Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Keystone Complex

Awards will be presented for: Mayor's Prestigious Award, Distinguished Citizen Award, Volunteer Service Award and Volunteer Firefighters – Years of Service

Contact the municipal office to inquire about your invitation.

### Optimist Club of Fingal- Shedden & District Annual

#### **Santa Claus Parade**

Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
@ 2:00 p.m. in Fingal.

Theme: Christmas with the Elves

For more information, please email [sgarvin@rogers.com](mailto:sgarvin@rogers.com)

## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A FLOOD?

### UNDERSTANDING LOCAL FLOOD MESSAGES

#### SHORELINE CONDITIONS

STATEMENT: flood outlook (an early notice of the potential for flooding on the Great Lakes based on weather and lake conditions) and water safety information.

#### WATERSHED CONDITIONS

STATEMENT: flood outlook (an early notice of the potential for flooding based on heavy rain, snow melt etc.) and water safety information.

FLOOD WARNING: flooding is imminent or already occurring.

FLOOD WATCH: there is potential for flooding.

### BEFORE A FLOOD

- Contact local authorities to find out if your home is located in flood prone area
- Clear gutters, drains and downpipes of debris and remove debris from nearest storm drain, ditch or culvert
- Install drainage for downspouts a sufficient distance from your residence to ensure water moves away from the building (do not connect these to the sanitary system)
- Do not store valuables or emergency equipment in your basement or raise them off the floor. Consider installing a sump pump (have a backup sump pump with battery) and make sure to test and clean these twice per year
- Take special precautions to safeguard electrical, natural gas or propane heating
- Prepare a 72-hr kit in the event you are asked to evacuate
- Install flood shields/barriers for basement windows and doors that extend below ground level
- Install a backflow valve in the sewer pipe at the foot of your basement wall or in the yard. The device is designed to close when the sanitary sewer begins to surcharge
- Routine maintenance of the backflow valve is a must, debris caught in the valve may prevent proper closure of the valve
- Ensure the grading around your home is sloped away from the house
- Avoid planting trees and shrubs over sewer pipes as roots can damage the pipes