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March 2025 Newsletter

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Southwold

Public Works, Water & After-Hours Emergencies

For after-hours roads, drainage and animal control, please call 519-769-2010 and you will be routed to our after-hours call service

For after-hours Water and Sewer Emergencies, please contact OCWA at 519-868-0034

For after-hours Water and Sewer Emergencies in Lynhurst and Ferndale, please call 519-631-1680, option 1

Members of Council:

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Township of Southwold Council and Staff would like to welcome our newest member to the team, Sean Andrews, Public Works Operator. We would also like to congratulate Jeff Carswell on his new position, CAO/Clerk, and Paul Martyn, Parks Operator.

New Public Works Building Project

The Township of Southwold Council, Staff and especially the Southwold Public Works Department are excited for the new building in Fingal!

Sitework has commenced and construction is to start Spring 2025.



Important Tax Dates in 2025: Interim property tax installments are due by Monday, March 31st and Friday, May 30th, 2025

Did you know that you can sign up to receive your Property Tax and Water Utility billings by email?

Sign up available on our website at: southwold.ca/emailbilling

The Communities in Bloom will be holding their Annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 25th, 2025 at the Keystone Complex Pavilion. Keep an eye on the Communities in Bloom Facebook page, and Township social media channels for the most up to date information.

PLEASE NOTE

Recycling collection is managed by Circular Materials, NOT the Township of Southwold

Recycling collection issues should be directed to the contracted service provider, Waste Connections, by phone at 519-691-2206 or by email at townshipofsouthwold@wasteconnections.com.

For more information about collection services, visit southwold.ca/garbageandrecycling

Shedden & Fingal News

The Township of Southwold, in partnership with the Province through a \$28 million grant from Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund, will be constructing a new sanitary collection and treatment system for the Villages of Shedden and Fingal. The project signifies transformative growth and development in our community, enabling new residential and commercial development. For more information, visit southwold.ca/sheddenfingalsanitary

Southwold Young At Heart - Drive-Thru Lunch April 10th. Open to Southwold Residents, \$20. Call Municipal Office to reserve.

Water Bill Due Dates: 2025 Due Dates: April 30, July 31, October 31, 2025 and January 30, 2026. Payment arrangements can be made by contacting the Township office.

Payment Options: In person at the Township office - cash, cheque, debit, credit card (a 2% surcharge is charged on all credit card transactions). Online bill payments and telebanking services through your financial institution. Afterhours cheque payments - we have a secure mail slot on the exterior of the office.

Preauthorized Payments - available Monthly and on Due Dates: Preauthorized payment (PAP) plans are available for tax installments and water utility bills. The monthly withdrawal is on the last business day of each month. Please visit our website, or visit the Township office to complete the form to enroll.



Time Change occurs March 9th, which is a great time to change your Smoke & CO Alarm Batteries!

Remember to Test your alarms monthly!

DYK? Alarms must not be more than 10 years old? Check your alarms for Date of Manufacture and/or "Replace By" date.

DYK? You can purchase alarms with 10-year batteries, so you never need to change the battery?

Questions? Contact us anytime at fireprevention@southwold.ca

Greening Communities Program: This program, administered by the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority, gives residents the opportunity to purchase saplings. Please contact Betsy McClure at betsy@kettlecreekconservation.on.ca or 519-631-1270 x 229 for more information.

Volunteer Recognition Award: deadline for nominating a volunteer for the Volunteer Recognition Award is June 30th, every year.

Southwold Scholarship Award: deadline for applying for the Southwold Scholarship Award is July 31st, each year.

Landfill odour complaint: Call Green Lane Landfill at 519-652-0909.

Locates - Call before you dig - As of March 8, 2025 homeowners must submit locate requests through the online portal. Requests are no longer accepted by phone, except for Emergency locates. Visit ontarioonecall.ca for helpful tools, including video tutorials and FAQs.

Streetlights: We rely on our residents to report when streetlights are out. Please call the office to report a streetlight concern. Thank you for your help!

Garbage and Recycling Collection: The 2025 Collection Calendar is available on our website, or in print at the Township office. For missed garbage pick-ups, please contact the Township office, or fill out a request on our website. For missed recycling pick-ups, please contact Waste Connections at 519-691-2206.

Drain Maintenance: We ask that property owners take time in early spring to look at areas on your property where municipal drains are located. Maintenance request submissions in advance of crop planting allows for efficiency in scheduling repairs. There is a drain maintenance request form on our website. If you have any questions on completing a request, please contact the Township office, or email drainage@southwold.ca.

Homeowners connected to Municipal water: It is the homeowner's responsibility to have the water shut-off valve (curbstop) accessible and visible to Municipal Staff at all times. This is so that it can be easily located in the case of an emergency or in the event that the water needs to be turned off at your home.

Half Load Season on Roads: is effective from March 1 to April 30, every year. The weight allowed is reduced on roads and bridges. Farm equipment, including mounted implements, are not subject to the reduced weight rules on "load reduced roads", Class B roads or bridges. However, heavy farm equipment owners are potentially liable if an overweight vehicle causes damage to a highway or bridge.

Municipal Parking By-Law: By-law 2002-4 prohibits parking of any motor vehicle on municipal streets between the hours of 3:00 AM and 5:00 AM year-round. Owners of vehicles that are in contravention of this by-law may be subject to a fine. Any vehicles in contravention of this by-law may be subject to removal at the owner's expense.

MPAC Property Assessment Notices: Update your mailing address online with MPAC. As a property owner, you will receive notices from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation about your property's assessed value. If you want to change your mailing address, you can easily update it on www.mpac.ca.