# THE CURRENT

OCTOBER 2024

# **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**



#### TASTE OF THE VALLEY

Where: Cobden Fairgrounds, 43 Astrolabe Road For Details: www.totv.ca



#### THE WDRA HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Where: Westmeath Rec. Centre, 119 Synton Street For details: Westmeath District Recreation Association



### FORESTERS FALLS FAMILY FUN FALL FESTIVAL

Where: Foresters Falls Ball Diamond, 2147 Foresters Falls Rd. For Details: Foresters Falls Athletic Association



#### **COBDEN REC. HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY**

Where: The Cobden Legion, 43 Main Street For Details: Cobden Recreation Association



### A HAUNTED HALEY'S EVE

Where: 17 Fire Hall Lane, Haley Station For Details: Haley Station Firefighters Association



## HALLOWEEN DANCE FT. THE GHOST TOWN CRYERS

Where: Cobden Agricultural Hall, 43 Astrolabe Road Register: facebook.com/cobdenfair



#### **DEMENTIA PREVENTION**

Where: The Cobden Legion, 43 Main Street For Details: facebook.com/WWRseniors

# **PUBLIC REMINDERS**

### **PROPERTY TAXES**

Property taxes are due October 31st. If paying online or by credit card, please ensure payment is made at least 3 business days before the due date to avoid additional charges. Please note tax bill reprints cost \$5.00 per roll number.

#### **CURBSIDE COLLECTION**

Curbside collection shifts forward one day for all locations following Thanksgiving (Oct. 14)

### OFFICE CLOSURES

The Township office will be closed October 14th (Thanksgiving) and October 18th (All Day Staff Training)



FOR INFORMATION **ABOUT PROGRAMS & SERVICES:** 







# Website

whitewaterregion.ca/community/seniors



613-602-3915



# **Email**

seniors@whitewaterregion.ca

# **2025 BUDGET PUBLIC MEETING**



Residents are encouraged to provide comments in writing or attend the Public Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber located at 44 Main Street in Cobden

# Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, at 6:00p.m.

- Tax Supported Operating and Capital Budgets
- Waste Operating Budget
- Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets
- 2025 User Fees & Charges

Scan the below QR code to review the budget presentation or go to the Township's website at www.whitewaterregion.ca/finance

Please submit any questions, comments and/or submissions to:



Dipl.M.A., Dipl.M.M., Treasurer kmcgonegal@whitewaterregion.ca Telephone: 613-646-2282

Ext. 138





# **PUBLIC SKATING SCHEDULE**

Public skating is available at all three arenas in Whitewater Region. The general schedule is below, see the Township's social media page for updates.

### **COBDEN ARENA:**

Tuesdays 4:30pm -5:30pm Fridays 5:00pm-6:00pm

# **Parent & Tot and**

Wednesdays 2:00pm-3:00pm

# **BEACHBURG ARENA:**

Saturdays 6:00pm-8:00pm

# **WESTMEATH ARENA:**

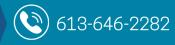
\*Beginning Thursday Oct. 17th\*

Thursdays 5:00pm-6:30pm Saturdays 7:00pm-9:00pm

# **Parent & Tot and Senior**

Saturday Oct. 19th 6:00pm -7:00pm Saturday Oct. 26th 6:00pm-7:00pm











# ANNOUNCEMENT OF SALC PROGRAM



The Township of Whitewater Region is proud to announce that the Whitewater Region Seniors Home Support and Active Living program has been officially added to Ontario's Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) program. This milestone was marked by a visit from the Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, and Honourable MPP John Yakabuski on May 22, 2024, who announced permanent provincial funding for the initiative.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new centre at 2022 Foresters Falls Road took place on September 18, 2024. The program now joins over 300 senior active living centres across Ontario and is one of 17 new centres added this year. The provincial funding will provide lasting benefits to the community by enhancing services and activities that promote active living, social engagement, and lifelong learning for residents aged 65 and older.

The Township extends heartfelt appreciation to the Province of Ontario including the Ontario Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility for supporting the Whitewater Seniors Home Support and Active Living program. We also thank our partners, among many others: Carefor Health & Community Services Pembroke, Renfrew & area Seniors' Home Support Inc., Eganville and District Seniors, and the County of Renfrew for their partnership and support.

The Township also would like to recognize and express sincere gratitude to the volunteers who made this possible through their dedication to improving the lives of our Region's older adult and senior population.

# PEDESTRIAN CROSSOVERS (PX0)



A pedestrian crossover is a designated crossing area that allows pedestrians to safely cross the road where vehicles must yield to the pedestrian. At pedestrian crossovers, drivers including cyclists must stop and yield and, only when pedestrians have crossed and are safely on the sidewalk, can drivers and cyclists proceed.

A crossover is different from a crosswalk. A crosswalk is usually found at an intersection with traffic signals or stop signs. The Township currently has 8 pedestrian crossovers located in Beachburg, Cobden and Westmeath.

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Scan the QR code for more informtation.

# FALL/WINTER HOME PREPAREDNESS TIPS

With the colder weather, we're sharing some tips on wood stove/heating system maintenance, safety, and general winter storm preparedness

Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and replace batteries annually.

### **WOODSTOVE AND CHIMNEY**

- Ensure your chimney and woodstove are cleaned annually to remove creosite build-up
- burn dry, well-seasoned wood
- Ensure stove doors seal properly

#### **HEATING SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

Heating system maintenance may include:

- Changing your furnace filter.
- Basic furnace tune-up.
- Cleaning ductwork and registers.
- Make sure your thermostat is programmed correctly.

### **CHECK YOUR FAMILY EMERGENCY KIT**

You likely have some basic emergency kit items already in your home, such as a flashlight, battery-operated radio, food, water and blankets. The key is to make sure they are organized, easy to find.

Scan the QR code to check out the government of Ontario's emergency preparedness website for a full list of what to pack in an emergency kit



## KEEP AN EMERGENCY KIT IN YOUR VEHICLE

Be prepared for winter driving and always keep a winter emergency kit in your car.

Kits should include:

- charged phone
- water
- non-perishable food
- flashlight
- blanket and warm clothes
- jumper cables
- shovel
- traction mats or sand
- candles and a lighter or matches

### **UTILIZE MUNICIPAL 511:**

Municipal 511 shows current and future road closures, projects and construction, as well as other emergency information.

# BUILDING PERMIT DEPOSITS

All building permits issued in must be completed within two years to receive the deposit refund.

If you have an open permit, contact the building department to book an inspection or to inquire about your permit status.





