



# Council News...

## Township of West Lincoln Winter 2011

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Niagara Region has officially launched their new mobile dental clinic giving children and youth (17 years of age and younger) of West Lincoln access to free preventative dental care! On Friday Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 9:30am to 3:00pm the fully equipped Winnebago RV, staffed by a dental hygienist and certified dental assistant from Public Health will be coming to the parking lot of the Township office. For more information, please call the dental health information line at 1-888-505-6074 Ext 7399 for clinic times and to book an appointment. The goal of this new mobile service is to reduce the barriers associated with accessing preventive services and earlier treatment interventions in Niagara.

Niagara Region welcomes Culture Capital of Canada Designation for 2012. With this designation the Federal Government committed to investing 1.625 million dollars into activities that will enable the Region to strengthen and further develop our cultural future. The activities involve a wide range of groups, forms of cultural expression and events in every part of Niagara. Projects will involve dance, theatre, nights of art, after school arts and culture programs, a Native women's history exhibit and much more. All will be open to the public, and most will be free or have a nominal charge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local area schools who invited me to participate in their Local Government Week activities. It was my pleasure to meet with all the students and teachers and explain the many facets of Municipal Government.

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Many thanks to all who participated in the Random act of Kindness Day on Friday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. It is my hope that our Municipality can continue this "Pay it Forward" philosophy throughout the year.

Congratulations to Mr. Doug Muir celebrating 46 years of dedicated service to the Township of West Lincoln Fire Services. On behalf of Council, I extend our best wishes to Mr. Muir on his retirement.


Looking forward to seeing you all at this year's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Parade!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Christmas Parade

Join us on Saturday November 26, 2011 for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Parade. The route starts at the West Lincoln Arena in Smithville at 2:00 pm and finishes at Industrial Park Road. This year's theme will be "Christmas Characters". Please note that the parade route will be **closed to all vehicle traffic** from 1:30 pm until approximately 3:30 pm.



 **Family Day Celebration** Get out and have fun with your family. West Lincoln Recreation is proud to offer a full day of family friendly event on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Save the date and be on the look out for upcoming information.

## WEST LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Smithville Public Library would like to invite young people ages 8 to 12 to join the **Junior Book Club**. Meetings will take place at the Library on Monday evenings November 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. The cost to join is \$2.00 per person for all three sessions.



The Smithville Public Library will present a special Evening Story Time on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. "Papa's Trains" will present a special interactive telling of The Polar Express & Thomas the Tank Engine will also be there. There is a \$2.00 entry charge per person. All are invited to come in pajamas, accompanied by a stuffed toy. Light refreshments will be provided. Space is limited. **Registration is required.** For more information, please call 905-957-3756.

### Smithville Public Library Penny Sale

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Help Support West Lincoln Libraries

For Library Holiday hours, please refer to [www.westlincoln.ca](http://www.westlincoln.ca)

## 2011/2012 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETING WINTER SCHEDULE



Outlined below is the regular schedule of Council and Committee meetings. Please visit [www.westlincoln.ca](http://www.westlincoln.ca) for any amendments to the regularly scheduled meeting dates and times.

Public Meetings under the Planning Act	Monday, Nov 14, 2011	6:30 p.m.
Planning/Building/Environmental Committee	Monday, Nov 14, 2011	6:30 p.m.
Admin/Finance/Fire & Public Works/Rec/Arena	Monday, Nov 21, 2011	6:30 p.m.
Council	Monday, Nov 28, 2011	7:00 p.m.
Public Meeting under the Planning Act	Monday, Dec 5, 2011	6:30 p.m.
All Committees (Plan, Admin & Public Works)	Monday, Dec 5, 2011	6:30 p.m.
Council	Monday, Dec 12, 2011	7:00 p.m.
Planning/Building/Environmental Committee	Monday, January 9, 2012	6:30 p.m.
Admin/Finance/Fire & Public Works/Rec/Arena	Monday, January 16, 2012	6:30 p.m.
Council	Monday, January 23, 2012	7:00 p.m.
Planning/Building/Environmental Committee	Monday, February 13, 2012	6:30 p.m.
Admin/Finance/Fire & Public Works/Rec/Arena	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	6:30 p.m.
Council	Monday, February 27, 2012	7:00 p.m.

## 2012 DOG LICENCE



This is a reminder to all dog owners in the Township of West Lincoln that you are required to have a valid 2012 dog license. Application forms can be printed from our web site at [www.westlincoln.ca](http://www.westlincoln.ca) or can be picked up during regular office hours at the Township Administration Building. For additional information please contact The Welland and District Humane Society at 1- 888-222-0568 or visit [www.wellandhumanesociety.org](http://www.wellandhumanesociety.org)

## TAX DUE DATES & INFORMATION

The due dates for the next residential and commercial tax bills are tentatively set for February 24<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. For information regarding your property assessment or to provide them with name and address changes/deletions/or corrections, please contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corp. (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### Smithville Trails and Corridors Master Plan

GSP Group, the consultants hired to conduct the Smithville Trails and Corridors Master Plan, have toured Smithville, started reviewing background materials, and met with key focus groups to identify the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for trails and corridors through Smithville. The next step will be a Public Information Centre (PIC) for the public to see the results of the review that GSP Group has completed, as well as provide an opportunity for public input. Notices will be placed in the newspaper with further details for the PIC which will be held on **December 1<sup>st</sup> from 7pm to 9pm** at the Smithville District Christian High School. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

## ENBRIDGE ENERGY PROGRAM

### HOME IMPROVEMENT HELP PROGRAM CAN SAVE YOU ENERGY-AND MONEY!

As your home's energy efficiency goes up, your heating costs can go down. Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. wants to help customers do just that. How? Through their Home Weatherization Retrofit Program.

The Home Weatherization Retrofit Program is provided by Enbridge Gas and delivered by the environmental not-for-profit organization Green Venture. The program is *completely free* to participants. It provides many benefits to the home like draft proofing and insulation that can lower energy bills by cutting energy demand and increase the comfort of homes by reducing drafts. Furthermore, the program can raise the value of homes by making them more energy efficient.

Residents in the Niagara Region who heat their home with natural gas may qualify for the program if they receive benefits from one of several government assistance programs. The retrofits are funded by the utility.

If you think you might qualify, or if you would like more information about the program, please call Green Venture at (905) 540-8787 ext 114 or visit:

<http://energy.greenventure.ca/enbridge-home-weatherization-retrofit-program>.



## WEST LINCOLN FIRE SERVICES

### WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Clear snow from around fire hydrants when you are clearing your driveways and sidewalks to ensure that they are accessible for firefighters in case of an emergency.
- Clear snow accumulations from around exit doors, stairways and fire escapes.
- Keep intake and exhaust vents for furnaces and heating appliances free of ice and snow accumulations.
- Install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.
- Have your heating system inspected by a qualified service technician.
- Never use gas ovens or ranges to heat your home.
- Check your dryer vent and ductwork for lint build up.
- Keep space heaters at least one meter away from anything that can burn.
- Never use extension cords with space heaters.
- Ensure that ashes from your woodstove or fireplace have cooled before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Keep the container outside.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of fireplace openings to prevent sparks and embers from jumping out.
- If burning candles, never leave them unattended.
- If you are using a real Christmas tree, water it daily.



**Be a life saver! Smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and fire extinguishers make great Christmas gifts.**

**Winter Maintenance**



Thank you to all residents for cooperating with our Winter Road Maintenance Program. By keeping your vehicles off the road during inclement weather, we are able to keep our maintenance operations efficient and our roadways safe. **Remember do not place snow on the roadway, (as Prohibited under section 170(12) of the Highway Traffic Act). The snow can leave ridges that may freeze and become a hazard to all drivers. Please remember that parking is prohibited on all roads under the jurisdiction of the Township of West Lincoln year round between 3:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.**

**Streetlight Maintenance**

Should you notice a streetlight problem (i.e. burnt out; flickering on-and-off) please contact the Public Works Department at 905-957-3396. Attached to each streetlight pole is a tag with a 5 digit identification number; providing us with this number would be a great benefit. Thank you for your continued support!

**WARD 3 OPEN HOUSE**



Alderman John Glazier and Alderman Lou Di Leonardo will be hosting an Open House for residents in Ward 3. This open house will take place on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-10 pm on the second floor of the Smithville Legion. This open house will give the public a chance to hear about upcoming initiatives for the Township and speak with the Aldermen from Ward 3. Light refreshments will be served.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Winter Break Camp**

Join the winter fun! Check out our Winter Break Camp program on our Township website. <http://www.westlincoln.ca/recreation/2010-programs>.

**From January 2<sup>nd</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

Time: Monday to Friday (9:00am to 3:30pm) extended care available

Location: West Lincoln Arena Hall

Ages: 5-12 years old

Cost: \$125.00/week or \$31.00/day extended child care is available at an additional cost

Registration opens Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact: (905) 957-3346 ext: 4694 [recreation@westlincoln.ca](mailto:recreation@westlincoln.ca)



For information on Recreation Services please visit [www.westlincoln.ca](http://www.westlincoln.ca) or contact Wendy Joyner at 905-957-3346 ext 4694

**Free Holiday Skating Sponsored by: *Tim Hortons***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
December 27	2:00pm - 3:00pm		January 02	2:00pm - 3:00pm
December 28	2:00pm - 3:00pm		January 03	2:00pm - 3:00pm
December 29	2:00pm - 3:00pm		January 04	2:00pm - 3:00pm
December 30	2:00pm - 3:00pm		January 05	2:00pm - 3:00pm
December 31	11:00am - 12:00pm		January 06	2:00pm - 3:00pm

**Location:** West Lincoln Arena

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR  
FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN**



**Township of West Lincoln Holiday Hours**

Please be advised that The Township Administration offices will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 To January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, Inclusive.

**The Office Will Re-Open Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.**

**NOTE:** Township Payments may be left in the Drop Box located at the rear entrance doors. PLEASE NO CASH