

Huron Shores 2011 Final Tax Billing Newsletter

MUNICIPAL WEB SITE www.huronshores.ca: Visit this site for all your municipal needs. Become a 'Subscriber' and you will be notified via e-mail when new items are posted. Please send in notices for inclusion on the Community Events Calendar as well as scenic photos of our area. This web site is your portal to what's happening in the Municipality.

2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Copies of this document are available on the Municipal web site and at the Municipal Office.

RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE DECREASE: Due to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's (MPAC) assessment phase-in, the residential tax rate for 2011 was **decreased by 6.09%**.

TAX BILL MAILING PROCESS: The Municipality strives to ensure that all tax notices are mailed out on time and to the most recent address on the assessment roll. Address changes **MUST** be submitted to the office in writing. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to ensure that payments are made in a timely manner, regardless of receipt of the tax notice. The installment due dates for the Final 2011 Tax Bill are September 30th and November 30th.

WASTE DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

Winter Hours – Nov. 1 to March 31

Monday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Summer Hours - April 1 to Oct. 31

Monday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Notice: All Waste Disposal Sites in the Municipality of Huron Shores are closed on Statutory and Civic Holidays, Family Day, Easter Monday and Remembrance Day.

This is a reminder that there are **tipping fees** for the dumping of **mixed building debris** at all Municipality of Huron Shores Waste Disposal Sites. Please contact the Municipal Office prior to depositing these items at the Sites. The tipping fees help offset the cost to the taxpayers to have these items removed and/or sorted at each site. Also, all **refrigeration appliances** (freezers, fridges, dehumidifiers, etc.) must have the Freon removed and be tagged accordingly by a licensed technician prior to drop off at the Waste Disposal Site.

RECYCLING DEPOTS: If the recycling bins are full, PLEASE do not leave your items outside the bins; take them home and return with them another day. Items left outside the recycling bins are not picked up by the drivers and leave the area unsightly.

CANADA POST ADDRESSING CHANGES: Pursuant to the Canada Post Addressing survey conducted by Council, the majority of respondents from all wards prefer to retain their current 'city' identifier. In respect of these results, Council has elected not to change the 'city' identifier to Huron Shores, Ontario, at this time. We understand that those who currently have a rural route address from the Thessalon Post Office will soon be notified from Canada Post of street address/rural route changes to be effected by that agency.

NUISANCE BEAVER – Property Owner Responsibilities: Beaver will become very active with the onset of the fall and winter seasons. The Municipality respectfully requests that all landowners monitor, maintain and/or remove beaver and/or dams on their properties to control water levels so as not to create flooding hazards and/or dangerous erosion to public roadways.

LAKE CAPACITY STUDY: Gertrud Nurnberg of Freshwater Research will present the Big Basswood Lake and Bright Lake Capacity Study at a Special Council Meeting, to be held Wednesday, October 5/11 at 7:00 p.m., to be held in Council Chambers unless confirmed attendance requires a larger venue.

HURON SHORES PUBLIC LIBRARY GETS FACELIFT: New windows and doors were installed at the Huron Shores Public Library with the financial assistance of the Government of Ontario's Investing in Ontario Infrastructure Project funding. The total cost of the project was \$9,153.00 of which Investing in Ontario provided \$3,700.00. Library operating hours are Tuesday and Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! The **Thessalon Township Recreation Committee** and **Iron Bridge Arena Board** still need volunteers to serve on its Committees. If interested, please contact the Municipal Office or submit a letter of interest. We applaud those who are presently volunteering on Municipal Boards and Committees and **thank you** for your time and dedication.

Council and the Fire Department encourage you **to join the volunteer fire department**. Application forms may be obtained from the Fire Department web page at www.huronshores.ca or from the Municipal Office. For youth aged 16-17, consider the **Junior Firefighter Program**, details available on the web site or contact the office.

FIRE PREVENTION: **Fire Prevention Week** is October 9th–15th, 2011. "Stay Fire Smart. Don't Get Burned." Don't forget to test your smoke alarms and practice your home escape plan.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Emergency Response Plan is available for viewing at the Municipal Office, Library and on the Municipal web site. The Emergency Management Ontario web site (www.ontario.ca/beprepared) contains excellent information in preparing for emergencies.

CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The Municipal Office will be closed from noon, Friday, Dec. 23/11, to Monday, Jan. 2/12, inclusive. Our doors will reopen at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 3/12.

****If you have any questions regarding information in this Newsletter, please contact the Municipal Office****