



## eNewsletter SPRING 2018



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### Weekly Programming

#### Pickleball

Orrville Community Centre  
Every Tuesday & Thursday  
9:30am-12pm

#### Seniors Cards

Orrville Community Centre  
Every Tuesday @ 1-4pm

#### Seniors Cards

Humphrey Community Centre  
Every Wednesday @ 12-4pm

#### Drop-in Darts

Orrville Community Centre  
Every Wednesday @ 7-9pm

## A message from Mayor Bruce Gibbon

It seems like I was just extending Christmas Greetings only recently and here we are now on daylight saving time. A warm welcome back to those of you who traveled south this winter to escape our sometimes unforgiving Canadian weather! Despite the unseasonal winter storms we've had to endure in early April, the calendar indicates that Spring is indeed here, and with that, the activity in our communities will soon increase significantly.



To update you on what's been happening in Seguin, I've outlined below a few of the items your Council and Staff have been working on, as well as some general information that I believe community residents will find of interest.

The first quarter of 2018 has been a busy one for Council and Staff, with the 2018 Budget being passed on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some highlights include:

- Reductions in both the municipal and education tax rates that when applied to the slightly higher residential assessments will generate 1.55% more tax revenue for the Township. To put this into perspective, the average residential ratepayer with a \$482,449 assessment will see an overall tax bill increase of \$12.91 for 2018.
- Major capital projects this year will include the Salmon Lake Road Reconstruction project, the completion and hard topping of Clear Lake Road and another step in our Waste Strategy implementation with installation of the more efficient Transtor waste bins at the Humphrey transfer station.

Coming up this month, our Building Department will be hosting a workshop designed for those of you who have building projects on the go, or have plans for future development in Seguin Township. It will provide an overview of the Building Code, the application process and planning considerations. The workshop will be held upstairs at the Humphrey

### Early Years Programs

9:30am-11:30am

Humphrey (Monday / Thursday)

Foley (Tuesday)

Orrville (Fridays)

### Chair Yoga with Magda

Humphrey Tuesdays 9:30am

Orrville Mondays 10am

### Seniors Exercise Class

Rosseau Wellness Room

Mondays & Wednesdays

10:00am-11:30am



## Special Events

April 21

### Building in Seguin Workshop

Humphrey Community Centre

9am-12pm

May 3

### Mayfest - Hosted by Humphrey Public School

Humphrey Arena

May 11

### Humphrey Game Night

Hawaiian Theme

Humphrey Community Centre

6pm-9pm

May 19

### Annual Plant Sale

Foley Community Hall

July 1

### 9th Annual Seguin Family Fun Night

Rosseau Waterfront

June 20 - Aug 31

### Rosseau Farmers' Market

Rosseau Waterfront

9am-2pm

\*All dates may be subject to change.



Community Centre on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am. Please RSVP by calling the Township Office.

A reminder to all to check our website's calendar of events for dates, times and locations of our regular programs and special events. Seguin Township is also active on Facebook and Twitter and these are a great place to keep current on what's happening in our community.

Now let's welcome back our seasonal residents, visitors and bring on some warm spring weather!

Sincerely,  
Mayor Bruce Gibbon

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## News from the Clerks Department

### Election 2018

HAVE YOUR SAY.  
LOG ON TODAY.



### Internet & Telephone Voting in 2018

Seguin Township will once again be implementing Internet and Telephone Voting for the 2018 Municipal Election on October 22nd, 2018. This system replaces the traditional polling place method and eliminates the need for advance polls and voting proxies. It also improves voter access and increases voter participation. As the election draws closer we will be including more information about the voting process on Seguin's website. In Seguin the Mayor is elected at large, which means all eligible voters choose from the same mayoral candidates when voting. Councillors are elected to represent one of six wards, one Councillor per Ward.

### Are you on the list to vote for the upcoming municipal election?

The Voters' List will be available in late Summer 2018 once the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has provided Seguin with the information for the Preliminary List of Electors (PLE). MPAC is responsible for providing municipalities with the list of people (the PLE) for the Voters' List. In the interim MPAC has created a website to offer citizens the opportunity to ensure they are on the list. If you are an Ontario resident over the age of 18 you can visit voterlookup.ca to confirm or update your information in a few easy steps. You can also change your school support for electoral purposes and add names to your property address. Updating this information will help to ensure that municipal Voters' Lists are accurate and up-to-date in preparation for municipal and school board elections occurring this October. Find out ahead of time if you are eligible to vote. Visit voterlookup.ca or call 1-866-296-6722. Have your say, log on today!

### AMO So you want to Run for Council 1.0

This updated for 2018 course being offered by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) will provide an overview of what you should know before you decide to run for municipal office and sign your candidacy. The course contains quotes from Ontario Municipal Councillors; links to relevant sites,

## Seguin Summer Swim Program

Living in the North and learning to swim go hand in hand. This skill is essential and the Township of Seguin provides numerous opportunities to learn at the [Foley Matheson Beach and the Rosseau Waterfront](#).

Our program this year will include four two-week sessions in Rosseau and Foley. The Bronze Med/Bronze Cross will be a one week intensive course and will be offered in both locations. Private lessons may be available by request. With so many choices, we hope that every child has the opportunity to participate this year!

Should you wish to learn how to swim, or improve your lifesaving skills, look no further than our local beaches for qualified instructors who make learning to swim fun and educational.

Check out the Information on the different [Red Cross Levels](#) and the [Learn to Swim Program Comparison by Organization \(YMCA & Red Cross\)](#).

Please note that online registration is available for group lessons only. We will do our best to fulfil any requests for private lessons by contacting [swim@sequin.ca](mailto:swim@sequin.ca)

**Online Swimming Registration will be available April 30, 2018.**

[Link to registration page](#)

## News from the Planning Department



The Township of Seguin is a great place to live, work, play, raise your family, and interact with nature. We invite you to share in the commitment to this special place.

To this effect, Council approved for implementation the Guidelines for Waterfront Design in Seguin Township on April 3rd, 2018.

This [WATERFRONT DESIGN](#)

materials, and Acts; and participatory elements such as short knowledge quizzes, and a learning journal which can be printed at the end of the course. For further information and to signup for this online session visit the AMO website [www.amo.on.ca](http://www.amo.on.ca) and read more under the "Learning" section.

## Nominations

The Nomination Period to run for a position on Council commences on May 1st, 2018 and closes at 2:00 p.m. local time Friday, July 27th, 2018. For further information visit [Seguin's Election Webpage](#) or contact the Clerk's Department.

## Key Election Dates for the Year 2018:

- May 1 - Nomination period commences
- July 27 - Nomination Day (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- July 30 - Certification of nomination papers before 4 p.m. - Acclamations after 4 p.m.
- July 31 to September 1 - Receipt of Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) on a date between July 31 and September 1 of an election year as agreed upon by the Clerk and MPAC.
- September 4
  - Period for addition/correction of own name on voters' list (September 4 - October 22)
  - Period of removal of deceased persons from the voters' list (September 4 - October 22)
  - Deliver copies of voters' list to persons entitled.
- October 9 to 22 - Internet & Telephone Voting open.
- October 22 - Election Day
- December 1 - New Council term start date

Please monitor [Seguin's Election Webpage](#) on the Township's website for further information.

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## News from the Treasury Department

As a reminder, the second tax installment 2018 due:

- **April 26, 2018**

NEW!! View your property tax bill online! It's simple! Go Paperless!

Click [HERE](#) to register to view your property tax bill online. Select "New User? Register Here" and create an account. You will need your property's roll number (all 19 digits including dashes) and your personal PIN (9 or 10 digits including the dash) in order to create an account. Your personal PIN number is located to the right of your name on your tax bill. Each year when the tax bills are prepared, you will receive an email notification of a new eBill to view.

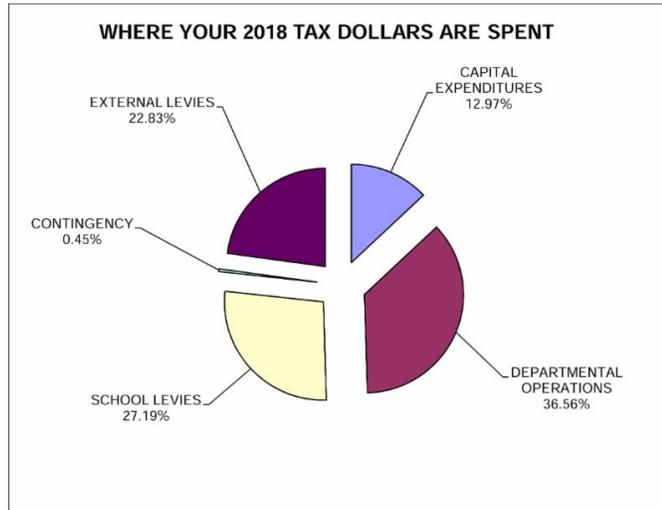
For more information please contact the [Treasury Department](#).

[HANDBOOK](#) is intended to provide landowners and developers with the present policy information and the tools necessary to understand and protect important and sensitive features of the natural environment which are in proximity to the waterfront.

If you are thinking about redeveloping your lakefront property, these guidelines can be used as a reference tool as you seek to create a naturally sustainable recreational environment at the water's edge.

[Click HERE](#) for more information about this and other topics related to developing in Seguin Township.

## Finance Committee Update



### Seguin Fire News

Our Fire Department is made up of four fire stations located in the settlement areas of Rosseau, Foley, Christie and Humphrey. These stations are equipped with a Pumper, a Pumper/Tanker and a Rescue. This equipment helps our dedicated volunteers help their friends, families and neighbours in a time of need. Our Firefighters meet once per week for two hours to train and practice for the next emergency. If you are interested in volunteering on the Fire Department please [contact us](#)



### Spring Cleanup for Fire Safety

The snow has melted, the rain and wind is beginning to subside, the plants are budding and the trees are blooming. Spring is arriving and your thoughts may be turning to that dreaded ritual of spring cleaning. With it comes a timely reminder

### News from the Building Department

With spring in the air, the Building Department is looking forward to another great construction season. In addition to the preparations we have made for the upcoming year, there are a couple points that we would like to make the building community aware of.

The Building Department had introduced a new, comprehensive Building By-law in April 2017. Since then, some new issues have come to light and a housekeeping was completed and new by-law approved by Council at the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 meeting. The changes were solely small wording changes and additions, and did not change fees as they have been since last year. For access to the new Building By-law (#2018-018), it is available through the [seguin.ca](http://seguin.ca) website and at the municipal office front desk.

And by popular demand, we have also brought back the 'Building in Seguin Workshop'! This workshop will be a 3-hour presentation that provides an overview of the Building Code, the building application process, planning considerations and new developments. It is mainly geared towards contractors/builders, designers and property owners that have ongoing projects, future plans for development or are just interested in the building process in Seguin.

The workshop will be presented by both the Seguin Building and Planning Department staff. The workshop will be held upstairs at the Humphrey Community Center on Saturday, April 21, 2018 @ 9:00am. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Please RSVP asap!

If you are interested in attending this workshop, or for more information please contact the [Building Department](#).

### News from Public Works

#### 2018 Projects

Our Public Works crew will be busy again this season with several capital projects that have been budgeted and passed by Council during budget deliberations, such as:

to keep your home safe from the threat of fire. In an effort to make this "Spring Cleanup" a fire safe one, we provide the following safety tips:

- Clean your garage of stored newspapers or other rubbish that can fuel a fire
- Test your smoke & CO alarms regularly
- To help prevent nuisance alarms, gently vacuum your smoke alarm every six months or as needed
- Change batteries in smoke alarms, flashlights and carbon monoxide detectors
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Keep outdoor debris or dead vegetation away from the house.
- Properly dispose of oily or greasy rags. If these items must be stored, they should be kept in labeled, sealed, metal containers.
- If you store gasoline, keep it outside your home in a shed or detached garage. Keep only small quantities in tightly sealed containers. Use gasoline only as a motor fuel - never as a cleaning agent.
- Use outdoor barbecue grills with caution. Place in a safe area away from building, windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning units or places with high/dead vegetation.
- Never use gasoline to start the fire, and don't add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has started.
- Use barbecue grills outside only - not under overhangs or balconies, and away from combustibles.
- Check your propane barbecue grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.

- Salmon Lake Road (east of Bon Echo) will receive drainage improvements, gravel and some surface treatment.
- Clear Lake Road (Phase 2) will receive gravel and surface treatment from Lake Joseph Road to Highway 141.
- Removal of small bins and the installation of a Transtor at the Humphrey Transfer Station.

## Half Loads

Half loads season begins on March 1 - May 31, subject to Mother Nature. If you need to haul heavy, do it before the ground begins to thaw. Seguin enforces our half load restrictions to protect taxpayer roads investments, for exemptions or other concerns please [contact us](#).

## Waste

Waste Disposal is for Seguin residents and property owners ONLY! Please do not dump illegal materials at our transfer sites. This costs the taxpayer's money in additional labour to clean them. If you observe someone dumping illegally, or want to report the condition of a waste transfer site please call our By-law Enforcement during regular business hours at 705-732-4300, or after hours at 705-751-0050.



Belvedere Heights has receptacles located at all transfer sites for collection of aluminum cans. Red bins are located at all Transfer sites. These are to collect textiles for the Canadian Diabetes Association's Clothesline program. This includes clothing, shoes, accessories, bed and bath sheets towels, pillows, draperies, linens, plush toys and any other textiles. The Township diverted **15,000kg** of textiles from the landfill in 2017, and the charity collects materials for fundraising. Win-Win!

Starting this year, hazardous waste will now be accepted year round at the McFarlane Street transfer site in Parry Sound. This is great news for the West Parry Sound District. For more information and hours of operation, please call Parry Sound at 705-746-2101 or visit [www.parrysound.ca](http://www.parrysound.ca)

## Landfill Hours

### Winter Hours (until April 30th)

10am-4pm Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

### Summer Hours (May 1st to Oct 31st)

8am-4pm Monday, Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday  
10am-6pm Fridays

The Landfill will be once again offering Free Bulky Waste Days from Friday, June 23 to Monday September 10, 2018. The landfill will accept furniture, mattresses, brush, appliances, scrap metal, electronics, car tires for free. Fridges, construction materials, shingles, boats will continue to be accepted at their regular tipping fee. In addition, staff will also be holding the Special Bulky Events at transfer sites throughout the township.

## Upcoming Special Bulky Item Event dates and locations:



Saturday May 19/18 - Brooks Road  
Saturday June 09/18 - Humphrey  
Saturday July 21/18 - Brooks Road  
Saturday August 11/18 - Airport  
Saturday August 18/18 - Stanley House  
Saturday September 1/18 - Brooks Road

All events are from 8am - 4pm



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