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"Green" Christmas Ideas

- * Consider a plant or gift certificate to a garden centre. Tuck the certificate into a pair of gardening gloves and add a plant marker!
- * Homemade treats are always a hit. Forgo the paper "stuffing" and use a tea towel instead.
- * A gift that supports a cause or charity for the 'hard to buy for'.
- * Make your own certificate for an "experience", a helpful hand or your time.
- * If your gift requires batteries, how about rechargeables.
- * A wind-up radio or flashlight is another great idea.

EZT Holiday Information

The Hickson Municipal Office will close on Monday December 23rd at 4:30 pm and re-open Thursday January 2nd at 8:30 am. This closure includes General Administration, Building Department, Roads Administration and Fire Administration. The first Council Meeting in January will also be cancelled due to it falling on January 1st which is a holiday. Emergency Services and Road Maintenance operations are not affected by this closure.

With the way the holidays fall this season, there **will be changes to the recycling and garbage collection** as indicated below. Also, don't forget to recycle those gift boxes and gift wrap, keeping in mind that metallic or glitter gift wraps are not recyclable.

Bring your real Christmas trees to one of the yard waste depots in Tavistock, Innerkip or Hickson. Trees will not be picked up at curbside. Please remove all decorations and bags.

Garbage & Recycling over the Holiday Season

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| * Tuesday Dec. 24th | collection moves to Monday Dec. 23rd (garbage only) |
| * Wednesday Dec. 25th | collection moves to Tuesday Dec. 24th (garbage & recycling) |
| * Thursday Dec. 26th | collection moves to Friday Dec 27th (garbage & recycling) |
| * Wednesday Jan. 1st | collection moves to Thursday Jan 2nd (garbage only) |
| * Thursday Jan. 2nd | collection moves to Friday Jan 3rd (garbage only) |

Tavistock Arena will be closed as follows:

Dec. 24th at 4:00 pm
Dec. 25th and 26th all day
Dec. 31st at 4:00 pm
Jan. 1st all day

Free Holiday Skating at Tavistock Arena:

Dec. 23rd	1 pm - 3 pm	Tim Hortons
Dec. 27th	1 pm - 3 pm	Tim Hortons
Dec. 30th	1 pm - 3 pm	Tim Hortons
Dec. 31st	2 pm - 4 pm	Zehr Automotive
Jan. 3rd	1 pm - 3 pm	Tim Hortons

Regular public skating rates: Pre-school Free;
Public School \$2; Students & Adults \$3;
Family Pass \$9.

For open ice time see: www.ezt.ca



Staff and Council from the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock wish you a Safe and Happy Holiday!

Winter Survival Kit

- * Shovel, windshield scraper
- * Flashlight with extra batteries (Reverse batteries to avoid burnout)
- * Water, snacks (small packages that can be eaten hot or cold)
- * Matches and candle
- * Extra socks, hats, mittens
- * Necessary medications & First Aid Kit, whistle
- * Blankets or sleeping bag
- * Tow rope and salt, sand or cat litter for traction
- * Emergency flares, reflectors & fluorescent distress flag.
- * Cell phone adaptor to plug into lighter
- * In case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut, store items in the vehicle's interior

Survival Tips

- * Keep the gas tank at least half full
- * Tell someone where you are going and your route
- * Tie a fluorescent flag on your antenna or hang it out the window. At night, keep your dome light on. Rescue crews can see a small glow at a distance. To reduce battery drain, use emergency flashers only if you hear approaching vehicles. If you're with someone else, make sure at least one person is awake.
- * Stay in your vehicle; walking in a storm can be very dangerous. You might become lost or exhausted.
- * Avoid overexertion; shoveling snow or pushing your car is a lot of effort. Don't risk injury or heart attack. This work can also cause you to perspire making you susceptible to hypothermia.
- * Only run the engine for 10 minutes an hour and make sure the exhaust pipe is free of snow. Keeping a window open a crack is also a good idea while running the engine.

Every Second Counts!

Public Access Defibrillation (PAD): Citizens responding to sudden cardiac arrest

What would you do if someone beside you collapsed in cardiac arrest at the ball field, on the soccer field or at the arena?

Calling 911 and starting CPR are great first steps, but what about using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)?

There are currently eight AEDs within the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock. In addition to those listed below, each fire station (Innerkip, Hickson, Tavistock) have an AED available to bring to the scene of an emergency. Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) programs strategically place defibrillators throughout communities where there is a chance someone could suffer a sudden cardiac arrest.



To ensure the PAD program is successful, potential rescuers must be aware of AED locations and understand their role in using these devices. Anyone can successfully save a life by following the simple voice prompts from an AED machine. No training is needed. Optimally, an AED should be placed on a victim within the first three minutes following collapse. Studies show that using an AED in addition to early CPR can greatly increase the person's chances of survival. These life-saving devices analyze the electrical activity of a person's heart determining if the heart would benefit from applying energy (a shock). The AED shock attempts to restart the heart into a regular rhythm.

Facilities with Public Access Defibrillators are encouraged to develop an action plan with a designated responder for that site. The designated responder should be trained in CPR and be familiar with the basics of the AED at that location.

AED Locations in the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock

Tavistock Arena	Tavistock Memorial Hall
Tavistock Queen's Park Pavilion	Tavistock Legion
Tavistock Medical Centre	Tavistock Lodge
Innerkip Community Centre	Innerkip Park Office (May-September)

ALL Township fire departments (Hickson, Innerkip, Tavistock)

Be Someone's "Holiday Miracle"

You can be a "miracle worker" this holiday season. Help others in need by rallying your friends and family to book an appointment to donate blood. There are many clinics coming up in the next month; and there is one running right here in EZT.



Date: Wednesday December 11th
Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Tavistock Memorial Hall

Walk-ins and new donors are always welcome. Call 1 888 2 DONATE (1 888 236-6283) or visit www.blood.ca to make an appointment.

Message from the Mayor



Ten years ago I pledged the Oath of Office to become Mayor of East Zorra-Tavistock. It is a challenge to remember back ten years and what things were like then. On a personal note I remember very clearly having one child off to university and five still at home. Scheduling work, Council meetings, community events and ten hockey games a week kept the calendar full. Ten years later all the children have finished high school and are independently making their way in life. Four grandchildren have enriched our lives in numerous ways but I have never felt so old so fast as walking into the Tavistock arena as a grandparent! I am one of those old guys now!

East Zorra-Tavistock has also changed in these past ten years. In the 2006 election we went from a five member Council to our current seven. This has added opportunity for more representation and input from the local communities. We have changed policing from the Community Police Service to the OPP. This has resulted in more police presence in our communities and saved tax payers \$400,000 each year. The new fire station has been built in Tavistock and the Master Drainage Plan has just completed all the major work areas this past summer. Innerkip has seen the installation of water and wastewater services along with the reconstruction of their streets. We have turned several kilometers of gravel road to

hard surface and hope to continue each year with more. You may remember taxes were lower ten years ago and you would be right. The tax burden today on a \$200,000 home is \$900 for East Zorra-Tavistock services and when you add in Oxford County and Education taxes it totals \$2,220. The challenge is everyone wants lower taxes while wanting more services. Add to this the cost of increased Provincial regulations while they cut back on Provincial funding support to local government. To avoid tax increases, some municipalities have used up their reserve funds and/or borrowed significant sums of money to be paid back later. In East Zorra-Tavistock, we have taken a pay as you go approach and I believe the small steady tax increases have proven the right course of action.

Your community is in a strong position to face the challenges of the next ten years. Current tax rates are competitive with our neighbours. We have healthy financial reserves at the Township and low debt obligations. Hickson, Innerkip and Tavistock have approved Plans of Subdivisions to allow for steady residential growth. Our agriculture community continues to grow and invest in more capacity on the same acres of land. Our service clubs, local churches and volunteers continue to enrich our sense of community.

Thank you for your support these past ten years and I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Canine & Animal Control Consultation

The Township is reviewing its Canine and Animal Control Program and is seeking input from Township residents. Basically the program consists of two parts; selling Dog Tags and Collecting Stray Dogs and some other nuisance animals.

Dog Tags

Selling dog tags is very resource intensive. The costs associated with sales and administration approach 1/2 of the tag cost with the balance being used for the animal control program. More people are getting their pets micro-chipped or getting their own tags made. The tag records only assist in re-uniting a few dogs each year with its owner. Overall, there appears to be very little benefit to the dog tag fees, other than assisting with collection costs.

Dog & Nuisance Animal Collection

As noted, part of the dog tag fee is used to fund the costs for the dog collection contractor. While there is some connection between the dog tag fee and collection service, not all collections are for dogs that have a tag. As a result, the responsible dog owners that buy a tag fund the collection of dogs that are not tagged or dropped off in the rural areas. As well, some other nuisance animals posing health threats to the community are collected. Is the dog tag fee the most appropriate source of funding for this activity, or should it come from elsewhere? Should this activity be funded from the general tax base, or should individuals pay this fee directly?

A Staff Report reviewing this matter in greater detail is available in the November 6, 2013 Council Agenda. Council has directed staff to undertake consultation and report back.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please submit them to the Township. A short on-line survey has also been prepared and is available from the Township website at www.ezt.ca

Upcoming meetings and events can be viewed on the Township website at www.ezt.ca.

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Council meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Winter Control Policies

There is No Parking on any roadway in Innerkip and Tavistock beginning November 15th through April 15th from 1:30 am to 6:00 am. If required, this time is used for snow removal operations in these areas.

Contractors hired by the Township will plow all Township sidewalks. This will be done when snow accumulations warrant it. The level of service will be one clearing per day or per storm event. The Township is asking residents to supplement this activity by continuing to clear the sidewalk in front of their residence after light snow falls or between clearings. The Tavistock Business area will continue to be governed by By-law #16-91, which requires the abutting property owners to clear snow and ice. For further details, visit our website and refer to the "By-laws & Policies" under "Popular Pages". The street snow removal service will continue, as needed, in this area.

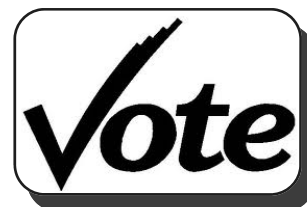


Do not push snow or ice onto the road or sidewalk when clearing your driveway. This applies everywhere; in town and in the rural areas. This practice endangers the safety of the motoring public, as well as snow removal equipment and its operators, and is in contravention of the Highway Traffic Act. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter. It will assist us greatly in providing a safe and reliable road system to our ratepayers.

2014 Municipal Election

EZT is already gearing up for the 2014 Municipal Election on October 27, 2014. Nomination forms may be filed beginning January 2, 2014. A filing fee of \$100 for all positions will be applicable, except for office of the Mayor, which is \$200. This fee is due when the nomination form is filed.

Ongoing and continuous updates will be available by visiting our "Elections" page on our website as further information becomes available.



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