

2024 Spring Newsletter



SAVE THE DATE

July 29th to August 4th 2024

We hope you've been enjoying the lead-up events to the week-long Mitchell 150 Celebration! Check out the exciting events coming up below or visit WestPerth.com/Mitchell150 for more info.



MON. JULY 29 & TUES. JULY 30
Sponsored Free Swim

WED. JULY 31
Sponsored Free Swim
Golf Tournament
Pickleball
Teddy Bear Tea
Downtown Events

THUR. AUGUST 1
Sponsored Free Swim
Pickleball
Youth Basketball
Adult Beach Volleyball
Hardball Games
Old Time Dance
Hospitality Tent Featuring:
Graham Bedard

FRI. AUGUST 2
Sponsored Free Swim
Pickleball
Family Carnival Events
Sunset Yoga
River Run
Lions Club Fish Fry
Craft Beer Pub Night
Hospitality Tent

SAT. AUGUST 3
Sponsored Free Swim
Breakfast, Car Show
Soapbox Derby
Men's Fastball
Ball Hockey, BBQ Supper
Calendar Draw
Tent Party Featuring:
Hip Experience

SUN. AUGUST 4
Breakfast
Co-Ed 3-pitch
Corn Hole Tournament
Hospitality Tent Featuring:
Daryl Gray - Helix
Jabe & The Back Stabbers



**Disclaimer: All listed events are tentative and are subject to change based on volunteer contributions. If you have an idea for an event or see an event you would like to volunteer for, please let one of the members of the Steering Committee know.*

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

All Families Play, Learn and Belong

West Perth Municipal Office (160 Wellington Street) 10am to 1pm

- February 17 - Family Day Event Open to All Ages

Older Adult Dance

West Perth Community Centre from 1pm to 3pm on:

- February 28 - Randy Satchell Band
- March 27 - Bob Lauze
- April 24 - Band to be Announced



Music In the Park

Enjoy music at Lions Park, Mitchell from 2pm to 4pm on:

- June 16 - Randy Satchell Band
- July 14 - Bob Lauze and Mostly Sideways
- August 4 - Mandolin Soul

Find more exciting community events or submit your own event by visiting: WestPerth.com/Calendar

FARM TAX CLASSIFICATION

Have you recently purchased a farm property in West Perth? Sale of farmland (FT) triggers a tax classification change back to Residential (RT) and is taxed at 100%. Please review property tax bill to ensure you have the correct classification.

Classification changes are made through AGRICORP. Call 1-888-247-4999 or email contact@agricorp.com.



DOG TAGS & ANNUAL FEES

All residents in West Perth are required to have a tag for their dogs (By-law 17-2017). Dog owners currently registered will receive an invoice for 2024. If your dog information has changed, please let us know. Annual fees are DUE February 29th, after which they are charged interest. To apply for a new dog tag or to pay the annual fee, please visit: WestPerth.com/Dogs

Don't Blow It! Keep Grass Clippings Off Roads

Residents and property owners are reminded to help keep roads safe by ensuring grass clippings and yard waste stay on their property.



Important Tax Information

INTERIM TAX BILL: The amount billed is 50% of prior year's taxes.

FINAL TAX BILL: Current tax rate is applied to current year assessment value to calculate final total taxes less interim amount billed.

It's important to keep your FINAL tax bills for future reference if needed for income tax purposes, mortgage companies, realtors, or appraisers as it shows the total taxes billed for the year.

Tax Installment Due Dates
February 29, 2024 | May 31, 2024

Accepted Tax & Utility Payments:

- Pre-Authorized Payments
- Online and Telephone Banking
- Pay Simply: Online Card Payment*
- E-Transfer: finance@westperth.com**
- Drop Box at Municipal Office ***
- Regular Letter Mail



* Pay Simply is a third-party provider to securely pay Tax or Utility bills online with any card. Visit www.PaySimply.ca and search West Perth.

** MUST specify your account number.

*** Cheques only.



GO PAPERLESS!

Rescue your kitchen counter from the pile of 'paper bills' and sign up to receive your tax bill via E-mail. Sign up for E-Send today at WestPerth.com/Taxes

ROADSIDE SPRAYING

Roadside herbicide spraying is done annually in May and June throughout West Perth. Property owners who do not want the unmaintained ditch in front of their property sprayed with herbicide during this time can post "NO SPRAY" signs at the start and finish of their property. These signs must be at least 30 cm x 60 cm (1 ft x 2 ft).



WEST PERTH FIRE DEPT HOME FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS

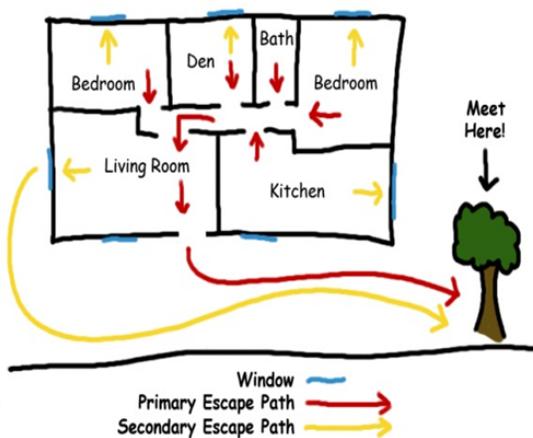


Home sweet home, the place we rest, play, cook, connect, and feel safe. Keep that feeling by ensuring your home and family are **FIRE & CARBON MONOXIDE SAFE**. There are a few key, easy steps to ensure your safety, if a fire were to start in your home or you had the presence of carbon monoxide.

- First, install working **SMOKE/CO ALARMS** on all levels of your home, including outside all sleeping areas.
- Next, test the alarms **ONCE A MONTH** by pressing the test button. If your alarms are battery operated, change the batteries at least once a year.
- Lastly, plan and practice your **HOME ESCAPE PLAN**. This step is the most important, especially if you have children, elderly or mobility impaired family in the house. On a floor plan of your house, map (2) ways out of each room and where all the exit doors/windows are. Then practice leaving the house as soon as the alarm sounds. Find a **SAFE MEETING SPOT** outside and **CALL 9-1-1**.

If you have any questions regarding Fire/CO Safety in your home, please call our Public Educator Jess Jorritsma at 519-595-2800 ext. 233.

WestPerth.com/Fire



COMMUNITY REGISTRATION DAY

Come and register your family for various sports, service clubs, and community services across West Perth.

FEBRUARY 23, 2024
6:30PM-8:30PM

FEBRUARY 24, 2024
9:30AM-11:30AM

WEST PERTH COMMUNITY CENTRE



Is your group thinking of setting up a table? Please contact recadmin@westperth.com
WestPerth.com/BeActive

Need a ride? West Perth Transit can get you there!

medical appointments



shopping



social visits



and more!

- For info, call **519-348-9765**
- To book, call Easyride at **519-348-9875**

Daily Service Hours:
Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm
Special pricing may apply to bookings outside of service hours.



PERTH COUNTY OPP Social Media

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OPP.CA/CAREERS
OPP.CA/CARRIERS

PERTH COUNTY OPP WITH PERTH COUNTY FIRE SERVICES PRESENTS

GUNS & HOSES



HOCKEY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

WEST PERTH ARENA AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Perth County Ontario Provincial Police will be squaring off against members from Perth County Fire Services in a hockey game on Sunday, February 18th at 1:40 p.m. in support of Victim Services of Bruce Grey Perth. Victim Services is dedicated to providing short-term emotional support, practical assistance and referrals to long term services to victims of crime and tragic circumstance.

Join us at the West Perth Arena and Community Centre at 185 Wellington Street, Mitchell to show your support for this much needed cause. Admission by cash donation or non-perishable food items. Public skate before the face off from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. courtesy of ACE Country & Garden.



CAMSAFE

Join us in creating a safer community
CAMSafe is a CCTV and security video registry aimed at keeping our community safe and assisting police solve crime.

For more information, visit camsafe.ca

How to Contact the Perth County OPP:

- 9-1-1 - Emergencies only, such as a fire, medical emergency, or crime in progress
- 1-888-310-1122 - Non-Emergency Number for OPP
- www.opp.ca - OPP Website and Online Reporting (See Website for Reportable Occurrence Types)
- www.p3tips.com or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) - Huron Perth Crime Stoppers
- Detachment Administrative Lines (Not Monitored 24/7)
 - (519) 348-9700 - West Perth OPP
 - (519) 393-6123 - Perth County OPP
 - (519) 291-1414 - North Perth OPP
- West Perth Detachment: 132 St. George Street, Mitchell, ON N0K1N0

PERTH COUNTY OPP REMINDERS

CLOSED HIGHWAYS

A quick reminder that motorists are required to stay off roads that are closed, whether a police cruiser or an Emergency Road Closed sign is blocking the road. Not only could drivers face a fine, but the safety of emergency personnel is at risk.

FRAUDS

Scams continue to affect residents of West Perth, which often result in the loss of money. If you receive an emergency call (someone in a collision/jail), or a report of fraudulent activity on credit cards, call your family member or financial institution to verify if this is true. Do not give money or provide gift card numbers to someone over the phone, or to anyone you do not know. If you have been the victim of a fraud, call 1-888-310-1122 and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

We all play a role in preventing crime. Leaving keys in a vehicle or leaving vehicles unlocked makes theft very easy. Please remember, "Lock it, or Lose it" so you don't become a victim. Not only is it a hassle for the owner, but it is a risk for those driving on the roads with stolen vehicles.