



**Lambton County
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THIS MONTH IN LAMBTON

At its last Council meeting, Lambton County Council adopted a motion to undertake a strategic planning exercise during the first year of a new term of office for Council, subject to approval of funds by that Council in its first year. Strategic Planning has become increasingly important for municipalities, especially given their increased responsibilities and the challenges they face securing funding from upper levels of government. The plan will examine the County's goals and objectives for this term of Council (2007 - 2010) and it will incorporate public input through a variety of stakeholder consultations. Watch this column, or www.lambtononline.ca for further updates.

The County employs a varied workforce of nurses, paramedics, caseworkers, equipment operators, inspectors and more. To see a list of available job opportunities visit www.lambtononline.ca/job_board.

Go smoke-free for March 2007 and you could win a 2007 Acura CSX or 1 of 7 Sony 32" Widescreen LCD HDTVs. To learn more visit www.driventoquit.ca.

Cultural Collections from Museums & Gallery Lambton Now Accessible Online

Website visitors to www.lcmg.org are now able to search portions of the collections held by Lambton Heritage Museum, the Oil Museum of Canada, the Lambton Room and Gallery Lambton. Old photographs, artifacts, obituaries and works of art are just some of the items that are listed within the database, and in some cases, photographs of the items accompany the listings.

All of Gallery Lambton's holdings are available to search online, and where copyright was granted by the artist, photos of the art work accompany the listing. Over 6,000 artifacts from Lambton Heritage Museum, Oil Museum and Lambton Room are available to search. Additionally, the donated, Sarnia Observer's Negative Collection, which contains 50,000 original negatives to newspaper photos from 1949 – 1967 is listed, along with the "Sarnia Observer Index" which lists births, obituaries, marriages, anniversaries and local newspaper headlines from 1994 to present day.

There are still tens of thousands of artifacts that require cataloguing on the new system, and they will continue to be added to the electronic system over time. Newly donated items will be added to the system on a go-forward basis.

Petrolia Artist Featured at Gallery Lambton's Gift Shop

Gallery Lambton will feature the exhibition, Reconstructions, with recent work by Petrolia artist Jackie Lyons in the Gift Shop February 28 to March 31.

Tundra Swans Return to North Lambton

Staff at the Lambton Heritage Museum are preparing to celebrate the Return of the Tundra Swans from March 10th to April 1st. Discover the stories of the Thedford Bog and Swan Migration and visit the Paint Ontario Art Competition and Show. On **Saturday, March 10, 2007** explore interpretive displays, watch the perennial favourite video "The Return of The Swans", study a tundra swan 'up close' and learn about its migration or explore children's activity stations. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For event updates, call 1-800-265-0316 or visit www.returnoftheswans.com.

March Break Activities for Kids in Lambton

*Lambton County's libraries offer fun activities for your children and teens during the March Break. Most programs are FREE. For more information contact your local library or visit www.lcmg.org.

*Children will have fun discovering the visual world of art and art-making in Gallery Lambton's workshops this March Break. Participants learn many new and exciting art techniques in a range of media. Students will work in clay, oil pastels, drawing, painting, and more. All workshops are two hours in length and the cost of each is \$10.00. All materials are supplied and pre-registration is required.

To see what's new in Lambton County visit www.lambtononline.ca/news.



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Residents at North Lambton Rest Home Consider New Name for Home

Residents at North Lambton Rest Home have expressed an interest in changing the name of the Home to North Lambton Lodge.

Residents' Council recently directed a five-member sub-committee to choose a name from a short-list, and to solicit feedback from other residents, their families, the auxiliary and the community.

In the fall, Residents' Council issued a survey to all residents asking for their opinion about a possible name change. As a result of that survey, Residents' Council created a sub-committee to review four potential names and to choose the most appropriate name. In February, the sub-committee sent letters to the residents advising them of their choice, "North Lambton Lodge" and requesting any feedback.

Members of the public who wish to comment on the name change are invited to contact Jane Joris, Resident Manager at 519 786-2151.

Household Hazardous Waste Days Begin

Household Hazardous Waste Days will return to Lambton County after a winter break on Saturday, March 31st from 9 am to 2 pm at Clean Harbors Canada Inc., 4090 Telfer Rd, St. Clair Township.

This is the perfect opportunity to safely dispose of your household hazardous waste such as batteries, cleaners, paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, oils and more. Help keep sanitation workers safe and don't endanger the environment. Keep these items out of our regular landfills and make the trip to Clean Harbors Canada Inc. on March 31st. For more information call the Public Works Department at 519 845-0801 or visit www.lambtononline.ca/hazardous_waste.

Gallery Lambton Plans Bus Trip to Toronto

Join Gallery Lambton on a bus trip to Toronto, on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Tour the exhibition Emily Carr: New Perspectives on a Canadian Icon at the Art Gallery of Ontario; enjoy some free time at the Eaton Centre in downtown Toronto and also tour the beautiful Spadina Museum: Historic House. Then enjoy a relaxing dinner at the historic Elmhurst Inn. The cost is \$98.58 which includes transportation, the tours, dinner and gratuities. Registration is taking place now. Call the Gallery at 519 336-8127.

Lambton County Council Meetings

Lambton County Council will meet twice in March. On Wednesday, March 7th Council will meet to discuss regular business. On Thursday, March 29th Council will meet to consider the 2007 budget. The public is welcome.