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FROM THE REEVE'S DESK

Greetings from Council and Staff of Central Huron.

On behalf of Council, I wish all our residents a Happy and Healthy 2009.

Wow! It has been a real old fashioned Huron County winter, so they say! The snow and extreme conditions have been a challenge for our road crews and they have done their utmost to maintain the level of service we so much desire. Of course, on the other hand, the winter has also been very hard on our budget. Hopefully, by the time you get this newsletter, the snow will be gone and we will be crunching numbers for the 2009 budget.

The REACH Centre is progressing well and I would encourage the residents to stay tuned for updates and also check out the website at www.reachhuron.ca This project is a huge undertaking and something that was never anticipated in this area. It will be a great economic boost with positive results!

The work of Council is continuing with consolidation of Zoning By-laws, investigation of Lakeshore servicing, ongoing capital projects and many others that have not been mentioned. We have a great Council that works well together to move the municipality forward.

In closing, I hope Council is meeting the expectations of the ratepayers. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact us.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month commencing at 9:00 a.m. Planning Advisory Committee meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at 4:30 p.m. If you wish to address Council at any of these meetings, please contact the Clerk's office in writing before 12:00 noon the Wednesday one week prior to the meeting.

2009 PROPERTY TAX INSTALLMENT DATES

- ◆ Interim Billing (based on 50% of 2008 taxes) 1st payment due March 31st, 2nd payment due June 26th.
- ◆ Final Billing (based on 2009 budget) 1st payment due September 30th, 2nd payment due November 27th

The following methods of Tax Payment may be used:

Counter Service at the Municipal Office, Automatic Banking Machines, Telephone & Internet Payments, Payment at most Financial Institutions, Post Dated Cheques, Mail, Drop Box at Municipal Office, Pre-authorized Monthly Payments.



2009 DOG TAGS

Dog Tags are now due – a late payment charge of \$15.00 in addition to the licence fee will apply after March 31st, 2009. Please notify the municipality if you no longer have a dog OR you will be invoiced! Dogs MUST have their annual rabies vaccination in order for a tag to be issued.

2009 Dog Tag Fee Schedule

a. For each neutered male dog	\$15.00
b. For each spayed female dog	\$15.00
c. For each male dog	\$25.00
d. For each female dog	\$25.00
e. Staffordshire Terrier/Pit Bull	\$100.00
f. Kennel Licence	\$100.00
g. Replacement Licence	\$5.00
h. Late Penalty	\$15.00

Please complete and return the bottom portion of this notice along with the applicable fee to the Municipal Office and a tag will be issued to you.



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<p>DESCRIPTION OF DOG</p> <p>Name of Dog _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Neutered Male</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spayed Female</p> <p>Breed _____</p> <p>Colour & Markings _____</p> <p>Rabies Shot Date _____</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">Licence & Tag No.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">Year</td> </tr> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Name of Owner of Dog</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Phone No.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Address of Owner</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"> Licence fee of _____ dollars and tag fee (where applicable) of _____ dollars received this _____ day of _____. </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Signature of Owner</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Signature of Licence Collector</td> </tr> </table>	Licence & Tag No.		Year		Name of Owner of Dog	Phone No.	Address of Owner		Licence fee of _____ dollars and tag fee (where applicable) of _____ dollars received this _____ day of _____.		Signature of Owner	Signature of Licence Collector
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**MAITLAND VALLEY
CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY**



MVCA Launches SWEEP Service

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority has over 35 years of data from which to identify trends in climate and water flows. This information is used not only in flood situations, but also to monitor drought conditions across the watershed. In recent years staff has noted an increase in extreme weather events. This means the watershed is experiencing more intense rain events, significant snowfalls and rapid snowmelt. The MVCA is launching the Soil and Water Environmental Enhancement Plan service to assist landowners to reduce the potential for soil erosion on their property and adapt to the recent climate trends. Key components of the plans include:

- Using a systems approach to developing the plan. In most cases a series of soil and water conservation practices need to be put in place to control erosion. The focus is on correcting the cause of the problem rather than just treating the symptom.
- Direct involvement of the landowner in the development, implementation and evaluation of the plan.
- Conservation measures to help the landowner adapt to the impacts of climate change on their property by building more resiliency into the landscape.
- Using a team approach to design and implement the plan by drawing on staff with expertise in hydrogeology, reforestation and habitat restoration, natural channel design and GIS.

For more information on SWEEP contact Geoff King at gking@mvca.on.ca or (519) 335-3557.

**THE AUSABLE BAYFIELD CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY**

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) now offers several new stewardship grant opportunities for landowners in the Municipality of Central Huron in 2009. Visit the new website abca.on.ca to learn about the new Healthy Headwaters Wetlands Initiative helping landowners restore and enhance local wetlands or find out about the Bayfield North Watersheds Plan, being developed by the community to protect and enhance this unique area.

- Central Huron residents can search for their property and see high-quality imagery at the online aerial mapping portal www.camaps.ca, which now has a new look and feel. View ABCA-owned properties and the limits of Ontario Regulation 147/06. If you have questions call Tracey Boitson, GIS/CAD Information Specialist, at (519) 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610.
- Residents are invited to several public events in early 2009 about Drinking Water Source Protection planning, risk assessment in vulnerable areas of our municipality and expanded funding opportunities for voluntary, best-management practices near Central Huron's municipal wells. Visit sourcewaterinfo.on.ca and sourceprotectionstewardship.on.ca for details. Visit conservationdinner.com for information on the Conservation Dinner on **Thursday, April 16, 2009** at the South Huron Recreation Centre in Exeter.
- Visit abca.on.ca for the spring tree order form, information on conservation education and stewardship funding opportunities in your watershed.

**NEW ONTARIO SENIOR HOMEOWNERS'
PROPERTY TAX GRANT**

Beginning in 2009, the Ontario Senior Homeowners' Property Tax Grant will be provided to help eligible senior homeowners with low and moderate incomes pay their property taxes.

Applications for the 2009 grant and the Ontario Tax Credits will be contained in the 2008 personal income tax returns (Form ON479), available in early 2009.

If you need more information on the new grant or the OTCs, Call 1-800-337-7222 or 1-800-263-7776 for TTY between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

IT'S THE LAW!!!

- ◆ Homeowners are required to have at least one smoke detector on each level of their home. This includes basements..
- ◆ The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office is taking a very hard stand on this issue, and expects Municipal Fire Departments to issue tickets/fines whenever offences are noted.
- ◆ SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!!

**MANAGEMENT OF ABANDONED
AGGREGATE PROPERTIES (MAAP)**

The MAAP Program is dedicated to the rehabilitation of abandoned aggregate pits and quarries in areas of Ontario that are designated under the Aggregate Resources Act. Implementation of the program in Huron County is being targeted for Spring 2009 by The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC).

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

******Leaf/Brush Pick-Up******

The drop off site is at 40131 Hydro Line Road –just East of the Cemetery. The site is for **ALL** Central Huron residents and is open year round. The spring pick-up will be held during the **last week in April and the first week in May**. The Fall pick-up will be held on **Mondays and Fridays-from October 5th to November 13th, weather permitting**. Leaves must be in brown paper bags which are available at the Municipal Office. Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet, and cannot weigh more than 50 pounds.

ROADSIDE MOWING

Roadside mowing will be contracted out. Anyone having small trees and shrubs should have them well marked as the Municipality will not be responsible for any damage. Owners of vacant lots are advised that it is their responsibility to maintain weeds and excess grass under the Property Standards Act.

HALL RENTALS

Holmesville Community Hall

- ◆ Contact: Belinda Axford @482-3997 ext.221

Auburn Memorial Hall

- ◆ Contact: Patti Cooke @526-7425

Londesboro Community Hall

- ◆ Contact: Hensall Co-Op @523-9606

Clinton Arena

- ◆ Contact: Steve Campbell @482-3997 ext.226

Clinton Municipal Auditorium

- ◆ Contact: Belinda Axford @ 482-3997 ext.221
- ◆ Capacity: 164 persons

SUMMER REGISTRATIONS

Further details to follow in local newspapers:

Softball: Holmesville Hall

TO BE ANNOUNCED

****Must have Birth Certificates to Register****



Softball: Londesboro Works Shed

- March 19 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- March 21 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Baseball: Clinton Arena

- March 28 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- April 4 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

******Watch the newspaper for details of the Clinton Pool's summer aquatic program. Registration will be held in June.***

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT
 We have developed a directory on Central Huron's website which includes a listing of businesses, service clubs and other organizations located in Central Huron. If you wish to have your information included in the directory please contact the Municipal Office or visit our website.