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FROM THE REEVE'S DESK

On behalf of Council and staff, I wish all of our residents a Happy and Healthy 2010.

Although we have many challenges before us we have also accomplished much. As I write this Council has commenced the 2010 budget deliberations. This creates its own challenges as we attempt to maintain tax rates and still try to keep up with infrastructure improvements and continue with the level of service that our ratepayers expect and deserve. The economic downturn also has an impact on our decisions.

Central Huron is appreciative of the funding we have received from both upper levels of government. Our thanks goes out to our MP and MPP for their support of this area. Through the funding partnership were able to repave Orchard Line, build a new fire hall and extend Beech Street to County Rd. #4.

Remember the Municipal Election takes place this fall and anyone is welcome to put their name forward. It is a great and rewarding way to get involved in the community. Our Council meetings are always open and I encourage you to bring in your concerns or comments. We have an excellent and dedicated staff and they will assist in the process. With your involvement and suggestions we can ALL make Central Huron a better place to live.

In closing, I hope Council is meeting the expectations of you the residents. Remember, we are the government closest to the people!

"Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there"

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2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Monday, October 25th, 2010 is Election Day. Nomination period runs from January 4, 2010 until Friday September 10, 2010 @ 2:00 p.m. Information on the Election process will be available on our website as it becomes available or by contacting the Clerk's office.

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. 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.

2010 PROPERTY TAX INSTALLMENT DATES

- ◆ Interim Billing (based on 50% of 2009 taxes) 1st payment due March 31st, 2nd payment due June 25th.
- ◆ Final Billing (based on 2010 budget) 1st payment due September 30th, 2nd payment due November 30th

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.

2010 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, 2010. 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.

2010 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	\$200.00
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.



DOG LICENCE		
MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL HURON		
DESCRIPTION OF DOG Name of Dog _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Neutered Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Spayed Female Breed _____ Colour & Markings _____ Rabies Shot Date _____	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Licence & Tag No.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Year</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Name of Owner of Dog _____ Phone No. _____</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Address of Owner _____</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Licence fee of _____ dollars and tag fee (where applicable) of _____ dollars received this _____ day of _____.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Signature of Owner _____</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Signature of Licence Collector _____</div>

**MAITLAND VALLEY
CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY**



MVCA Watershed Report Cards Available

Using guidelines developed by Conservation Ontario the MVCA has developed a watershed report card that summarizes monitoring work done by the Authority to assess surface and groundwater quality and forest conditions across the Maitland watershed. It is the first in a series that will be produced every five years. This report card will act as a benchmark that can be used to assess future progress. A report outlining general watershed results is available along with short reports on each of the MVCA's seven major sub-basins. Copies of the report card are available by visiting www.mvca.on.ca or by calling the MVCA at 519 335-3557.

Gully Mapping and Stewardship

MVCA staff are currently working on updating mapping for the gully areas along the Lake Huron shoreline. The MVCA's Shoreline Working Group is planning to host a public information session that will provide landowners with an opportunity to review the maps and learn about gully and bluff stewardship. It is expected that this session will be held in August. For more information please contact Nathan Garland, MVCA Environmental Planner, at ngarland@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 2010. 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 2010 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 15, 2010** 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**

Applications for the 2009 grant and the Ontario Tax Credits will be contained in the 2009 personal income tax returns (Form ON479), available in early 2010.

For 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 2010 by The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC).

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

The spring pick-up will be held during the **last week in April and the first week in May**. The Fall pick-up will begin **October 8th to November 12th, weather permitting**. Leaves must be in brown paper bags which are available at the Municipal Office. For those who wish to take their own leaves and compost, the drop off site is at 40131 Hydro Line Road –just East of the Cemetery. The **NEW** hours of operation are 8 am to 5 pm, 7 days a week. Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet, and cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. **ACCEPTABLE ONLY: Leaves, brush, grass clippings and kitchen compost.**
NOT ACCEPTABLE: plastics, plastic containers, metal, lumber, cement, tires and garbage.

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.1221

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.1226

Clinton Municipal Auditorium

◆ Contact: Belinda Axford @ 482-3997 ext.1221

◆ 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 18 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

March 20 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Baseball: Clinton Arena

March 6 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

March 27 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Soccer: Clinton Arena

March 4 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

March 6 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.