

Township of East Garafraxa

Summer/Fall 2016
Information & News

Taxation Information.

Tax payments may be mailed or dropped off at the Township office just west of Laurel, cash and cheques are accepted at the office. Secure drop boxes are available in Marsville and at the Municipal office location for after hour use. (No cash please). You may also make your payments via telephone or online banking services provided by most financial institutions. Search "East Garafraxa – Township of" as the vendor and quote your full 19 digit roll number (2201-000-00X-XXXXX-0000) as your account number. *Please allow 3-4 business days for your payment to be processed in order to avoid late charges.*

Should you have questions regarding your property assessment, please contact MPAC directly at www.mpac.ca or 1-866-296-6722. The deadline for submitting a Request for Reconsideration (RfR) is March 31st of each year, or 120 days from date of notice in a re-assessment year.

Planning Information

Township approval is required for all development. The Township Official Plan and Zoning By-law can be found on the Township website along with various planning applications. Development Charges are imposed under By-law 34-2014 for residential and wind turbine developments.

The Township is undertaking an Official Plan review for which public meetings will be held. Check the website and local newspapers for further information. The County of Dufferin now has a County Official Plan. For more information go to <http://www.dufferincounty.ca/planning/>

Any importation/ exportation of fill requires a Township or Conservation Authority permit prior to any alteration. Township fill permit applications must be requested in writing for approval by Council in accordance with Site Alteration By-Law 14-2015 (available on Township website). Information to be provided shall include: reasons to place or remove fill; number of loads and depth of fill to be placed or removed; a site plan and cross section showing the location and measurements; a soil analysis report demonstrating that the soil is clean and suitable for the area and where the soil is coming from or going to. Additional information may be required, for more details please contact the Township office.



Tree Program

The Township in conjunction with the GRCA, is offering a tree seedling program for distribution in the spring of 2017. See enclosed tree order form for details.



New Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new, redesigned website. Check it out and provide your feedback. www.eastgarafraxa.ca

Township Contact Information

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Administration Office: 374028 6th Line
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Road Dept Tel. (519) 855-9833
Email – township@amaranth-eastgary.ca
Website www.eastgarafraxa.ca **NEW

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Susan M. Stone
Director of Public Works – David Menary
Planner – Christine Gervais

Office Hours
Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Council 2014 – 2018

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| Mayor Guy Gardhouse | (519) 855-4832 |
| Deputy Mayor John Stirk | (519) 941-5061 |
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| Councillor Tom Nevills | (519) 855-4324 |
| Councillor Fran Pinkney | (519) 855-6332 |



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Emergency Preparedness

Step 1. Know the risks, Step 2. Make a plan, Step 3. Get an emergency kit. For details on how to prepare for an emergency visit www.GetPrepared.ca or call 1-800-622-6232.

Fire Safety Information

Fire permits are required, at no charge, for all burning within the Township. Fires are to be in accordance with Fire By-law 7-2009. Permits are available on line <http://www.eastgarafraxa.ca>. Working smoke alarms are required on each level of your home and CO detectors installed adjacent to all sleeping areas. With today's weather patterns often leaving us without power, please take care when using alternative lighting, cooking and heating sources. For more information contact your local fire department or go online to <http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca>.

2016 Dog Tags

You are required to license each dog you own or house, pursuant to By-law 2-95 and to notify the Township if your dog is not registered. For canine control please contact Olympus Dog Training and Security at (519) 942-1508. Dogs running at large are prohibited in the Township.



Waste Management

Garbage, recycling, green bin, yard waste, bulky items or white goods collection questions should be directed to the County of Dufferin Waste Services Dept. by phone at (519) 941-2816 ext. 2620 or online at dufferinwaste@dufferincounty.ca or on Facebook @ DufferinWaste.

Recreation Information

Recreation activities are available at the Grand Valley & District Community Centre which is supported by the Township. Out of town user fees are reimbursed with a receipt.

Orton Park

Council of the Township of East Garafraxa, funded the building of a Pavillion that will cover the ice surface in the winter, built by community volunteers. The Pavillion also will provide protection to the attendees at the Canada Day Celebrations.

<http://www.eastgarafraxa.ca> -

Resident Services – Parks and Trails.

Road Department

Entrance permits are required for installation of any driveway off any roadway. Contact the office for more information

Library Services

Library Services are available at Grand Valley Public Library free of charge. Residents who wish to use another library will be reimbursed the user fee (one per household annually) to a maximum as determined by Council, upon presentation of your receipt.



Dufferin County Farm Tour

Saturday, **October 1, 2016** | 9:00 – 4:00 Rain or Shine–Dress Accordingly.

Every year for more than 15 years Dufferin farmers have opened their doors for one day in the fall to show people how farming really happens. The tour is a self-guided tour and is **open to the public**. There will be many animals to see, farm-related activities, commodity displays, local produce to purchase. You will end your day with an appreciation for local farming and the commitment of the farm families.

Admission is a non-perishable food donation or cash for the Local Food Bank. Bring cash and a cooler for on farm produce purchases. You are encouraged to eat local, eat healthy and support farmers.

Marsville Church Annual BBQ

Marsville Church annual BBQ is being held at Marsville Hall, Sunday **Sept. 25th**, sittings are at 4:30 pm, 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Sit in or takeout are available, for tickets please contact Deb 519-855-6237 or Gayla 519-848-3679.

Health Services

If you do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner, try Ontario's Health Care Connect service by calling 1-800-445-1822 or registering online at www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect.



Health Care Connect can help you find a family doctor or nurse practitioner in your community.

Grand River Watershed

Rural Water Quality Program is providing financial assistance to improve and protect water quality on farms in the Upper Grand River Watershed. Financial assistance may be available to qualified landowners to share the cost of selected best management practices that improve and protect ground and surface water quality. Grant availability varies by County. For more information contact Grand River Conservation Authority at (519) 621-2761.

New Steps toward a smoke free Ontario. As of January 1st, 2015 it is now illegal to smoke on or around children's playgrounds and public owned sports fields and surfaces owned by a municipality. If you smoke in a place where it has been prohibited, you may be ticketed and charged a fine.