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# Quarterly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER, 2022

## AUTUMN IS ON IT'S WAY TO SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX!

*Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower*

Every year we look forward to seeing the fall colours that burst like fireworks throughout Southwest Middlesex. You can take in the beauty in Southwest Middlesex everywhere you turn in the community. With the onset of fall, there are many changes that occur not only with appearance but in available programs plus we have a municipal election in 2022.

Keep watching for news about the election and take the time to appreciate the fall colours -. please also travel safely as we head into autumn. The children are back to school and there will be many farm vehicles on the roads as our local farmers harvest their crops.

Send us any local pictures that you would like to share in our newsletter or on social media. Also let us know If you have any topics that you would like to see covered in future editions by contacting Sheila by email at [smccahon@southwestmiddlesex.ca](mailto:smccahon@southwestmiddlesex.ca) or by phone at 519-287-2015 x8107.

### WHAT THIS ISSUE CONTAINS:

- 2022 Election - Municipal & School Bd
- Development
- Fall Programming
- Glencoe Fall Fair
- Volunteering News & Opportunities
- And More

Find us on the following social media channels (linked at the top of our webpage):

Facebook - Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

Instagram - @southwestmiddlesex

LinkedIn - Southwest Middlesex Municipality

Twitter - @SouthwestMiddl1

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6oo98BZcAvuVMKLDx88l4A>



# 2022 Municipal Election - Candidates, Acclamations & Important Dates

## 2022 Election Candidates

The 2022 municipal & school board elections are not far away. Nominations closed on August 19th and this is your list of confirmed candidates:



## Southwest Middlesex Election

- **Mayor - at large (1 to be elected):**
  - Mayhew, Allan
  - Wilkins, Marigay
- **Deputy Mayor - at large (1 to be elected):**
  - Cowell, Christa
  - Sholdice, Mike
- **Councillor - Ward 1 (2 to be elected):**
  - Jeffery, Daniel
  - McCallum, Don
  - McGill, Mark
  - Willis, Zachary
  - Zavitz, Tim
- **Councillor - Ward 2 (acclaimed - these are your Ward 2 councillors):**
  - Haggith, Joel
  - Myers, Ed
- **Councillor - Ward 3 (2 to be elected):**
  - Choi, Amy
  - Emery, Marjorie
  - Vink, Martin

## School Board Elections

- **Thames Valley District School Board (2 to be elected):**
  - Cocksworth, William
  - Morell, Arlene
  - Sachs, Christine
- **London District Catholic School Board (Elected by acclamation):**
  - Lamb, Josh
- **Conseil Scolaire Viamonde (French Language Public) (1 to be elected):**
  - O'Hara, David
  - Vandermeer, Joseph
- **Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence (French Language Catholic) (Elected by acclamation):**
  - Alary, Alexandre

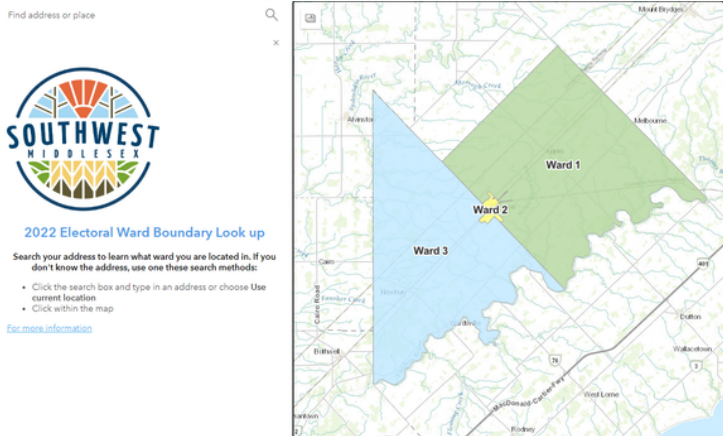
**Official Election Documents can be found on our website**

# 2022 Municipal Election - Candidates, Acclamations & Important Dates



## New Ward Finding Tool

If you are new to Southwest Middlesex and not sure what Ward you are located in, please check out the latest tool to find out - <https://middlesex.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=3cd180cb465b40a2bc518ad96574608a>



Keep checking our website for the most up-to-date information about the 2022 municipal election. More information will come as we get closer to the voting period - <https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/elections>

## Election Dates to Keep in Mind:

### Voter's List Revision Period

September 1 to October 24, 2022

### Voting Period

Monday, October 17 to October 24, 2022

### Term of New Council

November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026

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## Voting Information

The Voting Period is established as October 17, 2022 to October 24, 2022 (Voting Day). Voting starts at 9 am on the 17th and ends at 8 pm on the 24th.

Eligible voters may cast their vote online or by telephone any time, any where, during the Voting Period.

Voter Instruction Letters will be mailed to eligible electors in advance of the election - we anticipate late September/early October. The letter will include a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN), which voters can use to either dial into the voting system by telephone, or to log on to the voting system online.



# 2022 Growth & Development

Southwest Middlesex has been taking steps to ensure that growth and development take place without any detrimental effect on existing services.

## WSP Water Study

As part of Southwest Middlesex's commitment to growth and development, WSP Canada was approved by council in May of 2021 to prepare a Master Servicing Study Wastewater Master Servicing Study and a Water Master Servicing Study for Southwest Middlesex. The work included modelling the municipal wastewater and water systems within the Municipality and to prepare a Wastewater Master Servicing Study and a Water Master Servicing Study.

Included within each Study is a Master Servicing Design of the respective system and an executive summary identifying the five (5) most critical challenges of each system, and the recommended solution including estimated design and construction costs.

The Municipality's objectives include identifying capital program requirements to ensure timeliness of capital project delivery to support present and future demands.

Estimates from the study include:

- \$2-\$2.5 million for the installation of a new force main, Victoria Street Pumping Station to lagoon
- \$5 million for a complete upgrade of the Victoria Street Pumping station to accommodate growth
- \$400,000 to install an additional water main to serve as a second connection in Glencoe
- \$2.5 million for Appin Booster pump addition
- \$1.1 million for additional water main in Appin

The material contained within the council approved study will help Southwest Middlesex to focus on areas for improvement and further development in the future. The capital recommendations are to be included in the 2023 Capital Budget discussions and be used to update the municipality's Asset Management Plan.



## John Street Development

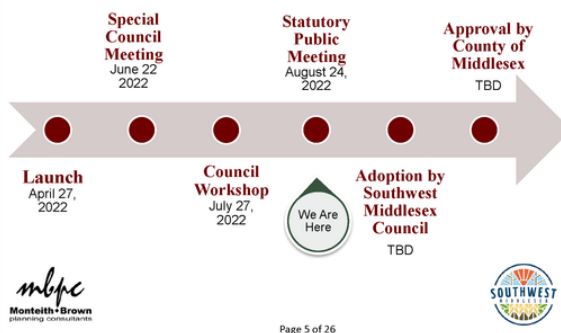
The Municipal Act contains specific legislation whereby landowners can collectively agree that they would like to install/expand municipal services on their land, while not affecting the general tax base – this is known as local improvement charges. In 2021, the Municipality received a petition by the owners of the un-serviced lots on John Street in Glencoe to install municipal services including: roadworks, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, watermain, streetlights, etc. Cost estimates were obtained and presented to the landowners and to council in early 2021. Council and landowners were all in favour of proceeding.

Council is happy to report that the works have now reached substantial completion and we are ready to finalize payment arrangements. This cooperative effort means additional growth for Southwest Middlesex in the very near future.

## Official Plan

Statutory Meeting scheduled for August 24, 2022 and follow the next steps in the Official Plan update which include:

### Process



- Receive direction from Council on proposed policy changes.
- Prepare final draft of Official Plan Amendment.
- Statutory Public Meeting (scheduled for August 24, 2022) and presentation of final policy changes.
- Southwest Middlesex Council Adoption of OPA
- Middlesex County Decision re OPA



# Arena Renovations

The arena remains closed for renovations that began April 1, 2022 with work continuing until January of 2023.

The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex was the successful recipient of \$1,984,592.12 for this renovation project. The debenture for this project will span 25 years. The changes to this facility will improve the overall operation of the building plus it will update all major mechanical systems including HVAC, dehumidification, electrical, plumbing, ice mechanical, floor and floor headers and piping. This will extend the useful life of all these systems to 25 years or more. What this means is that these major mechanical systems will not have to be upgraded for a minimum of 25 years. One key aspect of the updates is that this project will also make this facility 100% AODA compliant giving more individuals an opportunity to use our facility in a safe and enjoyable way.

The work that has been completed to date is predominantly demolition with renovations also underway. A few unexpected situations have come to light during the demolition stage including the discovery of asbestos in the ceiling materials located above the Low-E insulation cover material. To help alleviate costs, council made the decision to remove the backup generator installation from the project which saves \$220,000. Using the project contingency plus the removal of the generator helps us stay within the project cost and complete the necessary aspects of the project which are underway throughout the building. The good news is that the special asbestos work will not affect the time-line of the project as workers have moved their focus to other areas where it is safe for them to complete renovations.

With the demolition phase of the arena complete, we are approximately 35% of the way through the re-construction of the Southwest Middlesex Recreation Centre. The wheelchair accessible ramp and dehumidifier pads have been poured and progress is being made with change rooms and vending areas.

We look forward to seeing the new and improved arena but for now, see a bit of the work going on below!



# "How To" Report a Water Issue

## How to Report an Issue...and get the best results

Southwest Middlesex has available personnel to respond to emergency situations that involve mainline breaks, service line breaks, sewer blockages, sewer manhole problems and more.

Southwest Middlesex encourages customers to call to report emergency situations immediately. Your phone calls are critical in order to find the damage and make repairs as soon as possible. Please remember that each call will be evaluated and a determination will be made if the repair will need to be made immediately. In some cases, it can take several days for repairs to allow time for the proper investigation of the problem as well as gathering the proper materials for the repair work.

Southwest Middlesex will inform affected residents as soon as possible if there is a disruption of service.

However, in some emergency situations where there are unsafe conditions or property damage, there may be little or no opportunity to provide advance notice to customers. Sometimes the presence of a crew in the area and low, or changing, water pressure are the only notices provided.



**WE ENCOURAGE CUSTOMERS TO FIRST  
REPORT EMERGENCY LEAKS BY CALLING  
OCWA AT 519-435-6539**

**SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX OPERATIONS 519-287-2015 X8119**

### HOW TO: Report a Water Leak to Southwest Middlesex

Your phone calls are critical in order to find the damage and make repairs as soon as possible. Please remember that each call will be evaluated and a determination will be made at the time of the call if the repair will need to be immediately addressed. In some cases, it can take several days for repairs to allow time for the proper investigation of the problem as well as gathering the proper materials for the repair work.

It can be difficult for customers to determine the urgency of an issue. The images below are intended to help customers describe conditions to Southwest Middlesex staff so the appropriate response can be determined.

Large leaks, as shown in the image shown below on the left, need to be reported to OCWA at the number above immediately. Small Leaks need to be reported but may not require immediate attention.



Large leaks will resemble a fountain where small leaks may just show as a small accumulation of water.



If the leak is coming from the side of the meter that is closest to the street, then it is Southwest Middlesex's responsibility.



If the leak is on the side of the meter that is past the customer shut off valve, then it is the customer's responsibility.

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## How Should I Handle a Water Emergency?

In case of an emergency, such as a burst pipe, quickly close the main water shut-off valve to prevent costly flood damage. Your main water shut-off valve controls all of the water coming into your house. Then call our water operators OCWA at 519-435-6539. For non-emergency matters please contact our public works department at 519-287-2015 x8119.

## What would cause Water Quality Issues in my Home such as Odor, or Discoloration?

### Odors:

**Drain P-Trap** - Any plumbing fixture in your home should be equipped with a p-trap; this includes sinks, bathtubs, and washers. These traps form a barrier of water that prevent sewer gases from entering the home. If these traps are dried out or empty, you may notice a rotten egg smell in the area. A good practice is to run water periodically on areas not frequently used to maintain the water seal.

**Water Heater** - Sometimes the hot water may have a rotten egg odor which is generally produced by bacteria growth in the Water Heater. Setting the Water Heater to the manufacture's recommended temperature setting will correct the issue by preventing the bacterial growth. It is also recommended to flush the water heater periodically to remove any sediment in the tank.

**Other Issues** - Should you experience any unusual smells or odors in your water please contact our 24 hour emergency number at 519-435-6539.

### Discoloration:

**Cloudy Water** - If you leave a glass with the cloudy water on the counter and it clears in a short time, the cloudiness is caused by air that got into the water system.

**Yellow Water** - This can be caused by sediment of oxidized iron in the pipes. This is unsightly but not harmful to use and can be remediated by flushing the main pipes.

**Other Issues** - Should you experience any unusual discoloration in your water please contact our 24 hour emergency number at 519-435-6539 ....

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## Protect Your Pipes and Your Wallet!



**BE CAREFUL WHAT GOES DOWN THE DRAIN**

Baby wipes, dental floss, salad dressing and bacon grease. What do they all have in common?

These items **can block your pipes** if you put them down the sink or toilet.

Blocked pipes are **big trouble**. They can burst or back up, leading to **costly flooding** in your home or business.

A friendly reminder from your municipality in partnership with:



## How to protect your pipes

### THE 3 Ps

The **only things** that go down the **toilet** are pee, poo and (toilet) paper. No exceptions.



### FATS, OILS & GREASE

Also known as FOG, and a **major cause of pipe blockages**. Examples:

- » Sauces, gravies
- » Salad dressing
- » Butter, margarine
- » Sandwich spreads
- » Meat fat
- » Milk, cream
- » Cooking oils

**Keep drains clear:** After cooking, **allow FOG to cool and harden**. Scrape hardened FOG into the **garbage or green bin** as directed by your municipality.



**Contact your municipality if you have any questions.**

**Thanks for your cooperation!**

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# Did you Know?

**CIP Sign Improvement Grants are available past the deadline for 2022 projects!**



## Train Station Repairs

The Glencoe Train Station property will be closed starting early September, 2022 for extensive renovations. The renovations include drainage around the foundation, deck replacement and garden replacement. The upgrades will improve drainage at the facility which will help maintain the safety of the structure including the deck. Keep watching the improvements but please avoid the construction zone. We are all looking forward to the improvements at this facility.



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## Mural Project

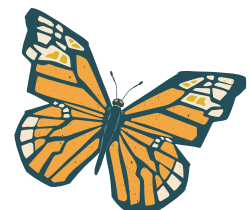
Exciting news! Council approved proceeding with a mural project at the parkette in the centre of Glencoe's downtown. The location of the first murals is in the heart of the CIP area and is undergoing a larger transformation of the site which will have increased accessibility and a covered space for those who stop and rest there. The cost of this work is anticipated to be minimal with a grant being pursued through Middlesex County Tourism to help cover the bulk of the cost.

Murals are highly supportive of our Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and the goal of this project is to inject positivity into the municipality through art plus we hope that this will spur more individual businesses to take on art installations to help build an interactive program for our community and for our visitors!

Business that are interested in art installations within our community can make application through the Makeover Middlesex Program (<https://www.visitmiddlesex.ca/search?query=makeover+middlesex>). Plus if you are in the CIP area, funding may also be available through that program as well.

In the coming weeks we will have more information to share with everyone about this anticipated program and we hope that it inspires others to do the same and inspire the growth of a new mural program throughout Southwest Middlesex.

Keep watching for the creative concepts to be considered by council!



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# Did you Know?

## Arena Re-Naming

Council directed that input be gathered from the public about the potential for re-naming of the Glencoe Memorial Arena that is currently under renovation. Council members were also recommended to seek input directly from constituents.

Staff posted a Survey Monkey online and made available paper ballots at the front office. A draw for a gift certificate from a local eatery and a skating pass for one season will be made for those that participated. 54 submissions were received and it is noted that more than half of the suggestions were to rename the facility.

Council made the decision, based on the votes submitted, to rename the Glencoe Memorial Arena to Southwest Middlesex Recreation Centre.



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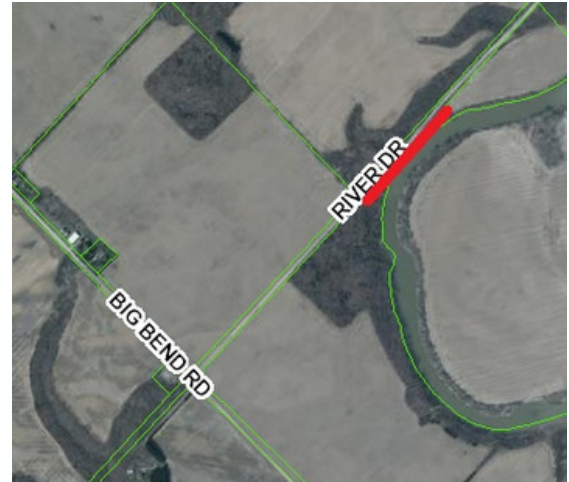
## Fire Department Activities

In November 2021, Newbury's CAO & Fire Chief approached Southwest Middlesex Chief and CAO and requested a Fire Protection Agreement to help with coverage in Newbury. Newbury Council approved the agreement at their regular meeting on August 8, 2022. This agreement supports firefighting to help with firefighting activities and to help ensure adequate staffing for the Newbury Fire Department. This agreement is beyond the mutual aid agreement across the County.

An additional cooperative effort is being undertaken with the Municipality of Thames Centre. In July 2022, Thames Centre approached Southwest Middlesex about the potential for short-term Fire Chief services. Southwest Middlesex's fire chief will temporarily fill the position of fire chief for Thames Centre to support the temporary needs of Thames Centre.

## River Road Partial Closure

For your safety, Southwest Middlesex has had to close a portion of River Road. It is closed to all through traffic. All owners can still access their properties, but cannot travel from one end to the other. Southwest Middlesex thanks you for your patience.



# Volunteer News & Opportunities/Program Instructor Opportunities



Canadian Mental  
Health Association  
Thames Valley  
Addiction and Mental Health Services

Association canadienne  
pour la santé mentale  
Thames Valley  
Services de santé mentale et de traitement des dépendances

Calling for volunteers

**AN EMPATHETIC  
EAR CAN MEAN  
THE WORLD.**

**LOOKING FOR AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO  
MAKE AN IMPACT?**

**APPLY TODAY  
AT CMHATV.CA**

Remote volunteer work

## Program Instructors Needed!

We are looking for qualified program instructors for our recreation programs and welcome you to send us your information if you are interested in teaching children's programs, cooking, fitness/sports programs, and any other learning opportunities please contact us. To learn more please go to

<https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/join-our-team>  
or contact Ashley - [aparker@southwestmiddlesex.ca](mailto:aparker@southwestmiddlesex.ca).



*Your Wardsville*  
with community comes unity

Hello to all of Southwest MIDDLESEX. Wardsville would like to introduce you to our newly formed community organization called "Your Wardsville".

Your Wardsville's mission is to welcome new residents, organize community events and promote programs. The aim is to engage, unify and strengthen our community, while having fun!

Have a glimpse at [www.yourwardsville.ca](http://www.yourwardsville.ca). Meet our volunteers, see our community calendar and events page. Your Wardsville would like to promote all Southwest MIDDLESEX events or fundraising projects. Contact us at [info@yourwardsville.ca](mailto:info@yourwardsville.ca) for more information and how to get involved. With community comes unity.

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# Feature - Glencoe Agricultural Society



## History

The Glencoe Agricultural Society was the fruit of a lot of love and labour between many communities and townships. For well over 100 years, they have worked hard to ensure our Society serves their community members by bringing them together, connecting them with enriching experiences and knowledge and ensuring local artisans get the exposure and engagement they need to thrive.

The Glencoe Agricultural Society and look forward to ensuring, each and every year, we continue to remain a relevant and vibrant entity within the heart of our township.

## Facilities

The Agricultural Society has two unique event venue spaces that are perfect for intimate gatherings all the way through to large-scale weddings and conferences. Whether you want to welcome 20 of your closest friends and family members for a baby shower or you are hoping to host a stag and doe with everyone you know, you can put their flexible event spaces to great use. Best of all, you can choose from an entirely indoor space for the winter months or enjoy the great outdoors when the Canadian sunshine comes out!

To ensure guests of all abilities can celebrate alongside you, both buildings have accessible entrances. The location of the Glencoe Agricultural Society event spaces is at 268 Currie Street. The nearest cross streets are North Street, Mill Street and Currie Street.

Beyond just the incredible size of their event spaces, they come with a wide range of added perks that make throwing the perfect event as easy as can be.

When you book your event through the Glencoe Agricultural Society, they can set you up with bartenders for either space. They can also give you access to their kitchen, coolers, signage and additional breakout rooms where you can store items or prep for that big speech you are about to deliver.

## Volunteering

The Glencoe Agricultural Society is always looking for new Volunteers and they want you!

Volunteers are at the heart of everything they do. and implement every little detail that comes together to create their fantastic events. The Agricultural Society is extremely grateful for all those who form their committees, as they are an integral part of our Society's ability to maintain and expand the programs, services and celebrations that bring the community together.

We encourage you to learn more about existing committees and opportunities with the Glencoe Agricultural Society - they do great things for the community. To access their information and the volunteer form, please go to <https://glencoeFair.ca/about/#volunteers>





## Upcoming

### Join us - we are Adding More New Programs!

Southwest Middlesex is currently providing a variety of recreation programs. These programs include: chair yoga, all levels yoga, family yoga, aerobics, parent and tot circuit training, and children's programming. Watch for more summer programming which includes pickle ball, tennis, and art programs! Learn more through the course calendar on BookKing at the link <https://app.bookking.ca/southwestmiddlesexpub/>

### Program & Facility Bookings

Recreation programs and facilities are able to be viewed and booked online, in person or over the phone.

The facility calendar is located on the Parks & Recreation page of our website through the BookKing link. Once there select "view facility events calendar".

#### ONLINE:

<https://app.bookking.ca/southwestmiddlesexpub/> or scan the QR code shown right

#### IN PERSON:

Visit the municipal office, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

#### BY PHONE:

519-287-2015 x8103



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