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Quarterly Newsletter

DECEMBER, 2022

WINTER IS ON ITS WAY!

When it is a snowy day, you have a couple choices - shovel or make snow angels.

Winter is a season that offers a sense of magic and wonder. From the celebration of the Christmas holiday, to the cozy feel of gathering around the fireplace or just hunkering down on the couch to binge-watch endless holiday movies, there's no other season quite like the winter.

While it is sometimes quite cold – often to the point where you can't feel your fingers and toes, the season also brings along with it beautiful snowy landscapes, great outdoor activities and most importantly an excuse to indulge in all of the comfort food your heart desires.

Look for the beauty in winter - we are lucky to see all four seasons here in Ontario. We often get to see Christmas Card vistas right outside our windows and doors. With Christmas and the New Year arriving soon, Council and staff wish everyone a great holiday season!

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 us by email at info@southwestmiddlesex.ca or by phone at 519-287-2015.

WHAT THIS ISSUE CONTAINS:

- 2022 Election - Municipal & School Bd
- By-law Enforcement incl. Parking
- Glencoe Lions Club
- Holiday Waste Collection
- New Water & Wastewater Rates
- Volunteering News & Opportunities
- Winter Programming
- 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/UC6oo98BZcAvuVMKLDx88I4A>



Here are your 2022 - 2026 Council Members!

2022 Municipal Election Results

The 2022 municipal & school board elections are now complete and below are your representatives and their contact information for 2022 to 2026:

Southwest Middlesex Election

- **Mayor - at large:**
 - Mayhew, Allan - 519-287-2080
amayhew@southwestmiddlesex.ca
- **Deputy Mayor - at large:**
 - Sholdice, Mike - 519-872-4357
msholdice@southwestmiddlesex.ca
- **Councillor - Ward 1:**
 - McCallum, Don - 519-289-2053
dmccallum@southwestmiddlesex.ca
 - McGill, Mark - 519-476-9791
mmcgill@southwestmiddlesex.ca
- **Councillor - Ward 2:**
 - Haggith, Joel - 519-317-4244
jhaggith@southwestmiddlesex.ca
 - Myers, Ed - 226-373-2497
emyers@southwestmiddlesex.ca
- **Councillor - Ward 3:**
 - Choi, Amy - 519-851-4807
achoi@southwestmiddlesex.ca
 - Vink, Martin - 519-287-5456
mvink@southwestmiddlesex.ca



School Board Elections

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

Official Election Documents can be
found at
<https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/elections>

Feature - Glencoe District Lions Club



History

The Glencoe Lions Club was started in 1974.

On October 19, 1974, thirty-six area men were inducted as members of the Glencoe District Lions Club. During the past four decades, they have grown from a group of like-minded men to a diverse group of men, women and couples. As a group, they remain committed to their motto "We Serve".

As a local Lions Club, they are part of something much greater, Lions Club International (LCI) - the largest community service organization in the world with 1.42 million members serving in over 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe.

Community Involvement

The Glencoe Lions are committed to community betterment. They undertake major tasks, such as playground equipment, benches, Millstone Manor, Project 2000 Sports Complex and the Splash Pad. In addition to smaller projects to make this community proud. They often work with other community minded people to achieve common goals.

Since their inception, they have supported many local projects including minor sports, school awards, eye equipment for area hospitals plus assistance to individuals with special needs.

Raising Funds

The Lions Club raise funds by hosting annual and special events such as drive-through dinners, their bottle/can drive, Christmas cake and fudge sales, bingos, food booth events and much more.

The following are significant donations to our community:

- over \$100,000 to our local hospital
- \$3000/year to local sports
- GDHS graduation awards
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Women's Rural Resource Centre
- and much more!

What Do the Lions Do?

The Lions are dedicated to helping others, both at home and elsewhere in the world, wherever there is a need.

Lions are respected world-wide and are the only community service organization that is accorded the honour of an annual day of recognition at the United Nations.

The Lions support an international youth exchange, diabetes programs, sponsor school awards, support youth activities, collect eyeglasses for worldwide distribution and much, much more.

They meet the first and third Mondays of each month from September to June. The first Monday is a dinner meeting and is a time for socializing, enjoying a delicious meal as well as being entertained by a guest speaker, the third Monday is for planning fundraising activities and service projects.

Interested in Joining the Lions?

The Lions invite you to join them to help make a positive difference. Please call one of the following team members:

- Doug Bartlett - 519--287-3903
- Mel Moniz - 519-287-2827
- Doug Reycraft - 519-287-3113
- Terry Plant - 519-466-4045

Great to Know!

Some little reminders for the holidays and some for everyday living

Holiday Waste Collection

Because Christmas day and New Years Day fall on the weekend, we do not anticipate any changes to garbage and recycling collection during the holiday season. Please continue to have your waste at the side of the road on your usual collection day by 7 a.m.



Snow Removal

Please ensure that when you push the snow from your driveway and sidewalks that you keep it off the sidewalks and travelled roads. Most people are surprised to know that pushing snow onto the travelled road is illegal. It is a danger to other drivers and can force pedestrians out into the path of oncoming vehicles so please be respect the law and keep public areas free of obstructions.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Please bring your live tree to be recycled after Christmas to one of our depots - Melbourne playground, behind Appin Community Centre, entrance gate at Little Kin park, Wardsville and at the end of the Lions pavilion at the back of the arena. Trees must be free of all Christmas ornaments and must be placed in the designated areas by January 16, 2023.



By-law Complaints

Southwest Middlesex has recently joined forces with Strathroy-Caradoc for by-law enforcement services. The contract with Strathroy-Caradoc begins December 1, 2022.

Strathroy-Caradoc's by-law enforcement division will look after all by-law enforcement matters including parking matters.

We ask that you continue to submit your complaints in writing (online, in person (dropbox can be used), or through email to bylaw@southwestmiddlesex.ca).

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Holiday & Winter Weather Parking

With the holiday season coming up, we want to remind everyone to not drink and drive. Hosts of parties may want to remind guests that parking permits are available through the municipal office during regular business hours. If you think that there is even a slim possibility that you might need to park your vehicle overnight on a street within Southwest Middlesex, please contact us about an overnight permit. Overnight permits are available at no cost. Just call or email us with your request for a permit and our staff will be happy to help you.



We also want to remind everyone that with the winter weather coming it is always good to know that parking on streets is prohibited between the hours of 3 am and 6 am. Having clear roads is extremely important for snow removal and other road maintenance.



Don't let this be you!

Most drivers know that parking beside a fire hydrant is illegal. Breaking car windows (as shown in the image below) to fight fires is not something that firefighters ever want to do - but sometimes it has to happen!



Parking near a fire hydrant is a safety hazard to the community. If you park in front of a hydrant that firefighters need, you could inhibit their ability to fight a fire. If firefighters need access to the hydrants during an emergency, they will do whatever is necessary. This includes breaking your car windows to get access. The hose needs to be in a straight line for maximum water pressure – going over or under a car is not always an option.

The rules are that you are not allowed to park within three metres (nine feet) of a fire hydrant, or you will be fined if caught. This is applicable in all municipalities across Ontario. You can also get a ticket if you are parked to load or unload near a fire hydrant. The three metre rule exists so fire crews can see hydrants from the street and park as close as possible to access the hydrants when working on extinguishing a fire.

It is never a good idea to park in front of a fire hydrants - not even for a minute!

Community Improvement

Mural Project & Park Upgrade

Thank you to Middlesex County Tourism who provided \$2,500 for the new murals, which covers the bulk of the cost of the murals. We hope that you have had a chance to see the new pavilion and murals that were installed late November at the parkette in the centre of Glencoe's downtown. The improvements at the parkette have increased the site's accessibility and provide a covered space for those who stop and rest there.

The murals are the creation of local talent Erin Crouch who is also the owner/operator of Let it Brie located at 222 Main Street, Glencoe. Thank you so very much Erin!



Murals are highly supportive of our Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and the goal of this project is beautification and to inject positivity into the municipality through art.

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! If you are in the CIP area, murals are a grantable improvement for eligible businesses.



Watch for more improvements to come to the parkette including lighting and additional floral displays.

Train Station Repairs

The Glencoe Train Station property is close to re-opening again following extensive renovations. The drainage issues under the foundation have been mitigated, deck boards are on site & being installed, plus the replacement of the garden wall is underway. The upgrades are helping to maintain the safety of the structure including the deck.



Southwest Middlesex Recreation Centre Renovations

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

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. 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 at the arena is progressing with the sidewalk and front entrance stairs and landing poured, the elevator has been put in and has been verified that it is up to specifications. The posts for the dehumidifier pad are being galvanized and once those are complete, a fence will go up around dehumidifier pad. Inside the drop ceiling work is underway and all underground work with the services is complete.

We are getting closer to re-opening the facility! We will have the re-opening details to you as soon as we get the approvals to open the doors to the public - keep watching!

Community Improvement

Appin Accessible Playground

A large portion of the initial installation of the Appin accessible playground equipment is now complete. Soon to be installed are the rubber accessible pathways and engineered wood fibre. Once this work is complete, the playground structure will be inspected to ensure that it is safe for use.

Following the completion of the playground and all required inspections, Southwest Middlesex anticipates a grand opening event!

Site Prep Work



New Playground Installation to Date



New Flag Poles

New flag poles are now installed at the Glencoe Cenotaph, Municipal Office and at the Wardsville Cenotaph which will make flag changing a one-person job and much safer for employees. If the new flags are not already in place at the time of reading this, they will be soon!



Trails & Tales

We are really pleased to be a part of a Middlesex County Library project made possible through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund which supports the library's "Tales and Trails: Connecting Our Community Through Storytelling" project.

Through this project the County library, will enhance community trails and spaces, such as the arboreta located along Longwoods Road, by installing durable permanent storytelling display structures along accessible paths to showcase stories of diversity and belonging.

Middlesex County Library is currently working on a calendar of storytelling topics for 2023. These stories may include pages from a children's story book or actual stories of residents on a storytelling topic. Keep watching for news about the program as it develops.

Water & Sewer Rates for 2023

As passed through By-law 2013/111 (December 13, 2013), bi-monthly water and sewer rates will be increased for 2023 as follows:

Glencoe, Appin, Melbourne & Rural Water Lines

	2022 Rates	2023 Rates
Water		
Bi-Monthly Flat Rate	\$48.35	\$49.32
Bi-Monthly Capital Surcharge	\$20.00	\$20.00
Water per m ³	\$2.390	\$2.438
Sewer (if applicable)		
Bi-monthly Flat Rate	\$16.58	\$16.91
Bi-Monthly Capital Surcharge	\$60.00	\$60.00
Sewer per m ³	\$1.803	\$1.839

Wardsville

	2022 Rates	2023 Rates
Water		
Bi-Monthly Flat Rate	\$48.35	\$49.32
Bi-Monthly Capital Surcharge	\$20.00	\$20.00
Water per m ³	\$2.390	\$2.438
Sewer (if applicable)		
Bi-monthly Flat Rate	\$0	\$0
Bi-Monthly Capital Surcharge	\$0	\$0
Yearly Surcharge (with water connection)	\$339.48	\$341.46
Yearly Surcharge (without water connection)	\$991.33	\$1,006.59
Sewer per m ³	\$3.965	\$4.044

Useful Information Regarding Water Consumption

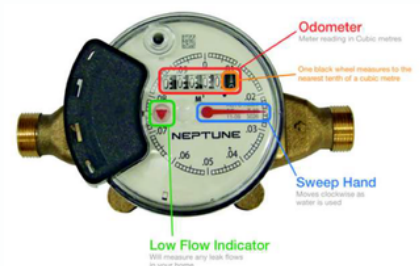
- A running toilet can waste 13 cubic meters of water in a 24 hour period
- A silent leak in a toilet can waste up to 31 cubic meters of water per month
- A leaking faucet (100 drops per minute) wastes 1.5 cubic meters per month
- A faucet leaking a small stream wastes 12 cubic meters per month

To find silent leaks in a toilet:

- Put a few drops of food colouring in the tank but do not flush. If the food colouring seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, the toilet has a silent leak.

To find hidden leaks:

- Make sure no water is being used inside or outside your home (shut off all appliances that continually use water such as water softener, pool filter or humidifier)
- Find your water meter - it is usually found in the lowest part of your home possibly in basement or crawl space. Meter is adjacent to the main water shut off valve to your home.
- Write down the meter reading including the last number in black
- Wait at least 1 hour before you read the meter again or do this overnight
- The sweep hand (shown in the image below) measures water flowing through the meter; as it completes a full circle it prompts the dials to turn once. The low flow indicator moves counter clockwise whenever water is moving through the meter. If either the low flow indicator or the sweep hand move when you believe no water is being used in your home, you likely have a leak





The 12 Days of Holiday Safety!

from <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/sfttps/tp201312-en.aspx>



In the true spirit of the season, and to help keep family and friends out of harm's way, here are some tips and helpful hints for the 12 Days of Holiday Safety:

On the First Day ... prepare your home for the holidays – and safety. Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector, smoke alarm, fire extinguisher and a first aid kit. If you live in an apartment or are staying in a hotel, know where the fire alarms and emergency exits are located.

On the Second Day ... make a plan. Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another, and discuss what you would do in different situations. Watch this video for helpful tips.

On the Third day ... think about special needs. Establish a personal support network of friends, relatives, health-care providers, and neighbours who understand your personal needs. Write down details about accommodation needs, allergies, family medical history, medical conditions, etc. (Guide available through the Get Prepared website link shown above.)

On the Fourth Day ... decorate with safety in mind. Never leave burning candles unattended and keep them away from children and pets, decorations and wrapping paper. Cut candle wicks short to prevent a high flame, and if candles are used in a centrepiece, make sure they don't burn low enough to ignite the decoration.

On the Fifth Day ... make your tree is safe. When buying a real tree, check that it is fresh (needles are hard to pull off). Water the tree daily - trees can consume up to four litres of water a day. Place the tree away from high traffic areas, doorways, heating vents, radiators, stoves, fireplaces and burning candles. If young children are around, use safe decorations. Health Canada has some great holiday safety tips.

On the Sixth Day ... keep lights bright. Only use lights that have been certified by a recognized organization such as CSA, ULC or C-UL. Make sure you use indoor lights inside your home and outdoor lights outside. Check the light strings and extension cords, throwing out any that are frayed or have exposed wires, loose connections or broken sockets. Never run electrical cords through doorways or under carpets. Turn off all holiday lights before you go to bed or leave your home.

On the Seventh Day ... choose appropriate toys. Always follow age recommendations when choosing toys for children. Pay attention to Health Canada's recalls and safety alerts.

On the Eighth Day ... get ready for severe winter weather. Blizzards, ice storms, and high winds can develop quickly. Listen to local radio or television stations for severe weather warnings and advice.

On the Ninth Day ... prepare your car for an emergency. Install winter tires and make sure windshield washer fluid is always topped up. Prepare a kit to keep in your vehicle in case of an emergency, with items such as a blanket, a candle in a deep can and matches, and first aid kit with a seat belt cutter. (Checklist available through the Get Prepared website link shown above) to help you.

On the 10th Day ... prevent illness. Protect yourself and others from getting the flu. A flu shot is the safest and most effective way to prevent infection, to reduce the severity of your symptoms if you do get sick, and to keep from spreading the virus to others.

On the 11th Day ... learn first aid. Knowing first aid could save a life. Contact your local Canadian Red Cross or St. John Ambulance office to find out about first aid courses in your area.

On the 12th Day ... know the risks. Across Canada, we face a number of hazards, such as earthquakes in BC, blizzards in Nunavut and ice storms in Ontario. Knowing the risks where you are can help you better prepare and eliminate stress... especially during the holiday season.



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Join us - we are Adding More New Programs!

Weekly Recreation Programs



2022 FALL PROGRAMS

EVERY WEEK WE OFFER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS, HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS, YOGA AND OTHER PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOU TO ENJOY! PLUS, WE ARE ALWAYS FINDING NEW ACTIVITIES TO KEEP YOU ACTIVE AND ENGAGED. FULL DETAILS OF AVAILABLE PROGRAMS FOR THIS WEEK & BOOKING DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

<https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/parks-and-recreation>



JOIN US FOR YOGA



Wardville Mesonic Hall
Every Monday
6 to 6:30 pm
\$5/adult

Glencoe Library - Community Room
Every Week - Dates Available
through link below

5:30 to 6:30 pm
Chair/Beginner Yoga
\$5/adult

Glencoe Library - Community Room
Every Week - Dates Available
through link below

6:30 - 7:30 pm
All Levels Yoga
\$5/adult

SESSION DETAILS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LINK BELOW
[HTTPS://WWW.SOUTHWESTMIDDLESEX.CA/SERVICES/PARKS-AND-RECREATION](https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/parks-and-recreation)



PICKLEBALL PROGRAM

MONDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS

JOIN US FOR \$4/PLAYER/TIME
OR \$20/MONTH
pay with exact change by dropping in, or
ahead of event at the municipal office or
through the Booking program

Mondays & Thursdays - 5:30 - 7 PM
at the GDHS gymnasium!

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR USE!

<https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/parks-and-recreation>

Programs & Facility Bookings

Southwest Middlesex is currently providing a variety of recreation programs. These programs include: chair yoga, all levels yoga, indoor pickleball and children's programming. Learn more through the course calendar on BookKing at the link <https://app.booking.ca/southwestmiddlesexpub/>

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.booking.ca/southwestmiddlesexpub/> or scan the QR code below.

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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Volunteer 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.



**CHILDREN'S
PROGRAMMING**

\$5/CHILD!

Wardville Masonic Hall
Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 7 pm

Appin Ekfrid Community Centre
Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 7 pm

<https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/parks-and-recreation>



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Volunteer News & Opportunities



Local Food Banks

All year long local food banks can use any little bit of help that you can provide, and during the holidays, our food banks are even more in demand.

The best way to help is with a cash donation. Cash allows the providers the opportunity to purchase gift cards from local grocery stores and then hand out the gift cards to local families in need. Many churches will be able to issue a tax receipt for donations over a certain level of contribution.

Donating food is a great way to help the community, especially now. But, if you intend to do so, please carry out your responsibility to check expiry dates first in order to relieve the burden from hard-working volunteers.

Please contact:

- Glencoe Anglican Church - 186 Main St, Glencoe - P-519-287-2727/W-<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsAnglicanGlencoe>
- St. Vincent de Paul - 209 Main St, Glencoe- P-519-287-3500
- Local churches (Appin, Glencoe, Melbourne, Wardsville)



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. 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 for more information and how to get involved. With community comes unity.

Check out the fun photos below of the volunteers plus see upcoming events!



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