



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

October - December 2025



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## Upcoming Office Closure Dates

**The Southwest Middlesex Municipal Office will be closed:**

Thanksgiving - Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Remembrance Day - Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at noon, reopening on Friday,  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

**The Southwest Middlesex Recreation Centre will be closed:**

Thanksgiving - Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, reopening at 7:00am December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, reopening January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 7:00am

## Property Taxes and Utility Bills

The last 2025 property tax installment is due

**Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

If you would like to receive your property tax and utility bills by email, please send your request to [info@southwestmiddlesex.ca](mailto:info@southwestmiddlesex.ca)

Did you know that you can pay your taxes/water billings on a more frequent basis? Visit our website for our Pre-Authorized Payment Plans and Sign-up Forms at

<https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/billing-payments>

## The 2026 Budget Process Has Begun!

The 2026 budget process is officially underway, and we would like to hear from you. A public survey will launch in October, giving you the chance to share your input and help shape community priorities. Stay tuned for details.

## Christmas Tree Drop-Off:

We will be holding a Christmas tree drop-off beginning **Saturday December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and ending Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** Drop off location is at the back of the Southwest Middlesex Recreation Centre Arena by the fence.

## Parking Reminders:

### A reminder about By-laws 2004/006 and 2024/028, to help keep our roads safe and clear:

- Between November 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, please don't park on municipal roads between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.
- Main Street (Dundonald Road): Overnight parking isn't allowed at any time of the year.

## Downtown Glencoe Parking

To keep storefront spots open for customers, please avoid parking all day in front of Main Street businesses. If you're not actively shopping, please use the free municipal lots:

- Gravel lot across from the municipal office (McKellar & Lovell)
- Train Station Lot (McRae Street off Main Street)

**Thank you for helping keep downtown Glencoe welcoming and accessible!**

## Leaf Collection:

Fall is just around the corner and that means leaf collection season will soon be here!

Curbside leaf collection will take place in the urban areas of Appin, Glencoe, Melbourne and Wardsville. A truck will make the rounds to vacuum up leaves that are placed properly at the curb.

**Collection begins November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will run on weekdays only, weather permitting.**

### Please remember:

- Do not bag your leaves.
- Rake leaves to the boulevard beside the curb at the front of your property.
- Keep all leaves within 4 feet of the curb/ edge of pavement.
- Do not place leaves directly on the road.

Leaves may also be **taken to the Trillium Transfer Station (3945 Trillium Drive) on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Unbagged leaves can be placed on the compost pile at no charge.

## Fire Prevention Week: October 5-11, 2025

This year's theme is "**Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,**" focusing on how to use, charge, and recycle these batteries safely.

The Southwest Middlesex Fire Department invites you to a special **Fire Prevention Week Event at the Glencoe Fire Station (71 Main Street, Glencoe) on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Activities include fire extinguisher training, a fire safety information booth, children's fire safety giveaways, and free hot dogs! Everyone is welcome! Come out, have fun and learn how to keep your family fire safe!

## Correction

In our last newsletter, in the 2025/2026 Capital Project Update, we stated that the closure of the Limerick Landfill was ordered by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). This was incorrect. The decision to close the Limerick Landfill was made by Council.

We apologize for the error and appreciate your understanding.

## Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule:

During the holidays, garbage collection will shift ahead by one day for many households.

Please note the following changes:

- If your regular pick-up day is Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, it will be collected on Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.
- If your regular pick-up day is Friday December 26<sup>th</sup>, it will be collected on Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.
- If your regular pick-up day is Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup>, it will be collected on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- If your regular pick-up day is Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, it will be collected on Saturday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Regular garbage collection will resume on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

## Curbside Garbage and Recycling Collection Reminders:

Weekly curbside garbage and recycling collection is provided by Waste Management on behalf of the municipality. Please help keep the service running smoothly by following these guidelines.

- Green bin, green lid – Garbage
- Green bin, yellow lid – Recycling

## Collection Rules:

- Place bins at the curb by 7am on your collection day.
- Remove bins by noon the day after collection.
- Position bins with the handle facing away from the road. Leave 2-3 feet of space between bins so the truck can safely pick them up.
- Do not overfill. Lids must be securely closed. Items placed outside the bin will not be collected.
- Place bins within 1 inch of the curb and at least 5 feet from obstructions (e.g., mailboxes, trees). Avoid sloped or uneven areas.
- Rinse recyclables and place them loose in the bin (not bagged).
- Break down cardboard boxes before placing them in the recycling bin.
- Keep the area around your bins clear. Do not park vehicles where they block access.

## Missed Collection?

**If your bin collection was missed, contact Waste Management at 1-800-665-1898.**

## Council Grant Program – Supporting Our Community

Each year, through the Council Grant Program, the Municipality is proud to support local organizations that make a difference in our community. Funding can include both financial and in-kind support.

To be considered, groups must complete and submit an application form anytime between October 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please note that funding is decided annually by Council and is not guaranteed.

This program is one of the ways we celebrate and support the amazing work community groups do, while ensuring taxpayer dollars are used in ways that benefit residents the most.

Visit our website: <https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/budget-and-financial-information> to find out if your group qualifies and learn how to apply!



## Sump Pump Disconnect and Backwater Valve Installation Program

The Municipality has been awarded a \$50,000 grant through Intact Financial Corporation's Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants Program. This funding will help homeowners in Glencoe reduce the risk of basement flooding and protect our sewer and stormwater systems during extreme weather.

Through the program, eligible homeowners can receive up to \$1,500.00 to:

- Disconnect sump pumps from the sanitary sewer; and/or
- Install a backwater valve.

For program conditions and to learn how to apply, please see our website:  
<https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/public-works>

## \$1.5 Million in Provincial Funding to Support Growth and Infrastructure Upgrades

Steve Pinsonneault, MPP for Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, announced \$1,496,742 in funding for Southwest Middlesex through Ontario's Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund, part of the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program. The investment will upgrade the Industrial Road Sanitary Pump Station, expanding capacity for 249 new homes while improving reliability for existing households.



## Southwest Middlesex Recreation Centre Schedule September 8, 2025 - December 20, 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Public Skate</b> 11:30am - 1:00pm		<b>Adult Skate</b> 9:30am - 10:30pm	<b>Adult Stick &amp; Puck</b> 9:00am - 10:30am	<b>Adult Skate</b> 9:30am - 10:30pm		
		<b>Free Parent &amp; Tot</b> 10:30am - 12:00pm		<b>Free Parent &amp; Tot</b> 10:30am - 12:00pm		
		<b>Child Stick &amp; Puck</b> (10 and under) 4:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Public Skate</b> 4:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Members Only</b> 4:30pm - 5:30pm	<b>Youth Stick &amp; Puck</b> (ages 11 - 18) 4:00pm - 5:00pm	

### PUBLIC SKATING PRICES

Adult \$5.00	Adult Stick & Puck \$10.00
Child \$3.00	Youth Stick & Puck \$5.00
Family \$10.00	Child Stick & Puck \$5.00
Senior \$2.00	Skate Canada's Members Only \$5.00*

\*MUST HAVE A PUNCH CARD TO ACCESS MEMBERS ONLY

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