

Essa Township Newsletter

Fall 2023

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Administration Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

Essa Township was buzzing with excitement over the summer! Starting with celebrating all graduates - congratulations to everyone!

The Angus Canada Day Celebration was a packed event with the young and young-at-heart enjoying a fun-filled day. Exciting baseball and soccer games were played across the Township. Our Essa Public Library Staff did a dynamic job offering fantastic summer programs to our residents.



We celebrated grand openings for new businesses in Essa. A huge congratulations to Catherine He, a resident of Angus, on being accepted into Princeton University.

Talents of music and plays were on the summer menu of events. Parks across Essa saw locals and visitors having fun-filled days. Beautiful banners and gardens were put in place to showcase Angus and Thornton. Our Fishing Parks have seen action with users catching some tasty fish. Please remember you need a Fishing Access Pass to fish in our Fishing Parks. A fun time was had by all at the mini golf tournament "Raise the Roof for Utopia Gristmill". There was a lot of laughter and fun at the second Annual Re/Max Cross-Town Thornton Community Barbeque.

Essa staff were kept busy with road projects, bridge work, grass cutting, plant watering, upgrades to our parks including the resurfacing of tennis and pickleball courts as well as the addition of basketball nets to the surfaces in Thornton, Angus and Baxter. The Angus Lions Baseball Park had a facelift paid for by the Angus Lion's Club. We are happy to welcome new staff members to the team. Our Essa Fire Department has seen a big increase in calls. Please remember our children are returning back to school soon and are busy riding their bikes or walking with friends to school - we all need to remember children, **our future**, need to be protected.

Please obey the posted speed limits - stop at stop signs and do not run lights. Our number one complaint is traffic. Essa Council and staff continue to work diligently to keep our residents safe on our roads. We have launched our new Automated Speed Enforcement. This was put in place due to the numerous requests of residents asking for us to do something about speeding. This is not a money grab, but rather a safety tool to slow speeders down to help protect and save a life. This project is at no cost to taxpayers - no money will be collected if we all follow the posted speeds. Fall events are heating up for residents and for communities to come together - Ivy Days Sept 9, Pro Wrestling Sept 9, Thornton Annual Corn Roast Sept 17, Fundraiser for Angus Food Bank and Youth *Rock and Roll Angus* Sept 16 & 17. Thornton and Essa Minor Hockey is starting their exciting new season and so much more!

We are extremely honoured to continue to work with staff and residents to move Essa Township forward in a positive way.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your dedication to making a difference.

Enjoy your fall season, kind regards

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Upcoming Due Dates: Taxes:

September 27, 2023

November 27, 2023

Water and Sewer:

October 31, 2023

January 31, 2024

Payments can be made in person at the Administration Centre with Debit, Cash or Cheque, as well as at most financial institutions, tele-banking and online banking by adding Essa as a payee. Pre-Authorized payments can also be arranged.

To sign up for pre-authorized payment and e-billing or to learn about Virtual City Hall visit www.essatownship.on.ca.

All payments must be received by the due date to avoid penalties.

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Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)

The Township of Essa is excited to launch its Automated Speed Enforcement Program in 2023. Automated Speed Enforcement has proven to reduce the rate of speed travelled and increase safety on the road. The best way to avoid a ticket is to slow down and obey the posted speed limits. Essa has designated several Community Safety Zones within its boundaries to rotate ASE equipment. For full details and locations please visit our [website](#).

Paperless E-Billing Option for Property Taxes and Utility Bills

The Township of Essa has launched a new paperless e-billing option for property tax and utility bills. Now bills can be sent electronically to your email. For more information or to sign up, visit our website or email ebilling@essatownship.on.ca

What's New in Our Parks?

The Township is excited to announce the return of Community Recreation Programs this Fall. Have your say in what programs are brought to the Township by completing our [survey](#). Check out our website www.essatownship.on.ca to register and for more details.

Looking to get Married?

You can purchase your Marriage Licence at the Administration Centre! Marriage licences are valid for 90 days after purchase and can be purchased during business hours, no appointment necessary! Essa can also officiate your wedding and offers indoor or outdoor ceremonies. Contact us today for more information.

What's Happening at the Library this Fall?

Fall into some fresh programs at Essa Public Library this season! Don't miss the exciting conclusion of this year's Simcoe Reads, taking place at the Angus Recreation Centre on October 19th. Plus, exciting virtual author talks where you can get to know the author behind the books. Check out our wide collection of board games, puzzles, video games, tech items, and kitchen library gadgets, and keep up to date on the many in-person programs and events for all ages. Infants, toddlers, tweens, teens, adults and seniors – there is something for everyone. Browse our full collection, see upcoming events and register for the ones that inspire you at www.essa.library.on.ca

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The Planning Department has recently been approved for funding from Earth Day Canada/Aviva to bring Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Stations to Essa! The Township hopes to begin construction in August and is excited to bring new green initiatives to Essa and its residents.

Virtual City Hall

The Township of Essa launched Virtual City Hall in March of 2023. [Virtual City Hall](#) allows residents to view their tax and utility bills and pay online using a credit card. To sign up for Virtual City Hall visit our website!

Garbage / Recycling

Garbage/recycling collection is the responsibility of the County of Simcoe. If you require assistance with garbage or recycling please contact the County of Simcoe at: 705-735-6901 or 1-800-263-3199 or <https://www.simcoe.ca/>

Reminders to Residents for the Fall and Winter Months

Drainage

Improper drainage can cause injury or property damage. For information on proper drainage please visit our [website](#).

Road Construction

There are several ongoing and upcoming construction projects around Essa. Residents are asked to be mindful when travelling through construction zones. For a list of construction projects happening in Essa please visit our [website](#).

Dogs Running at Large

We would like to remind residents that dogs are not permitted to run at large. By-law 2006-18 regulates the control of dogs and is strictly enforced. Owners of dogs found running at large are subject to fines.

Burn Permits

Recreational burning is permitted in Essa with a Burn Permit. (Please refer to By-law 2015-92 for guidelines pertaining to lot sizes and clearances for type of burn permit required). Burn permits cost \$40.00 and are valid for the calendar year.

Permits are available at the Administration Centre, or online at www.essatownship.on.ca

Only clean dry seasoned wood is permitted to be burned.

E-Newsletter

In April 2023 Essa launched its inaugural E-Newsletter to provide residents with information on items of interest. Residents can find this newsletter in digital format with helpful links on the E-Newsletter page as well.

Check Your Batteries!

Schedule battery replacement for your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm when your clocks go back this Fall.

Alertable

Make sure you sign up for Alertable to be updated regarding disruption of services, construction, road closures and many other Township items. To sign up please visit our [website!](#)