

Essa Township Newsletter

JUNE 2025 | SUMMER EDITION



Council Message

Essa Residents join Essa Council in welcoming Summer with its sunshine and blue skies. A big thank you to Essa Staff for helping get everyone through the April ice storm safely. New Residents and Businesses welcome to our beautiful Township.

Essa Parks are getting a clean-up and Baxter and Elmgrove Parks will receive some new playground equipment. Pickleball enthusiasts, the Thornton arena will have drop-in pickleball starting in June. Angus will have a new skateboard park in July. Thornton and Angus will be having pump tracks installed in July 2025. 5th Line subdivision parks have some exciting updates: The splash pad at the new Maplewood Park will be ready this summer to enjoy.

The Mike Hart Park will have a new outdoor Arena by mid-July 2025. For more information on existing programs or Ideas you would like to share contact Alex in our program dept. 705-424-9917 ext. 107.

A friendly reminder that everyone requires an Essa burn permit before having any fires. When in doubt on what you can burn call the Essa Fire Department. Please check our Bylaws before lighting any fireworks on where and when this is allowed. Summer is a time when our youngsters are busy walking, riding bikes, or playing in our parks, please drive safely and do the posted speed limits to keep them safe. Our Public Works Department will be very busy with scheduled road projects, bridge repairs and replacement. The urbanization of Simcoe Street Angus will take place over the summer.

Join in the fun events scheduled in Essa. July 1st the Angus Lions Club will host Canada's 158th Birthday and Essa Townships 175th Birthday at the Angus Community Park on Heron Street, Angus, it is a fun filled day for all ages. The Thornton Community annual Bq, hosted by Re/Max Cross Town Realty, watch for the date in August 2025.

Summer brings our baseball season to life in Essa be sure to get out to a game and cheer on our amazing baseball talent. Thank you to the coaches, parents, sponsors, and fans for making this happen for our children. Exciting times for our students with many of them graduating this year. Congratulations from Essa Council, Staff and Residents. We wish you all the very best in your exciting new chapter. Essa Public Library's awesome Annual Family Fun Night is at the Angus Library Branch August 14th 5 pm to 8 pm. Our website events calendar is updated when announcements are received.

Thank you to everyone who is helping to clean up our Communities after the Winter and Spring thaws and beautifying the streets and gardens with flowers and banners. Your Essa Council is always working on your behalf to move Essa forward and to make it a great place to live, work and enjoy what Essa has to offer. Have a fun and safe summer making lasting memories with your family and friends.

Warm Regards,
Your Essa Council
Mayor Sandie, Deputy Mayor Mike
Councilors, Pieter, Henry, Liana

Official Plan Update

The Official Plan Update process is underway, currently finalizing the Background, Issues and Options for Council approval. Please visit the Township's 'Official Plan Review' page on the Township's website to keep updated on the project's progress or email us at officialplan@essatownship.on.ca with any questions or comments.

Essa Fire Department

Smoke Alarms: Smoke alarms save lives—only if they work! Install working smoke alarms on every level of the home and outside of sleeping areas. Test them monthly, replace batteries twice a year and replace your smoke alarms every 10 years or according to manufacturer's instructions. For More Information, Contact: Fire Hall - 705-424-5828

Essa Public Library

Summer is almost here, and Essa Public Library has you covered. Ontario Parks Passes; birdwatching Adventure Kits and bocce ball are all available to borrow with your library card. Become a grill master with recipes from our cookbook section. Need a little outdoor time? Dip into our Community Gardens at both the Angus and Thornton branches.

Visit essalibrary.ca or Scan the QR Code to browse our collection and sign up for newsletters for programs for all ages. **A place to imagine, discover, and connect.**



Tax and Utility Billing Dates

Final Tax Bill

The Final Tax bill will be mailed around the third week of August 2025

Due Dates:

September 26, 2025
November 26, 2025

Utility Billing:

July 1 – September 30, 2025: Due October 31, 2025
October 1 – December 31, 2025: Due January 31, 2026

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Recreation Updates

Exciting things are coming to our community this summer!

•Summer Camps are kicking off at the Angus Recreation Centre and Albert Breau Community Park. Registration opens May 16th at 5:00 PM—secure your spot early!

•Pickleball Drop-ins are now available at the Thornton Arena on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings. All skill levels are welcome and equipment is available. Come try it out!

•Now Open: The new Maplewood Community Park Playground at 191 Maplewood Drive in Angus is ready for play! Stop by and enjoy this fantastic new space.

•Coming This Summer: A brand-new Pump Track at the Thornton and Angus arena and a new skatepark in front of the Angus Recreation Centre will be opening soon! Get ready for some outdoor fun on wheels.

•Splash Pads are now open across Essa.

For more updates and information, check out our summer Recreation Guide by scanning the QR code below!



Marriage License – Civil Ceremony

Looking to get your Marriage License? You can pick one up at the Administration Centre, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We also offer civil ceremonies for couples who want a simple, heartfelt, non-religious celebration. Ceremonies are available by appointment during regular business hours.

To learn more or start planning your special day, visit our website or give us a call at 705-424-9917 ext. 101