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NEW Online Calendars for McCrae Park & Waterfront Park Bookings

Bookings for the baseball diamond at McCrae Park and the field in Waterfront Park are now posted online:

<https://www.villageofpointedward.com/mccrae-ball-diamond-rentals/>

<https://www.villageofpointedward.com/water-park-field-rentals/>

Proof of suitable liability insurance is required for all bookings. Please call (519) 337-3021 to book an open time slot.

Public Meeting: Strategic Planning Workshop

Residents are invited to the Point Edward Community Hall on Wednesday, April 26, to participate in a public strategic planning session.

The Community Hall will open at 6:00 p.m. to allow participants to check in. The workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m. Visit our website for additional details:

<https://www.villageofpointedward.com/news-information/>

IMPORTANT DATES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26:
Strategic Planning Workshop at the Community Hall

MONDAY, MAY 1:
Deadline to [sponsor a hanging basket](#) (memorial or business sponsorships) in 2023

MONDAY, MAY 8, AT 12 NOON:
Deadline to apply for the 2023 [Maynard and Rene Walker Family Scholarship](#)

SATURDAY, MAY 13:
Village-wide Garage Sales

TUESDAY, MAY 16:
CHIPPER

MONDAY, MAY 22:
Victoria Day
Municipal Office Closed

FRIDAY, JUNE 2:
2nd Regular Garbage Collection Begins (Fridays until Sept. 29)

THURSDAY, JUNE 22:
Canada Day Celebration in Waterfront Park

MONDAY, JULY 3:
Municipal Office Closed in Lieu of Canada Day

TUESDAY, JULY 4:
Tax Payment Due (2 of 3)

Leaf/Grass/Compost Collection & Brush Collection

Leaf/grass/compost collection occurs on Wednesdays and will continue weekly through November. All collection dates are marked in your Village Calendar.

Leaf/grass/compost must be contained in **paper** bags or in an open container marked with an 'X.' Plastic bags will not be accepted. Filled bags/containers must not exceed 48 lbs. Please remove potted plants and flowers from their containers. Items for collection must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Brush collection will typically occur on the last Wednesday of each month, with one additional pick up scheduled in April and November. Please verify dates in your Village Calendar. Brush must be **tyed in bundles** no longer than 4 feet or placed in an open container.

CHIPPER

The Chipper will accept branches up to 6 inches in diameter, with no length limit and is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16**. After this collection, the Chipper will not return until October.

Please ensure branches are brought to the curb the night before collection or by 7:00 a.m. on collection day.

If you have multiple branches to get rid of, please place them so they are facing the same direction to make collection more efficient.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The seasonal overnight parking ban ended on April 1. Residents are reminded that you may not park a derelict vehicle or unattached trailer on the roadway. Parking on the roadway for a continuous period of time greater than 48 hours is not permitted.

ANNUAL WATER REPORT

The [annual water report](#) is available on our website and by request from the Municipal Office.



The Village is looking for volunteers to sing the national anthem during our Canada Day Celebration on Thursday, June 22, in Waterfront Park. Please contact Shelley Archer at (519) 337-3021 by May 31 to volunteer.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page or [subscribe to Village emails](#) for event details.



Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Alarms Save Lives!

Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every storey of your home and outside of any sleeping areas.

Inspect and test them every month—only *working* alarms give you the early warning you need to safely escape in an emergency!

Change the batteries in your alarms at least once per year, but twice is better.

The maximum life span of a smoke alarm (battery or electric) is 10 years. If your smoke alarms are more than 10 years old, you need to update them.

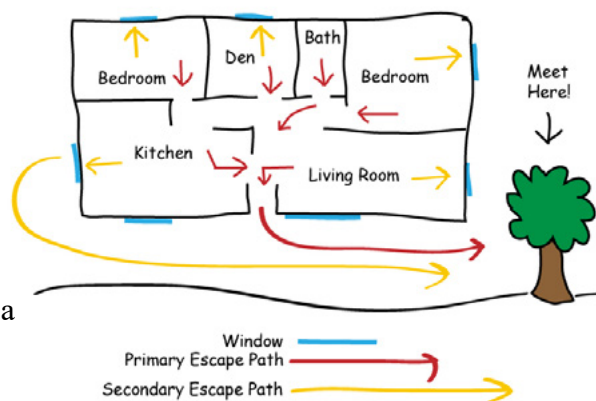
Carbon monoxide alarms also have a life span of 7–10 years, depending on the make/manufacturer. Always check your owner's manual or manufacturer's direction for your particular device.

Home Escape Planning

Every family and person needs to have a plan and practice it!

Sit down with everyone in your home and discuss how each person will get out in the event of an emergency. Make sure everyone knows where to meet (“the meeting spot”) outside the home—it is very important to have each person meet in the same place to verify that everyone has made it out of the home safely and to relay this information to the fire department as soon as they arrive.

GET OUT & STAY OUT! When the smoke alarms sound, get out immediately and call 9-1-1 from outside of the home. Never re-enter a burning building! Wait outside at the meeting spot and advise the fire department of anyone else in the building.



Dryer Fires

A leading cause of dryer fires in the home is the lack of dryer maintenance. Inspect and clean the lint screen after each load of laundry. The build-up of lint can lead to a fire.

- Regularly remove lint from ducts and exhaust vents.
- Regularly inspect the outdoor vent to ensure it is unobstructed.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.
- Keep the area around the dryer clear of items that can burn.

Grass Fires

The season for grass fires is just around the corner—be mindful of long dry grass around your homes and properties. To prevent creating an area for a fire to occur, keep grass trimmed. If smoking outside, make sure you have a proper receptacle to extinguish your cigarettes and do not throw them in dry grass.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: THUNDERSTORMS AND TORNADOES

During the spring season in Ontario, the risk of severe weather, thunderstorms and tornadoes increases. Severe thunderstorms can bring lightning, heavy rain, hail and strong winds. Lightning kills about nine Canadians each year and seriously injures more than 100 people. The government of Ontario provides the following Severe Weather Safety Tips on their website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/thunderstorm>:

- Be aware of weather conditions and warnings.
- Seek shelter immediately if a warning has been issued or you believe one could occur.

If you are indoors:

- Stay away from windows, skylights and glass doors — strong winds and large hailstones can shatter them.
- Avoid running water in your house — lightning can enter through pipes and plumbing.
- Don't take showers or baths during a thunderstorm.
- Remain indoors during a thunderstorm and stay inside for at least 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.
- Be prepared to seek shelter in a basement or interior room on the lowest level if conditions worsen.

If you are outdoors:

- If you hear thunder, then lightning is close enough to be dangerous — take shelter in an enclosed building or metal-topped vehicle.
- Avoid water, high ground, isolated trees, power lines and picnic shelters — small, open structures don't protect you from lightning.
- If there's no shelter, go to a low-lying area away from tall, isolated objects — crouch down and put your feet together — do not lie down.



Take These Steps to Prepare for an Emergency

- Have a safe room in your home where everyone gathers during a storm — away from windows, skylights and glass doors.
- If there's a tornado, gather in a basement, storm cellar or interior room on the lowest floor.
- Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall and cause injury or damage.
- Bring inside or tie down garbage cans and lawn furniture.
- Use surge protectors — a safety electrical plug that will shut off the power if lightning strikes to prevent damage to your computer and other household items.