

# E-Newsletter

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Welcome to our new e-Newsletter format. This e-Newsletter has been created to keep our community updated on local achievements, initiatives, and future events and projects. I hope that when you read this newsletter, it instils a sense of community. Watch for new editions as the seasons change!

As 2021 ends, it is important that we look back at the accomplishments during challenging times. The past 21 months have been extremely eventful with some major strides being made in our Township. Here are some highlights:

- The continuation of the Stronger Together and Support Local initiatives
- The announcement of the Ontario Government's investment of \$16 million of provincial funding to support the construction of the new Wellesley Township Recreation Centre
- The continued recruitment for the Fundraising Committee for the Wellesley Township Recreation Centre with the official launch scheduled for later this year or early 2022
- Community organizations have adapted to new ways of fundraising despite significant challenges, and they continue to contribute to the well-being of Wellesley Township.
- The Wellesley Township Poppy Project display at the Administration Office on Lobsinger Line is a symbolic demonstration of the Wellesley Fair Board's theme for 2020, "Community Unity".
- The creation of the Business Directory on the Township website, initiated and populated by our business community



Thank you for your ongoing commitment through your involvement in activities, volunteering and providing your opinions and feedback on issues. This makes Wellesley Township a great place to live, work and play.

On behalf of Council, please stay safe and take care of each other.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Joe Nowak



A friendly reminder to motorists that there is no overnight parking on any street in the Township of Wellesley from 2:30 a.m – 6:00 a.m between November 1st and April 30th as per By-law 4/2021. Keeping vehicles cleared from the road ensures for safe and efficient snow removal. Thank you for your cooperation and drive safe!

2022 dog tags are now available! You can purchase the dog tags [online](#) or at the Administration Office, 4639 Lobsinger Line St. Clements, ON N0B 2M0. Thank you for being a good pet owner.



The Township of Wellesley is pleased to offer residents and builders Cloudpermit - an online system to apply for and track your building permits. To get started or to learn more about the digital application process visit our [website](#).



The Planting Roots tree giveaway program was initiated in 2020 in an effort to make trees available for the residents of Wellesley Township. The intention was that the trees be planted on residential and farm private property to not only look nice but provide privacy, shade and help toward climate action initiatives. The second annual Planting Roots tree giveaway program occurred over two consecutive Saturdays in late October and was once again a resounding success. 1200 trees were given away; 600 each weekend, and were a mix of White Spruce, Sugar Maple, Native Red Maple, and White Oak. This year we introduced a QR code, which residents could use to access tips for planting and tree care, in an effort to ensure the best possible success rate for the trees. The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive. This type of initiative is made possible by the hard work and dedication of staff like Ryan Baker who organized the entire event, Lindsay Raftis who was instrumental in getting the word out on social media and our website, the Public Works staff who cleaned up the shop and set up the area, and all of the volunteers from staff and Council who came out to participate and help give out the trees. Thanks everyone for your time and effort in once again making this event such a success!

Chris Cook  
Director of Public Works



The Township of Wellesley Fire Department hosted three social distanced events in October as our Fire Prevention Week Community Activities. Linwood Fire Station partnered with the Blood Donor Clinic at the Linwood Community Centre followed by a Parade around Linwood with the Fire Trucks on October 1, 2021. Wellesley Fire Station hosted a drive by the station prevention night at 1379 Queen's Bush Road on October 8, 2021. St. Clements Fire Station held a drive thru prevention morning at 2671 Herrgott Road on October 16, 2021. Thank you to the folks that sent in your home escape plans and practiced fire safety! On behalf of the Township of Wellesley Firefighters we would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season!



## Contest!

**Help us name our new e-newsletter!** Submit your e-newsletter name suggestions to [communications@wellesley.ca](mailto:communications@wellesley.ca). Winner will receive Township Swag!

## Your Council

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