

Town Crier, February 15, 2020

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

For your convenience, property tax payments by cheque may be deposited in the mail box at City Hall, Rear Entrance. Payment by Interac and online/telephone banking is also available. Please make cheques payable to "City of Stratford" and mail to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1. Pre-authorized payment is available monthly or quarterly, call to inquire. Contact: Tax Department, 519-271-0250, ext. 212 or 213

PROPERTY TAX
2020 Interim Levy Due Date
February 21, 2020

ANNE HATHAWAY DAYCARE – LICENSED CHILDCARE SPACES FOR CHILDREN 18 MONTHS – 4 YEARS

Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre offers enriching programs led by a team of highly skilled and experienced Early Childhood Educators. To add your child's name to our waitlist, please go to onehsn.com/Stratford/

Enriching child-centered programs led by a team of highly skilled and experienced Early Childhood Educators:

- Nutritious lunch and snacks provided
- Outdoor play in a new natural play space
- Financial assistance available upon qualification
- Newly renovated facility

Emergency or Short Term Child Care Services

Operated by the City of Stratford, Anne Hathaway Daycare is a child and family friendly licenced early childhood education centre. Emergency or short term childcare services are provided on an 'as available' basis. For information about services, availability and fees, please contact the Daycare at 519-273-1803.

For further information contact: Corry Gunn, Manager - 103 Bruce St. Stratford, 519-273-1803
cgunn@stratford.ca

4 HOUR FREE PARKING – SATURDAYS

Every motorist on **Saturdays** from December 1, 2019 until April 30, 2020 will receive four (4) hours of free parking in the downtown core. This means that those individuals parking in the downtown core on **Saturdays** during this time will receive 4 hours of free parking and will not be required to pay the meters or machines.

After the 4 hours of free parking, motorists are required to pay the respective meter or machine. Compliance is required with all other provisions of the City's Traffic and Parking By-law **including maximum parking time limits**.

For questions about parking enforcement please contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 Ext 237.

FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE

The City of Stratford administration offices will be closed Monday, February 17, 2020.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS - Open Monday February 17 9:00am-12:00pm

CURBSIDE GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

There will be no change in the Recycling Collection program on Monday February 17. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00am on collection dates.

RETAIL CLOSINGS – FAMILY DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Family Day, February 17, 2019 is among the days annually when most stores must be closed.

The Act, administered by the Ministry of Government Services, exempts some retail operations. Flower shops, gas stations and book or magazine stores under 2,400 square feet with a maximum of three employees, are among the exempted businesses.

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and does not extend to Family Day.

There are fines for opening on prohibited days of retail operation. Retail outlets found guilty may be fined up to \$50,000 or the total amount of gross sales for the day, whichever is greater. Enforcement of the Retail Business Holidays Act in Stratford is the responsibility of Stratford Police Services.

To find out which retail operations are exempted by the Act, please call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information, visit www.cbs.gov.on.ca

INCOME TAX CLINIC FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS/COUPLES

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

FREE SERVICES PROVIDED BY:

BDO Canada LLP, 380 Hibernia Street - Afternoon and evening appointments

Famme & Co. Professional Corporation - Afternoon appointments at Stratford City Hall, Auditorium

McCutchen & Pearce Professional Corporation - Afternoon appointments at 82 Erie Street, 1st Floor (Avon Room)

Total annual gross income restrictions to participate in the clinic are \$18,000 or less for single, or \$28,000 or less for couples. Disability income received should be included in your total gross income. Please ensure you are within the limits stated. Only current year tax returns will be completed.

Appointments must be made in advance, and are at 15 or 20 minute intervals. Couples require two (2) appointments. To register, please contact the Social Services Clerks at 519-271-3773 Ext. 278, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Participants will be required to bring to the Clinic, Identification and the following, if applicable: T4's, T5's, Medical Receipts, Donation Receipts, Rent Receipts and/or Property Tax Receipts, Disability Form (T2201), Date of Entry to Canada, etc.

EVENING HOT MEAL PROGRAMS IN STRATFORD—OPEN TO ALL—DROP IN

Feb 17	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15pm
Feb 18	Stratford Christian Reform Church, 190 Athlone Crescent	5:15pm
Feb 19	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 25 St. Andrew Street	5:30pm
Feb 20	St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 96 Huron Street	5:00pm
Feb 21	Knox Presbyterian Church, 142 Ontario Street (Bethel)	5:15pm

Additional Weekly Meals at The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street. Breakfast is served every Thursday morning at 8:30am. Seniors' Lunch, 60 years and older, is served every Wednesday at 11:30am.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Feb 18	Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee	3:30pm	Council Chamber
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Meetings are open to the public to attend with the exception of In-Camera sessions. Agendas can be accessed from the City's website or may be picked up from the City Clerk's Office the Friday before the scheduled meeting. Also, check the City's website for the Sub-committee, Standing Committee and Council Meeting Schedules, Agendas, and Advisory Committee Schedules as the schedule is subject to change. The Town Crier is also posted on the City's website.

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