

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ✓ For **Canine Control**, please call Olympus Dog Training and Security at 942-1508 and contain the stray dog if possible.
- ✓ All dogs are required to have a **current tag**. Tags will be mailed to owners with a statement to be returned with payment. Please ensure we have current information on your dog(s) on file.
- ✓ **Numerous complaints** have been received regarding dogs. Please avoid unpleasant feelings between neighbours and keep your pet under control at all times. Failure to adhere to By-Law 2-95 can result in charges. In addition, please be considerate and "Poop and Scoop".
- ✓ **Library service** is available at the Grand Valley Public Library at no charge. Residents who wish to use the Orangeville Public Library will be reimbursed the \$145.00 user fee (one per family, per year) upon presentation of your receipt.
- ✓ Winter weather sometimes leaves us without power. **While the electricity is off, take care** when using alternative lighting, cooking and heating equipment. Portable generators should be outside or in a well ventilated area; woodstoves and fireplaces should be cleaned regularly; flashlights rather than candles reduce the risk of fire; space heaters should be turned off while sleeping. For more information contact your local fire department or visit www.ofm.gov.on.ca.
- ✓ **Fire permits** are required, at no charge, for all burning within the Township. Fire bans may be imposed at any time due to weather conditions. Fires to be in accordance with By-Law.



- ✓ **Fire, Police & Ambulance** remind residents that it is **mandatory** to have your six digit **Emergency Number displayed**, in accordance with County of Dufferin By-Law 2006-20. All six digits are important, even if it starts with "0" i.e., 069999 or 07 etc. **Subdivisions** have been assigned a **house number** which is to be posted. *Do not use your lot number.*
- ✓ **OPP** can be reached in a non-emergency situation at **1-888-310-1122**. Please reserve 9-1-1 for emergencies.
- ✓ **By-Law 18-99**, being a by-law for **false alarms**, states that after the second false alarm in a twelve month period, the owner will receive a written warning. Upon the third and each successive false alarm, a fine shall be levied.

COUNCIL INFORMATION

- ✓ **Council Meetings** are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month commencing at 2:00 pm, unless otherwise determined by Council. The first meeting of the month is held at the Administration Office, Laurel and the second meeting is held at the Marsville Community Hall. Please note that Marsville Hall is not handicap accessible. Agendas are posted on the website. All Council Meetings are open to the Public.
- ✓ Mayor Taylor has been elected Warden for the County of Dufferin for 2010. Congratulations Allen!
- ✓ Municipal Elections will be held October 25, 2010. Candidates may file a registration/nomination form during regular business hours after January 1, 2010. A prescribed fee, which may be refundable in the amount of \$200.00 for Head of Council and \$100.00 for all other candidates, payable by cash, certified cheque or money order, must accompany the registration/nomination form. The form is available at the office of the Municipal Clerk and is available on our website.

Newsletter



Winter /Spring 2010

COUNCIL MEMBERS 2006-2010

Mayor Allen Taylor	519-941-4047
Deputy Mayor Guy Gardhouse	519-855-4832
Councillor Frances Pinkney	519-855-6332
Councillor Tom Nevills	519-855-4324
Councillor Allan Boynton	519-803-9994

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday ~ 8:30 4:30

Susan M. Stone, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

David Menary, CRS.I. Director of Public Works

Road Department Phone # (519) 855-9833

email: township@amaranth-eastgary.ca

Website: www.amaranth-eastgary.ca

TAX INFORMATION

- ✓ Your **2010 Interim Tax Bill** is based on 50% of your 2009 annualized taxes, not your 2010 Assessment as set by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).
- ✓ Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your **property assessment**, please contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722 or www.mpac.ca. Deadline for submitting a Request for Reconsideration (RFR) for the 2010 assessment year is March 31, 2010.
- ✓ **Tax payments** may be **mailed** or dropped off at the Township office, 374028 6th Line Amaranth (west of Laurel). There are also drop boxes in Marsville and Laurel for after hours service. You may also make your payment directly at the Royal Bank in Grand Valley and/or through Telephone or **On-Line Banking**. Your reference number is your full roll number 2201-000-00x-xxxx-0000. *Please allow 3-4 business days for online payments to reach our office to avoid late charges.*

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- ✓ Collection schedules were mailed in December and are available on our website at www.amaranth-eastgary.ca
- ✓ **Please consider the snowplow and/or mail delivery** when placing your blue box and garbage. Place away from the traveled portion of the road. Do not place out the night before - blue boxes are hard to see in the dark or blowing snow, and difficult to maneuver a snowplow and wing around.
- ✓ Pick up of appliances, furniture and large bulky items **must be arranged in advance with Sandhill at 1-888-941-3345**.
- ✓ **Construction material and shingles** may be taken to Dufferin Transfer & Recycling Facility 473051 Dufferin Rd. 11, north of County Rd. 109 (519) 943-0101. Tipping Fees will apply.

✓ DUFFERIN COMPOSTS !!

Green bin collection diverts food waste and other household organics from your garbage. Just like your recyclables, food waste and household organics are not garbage; they're materials that can be used again. It is a simple program that combined with existing recycling program, can help your household greatly reduce your weekly garbage going to landfill. Call 519-941-2816 ext. 2620 with any compost questions, or by email at wastemgmt@dufferincounty.on.ca



- ✓ County of Dufferin offers **Household Hazardous Waste Days** in the Spring and Fall throughout the County. Dates have not yet been set for 2010. Visit www.dufferincounty.on.ca for further information.

PLANNING INFORMATION

- ✓ The Development Charge imposed under by-law 30-2009 and indexed annually is \$9,184.60 for residential and \$6,519.42 per wind turbine.
- ✓ Planning information is posted on the Township Website, www.amaranth-eastgary.ca
- ✓ Conservation Authorities regulate activities in natural and hazardous areas to prevent the loss of life and property damage due to flooding and erosion, and to conserve and enhance natural areas. If you are planning a project in a regulated area, you may need a permit from the Conservation Authority in your area, in addition to a building permit or other approvals from the Township.

ROADS DEPARTMENT

- ✓ **It is Winter in Ontario!** This makes driving a challenge when the weather conditions are bad. *Please drive according to the road and weather conditions.* It could save your life and the lives of others.
- ✓ Sometimes it is not possible to plow the roads without blocking driveway entrances. It is the property owner's responsibility to clear the snow from the driveway and from around the mailbox.
- ✓ **Pushing snow** across the road and depositing it on the road is prohibited and every person who contravenes these provisions of the Highway Traffic Act is guilty of an offense and liable upon conviction to a fine.
- ✓ Under the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act, no person shall park or leave standing any vehicle whether attended or unattended, upon any such road in such a manner as **to interfere with snow removal operations**. Any vehicle obstructing snow removal operation will be referred to the OPP and shall be removed at the owner's expense.
- ✓ While **Spring** is very welcome after a long winter, it presents us with annual challenges, ie., dust, mud, that are an element of living in the country in the Springtime. The Spring break up is only temporary, but can be very frustrating to everyone involved. Your care and patience is appreciated and again, please drive according to conditions!
- ✓ Please note that an Entrance Permit is required for installation of any driveway off a Township or County Road. Please contact the office for further information.