

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**. A door to door canine count will be conducted this winter. If you are not home a form will be left in your mail box for you to submit to update our records and you will receive your tags in the mail.
- ✓ **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. Please note *it is the law to have working smoke detectors on each floor of your home*. 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" ie., 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.
- ✓ Council has applied for funding from the Enabling Accessibility fund for a new municipal facility to be located in Marsville.

ONE DAY TREE SEEDLING SALE!

- ✓ **NEW FOR 2011!** The Dufferin South Simcoe Land Stewardship Network will be holding a first-come, first-served tree seedling sale for all residents of Dufferin County. Species include White Cedar, White and Norway Spruce, Red and White Pine, Eastern Hemlock, Sugar Maple, Red Oak, White Birch and Red Osier Dogwood. Seedlings are sold in bundles of 10 ONLY. Call Caroline Mach for further information at (705)435-1881 or email forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com

WHEN: Saturday April 30, 2011

WHERE: Primrose Operations Centre, 635666 Hwy 10

2010 FALL TREE ORDERS

- ✓ Residents who have **ALREADY** ordered Tree Seedlings in the Fall of 2010 will receive correspondence regarding their pick up day in May. Receipts will be mailed in April indicating date, time and location of pick up.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS 2010-2014

Mayor Allen Taylor	519-941-4047
Deputy Mayor Guy Gardhouse	519-855-4832
Councillor Frances Pinkney	519-855-6332
Councillor Lenora Banfield	519-928-9683
Councillor John Stirk	519-941-5061

Township of East Garafraxa

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Susan M. Stone, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

David Menary, CRS.I. Director of Public Works

Christine Gervais, Planner

Road Department Phone # (519) 855-9833

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Website: www.amaranth-eastgary.ca

TAX INFORMATION

- ✓ Your **2011 Interim Tax Bill** is based on 50% of your 2010 annualized taxes, not your 2011 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 2011 assessment year is March 31, 2011.
- ✓ **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 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** are not accepted at curbside and may be taken to a waste facility such as the Dufferin Transfer & Recycling Facility 473051 Dufferin Rd. 11, (519) 943-0101. Tipping Fees will apply.

DUFFERIN COMPOSTS !!

- ✓ Green bin collection diverts food waste and other household organics from your garbage. 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@dufferincountry.on.ca.



- ✓ County of Dufferin offers **Household Hazardous Waste Days** in the Spring and Fall throughout the County. Visit www.dufferincountry.on.ca for further information.

PLANNING INFORMATION

- ✓ Development Charges imposed under by-law 30-2009 are applicable for residential and wind turbine developments.
- ✓ Planning information is posted on the Township Website, www.amaranth-eastgary.ca including the Official Plan, Zoning By-Law and various planning applications. Township approval is required for all development.
- ✓ The Township is undertaking an Official Plan Review for which Public Meetings will be held. Check Township website and local newspapers for further information.
- ✓ 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.