

BUDGET AND TAX INFORMATION

- ✓ Council have approved a budget of \$1,759,363.00 to be raised from taxation in 2011, which represents a 1.4% increase due to growth and 2% economic increase.
- ✓ **Tax payments** may be mailed or dropped off at the Township office, 374028 6th Line Amaranth (west of Laurel). There are 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.*
- ✓ Both the **2011 Tax Rate Schedule** and the **2010 Audit Report** are available on our website at www.amaranth-eastgary.ca
- ✓ **MPAC** mailed Property Assessment Notices last fall for those properties with changes to their assessment, otherwise we continue with the four year Phase In Assessment System. To see a profile for your property and compare your property free of charge, visit *AboutMyProperty* at www.mpac.ca. Questions or concerns regarding your **property assessment**, should be directed to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722 or www.mpac.ca.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

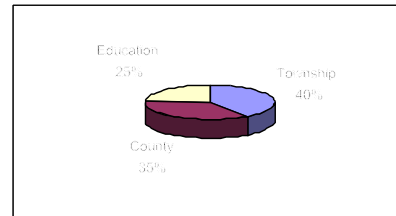
- ✓ For details on the annual **Dufferin Town and Country Farm Tour**, please visit <http://www.thehillsofheadwaters.com/farmtour/>
- ✓ The **Holiday Treasurers Art & Craft Show** runs from November 18 to December 4, 2011. For more information call 1-877-941-7787.



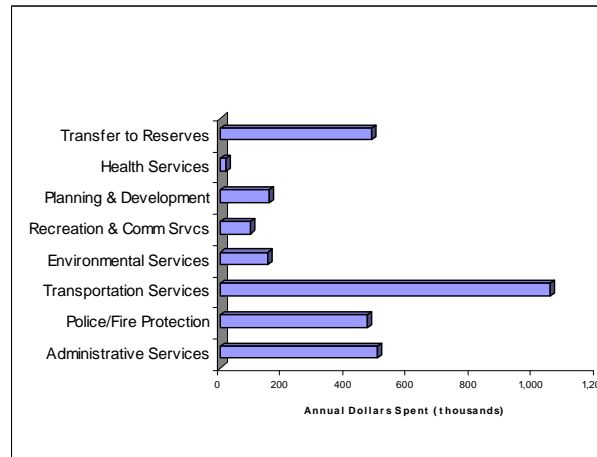
IMPORTANT/SPECIAL NOTICES

- ✓ The township **will not** be offering the sale of seedlings this year.
- ✓ **Rain Barrels** are for sale at the office for \$50.00.
- ✓ **Dufferin County Waste Management Assumption** will occur January 1st, 2013.
- ✓ New **larger Blue Boxes** available free of charge - *while quantities last* - limit one per household.

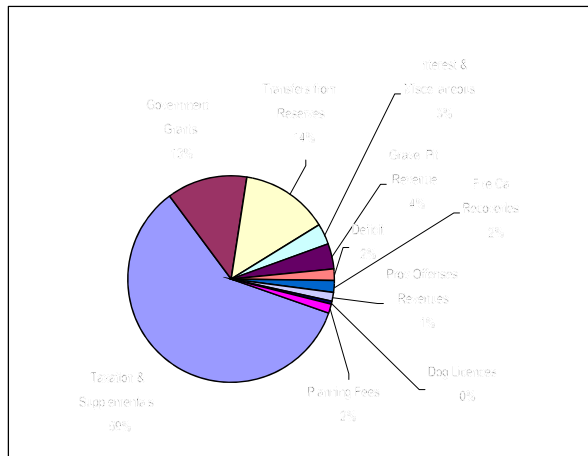
Who Gets What?



Township Expenditures
2011



Township Revenues
2011



Newsletter



SUMMER/FALL 2011

COUNCIL MEMBERS 2010-2014

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

Township of East Garafraxa RR #3, Orton ON L0N 1N0

Administration Phone #
(519)928-5298 or (519)941-1007
Road Department Phone # (519) 855-9833
Fax # (519)941-1802

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30-4:30
374028 6th Line (Amaranth)

email: township@amaranth-eastgary.ca
Website: www.amaranth-eastgary.ca

COUNCIL

- ✓ Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month commencing at 2pm, either in Laurel at 374028 6th Line or in Marsville, as determined by Council. All Council meetings are open to the public.
- ✓ **Agendas** of upcoming meetings and **Minutes** of previous meetings are posted on the website as are **by-laws** and **public notices**.

WATER & WELL INFORMATION

- ✓ The **Marsville Water System Annual Compliance and Summary Reports** for 2010 are available on our website.
- ✓ **Water restrictions** continue for watering your lawns and gardens; please conserve water by following the regulations. "Even numbered houses on even days, and odd numbered houses on odd days, between the hours of 5:00 am - 8:00 am and 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm.; filling of swimming pools from the Water System is prohibited."
- ✓ **Marsville Water Billing** - online payment option is also available. The reference number is your customer number ~ 00000000XX.
- ✓ Landowners close to a municipal drinking water supply may qualify for grants of up to 100% to help pay for projects that protect water quality. See www.sourcewater.ca to learn more about the Clean Water Act and what you can do to protect your sources of water
- ✓ Rural property owners are advised to **decommission** any **abandoned well**. An MOE licensed well contractor must decommission wells. Landowners can apply for grants through Environmental Farm Plans or Conservation Authorities' Healthy Water Initiatives.

LIBRARY SERVICES

- ✓ Residents can use the Grand Valley Public Library at no charge. Residents who wish to use the Orangeville Library can be reimbursed one membership per family. Visit their websites at www.grandvalley.org and www.orangeville.libaray.on.ca.

DOG INFORMATION

- ✓ For **Canine Control**, please contain the stray dog and call Olympus Dog Training and Security at **(519) 942-1508**.



- ✓ **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".
- ✓ All dogs are required to have a **current tag**. Tags are invoiced and being delivered door to door. Information collected so that any lost dog may be returned to their owner.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- ✓ **Weekly Garbage Collection** ~ Please have everything out at the curb by 7am on Mondays. The schedule is also available on our website. **Do not obstruct your mailboxes with your blue box or garbage. Place away from the mailbox.**
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ **Household Hazardous Waste Days** will be held August 17th at the Orangeville Operations Centre; September 10th at East Luther Grand Valley Works Yard; October 1st at the County of Dufferin Primrose Operations Centre; and October 29th at the Town of Orangeville Operations Centre. For more info visit www.dufferincounty.on.ca/waste
- ✓ **DUFFERIN COMPOSTS!!** Weekly Collection with your garbage and recycling. Green bin collection can divert food waste and other household organics from your garbage. Call (519) 941-2816 ext. 2620 with any questions, or wastemgmt@dufferincounty.on.ca.
- ✓ **Backyard Composters** for sale at municipal office for \$30 each - while quantities last.

PLANNING INFORMATION

- ✓ Township approval is required for all development of property and buildings, including renovations. The Development Charge imposed under by-law 30-2009 and indexed annually is \$9,071.00
- ✓ The Official Plan and Zoning By-Law are posted on the Township Website, as well as applications for amendments, building permits, etc.
- ✓ If you have questions regarding any by-law of the municipality contact the office or visit our website.

PUBLIC WORKS

- ✓ If you witness **illegal dumping** please record as much information as possible and contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.
- ✓ **Reconstruction on the 11th Line** at Lots 1 and 2 is scheduled for 2011.

- ✓ **ATV's are not permitted** on our roadways

FIRE PREVENTION & EDUCATION

- ✓ Most fatal fires occur at night when people are asleep. Often, victims never wake up. The Ontario Fire Code states that every home in Ontario must have a **working smoke alarm & carbon-monoxide (CO) alarm** near bedrooms and on every storey. It is the **owner's responsibility**. Failure to comply with this law could result in serious fines. More information can be downloaded from the **Office of the Fire Marshal website** at www.ofm.gov.on.ca.
- ✓ **Fire permits** are required, at no charge, for all burning within the Township. Fires to be in accordance with By-Law 05-2009. Applications for fire permits can now be found **ONLINE** in PDF form. Note: permits not valid until issued a permit # and signed by a Township official; they will be returned in the manner they are sent to the office (ie. fax, email).
- ✓ **Emergency Services** remind residents that it is **mandatory** to have your six digit **Emergency Number displayed** appropriately at your property in accordance with County of Dufferin By-Law 2006-20.
- ✓ **Subdivisions** have been assigned a house number which is to be posted. **Please do not use your lot number**. Houses not posted correctly may result in delays in emergency vehicles finding your property.
- ✓ **Emergency Preparedness** - Is your family prepared for up to 72 hours in an emergency situation? For valuable information please visit <http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca>.



For non-emergency situations call Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.