

# West Grey Municipality of West Grey

NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2014

## The Mayor's Message

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### 2013 West Grey Trivia

**160,633**

Visits to [westgrey.com](http://westgrey.com)

**2756**

Calls handled by West Grey Police Services

**70**

West Grey Volunteer Firefighters

**193**

Building Permits Issued

**1,464,227,391**

Total Residential Assessment

As I reflect on the 2013 festive season, it is my sincere hope that everyone in West Grey experienced some of the local Christmas festivities and were able to celebrate the holidays with family and friends.

*Christmas in the Country* had the perfect backdrop as our first snow appeared for opening night. The Durham Bridge lighting ceremony marked the start of the BIA's Christmas promotions. There were various parades to attend, carol sings, concerts and cantatas as the season progressed. Impressive light displays adorn many of the urban areas thanks to the hard work of the West Grey Parks Committee. It is a wonderful time of year, thanks to the many individuals who organize these events. This community spirit was evident once again in the overwhelming donations made to the local food and toy drives. ***"We have many reasons to be thankful that we reside in West Grey"***.

The Public Works Department has been busy keeping municipal roads maintained so we can safely get to work, personal appointments, or family events. With over 750 Km of roads this can be a daunting task.

The three landfill sites were active following Christmas as residents responsibly disposed of their seasonal recyclable material. Part of our recycling program includes receiving electronics (e-waste), tires and assorted metal products. By increasing recyclable intake we can extend the lifespan of our landfill sites.

Staying active during the winter

months is important, and there are a variety of activities scheduled at the different halls and arenas; pickle ball, ice skating, roller skating, and curling. An enthusiastic group of individuals are planning a Frazzle Ice Festival in early 2014 to help eliminate the winter blues.

For those who prefer to enjoy winter in the comfort of their home I would suggest you stock up on some reading material from any of our four Municipal Libraries.

Sharing is not a quality prevalent only at Christmas, and the partnerships West Grey has developed with its neighbouring Municipalities are an indication of that. Brockton, Hanover and West Grey enjoy joint ownership of the Saugeen Municipal Airport, and we along with other Grey-Bruce Municipalities co-sponsor Saugeen Mobility & Regional Transit, providing transportation for clients with mobility issues. A significant step with partnering with Hanover was the recent signing of a charter to acknowledge both parties and their commitment to the developing and sharing of services along our boundaries.

As we enter 2014 with new challenges, such as the announcement of decreased Provincial dollars, ensuring that current services remain intact is paramount. The Council is always looking for new and innovative ways to improve services with reduced costs, and this will continue to be our mandate. We continually strive to make West Grey a place to ***"Live, Work and Play"***.

Wishing you all the best in 2014.

*...Mayor Kevin Eccles*

2013 was a terrific year at the Library with the launching of a new library cards with enhanced privacy and security capabilities.



Visitors made good use of not only book collections, but also computers, WiFi, local history collections, DVDs, books on CD, magazines and newspapers and even puzzles and games!

**More than 225 new patrons, & more than 14,000 visitors!**

Last year's programming reached hundreds of participants from infants to seniors, with book clubs for adults, teens and children, as

well as sessions on topics as varied as gingerbread house building, Lego, Early Years Story time, knitting, quilt-making, card-making, stamping and cookie swaps.

The Library joined Community partners such as the Master Gardeners and Giddy Goblin to bring workshops and playtimes.

Special events were held throughout 2013; World Hobbit Day, New Year's at Noon, Library Month featuring a speakers' series, with local authors and performers, and toasting the amazing volunteers with tea.

Looking forward to even more in 2014!



**Get up-to-date events & activities -  
www.westgreylibrary.com  
Email: info@westgrey.library.com.**

BRANCH	LOCATION	CONTACT	HOURS OF OPERATION
DURHAM	240 Garafraxa St N	519-369-2107	Tuesday & Thursday: 11 am - 8 pm Wednesday & Friday: 9 am - 6 pm Saturday: 11 am - 3 pm
NORMANBY	610 Alfred St, Ayton	519-665-2342	Tuesday & Friday: 1 pm - 7 pm
NEUSTADT	511 Mill St	519-799-5830	Thursday: 11 am - 7 pm Saturday: 11 am - 3 pm
ELMWOOD	25 Main St	519-363-3321	Tuesday: 3 pm - 8 pm Friday: 10 am - 5 pm

**NOTICE**

Durham & Neustadt water and sewer systems Annual Reports are available for review at the Municipal Office or at westgrey.com.



**s..NO..w PARKING!**

Vehicles must not be parked on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the clearing of snow from the highway.

- \* Park vehicles off the street or road.
- \* In effect November 15th to April 15th.
- \* Between 12:00 midnight & 7:00 a.m.

According to the Highway Traffic Act, you may NOT deposit snow or ice on the road or street.

**Call for Members**



The Council of the Municipality of West Grey is very thankful for the many individuals who come forward and unselfishly volunteer their time on various Boards and Committees.

In this regard we are extending an invitation to residents in the Ayton area who would like to join the current dedicated and devoted members of the Ayton Union Cemetery Board.

Please submit a brief note with contact info and why you would like to join the team, to:

**West Grey Municipal Office  
402813 Grey Rd 4, RR2  
Durham, ON N0G 1R0**

**New on westgrey.com!**



Check out "**Canine Connection**".

**CANINE CONNECTION!**

Get canine rules & regulations, licensing info, plus contact

information.

All dogs in West Grey require a dog tag licence for the current calendar year.

A dog tag is an essential tool in helping your lost dog be reunited with you, by providing an easy-to-identify dog tag which corresponds to owner contact info provided to the Municipality of West Grey at time of registration. **Tags are due by March 31st, 2014.** If your dog is not yet registered, please contact the Municipal Office today!

**1807  
# of 2013  
DOG TAGS  
SOLD**

**History Books For Sale:  
Municipal Office:**

- Bentnick** \$22.50
- Normanby** \$12.50
- Durham** \$10.00

**COUNCIL MEETINGS & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (C.O.W.) MEETINGS** are open to the public to view the proceedings. See how By-laws are created and policies are developed.

**Watch Council Meetings from Home!**

Watch recently recorded West Grey Council Meetings, in the convenience of your home... on cable TV and/or online at [www.westgrey.com](http://www.westgrey.com); just click on *Window on West Grey* YouTube.



The Municipality of West Grey in partnership with Wightman-Bruce Telecom provides West Grey Council Meetings on the Local Joint Community Channels in the Grey and Bruce areas (Wightman Telecom Channel 6, & Bruce Telecom Channel 1).

**Convenient Ways to Pay!**

**Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP)**

Tax and water installments can be withdrawn automatically from your bank account on a quarterly or monthly basis. It's a **FREE SERVICE!** No worries about missing another due date,

**JOIN THE OTHER  
1208  
PAP SUBSCRIBERS**

Application forms are available at the West Grey Municipal Office or at [westgrey.com](http://westgrey.com) in the Forms & Applications Section under the Municipal info Tab.

**Pay Bills Any Time of the Day!**

Add West Grey Taxes or West Grey Water to your payee list for Telebanking or Online Banking. Include all digits of your account number. For multiple properties, payments must be submitted individually.

**PET LICENCES ARE NOT PAYABLE BY TELEBANKING OR INTERNET BANKING.**

DAY	2014 DATE	COUNCIL	C.O.W.	TIME
Monday	January 6	X		10:00 AM
Monday	January 20	X		7:00 PM
Monday	January 27		X	1:00 PM
Monday	February 3	X		10:00 AM
Monday	February 17	X		7:00 PM
Thursday	February 27		X	9:00 AM
Monday	March 3	X		10:00 AM
Monday	March 17	X		7:00 PM
Monday	March 31		X	1:00 PM
Monday	April 7	X		10:00 AM
Monday	April 21	X		7:00 PM
Monday	April 28		X	9:00 AM
Monday	May 5	X		10:00 AM
Tuesday	May 20	X		7:00 PM
Monday	May 26		X	1:00 PM
Monday	June 2	X		10:00 AM
Monday	June 16	X		7:00 PM
Monday	June 23		X	9:00 AM
Monday	July 7	X		10:00 AM
Monday	July 21	X		7:00 PM
Monday	July 28		X	1:00 PM
Wednesday	August 6	X		10:00 AM
Thursday	August 21	X		7:00 PM
Monday	August 25		X	9:00 AM
Wednesday	September 3	X		10:00 AM
Monday	September 15	X		7:00 PM
Monday	September 29		X	1:00 PM
Monday	October 6	X		10:00 AM
Monday	October 20	X		7:00 PM
Wednesday	October 29		X	9:00 AM
Monday	November 3	X		10:00 AM
Monday	November 17	X		7:00 PM
Monday	November 24		X	1:00 PM
Monday	December 1	X		10:00 AM
Monday	December 15	X		7:00 PM
Monday	December 22		X	9:00 AM

## Get Active in West Grey!

### NORMANBY ARENA

112102 Grey Rd 3  
Public Skating  
Saturday  
Admission: \$2.00

*Free Wi-Fi*  
519-665-7850

(September to April)  
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

### DURHAM ARENA

451 Saddler St W  
519-369-5771

*Free Wi-Fi*

### SKATE SHARPENING AVAILABLE

Public Skating  
Saturday  
Admission: \$2.00 or \$5.00 Family

6:30 pm to 7:50 pm

Noon Skate-FREE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

12:00 to 1:00 pm

Tiny Tots Skate-FREE

Monday 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Thursday 9:30 to 10:30 am

### NEUSTADT ARENA

210 Forler St  
Roller Skating: ADM: \$2  
Friday (Yr Round)  
(Phone Arena to Confirm)

519-799-5356

Skates: \$1

7:00 to 9:30 pm

### PICKLE BALL (October → May 31)

Neustadt Arena 210 Forler St  
Monday 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Tuesday 10:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Thursday 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Saturday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
519-799-5773 or 519-799-5524

### WALKING TRACK

Neustadt Arena 210 Forler St  
Monday→Friday: 8:00 to 11:00 am  
519-799-5356

### TENNIS COURTS

#### FREE! NO MEMBERSHIP

George Street, Durham  
Normanby Arena, Ayton (Back Lot)

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Family Day: Monday, February 17**  
**March Break & PA Days**  
**Posted on [www.westgrey.com](http://www.westgrey.com)**  
**News & Notices**

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

*Submit your event online at*  
*[www.westgrey.com](http://www.westgrey.com)*  
*Click on Events Calendar tab.*

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Neustadt Recreation  
Saturday, April 19  
Brenda Foerster  
519-799-5284

### CRAFT & GARDEN SHOW

Neustadt Recreation  
Saturday, May 3  
9:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Neustadt Arena  
Brenda Foerster  
519-799-5284

### WEST GREY

#### CLEAN SWEEP

In partnership with **West Grey Parks Earth Week Cleanup**

Saturday, April 26  
Rain Day: Saturday, May 3  
Groups, families or individuals may register at West Grey Municipal Office. Locations of parks and roads will be posted at a later date.

**Ideal for students**  
**requiring community**  
**service hours.**



**519-376-3690**  
**102599 Grey Rd 18**  
**Georgian Bluffs**  
**[www.greyroots.com](http://www.greyroots.com)**



When you don't know  
where to turn.

For easy access to  
community,  
social, health &  
related  
Government  
services in your  
area, dial 211, or  
online at  
[www.211ontario.ca](http://www.211ontario.ca)

### Service

### Phone

Fire Permits	519-369-2505
Police Dispatch	519-371-6911 Toll Free: 1-855-234-8224
Canine Control	519-364-3601

### Other Contacts

Larry Miller, MP	519-371-1059
Bill Walker, MPP	519-371-2421
MPAC	1-877-215-0043
Land Registry	519-376-1637
OMAFRA	1-800-469-2285
Grey County	519-376-2205
Public Health	519-376-9420
Saugeen Valley Conservation	519-367-3040
Saugeen Mobility & Regional Transit (SMART)	519-881-2504 or 1-866-981-2504
Saugeen Economic Development Corp.	519-799-5750

### Contact Us

**West Grey Municipal Office**  
**Monday to Friday:**  
**8:30 am - 4:30 pm**  
**CLOSED ON STAT HOLIDAYS**

**519-369-2200 or**  
**1-800-538-9647**  
**Fax 519-369-5962**  
**[info@westgrey.com](mailto:info@westgrey.com)**  
**[www.westgrey.com](http://www.westgrey.com)**

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**402813 GREY RD 4, RR 2**  
**DURHAM, ON N0G 1R0**