

THE NICE WEATHER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Here Comes the Sun!

As winter gives way to spring in Southwest Middlesex, the landscape bursts with new life, a sensory delight symbolizing rejuvenation. The sun warms us, farmers cultivate fields, and nature joins the dance of renewal. Amid lush grass, vibrant blossoms, and leafy trees, the ample tree cover enchants all witnesses.

As spring transitions to warmer months, the anticipation of summer stirs. Days lengthen, inviting us to savor extended sunlight and balmy temperatures. This season promises outdoor adventures, family gatherings, and nature's melodies, making Southwest Middlesex a haven for those eager to immerse in the wonders of approaching summer.

While you are on your journey this spring and summer, remember to send us any local pictures that you would like to see shared in our newsletter or on social media. Also let us know if you have any topics that you would like to see covered in future editions by contacting us by email at info@southwestmiddlesex.ca or by phone at 519-287-2015.

WHAT THIS ISSUE CONTAINS:

- Fire Safety Tips
- Glencoe Business & Industrial Park
- Aquatics Updates
- Advertising Opportunities
- Facility Rentals
- Upcoming Community Events
- & More!

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Did You Know?

Animal Services

Humane Society London & Middlesex provides animal control services for the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex. These services include Animal Control Bylaw enforcement, maintenance of a pound facility, routine patrols, emergency services and statutory animal control officer duties.

If you have a complaint and/or believe someone has violated Southwest Middlesex's Animal Control By-law, please fill out the form at www.hslm.ca, click on the Services tab, then Municipal Animal Services, then Animal Care and Control Complaint Form.

For emergency after-hours services, call: 1-877-909-0519 and follow the prompts.



By-law Complaints

Southwest Middlesex's by-law enforcement is strictly complaint based, meaning if you believe one of Southwest Middlesex's by-laws are being violated, immediate action will not be taken unless a complaint is submitted.

To submit a complaint or to review our by-laws you can come into the Southwest Middlesex office at 153 McKellar Street, Glencoe or online at www.southwestmiddlesex.ca.



Lottery Licenses

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission (AGCO) is responsible for administering the lottery licensing program in the Province of Ontario. Municipalities are partners with AGCO in issuing lottery licenses to eligible organizations.

If your organization is running a lottery, you likely require a license. The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex is able to issue licenses under certain prize winning amounts for bingo events, media bingo events, raffle lotteries, bazaar lotteries and break open tickets.

To review if your organization is eligible for a Municipal lottery license or to inquire about applying, please visit www.southwestmiddlesex.ca.



Marriage Licenses

Are you tying the knot in 2024? Every marriage in Ontario requires a Marriage License before the ceremony takes place. So make sure you have a plan to get your license ahead of time to check one thing off your list. The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex can issue Marriage Licenses and is readily available to assist with your application. To get the process started or to book an application appointment, please call 519-287-2015 or email info@southwestmiddlesex.ca.



Did You Know?

Trillium Transfer Station

With the arrival of the spring season, it's the perfect time to embark on a rejuvenating cleanup journey. The Trillium Transfer Station stands ready to be your partner in this endeavor. The station offers a streamlined and ecoconscious solution for your cleaning disposal needs. From yard debris to household items, our dedicated team and user-friendly setup make disposal a breeze. Choose the Trillium Transfer Station for a seamless and sustainable spring cleanup experience.

Address: 3945 Trillium Drive, Glencoe.

Hours of Operation: Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Payment Methods: Cash ONLY.

To review what materials are accepted and rates at the Trillium Transfer Station, please visit www.southwestmiddlesex.ca or call 518-287-2015.

WALKER MARKETON

Building Permits

Are you looking to make some improvements or alterations to your dwelling or surrounding property this year? Certain projects require building permits to allow our Building Officials and Inspectors to make sure your potential construction complies with the Ontario Building Code, the Southwest Middlesex zoning By-law and other applicable laws and regulations.

Some projects that require a Building Permit are:

- · Swimming pools with a depth greater than 6 meters
- New Buildings greater than 15 sq. m. (160 sq. ft.)
- Porches
- Demolitions

To review what projects require a permit and those that do not, please visit our Building Services page on our website or email dmajewski@southwestmidddlesex.ca.

Planning Services

Land-use planning affects almost every aspect of life in Ontario. It helps decide where our community's homes and factories should be built, where parks and schools should be located and where roads, sewers and other essential services should be provided. It balances the interests of individual property owners with the wider interests and objectives of the whole community.

Southwest Middlesex, our Planner and the County of Middlesex work together to process planning applications and manage new developments within the Municipality. If you require assistance starting a minor variance, zoning by-law amendment or consent application please visit our Planning Services page on our website or email akertesz@middlesex.ca.



Fire Safety - Lithium-ion Battery

Fire Safety Hazards of Lithium-ion Battery Powered Products and E-Mobility Devices in Homes:

There has been an alarming increase in the number of fatal fires in North America that have been caused by Lithium-ion batteries. Fire Departments worldwide have identified the need to increase public awareness in order to save lives and property. Most people are unaware that Lithium-ion batteries are found in equipment and devices that we use daily such as personal electronics, cell phones, tablets, laptops, E-Bikes, electric toothbrushes, tools, hoverboards, vaping devices, scooters, and for solar power backup storage.

Fire Safety Hazard:

Lithium-ion batteries can fail and go into what is known as 'thermal runaway,' and shortly thereafter ignite, resulting in an intense and aggressive fire. The majority of these fires involve micro-mobility devices such as scooters and e-bikes. Typically, Lithium-ion fires can break out from one or more factors, including but not limited to, tampering or modifying the battery or its charger, operating the device in an unsafe manner, or using an unapproved or uncertified battery not designed for its specific application.

Key Fire Safety Tips related to Lithium-ion Battery-powered Devices:

- Choose certified products. When purchasing Lithium-ion battery-powered devices, look for products that are listed or safety certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to ensure they meet important safety requirements.
- Handle with care. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Only use the charging equipment that comes with the product. Store batteries away from extreme temperatures, direct sunlight, emergency exits, and anything flammable. Charge larger devices (such as e-Bikes) away from your exit path and outside your home if possible. Do not charge larger devices overnight.
- Always stay alert for warning signs. Check battery-powered devices often for damage or abuse such as swelling or punctures. Listen for unusual hissing or popping sounds. Watch for excessive heat or a strange odor. If you notice any of these warning signs, stop using the Lithium-ion battery-powered device immediately. White or gray wispy smoke indicates there is immediate danger of fire.
- Recycle devices and batteries properly. When disposing of batteries, chargers or battery-powered devices DO NOT
 put them in the trash! The Household Special Waste Depot at 3502 Manning Drive, London, will accept those
 materials.
- **Get out if there's a fire.** Get out if you see or hear warning signs. Follow your home fire escape plan, leave immediately and call 9-1-1.
- Educate others about Lithium-ion battery safety.

For more information on Lithium-ion battery safety visit: www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/household-products/battery-safety/lithium-ion.html.

Additional Fire Safety Tips:

- Prevent fires from happening; Unattended cooking and careless smoking are the leading causes of home fires in Ontario. Visit www.ontario.ca/page/fire-safety-home#section-4.
- Have smoke and CO alarms properly installed in your home and test them regularly. Smoke and CO alarms expire.
 Replace all types of alarms every 10 years.
- Plan and practice your fire escape plan and keep all exits clear of obstructions.



Fire Safety - Open Air Burning

If you are planning an open burn, please be aware that you **must** be in compliance with the Southwest Middlesex Open Burn By-Law (No.2012/081, Open Air Burning Regulation). You must obtain authorization by submitting a Controlled Burn Permit application online through the Municipal website, or by contacting the Fire Chief or his designate and Fire Dispatch BEFORE you light.

We ask that you please submit your Controlled Burn Permit Application or provide notification at least 24 hours in advance of your anticipated burn. The Southwest Middlesex Fire Department will make every effort to reply within 24 hours of your application or call.

Contact information and By-Law 2012/081 are available on the SWM website.

Your compliance with the Open Air Burning Regulation helps ensure that our Fire and Rescue resources remain available for true emergencies. Do not burn the following items:







Glass













Tires

Containers

Cardboard

Glencoe Business & Industrial Park

Industrial Road - Glencoe Business and Industrial Park, Southwest Middlesex, Ontario, Canada

The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex currently has a 44.80-acre serviced industrial property for sale in the Glencoe Business and Industrial Park. The property is strategically located within a 25 min drive to provincial Highways 401 and 402, and is in close proximity to a local railway station, allowing for fast access to nearby urban areas such as London, Chatham, and Sarnia. Southwest Middlesex has a diverse economy including a strong foundation in agriculture, agri-food and manufacturing and growing retail, logistics, construction and service sectors.

Key Highlights

Lot Size: 44.80 acres / 18.13 hectares

Depth: 591.09 meters Frontage: 140.16 meters

Services: Full Municipal services Zoning: M1 - General Industrial

Permitted Uses

- Manufacturing
- Warehouse
- Truck Terminal
- Industrial Use
- · Car Wash & More!

Certified Site

The Glencoe Business and Industrial Park is an official Certified Site authorized by

Ontario's Ministry of Economic

Development, Job Creation and Trade.

To learn more about what lots are available, pricing and more, please visit www.southwestmiddlesex.ca or call 519-287-2015.





Join us for Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Programs

One of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex core services is community recreation. We offer a variety of facilities and outdoor spaces for residents to enjoy. These areas include parks, trails, playgrounds, conservation areas, an outdoor swimming pool and splash pad, tennis courts, arena, and community centres. We also offer a variety of services for residents of all ages and abilities (infant to senior).

Do Good Rural Rec.

Time & Location:

- Every other Tuesday at the SWM Rec. Centre
- Every other Wednesday at the Wardsville Masonic Hall
- Every other Wednesday at the Ekfrid Community Centre

Cost: Varies

Description: Join Do Good Things Co. for a night of family friendly arts, crafts and games. Every two weeks creativity is guided by a new theme relevant with upcoming local events and holidays.

Youth Basketball

Time & Location: Tuesdays from 5:30pm-7pm, running from March 19 to June 11 at the Glencoe District High School Tennis Courts, 3581

Concession Drive, Glencoe Cost: \$4 per session

Description: This drop-in program is for youth aged 9-13 to practice and develop their skills through drills

and games.

Kids Multi-Sport Program

Time & Location:

Thursdays from 5:30pm-7pm, running from February 22 to May 16 at the Glencoe District High School, 3581 Concession Drive, Glencoe

Cost: \$5 per session per kid

Description: This drop-in program is for kids aged 5-10 to learn and play different games and sports

each week!

Yoga

Time & Location:

- Mondays from 6pm-6:50pm: All Levels Yoga at the Wardsville Masonic Hall, 21996 Hagerty Road, Wardsville
- Thursdays from 5:30pm-6:20pm: Chair Yoga & 6:30pm-7:20pm: All Levels Yoga

Cost: \$6 per class

Description: Enjoy the relaxing and rejuvenating benefits of yoga every week guided by our qualified instructor. You may pay cash at the class or online through www. southwestmiddlesex.ca.

Pickleball

Time & Location: Mondays from 5:30pm-7pm at the Glencoe District High School Gymnasium, 3581

Concession Drive, Glencoe

Cost: \$4 per session

Description: Pickleball is a mix of tennis and pingpong where players strive to reach 11 points before their opponents. This is a drop in program, you may either pay in cash at the door or online at

www.southwestmiddlesex.ca.



To learn more about all the programs we offer, local recreation groups and more, please read our 2024 Spring-Summer Recreation Guide. This guide can be found online at www.southwestmiddlesex.ca or as a hard copy at the Southwest Middlesex Recreation Centre at 138 Mill Street, Glencoe or the Southwest Middlesex offices at 153 McKellar Street, Glencoe.

Southwest Middlesex Pool & Splash Pad

Our mission is to provide leadership, knowledge and awareness of the aquatic programs offered at the Southwest Middlesex pool. This facility strives to continue to work hand-in-hand with community members and the municipality to respond to the needs of our dedicated public. Our staff and volunteers do their best to make your visit to the Southwest Middlesex pool something special! To register for our aquatic programs visit www.southwestmiddlesex.ca or talk with our aquatic staff at the pool at 138 Mill Street, Glencoe, starting June 17.

Important Dates

May 21st-24th, 2024: Early Registration
June 10th, 2024: Splash Pad Opening Date
June 17th, 2024: Pool Opening Date
July 1st, 2024: All programming is FREE
July 1st, 2024: Pool Full Programming Starts
July 20, 2024: Glencoe Gators Swim Meet: Pool closed to the public.

August 26th, 2024: Pool - Reduced Schedule

August 29th, 2024: Pool Closes

September 6th, 2024: Splash Pad Closes

Aqua Fit & Lane Swim

Offered 7 days a week, aqua fit and lane swim are great ways to cool off and get fit. Aqua Fit is a form of water aerobics lead by our qualified instructors.

Glencoe Gators Swim Team

The Glencoe Gators swim team is a recreational group that swims all summer long. It is a great way for kids to have fun and stay active. This team practices Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:45pm-4:30pm starting on July 1st, 2024. This team is for kids aged 4-16. If you have any questions regarding this program please email scormier@southwestmiddlesex.ca or talk to our Aquatic staff.

Swimming Lessons

Please find below the recommendations from the Lifesaving Society of what swimming lessons level you should register in depending on the age of your swimmer.

- Parent & Tot: for parents and infants up to 3 years of age
- Preschool: for children 3-5 years
- · Swimmer & Patrol: for children 5 years and older
- Bronze Star: for children 12 years old (SWIM Patrol experience recommended)
- Bronze Medallion: minimum 13 years of age or Bronze Star certification
- Bronze Cross: must have Bronze Medallion and Lifesaving Society Emergency or Standard First Aid certifications

Swimming Lesson Sessions

All of our swimming lessons run in two week blocks. The following are the dates of our swimming lesson sessions in 2024:

• Session 1: July 1st-12th

· Session 2: July 15th-26th

· Session 3: July 29th-August 9th

Session 4: August 12th-23th

For more information visit our "Aquatics" page under the "Recreation" tab at www.southwestmiddlesex.ca or call 519-287-2015 ext. 8121.





Advertising Opportunities With Southwest Middlesex

We are excited to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all potential sponsors and advertisers for considering partnering with the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex. As a local government entity committed to fostering community growth and prosperity, we firmly believe in the immense benefits that arise from collaborations with businesses and organizations. By sponsoring programs and advertising with us, you not only contribute to the enhancement of our community's well-being but also gain invaluable opportunities to promote your brand, reach a diverse and engaged audience, and create lasting positive impacts. Your support enables us to continue offering vital services and events that enrich the lives of our residents, making Southwest Middlesex an even more vibrant and thriving place to live, work, and visit.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Public Swimming Sponsorship: This sponsorship will allow our community to swim without any financial burden. In return for your support, you will receive a donation receipt, and your logo/name will be featured in our recreation guide and social media posts for the swim.

Cost: \$170.00 per swim, including HST.



Glencoe Gators Swim Team: The Gators are a passionate group of kids who swim all summer long and compete in competitions around Southern Ontario. This sponsorship will help cover competition entry fees, team shirts and swimming caps. In return for your sponsorship, your logo/name will be featured in our recreation guide, social media posts for the swim team and on the back of our 2024 team shirts.

Cost: \$300.00, including HST.

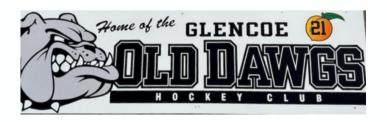
Advertising Opportunities

Advertising spaces are now available at Southwest Middlesex Recreation Centre (formally the Glencoe Memorial Arena) for the 2024/2025 season. All advertisements are custom made to your liking and will be displayed for an entire year starting in October 2024. This opportunity leads to high volumes of exposure to the thousands of people who visit each year. With different advertising options, you can suit which advertising method works best for you.

Arena In-Ice Advertisement: \$500.00, including HST. As of March 1, 2024 there are 6 spaces available.

Arena Board Advertisement: \$400.00, including HST. As of March 1, 2024 there are 3 spaces available.

Arena Wall Advertisement: \$250.00, including HST. As of March 1, 2024 there are 10 spaces available.



Anyone interested in these sponsorship or advertising opportunities, please call the Southwest Middlesex office at 519-287-2015 or email scormier@southwestmiddlesex.

Book Your Next Event With Us

Hosting an event? Big or small, our facilities are the right place for you. Take the stress out of planning and host your next event with us. We offer a variety of fully equipped indoor facilities and rooms for private functions.



Glencoe Train Station

KERID COMMUNITY CENTRE

Ekfrid Community Centre



Wardsville Masonic Hall



SWM Recreation Centre

Bookings:

Please contact the Facilities and Recreation department by calling 519-287-2015 or email scormier@southwestmiddlesex.ca for assistance with bookings. You can also book online at www.southwestmiddlesex.ca under the *Find a Facility* tab.

Buildings & Rooms Available to Rent:

Special facility rental rates apply to residents of Southwest Middlesex.

Arena Auditorium

Address: 138 Mill St, Glencoe Within the SWM Rec. Centre. Hourly Rental Rate: \$22.00 Non-Fixed Seats Capacity: 218 Non-Fixed Seats & Tables

Capacity: 172

Dining/SOP Capacity: 126

Glencoe Train Station

Address: 157 McRae St,

Glencoe

Hourly Rental Rate: \$22.00 Non-Fixed Seats Capacity: 53 Non-Fixed Seats & Tables

Capacity: 42

Dining/SOP Capacity: 36

New Horizons Room

Address: 138 Mill St, Glencoe. Within the SWM Rec. Centre. Hourly Rental Rate: \$22.00 Non-Fixed Seats Capacity: 64 Non-Fixed Seats & Tables

Capacity: 51

Dining/SOP Capacity: 44

Ekfrid Community Centre

Address: 48 Wellington Ave,

Appin

Hourly Rental Rate: \$30.00 **Non-Fixed Seats Capacity:** 150

Non-Fixed Seats & Tables

Capacity: 117

Dining/SOP Capacity: 101

Southwest Middlesex Pool

Address: 138 Mill St, Glencoe

Hourly Rental Rate:

1-25 People: \$85.00/hour25-74 People: \$105.00/hour75+ People: \$130.00/hourAvailability: Saturdays & Sundays

from 10:30-12:30pm and 4:00-6:00pm

starting in July.

Wardsville Masonic Hall

Address: 21996 Hagerty Rd,

Wardsville

Hourly Rental Rate: \$22.00 **Non-Fixed Seats Capacity:** 64

Non-Fixed Seats & Tables

Capacity: 51

Dining/SOP Capacity: 44

Upcoming Community Events

Appin Cemetary Memorial

Date: July 28, 2024 **Time:** 2:00 p.m.

Location: 22886 Thames Road Appin

For more information visit

www.glencoehistoricalsociety.ca.

Canada Day 2024

Date: Monday July 1, 2024.

Location: Glencoe Fairgrounds, Southwest Middlesex Pool, Glencoe Agriculture Hall & Southwest Middlesex Recreation Centre.

Southwest Middlesex's Canada Day Committee is well under way organizing 2024's festivities. The celebrations will consist of a variety of activities for all to enjoy. A full schedule of events will be posted on the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex's social media and website in June. The committee is also thrilled to announce that Pyro Celebrations in the Sky will be returning this year to provide another spectacular fireworks show. This years fireworks show will start at 10pm sharp. Make sure to get to the Glencoe Fairgrounds early to enjoy a variety of activities and vendors and to make sure you get a good spot to watch the show.

The committee is currently seeking sponsors and volunteers for the event. If interested, please reach out to scormier@southwestmiddlesex.ca.

Glencoe & District Lions Club Bingo

Location:

Glencoe Agricultural Hall, 268 Currie St, Glencoe **Dates:**

Tuesday April 2, 2024 at 7:00pm Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 7:00pm Tuesday June 4, 2024 at 7:00pm



Glencoe Hort. Society's Annual Plant Sale

Date: Saturday May 11, 2024

Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: 157 McRae Street, Glencoe. All proceeds benefit beatification in SWM.

Glencoe Truck & Tractor Pull

Date: July 19, 2024

Location: Glencoe Fairgrounds

The Glencoe Agriculture Society is inviting you to this years Glencoe Truck & Tractor Pull. This funfilled event is family friendly, has live entertainment, a refreshment tent and food vendors on site. For more information please visit www.glencoefair.ca.



Local Libraries Programs

We are very fortunate to have three Middlesex County Libraries in Southwest Middlesex. They are located in Glencoe, Melbourne and Wardsville and run weekly programming all year round! To review what our Libraries have coming up visit www.library.middlesex.ca.



Melbourne Mud Madness

Date: Saturday June 8 & August 24, 2024 **Location:** 6395 Parkhouse Drive, Melbourne Come on out for thrilling mud runs, live entertainment, food vendors, prizes and more this summer. For a complete list of activities and how to purchase tickets please visit melbournemudmadness.ca.

Upcoming Community Events

Sundays at the Station

Dates: June 9 to August 25, 2024
Location: 157 McRae Street, Glencoe.
Sundays at the Station is back! Come on out
Sunday evenings during the summer for live local
entertainment at the Glencoe Train Station at 7pm,
rain or shine. Please bring a lawn chair and your
loud voices to cheer on our performers.

Tartan Days

Date: July 19-21, 2024

Location: Main Street, Glencoe

Join the Celebrate Community Committee for an incredible celebration of culture and community in Glencoe. The three day event offers something for everyone including: Car Show on Main Street, Town-Wide Yard Sales, Thistle Growing Competition, Art in the Park & much more. For more information visit SWM Celebrate Community Committee on Facebook.



The McEachren Tractor Collection

Date: August 21, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 4087 Olde Drive, Glencoe

This event is tour and showcase event of the McEachren's tractors and museum. For more information visit www.glencoehistoricalsociety.ca.

Your Wardsville Events

Join Your Wardsville this summer for a variety of fun and productive activities.

- April 17 Team Up to Clean Up
- May 15 Team Up to Clean Up
- June 26 Strawberry Social
- TBD (July) Family Fun Night
- September 7 Block Party

For more information on the events above, please visit www.yourwardsville.ca or email info@yourwardsville.ca.



Keep Up To Date With Us!

As a Municipality, we are fortunate to have the means to communicate with you through our newsletters. These newsletters serve as an important avenue to keep you informed about various updates, events, and initiatives happening within our municipality.

However, we want to emphasize that our municipality is constantly evolving, with updates to our programs and services occurring daily. To ensure that you stay fully informed and up to date with the latest news and developments, we encourage you to explore additional channels of communication.

We invite you to follow our social media channels, where we regularly share important announcements, community events, and other relevant information. Additionally, our website serves as a comprehensive resource hub where you can find detailed information about our programs, services, and upcoming events.

By staying connected through these channels, you can remain actively engaged with the happenings in our municipality and take full advantage of the resources and opportunities available to you.



@Municipality of Southwest Middlesex





2024 Council Meeting Calendar

Below is the 2024 council meeting calendar which is subject to change throughout the year. Special meetings will be posted on the website at least 72 hours before the meeting as well as scheduled meeting changes. Regular Council meetings start at 1:30 pm and Regular/Planning Council meetings start at 6pm. Members of the public are more than welcome to attend council meetings or view them online via our YouTube channel.

