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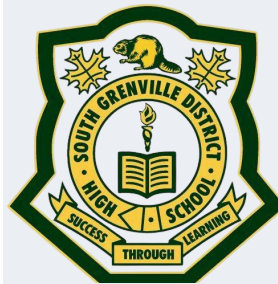
NEW COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE IN EFFECT

A new Community Safety Zone has been established on Henderson Street and along a section of Bennett Street (County Road 44) between Sloan Street and Goodin Road near Centennial '67 Public School. The designation was approved by both Township and County Council following a request from residents and a review of the area with school representatives and the OPP Community Safety Officer.

Community Safety Zones are created in areas where public safety is of special concern, such as near schools, parks, or hospitals. Within these zones, fines for traffic violations are doubled, helping encourage safer driving and increased awareness of pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

The posted speed limit of 50 km/h remains in place, but drivers should be aware that the Community Safety Zone is in effect at all times.

Residents and visitors are reminded to slow down and stay alert when travelling through this area to help keep students, families, and neighbours safe.



Newsletter created by SGDHS students Grant Emmell, Isla Shields, and Avery Griffin (SMCHS).



HELP SHAPE HOW WE COMMUNICATE

Help us improve how we communicate by taking a short communication survey.



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Recreation

MAKING OUTDOOR FITNESS MORE ACCESSIBLE

The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal has received funding through the Province of Ontario's EnAbling Accessibility Fund – Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) program to improve outdoor recreation spaces in both Cardinal and Johnstown.

With installation planned for later this year, the project will add new accessible fitness equipment and upgrade pathways to help reduce barriers to outdoor activity for older adults, people with disabilities, and residents of all abilities.

In Cardinal, an accessible fitness station will be installed along the Legion Way waterfront walking path. Designed to support strength, balance, and flexibility, the equipment will complement the existing trail and include accessible signage and a new rest bench.

In Johnstown, a new pathway will be constructed beside the ball diamond at the Johnstown Community Centre, connecting Albert Street to the facility. An additional accessible fitness station will be installed along the route.

These upgrades support the Township's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and commitment to creating inclusive, barrier-free community spaces that encourage active living and social connection.



Fitness Equipment
example only

SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Summer is just around the corner, and registration for the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal's Summer Day Camp is now open. Families can register online at twpec.ca/summerdaycamp.

Our popular summer camps offer four two-week sessions designed to keep kids active, learning, and having fun throughout the summer. Camps run Monday to Friday and provide a safe, engaging environment for children ages 4 to 10, supervised by trained staff who focus on safety, inclusion, and positive experiences.

Each camp session includes a variety of activities such as daily swimming lessons and free swim time, creative arts and crafts, and outdoor games that promote teamwork and active play. Camps take place at the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre and Johnstown Pool, as well as the Ingredion Centre and Cardinal Pool.

Themes for the 2026 sessions include Sports, Survivor, Disney, and End of Summer, giving campers something new to look forward to each session.

Spaces fill quickly, so families are encouraged to register early. For full details and to sign up, visit twpec.ca/summerdaycamp.



twpec.ca/summerdaycamp

Community News



UCDSB SELECTS NEW STUDENT TRUSTEE

by **Tim East** (SGDHS Teacher)

Please join me in congratulating one of the creators and editors of this Newsletter. Grant Emmell has been chosen as a student trustee for the Upper Canada District School Board for the 2026/27 school year. This is a very important position and, if my memory serves, the first from South Grenville District High School in many years. Grant was chosen out of many qualified students who also interviewed for the role. Grant will have the responsibility of being one of two student representatives who will represent UCDSB students on the Board of Trustees.


Ava Address from TISS has also been selected as a student trustee, and the two will serve as a duo during the 2026–2027 school year.

While it gives me great joy to congratulate Grant on this new and important role, I am in no way surprised that he was the one chosen. Having taught Grant in Grade 9 last school year, it was clear he was a respected student leader amongst his peers. He was never afraid to speak his mind and propose new ideas. When it came time to propose this newsletter to council at a council meeting, Grant spoke very confidently and passionately. I would like to note that Grant is an active member of our school community. In addition to producing this newsletter, he is involved with Spirit of Giving, Relay for Life, and is an active participant on sports teams in both the community and the school. Despite all of Grant's accomplishments, he is modest and down to earth with everyone he interacts with. Grant is a natural student leader who will represent the students of South Grenville and the UCDSB with pride, and I wish him success in his role as student trustee. Congratulations Grant!



ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

 Saturday, April 18

 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

 Fire Station 1, Spencerville



Adults **\$12**
Children (4 to 12) **\$6**
Children (3 and under) **Free**

Tickets available at Fire Station 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cash only.



2026 FREE TREE PICK-UPS

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Save the Date

SUMMER SWIMMING LESSON REGISTRATION

- Thursday, May 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Ingredion Centre
- Tuesday, May 26, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the South Edwardsburgh Community Centre



twpec.ca/swimminglessons

Our Environment



PITCH IN MONTH

Pitch-In Month is returning to Edwardsburgh Cardinal this April, and we invite residents and organizations to help keep our communities clean and beautiful this spring.

Pitch-In is a long-running Canadian initiative that encourages communities to work together to reduce litter and care for shared spaces. Throughout the month, residents, families, businesses, and community groups are encouraged to organize small cleanups in neighbourhoods, parks, trails, and roadsides.

The Township will provide garbage bags and gloves (while supplies last) to support volunteer cleanups. Once your cleanup is complete, Township staff can also arrange to collect the filled bags.

If you're planning a cleanup, please register in advance so we can ensure you have the supplies you need and arrange for disposal of collected litter.

Sharps safety

If you encounter a needle or other sharp object during your cleanup, avoid handling it directly. The South East Public Health website provides guidance on safe handling and disposal, or residents can call 1-800-660-5853 to report a found needle or request assistance.

Even a small effort can make a big difference. By working together during Pitch-In Month, we can help keep Edwardsburgh Cardinal clean, welcoming, and enjoyable for everyone.

Register your cleanup and request supplies through the Township's website at www.twpec.ca/pitch-in.



[twpec.ca/pitch-in](http://www.twpec.ca/pitch-in)

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Grant, Isla and Avery

EARTH DAY

Every year on April 22, we celebrate Earth Day. Earth Day is a good reminder to take care of our planet because Earth provides us with essential needs. Earth provides us with air, food, and water. We can help the planet by recycling. Recycling is a great way to conserve energy and natural resources. Recycling also diverts trash from landfills. Simple acts of recycling or using less plastic can show a good example to others. Keeping Earth clean is a collective effort that will help us all for years to come.

Circular Materials is a national not-for-profit organization that helps manage recycling programs across Canada. In Ontario, it runs the residential blue box system under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, meaning companies are responsible for funding recycling.

Circular Materials works with municipalities to collect and process materials like paper, cardboard, metal cans, glass, and plastics, and provides guidance on how to recycle properly.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

Place these materials clean, dry, and loose in the recycling bin.



Paper



Cardboard and boxboard



Cartons



Paper laminate packaging



Foam packaging



Plastic containers



Metal



Glass containers



Flexible plastics

✘ These items do not belong in your recycling


Books


Ceramics


Pots and pans


Diapers


Toys


Organics