

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, February 15, 2025

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE

Administration Offices and the Landfill Site will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025.

CURBSIDE GARBAGE, GREEN BIN AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

There will be no change in the curbside collection programs on Monday, February 17, 2025. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 a.m. on collection dates.

RETAIL CLOSINGS – FAMILY DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Family Day, February 17, 2025, is among the days annually when most stores must be closed.

The Act, administered by the Ministry of Government Services, exempts some retail operations. Flower shops, gas stations and book or magazine stores under 2,400 square feet with a maximum of three employees, are among the exempted businesses.

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and does not extend to Family Day.

There are fines for opening on prohibited days of retail operation. Retail outlets found guilty may be fined up to \$50,000 or the total amount of gross sales for the day, whichever is greater. Enforcement of the Retail Business Holidays Act in Stratford is the responsibility of Stratford Police Services.

To find out which retail operations are exempted by the Act, please call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information, visit www.cbs.gov.on.ca.

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

Property Tax – 2025 Interim levy due date February 26, 2025

Property tax payments may be made at your bank in person, by telephone or on-line banking. Cash, Debit or Cheques payable to the "City of Stratford" are also accepted at City Hall Ground Floor (Clerk's Office). Cheques may also be deposited in the mailbox Rear Entrance or mailed to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING (2AM-6AM) – REMINDER

Drivers are reminded that overnight parking in the City of Stratford is not permitted on any roadway, shoulder, or City parking lot between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless otherwise designated. Parking in a manner which obstructs municipal snow clearing operations is also prohibited. This is even more important during significant snowfall events to ensure that City snow plow operators can safely and efficiently clear roads. Parking in a manner which obstructs municipal snow clearing operations and/or parking overnight (between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.) each carry a set fine of \$80, or a \$60 voluntary payment if paid within 7 days.

Stratford Police Services enforce this restriction and should be contacted if there is an overnight parking situation at the non-emergency line of 519-271-4141.

For additional information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250, extension 5230.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY INCOME TAX CLINIC

Serving low-income residents of the City of Stratford, Town of St. Marys and County of Perth. Complimentary Services for current year tax returns provided by:

Famme & Co. Professional Corporation
McCutchen & Pearce Professional Corporation

Total annual gross income restrictions to participate:

Participants	Income Restrictions
On Social Assistance (Ontario Works, ODSP) with a T5007	Eligible
Seniors 65+	Single: \$25,396 or less Couple: \$34,346 or less
All others	Single: \$16,000 or less Couple: \$32,000 or less

Disability income received should be included in your total gross income. Please ensure you are within the limits stated.

Participants should bring Photo ID and the following if applicable:

- T4s, T5s
- Rent Receipts and/or Property Tax Receipts
- Medical Receipts
- Donation Receipts
- Disability Tax Credit Certificate Form (T2201)
- Date of Entry to Canada

Please call to **register in advance by Wednesday, March 19, 2025** by contacting the Social Services Department at 519-271-3773 extension 6208 Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. An appointment time will be provided for document delivery between March 20 – 27, 2025.

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