



## TOWNSHIP SHORTS

### ELECTION SIGN UPDATE

Errant municipal election signs in Guelph/Eramosa Township will be removed – but no one will face a \$5,000 fine for violating the election sign bylaw with recent changes approved by Township council.

In a report to council recently, Clerk Meaghen Reid noted the bylaw had not been updated in five years, and that the new restrictions included some “common sense changes” including ensuring elections signs are not the same size, shape or colour as traffic safety signs, and

the Township logo can not be used.

A previous \$5,000 set fine for violation of the sign bylaw has been removed, and Reid said new stronger language means offending/hazardous signs will now be removed.

Mayor Chris White, who will need election signs now that he faces a challenge from Rockwood Councillor John Scott for the top job, said the revised bylaw should ensure election signs are put in the “safe, and in the right place” with no confusion.

### CONSERVATION CALENDAR

Want to cuddle a rat,

pet a snake or wear a cockroach brooch? If the answer is yes, check out the Rockwood Conservation Area on Saturday for the Creepy Creatures event from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Kids under 16 must bring an adult, and everyone meets at the trailer behind the mini-putt

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The focus will be on bugs on Thursday, August 7 when a naturalist leads an exploration of the creepy crawlers lurking under logs and under-water.

Using nets and spy glasses, participants will see just how beautiful bugs can be. Meet behind the trailer by the mini-putt for the program, which runs from 2 to 3:30 p.m.



## Public invited to meeting on Hidden Quarry application

The science-heavy report everyone has been waiting for - responses from all of the agencies and experts on the proposed Hidden Quarry application - will be debated at a public meeting slated for August 12 at Rockmosa.

“This is our first real opportunity to get a look at everything together, as opposed to piecemeal,” said Guelph/Eramosa Township Mayor Chris White said on Sunday, calling their planner’s report an “important step” in concluding the process of dealing with an application by James Dick Construction Ltd.

It wants to develop a sand and gravel quarry on Highway 7, between Acton and Rockwood. The proposal needs a rezoning from Guelph/Eramosa Township to allow extraction on land currently zoned agricultural/hazard, and a provincial licence to extract up to 700,000-tonnes of limestone, from below the water table, annually.

The application sparked formation of the Concerned Residents Coalition (CRC) which is pushing for a fair and transparent review of the application. Like the CRC, Mayor White said the issues are clear, including the quarry’s potential impact on the environment from blasting, increased truck traffic, water quality and quantity and air quality.

“This report should give us a broad idea of the concerns that have been raised...that doesn’t mean they are going to be looked at too our satisfaction - we may say we still have problems...” White said, adding they may end up asking for more information.

White said the release of the report and the public meeting will allow individual councillors, and Council, to formulate their positions on the application. “Once the report is in, I’m hoping this will move us far enough along so we can begin to say these are the things that we still need to get, or these are the things we are still concerned about,” he said, adding until now, they haven’t had enough scientific information to make a decision.

White conceded that regardless of how Council votes on the application, the final decision will probably be made at the Ontario Municipal Board, referred there by whoever may be unhappy with Council’s decision on the rezoning application.

No pre-registration for the meeting is required and everyone is invited. All of the Hidden Quarry reports to date are available at [www.get.on.ca](http://www.get.on.ca) White said this report should be up on the site approximately a week before the public meeting in Rockwood.

## POLICE REPORT

### B&ES

A pellet gun and alcohol were stolen during a July 23 daytime break-and-enter at a Third Line, Erin residence. OPP report unknown suspect(s) forced open the front door.

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An unknown suspect smashed the front door glass at the Erin LCBO store to steal several bottles of liquor in a July 24 break-in.

OPP are looking for a white male, just under

6-feet, 20 to 30 years old with an athletic build. He was wearing a white t-shirt, grey shorts, white socks, and dark baseball hat with a white logo, and was carrying a dark coloured bag.

Anyone with information on either incident can call 1-800-222-8477, or submit a tip on-line at [www.crimestoppers-guelphwellington.com](http://www.crimestoppers-guelphwellington.com)

### DRUNK DRIVER


A 56 year old Georgetown woman was charged

with Over 80-mgs, and had her 2003 Toyota impounded and her driver’s licence suspended for a week after being charged at an OPP R.I.D.E spot check on Saturday night on Wellington Road 124 near the Sixth Line, Erin.


OPP report the driver drove through the R.I.D.E location and then pulled over on the shoulder. Police determined the driver had been drinking, and she failed a roadside screening test.

She appears in a Guelph court on August 19.

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**PRIDE & JOY:** This flat black, red-trimmed 1932 Ford sedan, owned by Pat Sharp of Guelph, was the oldest vehicle at the Rockwood Cruise Night on Saturday in the village. - Frances Learment photo