

Question of the Week

What are some of the pressing issues facing local municipalities in the upcoming election?

“Repair that big pothole near (Gemus Farms) on South Talbot Road. It keeps wearing down. I drive by it every day on my way to work.”

– Marnie Cook, Essex

“Don’t outlaw fires in backyards. If you only have one acre of land, where else are you supposed to have a fire?” – Phil Macisac, Woodslee

“Make the sewer systems usable for the houses on Maidstone Ave. West. Right now we’re using septic systems.”

– Rick Watson, Essex

Next week’s question:

Do you plan to vote in the upcoming municipal election? Why or why not?

A letter to the editor is not necessary. Simply **CALL DAN** at **519-776-4268, ext. 13** to leave your response. You must provide your name and phone number.

Please be brief – 25 to 40 words.

Deadline for responses: Monday at 9 a.m.

Nomination deadline approaches

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Karen Fallon, Robert Sylvestre and Dan Diemer are also seeking re-election as councillors.

Lakeshore Town Clerk Mary Masse said she’s not surprised at the number of candidates joining the race so near to the deadline.

“We never really get anything in August,” Masse said. “September is when people usually get serious about running.”

Essex Town Clerk Jerry Marion agreed that it’s not uncommon for candidates to wait until the final days to file their nomination papers.

“It depends on people’s mindset,” Marion said. “Some tend to go for it right out of the starting gates and others like more time to

think about it. All that matters is that they file before Sept. 29.”

In Kingsville, no new candidates have come forward in the past week.

Nelson Santos is seeking re-election for the mayor’s position, running against Pat O’Neil.

Brian Sanger will challenge Katherine Gunning for deputy mayor.

Council hopefuls Christopher Lewis, Nick Mastronardi, Gail Stiffler, Tania Radu, Keith MacNab, Jim Augerman, Willy Fittler, Beth Szabo Verzoc and Ken Turner will be running against incumbents Bob Peterson, Gord Queen and Brad Stevenson.

As of last week, no new candidates have come forward in Tecumseh either.

As it stands, Doreen Ouellette is running against incumbents Rita Ossington

and Marcel Blais in Ward 1.

Guy Dorion has filed for Ward 2 and Joe Bachetti has filed for Ward 3.

Tom Burton is the only candidate running for deputy mayor so far, and Joie Jobin is the sole candidate for Ward 4.

For the mayor’s position, Ray Graveline is challenging Gary McNamara.

The election race for school board trustees has also expanded to include four new candidates.

For the Greater Essex County District School Board, Keith Beaudoin filed nomination papers Sept. 19 in LaSalle-Amherstburg. He will be running against incumbent Joan Courtney.

In Kingsville-Essex, incumbent Julia Burgess and newcomer Kevin Madden have filed.

In Lakeshore-Tecumseh, Patrick Ouellette filed his

nomination papers Sept. 19 and is still the only candidate to do so.

For the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board, incumbent Mary DiMenna and Richard Kniaziew have filed nomination papers for the Leamington-Essex-Kingsville region.

Lisa Soulliere and Fred Lessard have filed nominations for Lakeshore-Tecumseh.

Tecumseh-Lakeshore candidate Jim McMahon and incumbent Chris Janisse have also filed.

Jerome Emery filed Sept. 18 for the Conseil Scolaire de District des Ecoles Catholiques du Sud-Ouest.

He is joined by Robert G. Couture, who filed Sept. 19, and Didier Marotte, who has filed for Kingsville-Essex-Amherstburg.

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Pelee Island in need of water system upgrade

The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit passed a motion Sept. 21 asking the provincial government to approve a Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund application for Pelee Island.

Deb Bennett, the director

of health protection, brought the motion forward. She said the municipality has been under a boil water advisory since 1998 and does not have the tax base to improve its water system.

Pelee Island has applied for a ‘90/10’ provincial

grant, meaning the municipality would have to come up with 10 percent of the requested funds. The money would allow the municipality to develop an updated water treatment system.

The motion passed unanimously.



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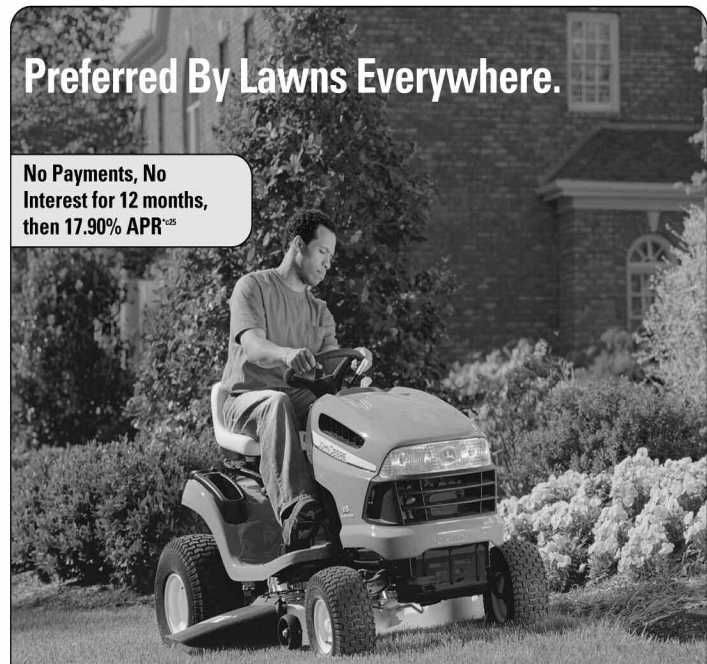
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