

Bigger Blue Box – Recycle Even More!

Paper Products



Magazines, catalogues, phone books, soft & hard cover books (remove hard covers)

Household paper



Boxes, egg cartons, tubes (flattened)



Newspaper Flyers



Cardboard boxes: Flatten & place between Blue Boxes.

Containers



Plastic clamshell containers (No Styrofoam™)



Steel & aluminum cans, metal paint cans (empty), aluminum foil and pie plates



Spiral wound (cardboard) cans

Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs



Aerosol cans (empty)



Cartons & drink boxes



Glass bottles & jars



Garbage and recycling should be placed at curbside by 7AM.

Additional Blue Boxes are available for purchase at the Municipal Office for \$9.04.

Memorial Program

Celebrate friends and family, promote your business, mark a special occasion or show support for our community.



Benches: Black, steel, park bench with an engraved 2" x 10" bronze plaque inset. Available locations include municipal parks, beaches, and harbour areas.



Trees: Species that are being offered include the following: Tulip Tree, Sugar Maple, Ohio Buckeye, and other native species. Locations include municipal parks, and harbour areas.

For more information, please call Shelly at 519-631-4860 ext. 239 or ssteffler@centralelgin.org



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Turvey and Eastwood Parks

Work is ongoing in **Turvey Park** in Lynhurst. Asphalt trails will be extended and a new multi purpose court will be constructed in 2018.

On Thursday, June 28th, staff hosted an open house in **Eastwood Park** to speak with residents about their ideas and suggestions for the park.

We are working with landscape architects to bring some of those ideas to life, and will be looking for more public input before the plans are finalized.



Municipal Election

The Municipal Election is being held on Monday, October 22. You can check that your name is on the voter's list by visiting <http://voterlookup.ca>.

Advance polls will be held on October 6, 13, 17, 20, and 21.

Accessible voting equipment will be available at advance polls.

For more information, visit www.centralelgin.org/elections.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS Community Recycling Centre

Central Elgin residents can take their recycling and waste to the St. Thomas Community Recycling Centre at 330 Edgeware Road.

Summer hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10 AM - 6 PM, and Saturdays 8 AM - 3 PM.

Tires, cardboard, recyclables, electronics, scrap metal, yard waste, and household hazardous waste (on Saturdays) are all accepted free of charge.

For more information, please visit <http://stthomas.ca/content/community-recycling-centre-crc> or call 519-631-1680 ext. 4258.

Camp Fire Regulations

All fires in the Municipality require a burn permit, except camp fires.

Camp fires must be used for heat or cooking, and cannot exceed 1 cubic metre in size. They must be fueled by natural gas, propane, charcoal, or clean, dry wood.

If your fire is larger than 1 cubic metre, you will require a burn permit. There is no fee, but there is a \$500 fine for burning without one!

All fires must be at least 4.5 metres away from property lines, buildings, roads, overhead wires, and fences.

Fires are not permitted if the wind may spread it, blow smoke across a roadway, or cause strong odours.

To obtain a permit, please contact Glenda at gvanzanten@centralelgin.org or 519-631-4860 ext. 282.

Tax Distribution and Changes

Corporate Services: Services associated with administration, Council, building inspection, by-law enforcement, land use planning, and human resources.

Roads/Drainage: The operation and maintenance of municipal roads, traffic control systems, sidewalks, and drainage

Policing: Funds the Ontario Provincial Police services to provide residents with protection and enforcement services.

Waste Management & Environmental Services: Funds recycling and waste diversion programs.

Fire Protection & Prevention: Represents fire prevention, suppression, beach patrol and rescue operations.

Parks and Recreation: Includes recreational programs, as well as, maintenance of recreation facilities, parks, and sports fields.

General Government: Tax support, payroll, accounts payable and receivable as well as all functions of a financial nature.

Provincial Education: The provincial government sets the rates, which fund the education system in Ontario.

County of Elgin: The upper tier level of municipal government that oversees county-wide programming such as ambulatory services, social assistance, the Police Services Board, land division, Provincial Offences and libraries.



Your total property tax bill is based on three tax rates:

- Central Elgin (or lower tier) tax rate, which is approved by Central Elgin Council;
- Elgin County (or upper tier) tax rate, which is approved by Elgin County Council; and
- Education tax rate, which is approved by the Province

Central Elgin collects all three tax rates and then forwards approximately 49.86% of the taxes collected to the County of Elgin and the applicable district school board.

Central Elgin Council has no control over the tax levy set by the County of Elgin or the Province of Ontario education levy.

Property Class	2017	2018	Percentage Change
Municipality of Central Elgin – Lower Tier			
Residential	0.7860900	0.783510	-0.33%
Farm	0.1965200	0.195877	-0.33%
Commercial Occupied	1.2873000	1.283076	-0.33%
Elgin County – Upper Tier			
Residential	0.6118510	0.601192	-1.77%
Farm	0.1529630	0.150298	-1.77%
Commercial Occupied	1.0019670	0.984512	-1.77%
Education			
Residential	0.1790000	0.170000	-5.29%
Farm	0.0447500	0.042500	-5.29%
Commercial Occupied	1.1400000	1.090000	-4.59%

Lynhurst Street Reconstruction

The Municipality is currently underway with phase one of a four phase project that will provide new storm sewers and streets to the Lynhurst area, located on the north west corner of St. Thomas.

The existing residential streets will include new curb, gutters, and sidewalks. This will rejuvenate the southern ends of Crescent Avenue, Woodland Road, Lynhurst Avenue, Hill Street, and Battram Street.



Stay Informed

No government can build a community alone; Council wants your input in its decision making discussions. Please get involved and keep informed. **'Like' Central Elgin on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter at @MunCentralElgin, or subscribe to our YouTube Channel.**

We encourage you to sign up to start receiving information from Central Elgin through email by sending your name and email address to: ssteffler@centralelgin.org

How does the property tax levy work?

Property tax levy is the amount of property tax that is raised from residential, commercial, industrial, and other properties to help pay for municipal services and infrastructure.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
(Gross Budget)



REVENUES FROM NON-PROPERTY TAX SOURCES
(User Fees, Provincial Subsidies)



PROPERTY TAX LEVY
(Net Budget)

How your property taxes are calculated:

Residential property taxes are calculated using the following formula

Assessed Value	x	Central Elgin Property Tax Rate	=	Amount of Central Elgin Property Tax	+
Assessed Value	x	Elgin County Property Tax Rate	=	Amount of Elgin County Property Tax	+
Assessed Value	x	Education Property Tax Rate	=	Amount of Education Property Tax	+
				= Total Property Tax	