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I am looking out of my window at piles of snow, but I can sense spring is just around the corner. The sun is feeling so warm and cathartic these days!  
 Susan

### **Township Staffing**

There are lots of changes going on with staffing. I am pleased to announce that Deputy Fire Chief Steven Goode will be taking over the reins from retiring Puslinch Fire Chief Robert Gordon. Congratulations Chief Goode!

Joony Babu has accepted the position of Customer Service Representative. Joony has been temping in this position for the last couple of months from Express Personnel. Welcome, Joony!

There is a new position of Development Co-ordinator in the Building Dept. Applications are due by March 28. For further details, click on the following link:  
<http://puslinch.ca/bulletins-item.aspx?id=494>

### **Municipal Election 2014**

There has been some early activity already in Puslinch, with several candidates throwing their hats in the ring.

So far the candidates are.....

#### **Mayor**

Brad Whitcombe

Dennis Leer

#### **Councillor**

Daina Makinson

Matthew Bulmer

Kevin Johnson

Ken Roth

#### **County Councillor**

Don McKay

For further information regarding how to file and other relevant material, click on the following link.....

<http://puslinch.ca/elections.aspx>

### **Upcoming Public Meetings**

<b>Meetings, Public Information Centres, Public Consultation Centres &amp; Open Houses</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date/Time of Meeting</b>	<b>Response Deadline</b>

<u>Public Meeting - Proposed Election Signs By-Law</u>	<b>Municipal Complex, 7404 Wellington Rd. 34, Guelph, ON</b>	<b>March 5, 2014</b>	<b>March 5, 2014</b>
<u>Public Meeting - Proposed By-Law Open Air Burning</u>	<b>Puslinch Community Centre 23 Brock Rd. South</b>	<b>April 2, 2014 @7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>April 2, 2014</b>
<u>Public Meeting - Proposed By-Law to Licence, Regulate and Govern Mobile Food Service Vehicles</u>	<b>Municipal Complex, 7404 Wellington Rd. 34, Guelph, ON</b>	<b>April 16, 2014 @ 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>April 16, 2014</b>

### 2014 Budget

The final draft budget is to be presented and passed at the next Council Meeting on March 18 at 7:30pm. Detailed information on the budget can be read on the following link....

[http://puslinch.ca/council/council\\_agenda.aspx](http://puslinch.ca/council/council_agenda.aspx)

It is anticipated that the increase in the Puslinch portion of the tax rate will be approx. 3%.

### Morrison By-pass/Hwy 6 Update

Maple Leaf Foods is coordinating an effort to expedite the construction of the By-pass by lobbying the Minister of Transportation. I was approached by Hamilton Councillor Robert Pasuta who shared the following information with me. The excerpt is a letter from Maple Leaf sent to the Hamilton Council which explains:

*"Several businesses, chambers of commerce (including the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce)*

*and local governments are joining Maple Leaf Foods in an effort to accelerate budget*

*consideration of this vital infrastructure project by the Ontario and federal governments.*

*In*

*the case of Maple Leaf Foods, with the completion later this year of our Hamilton meat*

*manufacturing facility, we will be directing many additional trucks north on Highway 6 to*

*our Eastern Canadian distribution centre in Aberfoyle, Puslinch Township. Like other*

*businesses and area residents, we are concerned that the traffic bottleneck at Morrison is*

*both unsafe and costly to the regional economy."*

Apparently, Puslinch Township Mayor Lever has been apprised of this information since January, but had not, until my questioning at the last Council meeting, disclosed any information at all with the Council or public.

It is my hope that Puslinch Township Council will be a major player in this initiative and

a similar letter will be sent to our Council by Maple Leaf. I am now able to fully participate in this file again and I plan to continue my aggressive pursuit of the dire need for this by-pass. I will continue to encourage public and local government participation that has been sorely lacking lately. It is going to take ALL of our efforts to get this moving!

### **Community Happenings**

**Puslinch Fiddle Orchestra** is playing at **Marian Hall, Freelton, featuring** a Local Square Dance Club

Date: **Sunday April 6th, 2014, @ 2pm.**

Tickets **\$15.00**

Call: Jean Aubin 519-271-7377, Sharon King 519-271-7377, Our Lady of Mount Carmel 519-271-7377

### **Irish Supper and Entertainment**

Duff's Presbyterian Church

Saturday March 15 @ 6pm

Tickets **\$20.00**

Call: **Duff 519-271-7377 or Brenda Law 519-271-7377**

(All proceeds to the Parish Nurse Programme)

### **Optimist Recreation Centre**

Due to the weather remaining cold, the ORC is still open next week. Check out the schedule. There are lots of free skating times for Seniors, Adults and Families...

[http://puslinch.ca/Uploads/Mar%2016%20to%20Mar%2022%202014\(1\).pdf](http://puslinch.ca/Uploads/Mar%2016%20to%20Mar%2022%202014(1).pdf)

### **Senior's Services**

A **Potluck Senior's Luncheon** is coming up soon. Sponsored by Mount Carmel Zion United Church Morriston, held at Puslinch Community Centre, follow the link for details. All seniors welcome....

<http://www.morristonuc.com/sites/default/files/SpringPotLuck.pdf>

**Zumba for Seniors** at Duff's Church. Follow the link....

<http://duffschurch.ca/2014/03/07/zumba-exercise-for-seniors/>

More senior's events at Duff's can be viewed at [www.duffschurch.ca](http://www.duffschurch.ca).

A **Senior's Lunch** will be held at Arkell United Church on April 15. Check out their website at <http://www.arkellunitedchurch.ca/> for lots of events

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