



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Happy Spring Season to all citizens!



With Spring, often come projects and with projects come permits. This is why we have decided to present you an interview with our Municipal Inspector to demystify her role. The role is very well defined by laws and regulations.

I would also like to take the opportunity to clarify the role of the elected representatives in this process. In fact, the elected representatives have no power to intervene in the work of the municipal officers, nor of any employee. The work of the elected representatives is of quite a different order. The Municipal Council makes decisions on orientations and priorities, adopts budgets, authorizes loans, adopts Municipal By-Laws and modifies existing one if necessary. Afterwards, they entrust the application to the Municipal Officers responsible. The elected representatives have to keep an eye open to make sure that these By-Laws are applied with uniformity and equity with the most profound respect for each citizen.

The Mayor's role, however, extends well beyond officiating at council. Additional important roles are: providing leadership, promoting positive relationships, representing the Municipality to partners, MRC and the different Government agencies. He is a model of good governance. He has the right to inspect all the activities of the municipality and a power of investigation on every case submitted to him, but has no power to intervene in the work of a municipal officer.

In the municipal world, the management of staff is entrusted to the General Manager who carries out more than one role. Her work involves liaising with the Municipal Council and administrative team, providing strategic information so that the Mayor and Council can make informed decisions, and ensuring, with her team, that actions are carried out in compliance with the multiple laws that apply to the municipal sector.

I thus invite you, if you have questions, to communicate with our General Manager, Mrs. Paula Knudsen, who will make it her duty to answer you. She is the link between citizens, employees and Municipal Council.

Our employees are working for you and have the mission to quickly deliver you the services to which you are entitled with respect for everyone.

A good summer to all!

Marcel Harvey, your Mayor.

**THE ACTIVITIES ARE BACK
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE!
86 LOUISA ROAD, WENTWORTH**

BALLROOM DANCING



You like to dance? You want to learn *foxtrot, rumba, waltz*, etc., or improve your technique? Come with your partner, friend or spouse. Mary and Terry will teach you from the basic steps to the more elaborate ones.

**Come and have fun on Wednesday
June 4th, 11th and 18th at 7:30 p.m.**

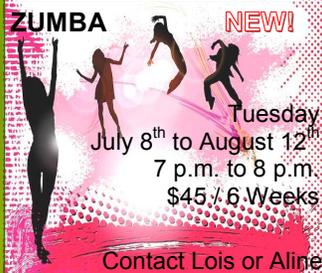
Information Mary Chuprun: 450-562-9297



The **VIACTIVE** program is a set of simple exercises, designed to help with coordination, balance and flexibility.

**Join us every Monday and Thursday mornings,
starting June 2nd**

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ZUMBA NEW!

 Tuesday
 July 8th to August 12th
 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 \$45 / 6 Weeks

BELLY DANCING
 Tuesday
 July 8th to August 12th
 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 \$45 / 6 Weeks
NEW! **Reserve your place!**

Contact Lois or Aline at 450-562-0701


BRIDGE—Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
 Contact Richard Lauzon 533-6267



BINGO

**June 13th 2014 - 7:30 p.m.
at the Community Centre**

W.R.C. FUNDRAISER

Admission \$10 (includes 10 cards)

**Contact: June Parker 450-562-8664
Lois Armitage 450-562-9625**



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Don't forget, the 2nd installment of your municipal tax account is due **July 11th**.

NEW PAPER

Your newsletter is now printed on a different type of paper! *An ecological, efficient and affordable choice!*

Aware of its environmental footprint, the Township of Wentworth had decided to go with Enviro 100 papier, containing 100% post-consumer fibres, FSC recycled, without chlorine, with biogas energy, and certified Éco-Logo.



This bulletin is sent in paper format to all home owners (cottage or house) in the Municipality. It is also sent by email to all those registered on our distribution list and is also available on our website.

We are currently working to update our distribution list. If you receive more than one copy of this bulletin or if you would like to receive it only by e-mail, please let us know at info@wentworth.ca or give us a call 450-562-0701 extension 2928.



The Municipal Council Meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month, at 7 p.m. at the Community Centre.

Welcome to all!



WENTWORTH ON CBC CANADA

Sonali Karnick, hosts *All In A Weekend*, heard across Quebec Saturday and Sunday mornings from 6-9 a.m. on CBC Radio.

She came to Wentworth to interview us regarding the Municipality's implication and realisations of « My Health in Mind » project because **Wentworth was singled out as one of the most successful members of the MRC for this project.**



THE NOTREAU CARAVAN

An invitation from Eric Boucher, your Environment Specialist

The Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques recommends that water be tested at least twice a year, in spring and fall.

To encourage this important endeavour, the Township of Wentworth is organizing a caravan campaign to facilitate the analysis of your drinking water source.

Caravan Notreau will be at the Wentworth Community Centre, at 86 Louisa Road, Saturday **August 9th 2014, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** to provide information and pick up your sample. This sample should be taken on the same day. The payment must be made when you bring the sample along with the completed form. You may pay with cash, credit card or by cheque.



The bacteriological analysis costs \$30 and the extensive analysis \$75 (physicochemical and bacteriological).

Ask for your analysis kit!

The box containing a sample bottle, the directions to take the sample, and a form to be completed will be available at the WRC the same day or at the Municipal Office, 114 chemin Louisa, two weeks before the event.



MESSAGE FROM AN OLYMPIC CHAMPION TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF WENTWORTH

Sylvie Bernier, who won the first Canadian gold medal in Springboard diving and Ambassador for the healthy life habits for Quebec en forme, sent her thanks to the Municipality of Wentworth.

«I recently learned that you took the initiative to make young people move with a WIXX activity. What great news! It is thanks to people like you, who are dedicated to the vitality of our young people, that allows them to develop healthy habits.»

What nice recognition for the Winter Fun Day organised at the skating rink!



RESUME OF THE 5/30 HEALTH AND WELLNESS CHALLENGE

This year, Wentworth was crowned champion in this friendly competition between the municipalities of the MRC of Argenteuil! Even if the challenge is now ended, we encourage residents to pursue good habits regarding healthy food, activities and wellness.





PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR YOU

She is a woman, mother of two beautiful daughters, School Commissioner since 2007 and Vice President of its executive committee, volunteer for the Optimist Club for more than 20 years and member of various associations, to resume, a woman socially involved in the community. This woman is our Municipal Inspector, Martine Renaud.

THE ROLE OF THE MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR IN FIVE QUESTIONS

By Aline Gravel

Martine, when did you begin to work for the Municipality?

I was hired in 2004 as an Administrative Assistant. To better do my work, and also because anything of a legal nature interests me, I asked many questions on the laws and the regulations to Christine Bennett who then was the Municipal Inspector. Her passion and the extent of her knowledge inspired me to do this job. The town planning activities were quickly added to my tasks. I then became Assistant Inspector.

How does one become an Inspector?

There are several ways to achieve this. Mine was at first by the gathering of knowledge. Noticing my interest, Christine began to invite me on inspections. I have learned a lot from her, she is a really generous woman. Afterwards I attended several courses with COMBEQ (Corporation des officiers municipaux en bâtiment et en environnement du Québec). Moreover, I was one of the first women, maybe the first one, awarded an OMBE diploma. In fact, I am in continuous training. I regularly attend courses on the laws applicable to municipalities, on new standards and techniques of construction, etc. It is important to remain up-to-date with information as the laws change and because it is a priority to serve citizens well without impairing the collective interest of the community.

I also attend Inspectors' meetings at the MRC. Over the years, thanks to the COMBEQ and the MRC, I have built a vast network of contacts with varied expertises. I do not know everything, but I always know where to obtain the information, *she adds smiling.*

What is the role of the Inspector?

It varies with the size of the municipality. In large municipalities, there are several inspectors therefore they each have more specific functions. For a small municipality like Wentworth, the inspector must be very multi-skilled.

The role of the inspector is to make sure that laws and regulations are adhered to for the common good.

It is to study requests in order to deliver permits and certificates of authorization and proceed with the inspections required by law. People arrive here with a plan of their project, whether it is a house, a cottage, an extension, a garage, ... My role is to make sure that everything goes well for them, that the submitted plans are in accordance with the Régie du bâtiment du Québec and with the existing by-laws and regulations. I inform them of what they are authorized to do.

If the project is not achievable as presented, I try my best to find and propose alternatives for them. Sometimes, their project just does not respect what is allowed in our municipality. I then take time to explain the reasons. It is important for me to do it this way because they have entrusted me with their dreams.

I am also involved with the CCU (Town Planning Advisory committee); I attend meetings of the lake associations when they want clarifications on the regulations; I answer questions of people who want to buy or sell a property; I clarify the information in the by-laws so that they are well understood; I inform people. I can also stop work when there is a security or a health issue or if it does not respect existing by-laws. I help my colleagues when they are overwhelmed. In a small municipality, we cumulate many functions and we help each other as a team.

What do you like most, what are you the most proud of?

The scenery. *Seeing my surprise at this answer, she continued.* I am proud to see that Wentworth in developing with respect for the environment, that people are dedicated to the protection of lakes, nature, animals habitats. I am proud to work for the common good. If Wentworth was not a municipality focussed on the environment, I would not be here because for me, this is a priority.

What do you like least in your work?

Definitively the infraction notices, *she answered me spontaneously.* In some way, I see it as a failure. When things come to that point, it means that I did not succeed in making one understand that what one did was dangerous or against an existing by-law or regulation.

In conclusion is there a message you would like to give to our residents?

I am involved in the community because I love people, I love projects, I like helping. I would like to tell them not to hesitate to contact me. I am available to answer their questions, to meet with them to discuss their projects, to visit their properties. A phone call, an e-mail before undertaking a project takes only a few minutes and can really make a difference.

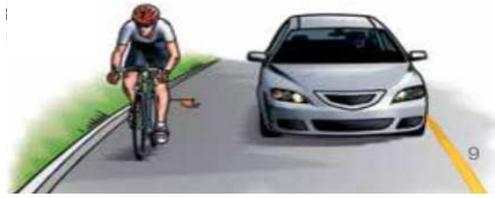
To reach Martine Renaud, your Municipal Inspector, call 450-562-0701 extension 2921 or send an email to mrenaud@wentworth.ca

The Mayor and the Municipal Council, wish to underline Martine's 10 years of service to the Township of Wentworth.

Paula Knudsen thanks Martine for her excellent work and her dedication to the Municipality. Christine Bennett, her supervisor and her colleagues also wanted to mention their appreciation. It is really a great pleasure to work with her.

ROAD SAFETY AND SECURITY

With the beautiful weather, comes the sharing of the roads among the cars, the cyclists and the pedestrians. The Municipality invites you to exercise caution and to respect safety regulations, especially as the danger of accidents is increased on the curvy roads which are throughout the territory.



CYCLISTS

- A properly fitted cycling helmet is essential.
- Wear light coloured and reflective clothing and/or accessories to increase your visibility.
- Always ride on the extreme right of the road and in the direction of the traffic.
- Ride in single file when you are in a group.
- Make sure to have eye contact with drivers before making a manoeuvre to ensure they have seen you.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly one third of fatal accidents affecting cyclists arise after dark between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. A *white headlight* on the front of *your bicycle and a red one in the back* are required to ride during evenings and night, as well as reflectors.

PEDESTRIANS

- Always walk on the side of the road, facing traffic so you can see drivers coming.
- Wear light coloured and reflective clothing and/or accessories to increase your visibility.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are a lot of accessories to ensure the security of your pet. Therefore, reflective or luminous elements such as collars, leashes and harnesses for dog can be found in many pet stores.

DRIVERS

- Respect speed limits
- Slow down when you see a cyclist or a pedestrian
- Be patient when passing a cyclist. Slow down and pass only when it is safe.

**For more information
 Consult the SAAQ (Société
 d'Assurance Automobile du
 Québec) website!**

<http://www.saaq.gouv.qc.ca/>

Pedestrians, cyclists and drivers share the road but also share the responsibility to avoid accidents. Be careful and enjoy the beautiful weather!

VIGILANCE IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL!



NEW BULLETIN BOARDS

In order to continuously improve municipal communications and to favour the distribution of information, the Municipality will soon proceed with the installation of 4 new Bulletin Boards.

**INFORMING THE COMMUNITY
 IS A PRIORITY !**

1. In front of the Municipal Office
2. At the Community Centre
3. At the intersection of Dunany and Boyd
4. At the Municipal Spring at the intersection of Seale and de la Source (to replace the existing Bulletin Board)

* Only Municipal Notices are permitted on these boards

The Municipality also posts on the Bulletin Board of two associations

- Lake Bixley (intersection of du Paradis et des Sapins)
- APGW (intersection of des Tulipes et des Pensées)

NEW!



**Municipalité
 amie des aînés**

We are really proud to announce that Wentworth is now... a MADA—Municipalité amie des aînées ! The aim of the program is to facilitate the social inclusion of seniors and to set up structures to favour their active participation.



Mrs. Lorraine Lyng Fraser, Councillor responsible for the project for seniors (RQA), will work, with the support of the team of the Municipality and in association with Lucie Lafleur, Project Officer of the MRC, to establish policies for the seniors and set up an action plan.

Did you know that, according to Statistics Canada, 92,4% of Wentworth citizens are over 15 years old? That the average age of the population is 53,5 years old?

EARTH DAY—APRIL 22th



To celebrate **Earth Day**, the Municipality gave reusable compact shopping bags to all residents who came to the Office.

We encourage you strongly to pursue your environmental gestures all year long. Here is some tips to help you:

- ✓ Reduce—Reuse—Recycle
- ✓ Compost
- ✓ Avoid overpackaging
- ✓ Buy organic and local as often as possible
- ✓ Use reusable bags
- ✓ Bring back refundable bottles
- ✓ Turn off the lights when you leave a room
- ✓ Save and share seeds
- ✓ Give or bring to the Ecocentre what can be reused
- ✓ Save water
- ✓ Take care of the environment
- ✓ Take care of animals
- ✓ Take care of yourself



Wentworth is one of the proud sponsors of this event that will be held from Saturday July 26th to Sunday August 3rd 2014.

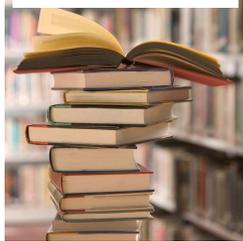
We invite you to go meet artists and artisans from the 15th edition of the Route des Arts.

Visit their website www.routedesarts.ca for more details.



The appreciation for reading, is a key factor for success at school

TELL ME A STORY



The Municipality participated last April in «Tell me a story» week. During that week, community groups, libraries, schools and CPE organized several activities regarding reading.

The objective was to promote reading with the largest number of children possible.

The Municipality is proud to be a partner for the success of our children at school.



ART EXHIBITION



The Township of Wentworth is proud to welcome the summer artistic exhibition of **Dunany Artists**. You will have, at your next visit to the Municipal Office, the chance to appreciate these beautiful paintings.

WENTWORTH WEBSITE
www.wentworth.ca

Visit us regularly to learn all about the latest news !

- ⇒ The Tax Installment dates
- ⇒ The Public Notices
- ⇒ The New By-Laws
- ⇒ The Minutes of Municipal Council Meetings

NEW ON OUR WEBSITE!

- ⇒ Atlas of Lakes
- ⇒ Tax Credit ÉcoRénov and LogiRénov
- ⇒ Vegetation Control by Hydro-Quebec
- ⇒ Zero Violence Policy
- ⇒ And much more

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Aline Gravel

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 450-562-0701 extension 2928

GOOD NEIGHBOURS ECOCENTRE IS OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AND NOW ON WEDNESDAY TOO, UNTIL THANKSGIVING. ALSO OPEN ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS!

Consult your Municipal Directory or visit our website to know which material is accepted and which is not.



NEW ! TAX CREDIT TO RENOVATE YOUR PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE



After the ÉcoRénov program, Mr. Philippe Couillard, Premier of Quebec announced, on Thursday April 24, 2014, the implementation of LogiRénov, a new program offering a tax credit for home renovations.

This new refundable tax credit has been implemented on a **temporary** basis to encourage individuals, be they owners or co-owners of a dwelling, to renovate their principal residence, expand it, adapt it to the special needs of a family member or convert it into an intergenerational home.

Examples of work recognized for the purposes of the LogiRénov tax credit



Do not forget to always verify with the Municipality if a permit is required before undertaking any construction work.

- Renovating one or more rooms of the home (kitchen, bathroom, living room, etc.)
- Finishing the basement
- Replacing floor coverings
- Replacing the plumbing
- Replacing the exterior siding
- Repairing the roofing
- Replacing the rainwater gutters
- Replacing a weeping tile, sanitary drainage, fall pipe or foundation drain

20%
 of savings
 for a maximum of
\$2 500

For more details, consult the Revenu Québec website
<http://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/citoyen/credits/logirenov/default.aspx>

You can click on these icons on our website www.wentworth.ca to be redirected directly.



PLACES OF WORSHIP IN WENTWORTH



ST.AIDAN'S
 Anglican Church
 86, Louisa Rd

Upcoming services
 June 1, 15 : 10 a.m.
 July 6, 20 : 10 a.m.
 August 3, 17 : 10 a.m.



PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD MONASTERY
 Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese
 168, Louisa Rd

Divine Liturgy
 Every Sunday
 10:30 a.m.