



## The Preston Post

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**We are proud of the nation we have built together over the last 144 years. Since the earliest days of our history, Canada has been a land of promise. We have built a society that celebrates achievement and excellence, while at the same time maintaining a strong respect for human rights. Our participation in Celebrate Canada activities brings us together, strengthens our communities, and helps us understand the significance of the citizenship we all share.**

**Events are taking place throughout Elgin-Middlesex-London. Thank you to all of the Canada Day Celebration Committees and the hundreds of volunteers who will be making this year another spectacular celebration.**

Town of Aylmer and the Township of Malahide	5:00pm-9:00pm	East Elgin Community Complex
Aylmer Legion	2:00pm-6:00pm	Aylmer Legion
Port Stanley CanFest July 1-July <a href="http://www.portstanleycanfest.ca">www.portstanleycanfest.ca</a>	All weekend long	Throughout the village
Township of Southwold- <b>June 30</b>	7:00pm-10:00pm	Fingal Ball Diamond
Port Burwell Fun Fair	10am-3pm	
West Elgin July 1-3		Throughout the community
Municipality of Dutton-Dunwich <a href="http://duttondunwich.iwebez.com/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=5">http://duttondunwich.iwebez.com/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=5</a>	Start-5:00pm	Scotland Park
City of St. Thomas	Start-8:00am	Pinafore Park
City of St. Thomas <a href="http://www.city.st-thomas.on.ca/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=407&amp;MonthView=7&amp;YearView=2011">http://www.city.st-thomas.on.ca/siteengine/ActivePage.asp?PageID=407&amp;MonthView=7&amp;YearView=2011</a>	5:00pm-10:00	Doug Tarry Complex
Municipality of Thames Centre <a href="http://www.thamescentre.on.ca/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=194&amp;Itemid=216">http://www.thamescentre.on.ca/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=194&amp;Itemid=216</a>	Start-8:00am	Dorchester Recreational Centre
City of London <a href="http://www.london.ca/d.aspx?s=/Events_Planning/Event_Listings.htm">http://www.london.ca/d.aspx?s=/Events_Planning/Event_Listings.htm</a>		

### **Local News and Events**

ICE, the **Innovation Centre for Entrepreneurs**, celebrated their opening after months of construction, and it couldn't be timelier. The Government of Canada recognized 2011 as the Year of the Entrepreneur, highlighting the essential role that small and medium-sized businesses will play in securing Canada's ongoing economic recovery. ICE, a 5,500 square foot facility, is St. Thomas and Elgin County's first mixed-use business incubator. Through ICE's incubation program client businesses will be better poised to compete in the marketplace and will increase the likelihood of their businesses succeeding over the long term. For more information and photos, visit:

<http://www.joeprestonmp.ca/photo-gallery/ice-grand-opening>

**Camp Woodeden** has been a home away from home for children, youth and young adults with physical disabilities for the past 65 years. The fully accessible activity centre is comprised of two buildings and includes a full-size gym, indoor climbing wall, amphitheatre, sports equipment storage areas, multi-purpose rooms, and change room facilities. The facility will enable Camp Woodeden to offer an even wider range of athletic and cultural activities to children and youth with physical abilities. For more information and photos, visit:

<http://www.joeprestonmp.ca/news/new-facility-at-camp-woodeden-benefits-youth-with-disabilities>

Rachel Houston was awarded First Place in the **2011 Elgin-Middlesex-London Poster Challenge**. Houston, a Grade 5 student at St. Anne's Elementary School in St. Thomas submitted her poster under the theme "Canada~ A Proud Past, a Bright Future." Posters submitted to the constituency office were voted on by the general public who visited the office.

### **Government Happenings**

The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, today welcomed the passage of **Bill C-3**, which received Royal Assent in Parliament yesterday. The ***Supporting Vulnerable Seniors and Strengthening Canada's Economy Act*** implements key measures from Budget 2011—the Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan: A Low-Tax Plan for Jobs and Growth.

"With a strong mandate from Canadians, the Government of Canada has acted decisively to ensure this important budget legislation is passed on a timely basis," said Minister Flaherty. "As a result, Canada's most vulnerable seniors can count on a top-up to their Guaranteed Income Supplement effective July 1, 2011, as promised." For more information, visit <http://www.fin.gc.ca/n11/11-051-eng.asp>

The **Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health**, issued the following statement:

This morning I was briefed by Dr. Alain Beaudet, President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), who chaired a meeting yesterday with the Scientific Expert Working Group on **Chronic Cerebrospinal Venous**

### **Insufficiency (CCSVI) and Multiple Sclerosis (MS).**

Patients and their families have been calling for the funding of a clinical trial on a treatment to unblock veins. Our government has been clear that we are prepared to fund a clinical trial, but only when there was sufficient medical and scientific information to support it proceeding safely.

[http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/nr-cp/\\_2011/2011\\_87-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/nr-cp/_2011/2011_87-eng.php)

### **Canada's Environment Minister, the Honourable Peter Kent,** announced that the Government is moving ahead with the **2 percent renewable content requirement in diesel fuel and heating oil.**

"Our Government will continue to ensure that protecting our environment, while balancing economic growth and prosperity remains our priority", said Minister Kent. "The steps we are taking on renewable fuels, combined with those of the provinces, will ensure a volume of renewable fuel that will reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by about four megatonnes a year--the equivalent of removing one million vehicles from the road."

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=714D9AAE-1&news=51700503-B277-4951-9DDD-2CDDE62C501A>

### **Program Information Update**

The **Canada Pension Plan (CPP)** is changing to better reflect how Canadians choose to live, work, and retire. The Government of Canada is adapting the CPP to ensure it remains fair and sustainable, and that it responds to the evolving needs of Canada's aging population and to changes in the economy and labour market. For information, visit:

[http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/isp/pub/factsheets/ISPB-348-11-10\\_E.pdf](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/isp/pub/factsheets/ISPB-348-11-10_E.pdf)

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