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## Police seeking witnesses to hit and run

**LEAMINGTON** – The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are looking for witnesses to a fail to remain motor vehicle collision that occurred on March 2 in Leamington.

At approximately 6:45 a.m., a teenaged girl was using the crosswalk at the corner of Elliott St. and Talbot St. W. when she was struck by a white Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) or van that immediately left the scene without stopping.

The suspect vehicle may have sustained front-end damage and was last observed travelling north on Elliott St.

The victim was transported to hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Anyone who may have witnessed this collision or has information regarding the involved driver or vehicle is asked to contact the OPP at 519-326-2544.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or leave an anonymous online message at [www.catchcrooks.com](http://www.catchcrooks.com) where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.



## Chilifest fundraiser for SECC

**LEAMINGTON** – Another successful Chilifest was held by South Essex Community Council's (SECC) on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Leamington Portuguese Club. Hundreds of supporters came out to try more than two dozen chilis, baked potatoes, nachos, vegetables, cake and raffle prizes, all donated by local businesses and community groups. The event raises money for SECC'S transportation services, which provide accessible and affordable transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities. Pictured here, Leamington Mayor Hilda MacDonald, left, and Stephanie Abbruzzese, centre, and Danielle Laprade, from Pelee Bistro, Leamington Best Western, had fun on Wednesday, Feb. 26 ladling chili at the SECC Chilifest.

(Southpoint Sun Photos)

## Prescribed fires planned at Point Pelee Park

**LEAMINGTON** – Parks Canada plans to conduct prescribed fires at Point Pelee National Park between March 2 and April 15 when conditions are favourable.

Prescribed fires contribute to the restoration of Point Pelee National Park's globally rare savannah ecosystem by releasing nutrients, reducing the number of exotic plants, preventing the spread of invading shrubs and trees, encouraging native seed germination, and improving habitat for species at risk.

This prescribed fire program is an important part of the park's Lake Erie Sand Spit Savannah restoration project.

Prescribed fires planned for 2020 will be located in Anders Field (5 hectares), DeLaurier (1.1 hectares), Cactus Field (3.07 hectares), Sleepy Hollow (1.97 hectares), and along the southern portion of the western shoreline (2.20 hectares).

Safety is of the utmost importance for Parks Canada. Point Pelee National Park will remain open to visitors during the prescribed fires; however, some areas will be closed for short periods of time to ensure the safety of visitors and team members.

The prescribed fires will only be initiated when the environmental and weather conditions are suitable. Extensive planning and careful execution will ensure that the prescribed fires are controlled and contained within predetermined boundaries. Some smoke will be present and visible, but team members will monitor wind conditions and direct smoke away from publicly used areas to the extent possible.

Parks Canada is a leader in conservation. Fire is an important natural process in restoring healthy, resilient ecosystems that support a variety of birds, butterflies, and species at risk which depend on open, sunny savannah habitat to survive.

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