



The Blue Mountains & Area  
**Sustainability Summit**

**April 25, 2024**

Free Event  
Registration Required



### Exploring a Regional Green Economy

The Town of The Blue Mountains is excited to announce its first annual Sustainability Summit, taking place on Thursday April 25, 2024! Blue Mountain Village Conference Centre, 242 Jozo Weider Blvd, Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Free Event (registration required)

The Sustainability Summit is an important event for businesses, organizations, and local governments as they converge from across Grey County, Southern Georgian Bay and neighbouring areas. Participants will explore green economy concepts, including the circular economy, which focuses on reducing and diverting waste and lays the foundation for a new regional Green Economy Hub following the Green Economy Canada model.

The Blue Mountains Future Story, the Town's community sustainability plan, guides us towards collaborative action in creating climate solutions, fostering sustainable neighbourhoods, and cultivating a culture of innovation and prosperity. A Sustainability Summit is one of the Town's Bold Actions to help build partnerships, share best practices, and inspire regional action as we work together towards a sustainable future.

Sign up using this link [www.exploreblue.ca/sustainability-summit](http://www.exploreblue.ca/sustainability-summit)

### Grey Road 40 Reconstruction and Widening

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public of upcoming Grey County road projects happening within the Town of The Blue Mountains.

#### Grey Road 40 Reconstruction and Widening

Work is scheduled from early May to late September from Grey Road 13 in the Town of The Blue Mountains to Grey Road 7 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands. The project will include culvert and guiderail replacement, and widening to include paved shoulders. This project will include alternating lane closures at times.

#### Public Information Session

Grey County is hosting a come-and-go public information session regarding this project on Thursday, April 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg. All those interested are invited to attend.

The county would like to remind the public that planned construction dates are estimated, and that projects may be impacted by weather conditions and other delays. Please plan your routes accordingly and allow extra time to safely reach your destination if travelling through a construction zone. Obey all posted signage and use extra caution when workers are present.

To find more about current road conditions and closures across Grey County, residents can visit [www.roads.grey.ca](http://www.roads.grey.ca).

For additional information, please contact:

Grey County, Transportation Inquiries (519) 376-7337 ext. 1217  
[roads@grey.ca](mailto:roads@grey.ca)

*Mayor Andrea Matrosovs of The Blue Mountains will be among 100 mayors around the world to receive funding through Bloomberg Philanthropies' first-ever Youth Climate Action Fund. The fund aims to turbocharge youth-led action on climate change by giving mayors funding and technical support to award to leading young changemakers in their municipalities.*

### BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES LAUNCHES YOUTH ACTION FUND TO ACTIVATE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DRIVING CLIMATE SOLUTIONS IN 100 CITIES ACROSS THE GLOBE

100 cities will receive funding and technical assistance to spur a groundswell of youth-driven climate activity

New York, New York – (April 10, 2024) – With 84 percent of youth around the world reporting that they are worried climate change threatens people and the planet, Bloomberg Philanthropies today launched the Youth Climate Action Fund which will provide technical assistance and funding for 100 mayors to activate tens of thousands of young people ages of 15 – 24 years to design, produce, and govern urgent climate solutions in their cities. The cities in the Fund span 38 countries across six continents, representing over 62 million residents.

Each city will receive \$50,000 to distribute as microgrants to fund a groundswell of youth-led climate initiatives that meet local contexts and objectives. From mobilizing tree-planting or public education campaigns to launching recycling or waste reduction initiatives to participating in mitigation planning or preparedness programs, efforts stemming from the new Youth Climate Action Fund will advance critical community goals such as meeting decarbonization commitments or reducing consumption-based emissions. Cities that respond to the urgency of the moment and commit the initial \$50,000 within six months will receive an additional \$100,000 to support more youth-driven projects over the course of one year.

"Climate change is an all-hands-on-deck challenge, and it's critical that young people – who have the most at stake – help lead the way," said Michael R. Bloomberg, UN Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions and 108th mayor of New York City. "This new fund will help mayors mobilize and empower tomorrow's leaders to take action today."

The climate crisis poses an existential threat to communities, and mayors are the first and last mile of response: tackling emergencies and trialing interventions from the frontlines. Over the last decade, local governments have played a critical role in climate mitigation and adaptation – and this is only expected to grow in the coming

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decade. Many cities are reducing per capita emissions faster than their national governments.

However, with more than 60 percent of young people saying that government is not doing enough to avoid climate catastrophe or taking their concerns seriously enough, few city halls have the organizational capacity, capabilities, and confidence to unleash youth energy on solution-building. Kickstarted at the Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Innovation Studio at COP28, as a part of the Local Climate Action Summit, the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund will provide the cities with the tools, techniques, and supports to leverage innovation approaches that invite and foster robust youth collaboration in climate problem-solving and policymaking. The program will be delivered by United Cities and Local Governments in partnership with the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University. C40 Cities and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy will collaborate as learning partners.

"United Cities and Local Governments is thrilled to join Bloomberg Philanthropies in celebrating the cities around the world that are joining the Youth Climate Action Fund—and partnering with the organization on this work," said Emilia Sáiz, Secretary General for United Cities and Local Governments. "Youth today are the guardians of our future, and in bringing them together with local governments through this groundbreaking initiative, we will see cities reach newfound progress in shaping more resilient and regenerative communities that can act on the climate emergency in entirely new ways."

"In order for cities to catalyze ever broadening, ever more ambitious efforts, they'll need to continue to shift away from traditional, top-down models to those that solicit ideas and crowd in energy from across the community, including and especially from young people who are so vested in solving the climate crisis," said James Anderson, who leads the Government Innovation program at Bloomberg Philanthropies. "Bloomberg Philanthropies' Youth Climate Action Fund will provide a springboard for mayors worldwide to put these lessons to work and launch a tidal wave of youth-driven activity that takes local climate action to the next level."

"The most successful climate action centers people," said Antha Williams, who leads the Environment program at Bloomberg Philanthropies. "The Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund will help marshal a new era for cities by providing technical expertise and funds to deliver the hope, perspective, and talents of young people to help address the climate crisis head-on and build more sustainable cities for generations to come."

Through the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund, mayors will launch open calls in their cities for new and ambitious climate efforts led by young people. These ideas may include:

Youth-led awareness, education, research, and development initiatives, including: youth-led climate education programs; youth



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climate hackathons; youth-developed climate surveys and research; youth-informed clubs or curriculum; and youth-designed public art and awareness campaigns.

Youth-driven climate mitigation and adaptation projects, including: youth-led community gardening, tree planting, reforestation, and urban farming campaigns; youth-managed recycling and waste reduction programs; and youth-produced climate resilience workshops and disaster preparedness programs.

Co-governed youth climate action plans, including: partnerships between city leaders and youth groups to inform climate-related policy ideas, decisions, or actions or the formation of youth climate ambassadors or advisory boards.

The 100 cities selected to participate in the Youth Climate Action Fund include: Accra, Ghana; Allentown, Pennsylvania; Allerød, Denmark; Alor Gajah, Malaysia; Athens, Greece; Atlanta, Georgia; Avellaneda, Argentina; Banjul, The Gambia; Belmopan, Belize; Billund, Denmark; Bo, Sierra Leone; Boise, Idaho; Borongan, Philippines; Bristol, United Kingdom; Broward County, Florida; Bulawayo, Zimbabwe; Casablanca, Morocco; Cerro Navia, Chile; Chefchaouen, Morocco; Cincinnati, Ohio; Columbia, South Carolina; Columbus, Ohio; Córdoba, Argentina; Cuenca, Ecuador; Curvelo, Brazil; Despeñaderos, Argentina; Dubuque, Iowa; Embu, Kenya; Esteban Echeverria, Argentina; Flint, Michigan; Freetown, Sierra Leone; Glasgow, United Kingdom; Guarulhos, Brazil; Guatemala City, Guatemala; **Guelph, Canada**; Haderslev, Denmark; **Halifax, Canada**; Hang Tuah Jaya, Malaysia; Hastings-on-Hudson, New York; Hobart, Australia; Hoboken, New Jersey; Hudson Valley, New York; Irbid, Jordan; Kampala, Uganda; Kerewan, The Gambia; **Kitchener, Canada**; Kitwe, Zambia; Kumasi, Ghana; La Crosse, Wisconsin; Lansing, Michigan; Long Beach, California; Luján de Cuyo, Argentina; Lusaka, Zambia; Madison, Wisconsin; Madugandí, Panamá; Maipú, Chile; Mansa, Zambia; Masaka City, Uganda; Melbourne, Australia; Mendoza, Argentina; Menjez, Lebanon; Mesa, Arizona; Mogi das Cruzes, Brazil; Montego Bay, Jamaica; Mykolaiv, Ukraine; Nansana, Uganda; New Orleans, Louisiana; **New Westminster, Canada**; Newcastle, Australia; Norddjurs, Denmark; Nouakchott, Mauritania; **Oakville, Canada**; Oberlin, Ohio; Paterson, New Jersey; Pérez, Argentina; Pikine, Senegal; Puerto Barrios, Guatemala; Quelimane, Mozambique; Quillota, Chile; Recife, Brazil; Reykjavik, Iceland; Rosario, Argentina; San Francisco, Camotes, Cebu, Philippines; Santiago, Chile; Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana; Skopje, North Macedonia; Sobral, Brazil; Tandil, Argentina; **The Blue Mountains, Canada**; Tirana, Albania; Tolhuin, Argentina; Trujillo, Honduras; Turin, Italy; Turku, Finland; Vejen, Denmark; Walvis Bay, Namibia; West Palm Beach, Florida; West Sacramento, California; White Plains, New York; and Zanzibar, Tanzania.



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# blue mountain film + media festival

**CREATIVE FORUM (FILM & TELEVISION): MAY 30 – 31, 2024**

**CREATIVE FORUM (DIGITAL MEDIA): MAY 31 – JUNE 1, 2024**

Creative Forum has been extended to three days, with two separate parts: the original Film & TV forum on May 30 and May 31, and a new Digital Media event on May 31 and June 1 in collaboration with Buffer Festival. A combo pass is available for all three days. The newly rebranded BMFM promises to deliver an immersive experience for industry professionals and digital creators alike, all set against the backdrop of the majestic Blue Mountains.

Added to the Creative Forum Film & TV schedule are a **TV Directing Masterclass** led by award-winning feature film and television director Jeremy Podeswa on Thursday, May 30 with the morning of Friday, May 31 dedicated to Breakfast, a panel and Gondola Meetings with TV Broadcasting Execs & Producers. Confirmed participating industry executives include:

- Rachel Nelson, VP Original Programming, Corus Entertainment & Head of Corus Studios
- Carlyn Klebuc, General Manager, Original Programming, Bell Media
- Jocelyn Hamilton, President, Television, eOne Canada
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- Adam Feigen, Development Executive, Series and Movies, Incendo Media
- Daniel Beckerman, President, Good Question Media
- Matt Orenstein, VP Acquisitions and Strategy, Vortex Media
- Moira Holmes, President, Film Finances Canada

"The participation of TV executives this year offers up an excellent opportunity for mid-level and emerging creators to connect with the country's major decision makers - which could be a game changer for their projects. That Blue Mountain is such a short trip also makes for significant savings in terms of annual travel budgets." said Helen duToit, Artistic Director of BMFM.

**Creative Forum focusing on Digital Media** on May 31 and June 1 will feature industry trailblazers offering cutting-edge insights and innovative strategies. Newly added panels include:

- 30 minutes with YouTube: Featuring Maria Cortellucci, Top Creator Lead YouTube Canada and Stephanie Wilson Chapin, Strategic Partner Manager, News, Sports & TV, YouTube Canada
- 30 Minutes with TikTok
- The Road To Success as a Digital Creator
- Making and Self Distributing Films for an Online Audience
- The Next Wave of Content and Storytelling: Gaming 101
- Breakfast and Lunch with Mentors and Buffer Festival Screening with:
  - Maria Cortellucci, Top Creator Lead YouTube Canada
  - Corey Tonge - Creator/Gaming
  - Corrado Coia - Buffer Festival
  - Marie Stella - Creator/ filmmaker
  - Tope Babalola - Creator/filmmaker
  - Zach Ramelan - Creator/filmmaker
  - Ryan Ng - Creator/filmmaker
  - Underknown - Creators "What If"
  - Julie Nolke - Creator/filmmaker/actor

"Buffer Festival is really excited to bring its programming to Blue Mountain. Aspiring and emerging Creators will get a chance to learn and network with Ontario's best, and get a chance to see Creators' films on the big screen in a special Buffer Screening," said Scott Benzie, Chief Executive Officer of Buffer Festival.

BMFM aims to unveil unique networking and educational opportunities, allowing attendees to connect with senior decision-makers and producers in intimate settings that go beyond the ordinary. Early bird passes and special hotel rates starting from \$179/night (plus applicable taxes) are now available for Creative Forum attendees. <https://bluemtnfilmfest.ca/creative-forum/>



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# Canadian Budget 2024

The Government of Canada's Budget 2024 will be tabled in the House of Commons by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

In recent days, the Prime Minister announced new action in advance of Budget 2024 to ensure fairness for every generation. Budget 2024 will:

- Restore generational fairness for renters, particularly Millennials and Gen Z, by taking new action to protect renters' rights and unlock pathways for them to become homeowners.
- Save more young families money and help more moms return to their careers by building more affordable child care spaces and training more early childhood educators across Canada.
- Create a National School Food Program to provide meals to about 400,000 kids every year and help ensure every child has the best start in life, no matter their circumstances.
- Launch a new \$6 billion Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund to accelerate the construction or upgrade of essential infrastructure across the country and get more homes built for Canadians.
- Top-up the Apartment Construction Loan Program with \$15 billion, make new reforms so it is easier to access, and launch Canada Builds to call on all provinces and territories to join a Team Canada effort to build more homes, faster.

The new Canada Rental Protection Fund builds on other initiatives we have implemented to help maintain a resilient community housing sector and deliver below-market housing options in Canada, including:

**The Affordable Housing Fund**, a \$14+ billion initiative that supports the creation of affordable rental housing and the repair and renewal of existing housing. It is designed to attract partnerships and investments to develop projects that meet a broad spectrum of housing needs, from shelters to mixed-income and mixed-use rentals. As of December 31, 2023, the Fund has committed \$8+ billion to repair or renew over 150,000 homes and support the construction of more than 32,000 new homes.

**The Rapid Housing Initiative**, a \$4 billion fund that is fast-tracking the construction of 15,500 new affordable homes for people experiencing homelessness or in severe housing need by 2026. The Rapid Housing Initiative also supports the acquisition of existing buildings for the purpose of rehabilitation or conversion to permanent affordable housing units, focusing on the housing needs of the most vulnerable, including people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, women fleeing domestic violence, seniors, Indigenous Peoples, and persons with disabilities.

**The Federal Community Housing Initiative**, a \$600+ million initiative that provides funding to federally administered community housing providers to stabilize their operations, subsidize rents for tenants in need, and maintain the current federally administered community housing stock, which includes 55,000 households.

Canada's economic plan is to build more homes faster and to make housing more affordable. This plan also includes:

**The Apartment Construction Loan Program**, a \$40 billion initiative that will be topped up with an additional \$15 billion in Budget 2024 to boost the construction of new rental homes by providing low-cost financing to homebuilders. Since 2017, the Apartment Construction Loan Program has committed over \$18 billion in loans to support the creation of more than 48,000 new rental homes. With yesterday's announcement, the Apartment Construction Loan Program is now on track to help build over 131,000 new rental homes across Canada by 2031-32.

**The Housing Accelerator Fund**, a \$4 billion initiative that will be topped up with an additional \$400 million in Budget 2024 to encourage municipalities to incentivize building by making transformative changes, such as removing prohibitive zoning barriers. To date, the federal government has signed 179 Housing Accelerator Fund agreements which, combined, will fast-track an estimated total of over 750,000 housing units across the country over the next decade. [www.placetocallhome.ca](http://www.placetocallhome.ca).

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### Notice of Public Information Centre Bay Street East Reconstruction

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public of an upcoming virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) that has been scheduled regarding the Bay Street East Reconstruction project. This PIC is being held to gather initial input on the project from stakeholders and residents. The meeting will include a public comment and question period. All those interested in the project are invited to attend. Pre-registration is required.

**What:** Virtual Public Information Centre (Microsoft Teams)

**When:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To register, please visit the project webpage:  
[www.thebluemountains.ca/BayStreetEast](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/BayStreetEast)

#### What is being proposed?

The Town of The Blue Mountains needs to install a secondary sanitary forcemain from the Mill Street Pumping Station to the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant (TWWTP) to service growth in the west portion of the municipality. The secondary forcemain will begin at the Mill Street Sewage Pumping Station and follow Bay Street East to Grey Street, and then proceed south on Grey Street to the treatment plant.

The Town's Asset Management Plan indicates that the sanitary sewer and watermain on Bay Street is in poor to very poor condition and is approaching the end of its useful life. Considering that Bay Street will be significantly disturbed from Mill Street to Grey Street for the installation of the secondary forcemain, this provides a good opportunity to reconstruct the entire road to ensure that the watermain, sewers and stormwater systems are updated and adequate for the next 50-75 years. The project will also see the installation of a new outfall pipe on Grey Street from the TWWTP to Georgian Bay.

The Town hosted a Neighbourhood Meeting on Saturday, December 2 at Bayview Park. The Town's project team was able to illustrate some of the challenges they face based on existing conditions, and residents were able to share their concerns and thoughts on different elements of the project including active transportation options, impacts to trees, traffic calming measures, road alignments and drainage and stormwater management.

The feedback gathered from the Neighbourhood Meeting, along with regulatory requirements, the Town's Official Plan, Transportation Master Plan and Engineering Standards has been used to inform the preliminary design alternatives and prepare for this first Public Information Centre.

#### Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact one of the people listed below.

##### WT Infrastructure Solutions Inc.

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#### Project Timeline

- Design and Engineering - Completed Q4 2024 (est.)
- Construction - Beginning Q2 2025 (est.)
- Completion - Q4 2026 (est.)

#### Public Consultation

A Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to gather input from stakeholders and residents. All those interested in the project are invited to attend. The meeting will include a public comment and question period.

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024

Start Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Platform: Microsoft Teams

Registration for the meeting is mandatory to receive a link to attend the virtual meeting. Please visit the project web page to register for the meeting and to sign up for notifications as project updates become available.

#### Where do I find more information?

A dedicated project page has been added to the Town's website at: [www.thebluemountains.ca/BayStreetEast](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/BayStreetEast)





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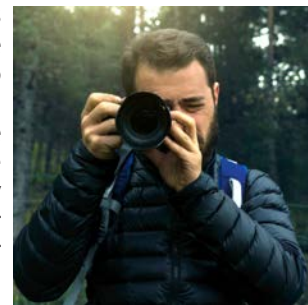
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## Through the Wild Lens Photo Contest

The Blue Mountains Public Library is pleased to announce the "Through the Wild Lens" Photo Contest which is open to individuals of all ages. This competition is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your photography skills and capture the beauty of nature in our local community from your unique perspective. Whether you're drawn to landscapes, wildlife, or stunning sunsets, we encourage you to participate in this contest and share your love for nature through the art of photography. The winning photographs will be featured in the Craighleith Heritage Depot's Natural Heritage exhibit space, providing a physical showcase for talented photographers.



**Eligibility:** Open to participants of all ages.

**Submission Period:** The contest opens on April 22nd, coinciding with Earth Day, and runs until May 31st, giving participants ample time to capture and submit their best shots.

**Themes:** Embrace the diverse facets of our local nature – from landscapes and wildlife to breathtaking sunsets. Let your creativity shine through your lens.

**Submission Guidelines:** Participants can submit their entries via email at [LibraryPrograms@TheBlueMountains.ca](mailto:LibraryPrograms@TheBlueMountains.ca). Ensure that each submission reflects the essence of our local natural world and aligns with the themes of the contest. Remember to include your name, age, contact info and location of your image.

**Prizes:** Exciting prizes will be awarded to the winners, celebrating their talent and contribution to the appreciation of our natural heritage.

We are excited to see the community's collective love for nature unfold through the lenses of our talented participants.

**The photo contest closes on May 31st, 2024.**

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# Ontario Building More Inclusive Communities

Applications now open for 2024-25 Inclusive Community Grants

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$750,000 this year to help communities across the province become more age-friendly and accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

Applications for the 2024-25 cycle of Inclusive Community Grants are open. These grants provide municipalities, non-profit organizations, and Indigenous communities with up to \$60,000 for local projects that will help older adults and people with disabilities participate in community life.

“We know that everyone benefits from inclusive communities that support independent, active living and help reduce social isolation by removing barriers,” said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. “That’s why I’m proud to announce the launch of the latest round of funding for Inclusive Community Grants, which will help enable older adults and people with disabilities to contribute to all aspects of community life.”

Since the Inclusive Community Grants Program was created in 2020, the Ontario government has provided up to \$4.5 million to support 87 projects in communities across Ontario. Last year, the funding supported important projects such as:

- Haliburton’s Abbey Gardens Community Trust to establish an accessible recreational trail system for people of all abilities.
- The City of Kenora’s third phase of their Norman Park Accessibility project that will build the only fully accessible park with lake/beach access in the area.
- Madawaska Valley to install new fully accessible, wheelchair-friendly, all-weather picnic tables in seven municipal parks.
- Sault Ste. Marie’s Pointe Des Chenes Day Park and Beach to update

paths, adding Mobi mats for beach access, and making bathroom and change rooms more wheelchair friendly.

- Tay Valley Township to introduce new accessible, age-friendly sports and recreation activities and programs for 300 local residents in eight rural communities.

This year, Ontario is prioritizing projects focused on increasing access to outdoor spaces and promoting and increasing accessible housing and transportation. Applications for Inclusive Community Grants are available at [Ontario.ca/GetFunding](https://Ontario.ca/GetFunding). **Eligible organizations have until May 22, 2024 to submit their applications.**



## Remembering the River Rat Race

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April 17 - May 18



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#### Wed April 17: Into the Orchards

- Films: "Apple Industry" & "Apple Harvest"
- Speaker: TK Ferri Orchards on Abandoned Orchards

#### Tues April 23: On the Hill & In the Bay

- Films: "Ski Industry" & "Mary Ward 360"
- Speaker: Toronto Ski Club on 100th Anniversary

#### Tues April 30: Amid Indigeneity

- Films: "Indigenous History" & "Pathway 360"
- Speaker: Heather McIntyre on her Indigenous Journey

#### Tues May 7: Through Ancient Rocks & Trees

- Films: "Niagara Escarpment" & "Craigleith Fossils"
- Speaker: Stu Collier on local Fossils and identification

#### Sat May 18: Beyond Blue Mountain Pottery

- (at The Simcoe Street Theatre, Collingwood)
- Film: "Blue Clay"
- Speaker: Tracey Strnad filmmaker Q&A

For information & to register visit [www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/museum/reel-history-films/reel-history-film-festival](http://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/museum/reel-history-films/reel-history-film-festival)  
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The Summer Company Program offers high school and post-secondary students the opportunity to start and manage their own summer business. Successful applicants will receive a grant of up to \$3,000 as well as valuable training and mentorship from local business leaders.

Applications for the Starter Company Plus are open until April 19 at [grey.ca/bec](http://grey.ca/bec). Summer Company Program applications are currently open until **May 17** at [ontario.ca/page/start-summer-company-students](http://ontario.ca/page/start-summer-company-students) for students between the ages of 15-29.

The Business Enterprise Centre offers mentorship and can connect business owners with advisors or training or help point people to additional tools. Visit [grey.ca/bec](http://grey.ca/bec) for more information or email [bec@grey.ca](mailto:bec@grey.ca).

## Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority parking passes are now available to borrow

Did you know the Library loans passes for Ontario Parks, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, and Nottawasaga Conservation Authority? The new Nottawasaga Conservation Authority parking passes can be borrowed for a week. You can pick them up at both L.E. Shore Library and the Craigeith Depot. These passes allow one vehicle and its passengers to access nine Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority properties: Fort Willow, Glencairn, Minesing Wetlands, Nottawasaga Bluffs, Osprey Wetlands, Petun, Tiffin, Utopia, and Elba Wetlands.

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April 17, 2024 at the  
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## "Pitch-In Week" Community Cleanups



Monday, April 22, 2024

Little River Park 10am - 12pm

Join us for an Earth Day cleanup along Georgian Bay, rain or shine!



Saturday, April 27, 2024

Lion's Park Pavillion 10am - 12pm

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Saturday, April 27, 2024 12pm-2pm

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Saturday, April 27, 2024

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# Earth Calling

Thursday April 25th  
L.E. Shore Library

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- Inner Yogies 3:00- 4:30pm
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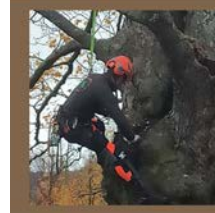
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Events for Life

MAY 11, 2024

# CLOTHING SALE

NEW AND GENTLY USED  
WOMENS SEASONAL  
CLOTHING  
AND ALL ACCESSORIES  
8:30 TO 12:30  
BVCC

**TBM Repair Café**  
140 Bruce St. S. Thornbury

Saturday, May 25th  
9am-Noon

Bring broken items for free repair  
and enjoy a snack.

Go **Green** for a better **Blue!**  
[www.repaircafethebluemountains.ca](http://www.repaircafethebluemountains.ca)

## LUNCH BUNCH 4th Tuesday

Tuesday, May 28th at 12:00

Come for lunch and bring a friend  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 165 Russell St. E., Thornbury





# SPRING LICIOUS

APRIL 2 - MAY 17

Available Sunday - Friday



Indulge in the culinary creativity of our Village Chefs



Featuring specially Curated prix fixe menus



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For more details visit:

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Don't Forget Chicken too!



# LOBSTER FEST

Lobster, BBQ Chicken, Bun Baked Potato, Salad, Dessert

TAKE OUT

Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury

SATURDAY MAY 25

Tickets \$80.00 per person

For information and to order tickets

visit [www.lobsterfestblue.ca](http://www.lobsterfestblue.ca)

or call 519-599-3345

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## Calling all Canadian Artists and Film Enthusiasts!

The Blue Mountain Film + Media Festival is thrilled to announce our poster design contest, offering you the opportunity to showcase your talent and contribute to the festival's visual identity.

We invite Canadian artists aged 18 and above to participate in a captivating opportunity to showcase their artistic prowess and contribute to the festival's visual identity. Embodying the theme "See the World Through Blue," the chosen artwork will serve as the official poster for the Blue Mountain Film Festival. The winner will receive a \$1000 cash prize and tickets to the Opening Film & Party. <https://bluemtnfilmfest.ca/contests/>



Join us on Sat, May 25, 2024

IG Walk for Alzheimer's

Thornbury, ON - Bayview Park Pavillion

9:00am Registration - 10:00am Opening Ceremonies

REGISTER AT:

[www.walkforalzheimers.ca](http://www.walkforalzheimers.ca)



Alzheimer Society  
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Who are YOU

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