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On Monday April 22nd, a group of Astec Thornbury employees took some time out of their day to help clean-up our community to recognize Earth Day. Employees were able to gather about 20 bags of garbage from the surrounding area in town.

Update to Resident Parking Pass for Council Consideration on April 29

Staff are implementing Council's directive in relation to the resident parking pass. A change to the current parking pass eligibility criteria may require a Council reconsideration. Staff have outlined the following options below for Council's consideration:

OPTION #1 – "Hybrid Parking Pass System" Include a hybrid option in relation to the parking pass system which would provide residents the option to purchase a maximum of two parking pass hangers for their exclusive use for the balance of 2024 for eligible residents. These hangers would be available to purchase at a cost of \$5.00 which represents the costs associated with the administration only. Staff would be required to keep a spreadsheet to track the residents who have purchased the two parking passes, and this will create additional staff input. Staff will have no control over whether the passes will be used for their intended use. There is no budget for the purchase of the parking pass hangers for the 2024 year.

OPTION #2 – "Continue with the current Resident Parking Pass Registration System, launched in January, 2024" Continue with the registration of digital license plate registration as intended for the parking enforcement program. This will require residents to register their plates each year through the Town's website portal, through an APP or through personal attendance at Town Hall.

OPTION #3 – "Discontinue current Resident Parking Pass Registration System that was launched in January 2024". Discontinuing free parking for residents and free parking registration. This means that residents would also be required to pay for parking at the designated areas within the Town.

OPTION #4 – "Dissolve Paid Parking Program" Dissolve the paid parking program and canvass other areas where the paid parking revenue can be captured. This is not ideal as the paid parking program currently generates substantial revenue for the Town. Full report Apr 29 Council Agenda www.thebluemountains.ca



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Volunteers needed for a Tree Care Day at Delphi Point Park – May 13, 2024

Tree Trust TBM is looking for volunteers on Monday, May 13, 5 – 7 pm, rain or shine to help with critically important tree-care, helping to distribute compost and mulch to recently planted trees in Delphi Point Park. Volunteers are asked to bring garden gloves, footwear suitable for gardening, and a rake or shovel if you have one. Delphi Point Park is located off of Delphi Lane and Hwy 26 (209233 ON-26, Clarksburg). We look forward to seeing you there, and working together to give these trees some TLC.

Initiating the Public Consultation Process for the Potential Disposition of 171 King Street -Council Agenda April 29

On March 11, 2024, Council directed staff to bring forward a staff report that would provide Council the opportunity to initiate a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process that would allow proposals to be received by the Town outlining potential uses for the 171 King Street property.

Previously the Town had partnered with The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation (BMAHC) on what was referred to as the "Attainable Housing Gateway Project". This project proposed the transfer of 171 King Street from the Town to the BMAHC for the development of an eighty (80) unit Attainable Housing Build. However, the Attainable Housing Gateway Project did not move forward. As such, Council now has the opportunity to consider alternative proposals where the potential of declaring the lands surplus prior to these considerations should be completed.

The proposal will be for Council to direct staff to schedule a Public Meeting on June 25, 2024 to receive comments from the public regarding the proposal to declare 171 King Street as surplus to the needs of the Corporation specifically for the purposes of a competitive Request for Proposal process; and that Council acknowledges that the provisions of the "Provision of Notice and Manner of Giving Notice to the Public Policy, requires 21 days' notice of this Public Meeting, and that the Notice of Public Meeting will be posted to the Town website on May 14, 2024.

Full report Apr 29 Council Agenda

POTS, POTS, POTS!

Please bring your extra flower pots, 6" or bigger, to the back door of St. George's Anglican Church. Thank You!

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Ontario Moving Ahead with Plan to Build More Modular Homes

Market sounding to help build more modular homes in Ontario, including on government surplus lands



TORONTO — Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing, released the following statement:

"As part of our government's continued action to cut red tape and help more Ontario families find a home to own, we are moving forward with the next steps in our plan to build more modular homes.

Modular housing will be an important part of the solution to Ontario's housing supply crisis by building high-quality homes of all types that are manufactured at scale off-site, providing the opportunity to build more homes faster and at a lower cost. We intend to learn more about how modular construction can fit into our province's housing supply so we can help more Ontario families find a home to own that meets their needs at a price they can afford.

Through this next phase, we will be working with modular housing developers and providers to gather practical and technical insights about construction costs, timelines, economies of scale, regional differences and supply chains to inform further actions to deploy modular housing in Ontario. This will include outreach to firms across Ontario, Canada and North America.

This is an exciting opportunity to gain valuable information about modular housing and to learn more as we look to inform provincial action and support for our modular housing strategy. We look forward to hearing from the sector about the opportunities modular housing development can provide as we work together to build more homes faster and at a lower cost.

We hear from municipalities and homebuilders that red tape is the biggest barrier to getting shovels in the ground. We continue to listen and recognize the struggles our municipal partners are facing and we are taking decisive action to remove these obstacles, including by working with both municipalities and the federal government.

That's why we are embracing innovative modular housing solutions to accelerate homebuilding, improve housing affordability for Ontario families and support home-grown industries that provide quality jobs across the province."

Modular housing developers and providers can participate in the market sounding exercise on Infrastructure Ontario's webpage. www.infrastructureontario.ca



24-HOUR MONITORED SECURITY



Notice of Passing of a Development Charges By-law by the Town of The Blue Mountains

At the April 15, 2024 Council Meeting, and in accordance with Section 2 of the Development Charges Act, Council passed By-law 2024-29 being a By-law to establish Development Charges for the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

The development charges in the By-law will apply to all new residential and non-residential development, subject to certain terms, conditions and limited exemptions as identified therein.

Town-wide development charges are levied against new development to pay for the increased capital costs related to the provision of municipal services such as Public Library, Fire Services, Police Department, Parks and Recreation, By-law Enforcement, and Services Related to a Highway: Public Works and Roads and Related services.

The development charges imposed under the By-law come into effect on April 15th, 2024. Notice of the Passing of a Development Charges By-law by the Town of The Blue Mountains is being provided for residents and organizations to review.

Persons or organizations who wish to appeal the By-law with the Ontario Land Tribunal must file their Notice of Appeal with the Town Clerk by Monday May 27, 2024. A processing fee will be payable to the Town of The Blue Mountains Clerk's Office with the appeal application. The appellant is advised to contact the Ontario Land Tribunal to access required forms and applicable Provincial fees.

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Ontario Raising Highway Speed Limits

The Ontario government is raising the speed limit permanently from 100 km/h to 110 km/h on 10 additional sections of provincial highways in northern and southern Ontario. The change builds on the safe and successful increase to six sections of provincial highways in 2022 and aligns with posted speed limits in other jurisdictions across Canada.

"Most of Ontario's highways were originally designed to safely accommodate speed limits of 110 km/h and the data from our changes in 2022 shows they do just that," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "These evidence-based increases are a common-sense change to make life more convenient for Ontario drivers while bringing our highway speed limits in line with other Canadian provinces."

Starting July 12, 2024, the speed limit will be permanently raised to 110 km/h on most of the following provincial highway sections, with the remainder coming into force before the end of the year:

Hwy 401, Tilbury, extending the existing zone further east by 7 km Hwy 401 from Hwy 35/115 to Cobourg (approximately 35 km) Hwy 401 from Colborne to Belleville (approximately 44 km) Hwy 401 from Belleville to Kingston (approximately 66 km) Hwy 401 from Hwy 16 to Quebec boundary (approximately 107 km) Hwy 403 from Woodstock to Brantford (approximately 26 km) Hwy 403 from Brantford to Hamilton (approximately 14.5 km) Hwy 406 from Thorold to Welland (approximately 13 km) Hwy 416 from Hwy 401 to Ottawa (approximately 70 km) Hwy 69 from Sudbury to French River (approximately 60 km)

All highway sections were selected based on their ability to safely accommodate higher speed limits. Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan have a maximum speed limit of 110 km/h, while in British Columbia, the maximum speed limit is 120 km/h.

Quick Facts

In 2022, the government permanently increased the speed limit on six sections of provincial highways in southern Ontario as well as two sections in northern Ontario on a two-year trial basis.

The permanent increase in speed from 100km/h to 110km/h will cover 36 per cent and 860 kilometres of Ontario's highway network.

Until 1975, Highways 400, 401, 417 and the Queen Elizabeth Way were posted at 70 mph (113 km/h) before being reduced due to the energy crisis.



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Home Horizon Brings Both Little Artists & Local Professional Artists Together For Its 15th Annual Bowls For Beds Fundraiser

This Spring we welcome you to join Home Horizon and The Barbara Weider House for the annual Bowls for Beds fundraiser, a two-part event: with bowls from our young artists, and one-of-a-kind hand painted bowls by local professional artists. This year's event is 15 years in the making and stronger than ever bringing together art and education to raise awareness about youth homelessness in our community. In celebration of our 15th anniversary, we are partnering with our local Mobile Soup Kitchen for the sales of our little artist bowls to broaden the impact of our event. The Mobile Soup Kitchen in South Georgian Bay seeks to provide assistance to those struggling with food insecurity.

Kids Bowls- Behind the scenes for this event, local elementary school children painted handmade pottery bowls (made by local potter, Sandra Saunders) and learn about homelessness in our community, these unique bowls are now available! The bowls are \$75 each and come with a tax receipt. Best of all, \$25 from each bowl sale goes directly to the Mobile Soup Kitchen, and supports people in need with a nutritious meal! We will be at the entrance of the Meraki Mother's Day Artisan Market Saturday May 4th 10:00am - 4:00pm at the Nottawa Memorial Community Center - Come out and pick up your Little Bowl!

Artists Bowls- On June 3rd we'll be kicking off an auction platform where we will auction off 32, one-of-a-kind bowls, hand-painted by local artists. Bids will start at \$100 and will close on Friday, June 7th at 4pm.

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About Home Horizon & The Barbara Weider House

Home Horizon is a local not-for-profit organization helping homeless youth in the South Georgian Bay area.

Our mission is to transform the lives of youth at risk of homelessness by providing them with the opportunity to rebuild their lives and achieve their full potential. The need is so great that the Barbara Weider House has been full since it opened in July 2017 and there is an ongoing waiting list for our services. Youth desperately want and need our help

For more information or to purchase your 2024 bowl(s), please contact Pam Osmond, Fund Development Manager at: pam@ homehorizon.ca or phone at 705-888-2149. Full tax receipts are available for your donation, and all proceeds go directly to Home Horizon

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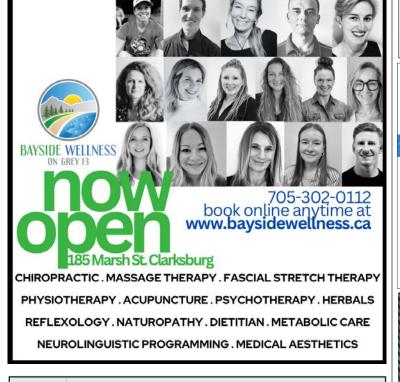




Parking Passes Are Now Available To Borrow

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 Craigleith 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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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. 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.** L.E. Shore Library. Contact Jen, 519-599-3681 Ext. 5 LibraryPrograms@

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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)
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Saturday, April 27th, 11:00am - 12:15pm L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce St. South, Thornbury, ON Contact us at (519) 599-3681 ext. 142 or LibraryPrograms@TheBlueMountains.ca



Tree Talk Big Trees: Big Impact

Monday, April 29th, 7:00 - 9:00

Join us for this multi-speaker event!

Tree Trust TBM is excited to announce the second tree talk for this spring.

Braedon Witt, Master of Forest Conservation, on his experience conducting the tree inventory within TBM.



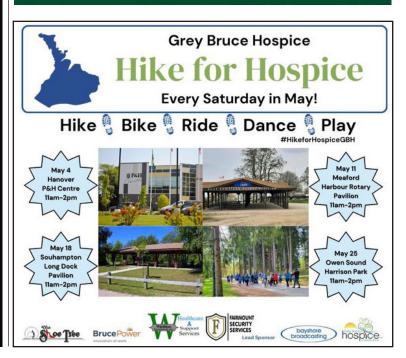


Accredited arborist Tobias Effinger will be speaking on mature tree care and conservation. Our Guest Speakers will be discussing all things big trees including what makes them so valuable, how to care for them, and how tree inventories can assist in their preservation.

Where: L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce Street, Thornbury When: Monday, April 29th from 7:00 - 9:00pm Cost: Free, donations welcome

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Saturday, May 25th 9am-Noon Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack. Go Green for a better Blue!





