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## Collaborative Climate Action: The Global Impact of Local Efforts with Mayor Matrosovs

Tuesday, March 5 2024, 7 - 8pm

Join us for a special presentation with Mayor Andrea Matrosovs, as she discusses her recent trip to the UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai.

With over 500 mayors, governors, and regional leaders, Mayor Matrosovs represented the Town of The Blue Mountains in a global summit about climate action. Learn more about the conference and frequently asked questions at [bit.ly/48bRhAU](http://bit.ly/48bRhAU).

If you'd like to submit a question for the Mayor's Q&A, please email [LibraryPrograms@TheBlueMountains.ca](mailto:LibraryPrograms@TheBlueMountains.ca).

L.E. Shore Library, Jennifer Phone 519-599-3681 ext. 148  
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## Tree Trust TBM Hosts its First Free Tree Talk

Tree Trust TBM is excited to be sponsoring several educational Tree Talks this spring.

The first in this series will be a talk by Dr. Barbara Zimmerman showcasing conservation efforts on the Kayapo Lands in the Amazon rainforest. Dr. Zimmerman has worked with local, national, and international partners to safeguard over 110,000 km<sup>2</sup> of legally ratified territories in the Amazon. Dr. Zimmerman has decades of experience protecting the Amazon rainforest and empowering indigenous communities. Her journey began with academic pursuits in ecology at the University of Guelph and Florida State University. In 1989, she became deeply involved in the indigenous activist movement of the Kayapo in the Brazilian Amazon and has continued in this critically important role.

This Tree Talk event offers a unique opportunity to gain insights into Dr. Zimmerman's remarkable conservation efforts and the importance of preserving our planet's ecosystems. Please join us on March 25 from 7.00-9.00 pm at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library, 173 Bruce Street, Thornbury. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend. For more information, contact [programs@treetrust.ca](mailto:programs@treetrust.ca)

Also, stay tuned for a second planned Tree Talk event in late April!



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

RCL Beaver Valley Branch 281, would like to thank St George's Church and the TBM Fire Department and guests for a great Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The event was well attended and raised over \$6000 in support of our cenotaph enhancement project; this has truly jump-started our campaign.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who cooked, served, bussed and hosted and to all those who made a financial contribution.

Fundraising will continue through March and we look forward to your support.

Donations are eligible for tax receipts and contributions of \$200 or more will be recognised on a donor plaque to be erected near the monuments.

Cheques should be payable to St. George's Clarksburg and annotated 'Cenotaph Enhancement'. Donations can be dropped off at the Legion in 202 Marsh Street, Clarksburg when open or at the Review Office, 206 Marsh Street, Clarksburg, M-F 10am-5pm



## Council to Initiate an RFP Process for the Potential Disposition of 171 King St. E.

On September 25, 2019, staff brought forward a Staff Report FAF.19.203 that recommended the purchase of the 171 King Street East property \$1,600,00 and is the current owner of the property.

In addition to the purchase of the land, the Town led and funded the demolition of the former grocery store structure on the property in 2020 at a total cost of \$60,162.50. The Town also funded all the legal and real estate costs for the land transfer to the Town at a cost of \$65,559.77.

The staff report also identified that the recommended source of funding at that time would be debt financing. Through 2020 and into

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## Town Seeking Bids For Food Trucks

Owners are invited to submit bids to operate a mobile refreshment vehicle at one or more of the three locations.

Municipal Recreation Complex – 417230 10th Line, Thornbury

Minimum bid of \$1000.00 per season

Northwinds Beach – 209605 Highway 26, The Blue Mountains

Minimum bid of \$1000.00 per season

Little River Beach - 4 Harbour Street, Thornbury;

Minimum bid of \$1000.00 per season plus (equivalent annual BIA fees apply. 2023 fees = \$875.41 with 2024 fees to be established)

**Submission Deadline: March 7, 2024**

Interested parties may contact the Town's Facilities Manager to ask questions and to obtain the Request for Quotation document (RFQ 2024-02-Q-COM – Mobile Food Truck).

Aaron McMullen, Town of The Blue Mountains

Facilities Manager, 519-599-3131 ext. 340

*We would like to thank our Ravenna neighbours and friends throughout the Valley for attending a farewell party for us before moving to Thornbury. Special thanks to Ron and Shelley Gibbons and Dorene Taylor and to all those who helped in any way. Your kindness is appreciated and will never be forgotten. Aubrey and Linda Weir*

### Enjoy walking year round at the Beaver Valley Community Centre

Monday and Thursday from 9-11am; no pre-registration or fee. Walking with poles (with rubber feet) and walkers is allowed.

### BID EUCHRE

Wednesday & Thursday 12:50-3:30pm; \$2.00 per day

Small Hall, Beaver Valley Community Centre

Lessons Available - Bev 705-507-0563 or Dorothy 519-599-5044

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2021, discussions between The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation (BMAHC) and the Town took place to consider the opportunities and options that would result in 171 King Street East being the future site of an Attainable Housing Project.

In 2023, Council reconsidered the transfer of 171 King Street East, and staff confirm that the property remains in Town ownership and was never transferred to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation (BMAHC) since its purchase in 2019. Over the past year, Council and staff have received several informal expressions of interest from different parties regarding the purchase, lease, and general use of the 171 King Street East property.

Staff suggest that this may be an appropriate time that a Request for Proposal (RFP) be initiated so all interested parties are able to submit proposals regarding the 171 King Street East property and Council can make a decision on how best to proceed with either keeping the property within its inventory or disposing of the land that also protects the land's future use.

For 171 King Street East, staff recommend that Council, in Open Session, determine what would NOT be accepted in an RFP submission and prioritize preferred options. This would provide interested parties the opportunity to submit innovative and creative options that could still be evaluated and scored in a fair and transparent manner. It should be noted that significant environmental studies have been completed on 171 King Street East through the work of The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation (BMAHC) that would be additional value adds to the marketing and due diligence of a potential Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Similar to the 125 Peel Street process, if Council wishes to proceed with an RFP, staff recommend retaining the services of a Fairness Advisor to ensure the integrity of the process from start to finish.

## Environmental Sustainability Fund Distribution

A Staff committee has reviewed and evaluated three applications made to the Town's 2023 Environmental Sustainability Fund, resulting in two highest-scoring proposals receiving tied scores and a recommendation to divide the available \$5,000 in funding equally between the two applicants.

Georgian Bay Forever will receive \$2,500 to support an enhanced presence of summer students who will lead shoreline cleanups, engage volunteers and share information on litter diversion, and Tretrust TBM will receive \$2,500 for a project to focus on continued work on the Town's tree inventory, in addition to supporting tree nursery improvements and public education events.

The Town carries an annual budget of \$5,000 for the Environmental Sustainability Fund to be distributed each year. An increase in the available funds from \$5,000 to \$8,000 was recommended in Staff Report CSOPS.23.010 on February 21, 2023, along with several improvements to the Environmental Sustainability Fund Terms of Reference.

This increase in funding was included in the Town's 2024 Proposed Budget. If approved by Council in the 2024 Budget process, this increase in funding will become available to Environmental Sustainability Fund applicants in the fall 2024 intake period.

## The Blue Mountains Wins Award

On Thursday, February 8th The Economic Development Council of Ontario held their President's Dinner and Awards Ceremony. The Honourable Lieutenant Governor Edith Dumont was in attendance to present the Lieutenant Governor Award in addition to Minister Lisa Thompson to present Rural Excellence Award.

**Congratulations to Grey County and the Town**

Planning and Strategic Development:

"EDTC Master Plan" – Grey County

Innovation in Community Resiliency Award :

"Open Fields Farm Tour" – The Blue Mountains



# The Beaver Valley Agricultural Society

Beaver Valley Fall Fair has been an institution for more than 150 years. The Fair is an annual event that is supported by an active Board of Directors and General Membership.

## Secretary Required

In addition to attending meetings to record minutes, the Secretary is responsible for correspondence with outside organizations, assisting with updating the Fair Book and AssistExpo program and general secretarial functions.

Responsibilities include:

- recording and producing minutes at Director and General Membership meetings (approximately 15 meetings annually).
- Assisting with the updating of the Fair Book in AssistExpo (Fair program)
- running the Office at the Fair including intake of membership fees, exhibitor entry forms and providing general information.

The position is considered volunteer with a nominal honorarium.

## Class Chair Needed!

The School Section Class Chair is responsible for confirming content and preparing the School Section entry list, liaising with the school liaison and organizing the annual Fair Book cover contest. Being a Class Chair requires a couple hours each month to attend a general membership meeting.

The Class Chair will be required to assist with the section set up on Thursday before the Fair and be in attendance all day Friday of the Fair to take in exhibits and assist with judging. Judging takes place from noon until 6pm. The Class Chair will then be available to assist with an active Board of Directors and General Membership.

For Information on the Society [www.beavervalleyfallfair.ca](http://www.beavervalleyfallfair.ca).

Interested applicants should contact [fallfairbeavervalley@gmail.com](mailto:fallfairbeavervalley@gmail.com). Please consider sharing this anyone you know that might be interested.

## Fall Fair Book Cover 2024

It's that time of the year, we are working on our fair book and it needs a cover. Put your artistic skills to work and enter your designs! Winner of the front cover receives \$50.00 and your design will be used on the cover of the 2024 fair book. Winner of the back cover receives \$50.00 and your design will be used on the back cover.

THE FOLLOWING RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED:

- For students 13 years and younger
- Use only white paper (8" by 11")
- Letters should have some Contrast of thickness. Lettering and illustrations may be done in black or colour. Please make sure the colours are coloured in darkly, if they are too light they may not show up. Please do not use crayons.
- Please CHECK YOUR SPELLING (i.e use centre not center) and that you have everything required.
- Please note that due to COVID this is our 152nd fair.
- If you have questions email [fallfairbeavervalley@gmail.com](mailto:fallfairbeavervalley@gmail.com)
- Entries are due March 20, 2024 and can be dropped off to Sherrie at BVO Preschool in Thornbury.

FRONT COVER - theme "Bee Busy At The Fair"

Beaver Valley Fall Fair, 152nd Anniversary - 1870-2024  
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Beaver Valley Arena, Community Centre & Moreau Park,  
Thornbury

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

Your name on the bottom left corner.

BACK COVER

An illustration of this year's theme "Bee Busy At The Fair"

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The Fall Fair Committee looks forward to seeing and judging your finished designs. Thank you!

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# In Memoriam

## ALVIN LOUIS CLARKE

Alvin passed away peacefully at the Meaford Hospital with his loving family by his side on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at the age of 94.

Alvin was the loving husband of Audrey for 72 years, loving and supporting father of Linda Holden (Barry), Judy Clarke (Victor Kelly), Carolin Panetta (Sergio) and was predeceased by his son Gary in 2005. He was the proud grandfather of Jennifer Shaw (Nigel), Karen Kollias, Gregory Holden (Kim), Torrie Skoczylas (Serg), Melinda Clarke, Giancarlo Panetta, Giuliana Panetta and eight great grandchildren.

Born on September 5th, 1929, he was the son of the late Robert and Myrtle Clarke (nee Isaac) and brother of the late Harvey (Fran) and the late Fred (Leona) and many nieces and nephews.

Alvin grew up on a farm on the 10th line in Collingwood Township. He drove a truck for some local businesses until he purchased his own truck in 1961. Alvin hauled livestock and did general trucking in the Collingwood, St. Vincent and other area townships for over 40 years. He retired at age 72 and went to work for Harvey Fulford Haulage until he turned 80.

Alvin and Audrey were often seen attending local dances and many house parties over the years. They left their Clarksburg home after 63 years and were currently living in Thornbury. Alvin enjoyed joining friends at the local Tim Horton's and keeping up with family and friends. Alvin will be greatly missed in the Clarksburg Community.

Audrey and the family would like to thank the staff at Brightshores Health System Meaford for their attentive and professional care over the last nine weeks.

Family received friends for visitation on Friday, February 16, 2024 at the Meaford United Church. A funeral service was conducted at 12 noon, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation or a charity of your choice would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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



## MARIE 'CECILE' VAUGHAN

Cecile passed away peacefully at Errinrunc Nursing Home with family by her side on Sunday, February 4, 2024 in her 99th year.

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on January 19, 1926; Cecile was the daughter of the late Arthur and Yvonne (nee LaFrance) Gobeil.

She was predeceased by her husbands Lloyd Myers and Murray Vaughan.

Cecile was the beloved mother of Frank Myers (late Beverley) and Irene McGuire (late David); was predeceased by her children Mary Heggteit, Preston Myers and Stephen Myers and will be fondly remembered by her son in law Gib Heggteit and daughter in law Lisa Myers.

Cecile was the proud grandma of Christopher Myers (Carol), Trisha McCall (Jay Krekorian), Sylvie McGowan (Scott), Toby Myers (Angie), Victoria McGuire (Mark), Bill Myers, Mary Myers (Lisa), Craig Myers (Emily), Heather Anderson (Dan), 10 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

She was the dear sister of Jack Mace (Donna); and was predeceased by her sister Irene Loree (late Stuart) and will be fondly remembered by her niece, nephew, great nephew and by her extended family.

La belle Cecile had a mischievous twinkle in her eye which conveyed her "joie de vivre". Her ready smile lit up any room and put people at ease. Cecile's superpower was her upbeat, positive outlook on life. Regarding any problem, you would hear her say, "things will look better in the morning, after a good night's sleep".

Over the years, Cecile lived and raised her family in different locations and communities throughout Ontario, including St. Catharines, Vineland and Meaford. Where ever her family lived, Cecile provided the love and care that made it home. As her children moved away and started their own families, Cecile's home remained the preferred family gathering place for get-togethers and celebrations.

Cecile enjoyed the simple pleasures her Meaford country property provided. You would see her stylishly dressed, and adorned with a neckerchief working in her flower gardens, yard, and beyond in her forest. She delighted in bringing home treasures of antique furniture and all things beautiful and sparkly. Cecile loved dancing, music, reading, rug hooking, quilting, friends dropping by, and reminiscing about her home town Pine Falls, Manitoba.

Other pastimes Cecile enjoyed included, being a Sara Coventry Jewelry Hostess, Mary Kay Consultant, Reiki Master and Reflexologist.

Cecile's family wish to express their gratitude to Dr. Sauriol and Errinrunc Long Term Care staff for all their years of care and compassion.

A celebration of Cecile's life will take place in the warmer months when family and friends can gather together.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society or [treetrust.ca](http://treetrust.ca) would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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## JAMES ROBERT SALISBURY 'JIMMY' BUTLER

James Robert Salisbury Butler 'a.k.a. Jimmy, Papa, Grandpa' passed peacefully at the Meaford Long Term Care Centre surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 in his 86th year.

Jimmy was an electrical engineer by education and entrepreneur by trade. He proudly founded R-Theta Inc. after being transferred to Canada from the UK.

With his first wife, Gillian, he emigrated to Canada with their two daughters, Karen and Samantha; shortly followed with the birth of twins, Nicholas (Julie) and Trevor (Chantal). Jimmy's second wife, Ruth, came to the marriage with two girls, Genevieve (Ray) and Tiffanie (Arthur).

Jimmy leaves behind 14 grandchildren either by bloodline or through marriages, including Logan, Lauren, Kaitlin, Dawson, Carter, Ellie, Rhys, Emmett, Mateus, Maelle, Zach, Thomas, Connor, and Abigail.

He will be missed by family and friends alike. Always ready with a smile and laughter, he carried the burden of poor health for many years but faced it with a readiness to participate and enjoy.

Jimmy leaves a legacy of discipline, acceptance of what was right and proper, and always, always arriving on time.

A private service of interment will be conducted at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery, followed by a celebration of Jimmy's life with family and friends.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society 'MS Canada' would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



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## NIELS BOELS ANDERSEN

December 11, 1933 – February 7, 2024

Niels was born in Hjørring, Denmark and was the second oldest of 4 children born to Thomas and Remor Andersen. His family owned an award-winning dairy farm



called Vester Dammen ("west of the dam"). After WWII, Niels was in the Danish Army as a bazooka specialist, part of the post war occupying forces in Germany. He also attended farming college in Denmark.

In the late 1950s, in his mid twenties, Niels immigrated to London, Ontario where an uncle of his had immigrated previously. He found work at various locations. One spot was a brick manufacturer as a labourer. His farm machinery skills came in handy when a fork lift operator did not show up for work and Niels said he knew how to operate it and was promoted to fork lift operator, with a surprising pay increase he had recalled.

While searching for a career he was offered training for drywall taping, and soon discovered this was the type of job that worked for him. Later in London, he started a company with a colleague called 'Forest City Drywall' and ran multiple crews in the housing industry.

Niels married Tina in 1961 and had 3 kids, Thomas (Tom), Yvonne, and (Niels) Eric. Niels enjoyed skiing, hunting, fishing and on a fishing trip to the Beaver River in Thornbury in 1966 came across a small one-bedroom cottage on Georgian Bay near the river which had a for sale sign. With that purchase, the idea to eventually live in the area full time was created and in 1976 the family of five moved to a new house in the location of the old cottage.

Niels and Tina raised their family in the Thornbury area. Niels introduced his kids to skiing and retold many stories of the early days of Blue Mountain and Jozo Weider. Niels and Tina separated in 1985 and Niels built another house in Thornbury which he owned for many years.

Niels eventually met Jane and they shared many decades together travelling locally, skiing downhill and cross country, and enjoying family, including Niels' six grand children (Evan, Nicholas, Elias, Kia, Annika, Magnus).

He passed peacefully with Jane and his three children by his side in the Meaford hospital after a very short illness. Fortunately, there were many visits with him by his family over his 90th birthday and over Christmas where he told many stories as he liked to do. He always had a great smile while telling his stories and a bright laugh when he got to the good part. He is survived by his brother Hans, and sister Annelise, who still live in Denmark.

Niels will be greatly missed by his loving partner Jane, his three children and six grand children, all of whom benefited from his wisdom about life.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. [www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)

## Top Circulating Books of 2023

We have compiled the data from our print and digital collections and here are the top books of 2023!

**A world of curiosities / Louise Penny:** Chief Inspector

Armand Gamache returns in the eighteenth book in Louise Penny's beloved series.

**Lessons in chemistry / Bonnie Garmus:** Set in 1960s California, this blockbuster debut is the hilarious, idiosyncratic and uplifting story of a female scientist whose career is constantly derailed by the idea that a woman's place is in the home, only to find herself starring as the host of America's most beloved TV cooking show.

**Spare / Prince Harry:** For the first time, Prince Harry tells his own story, chronicling his journey with raw, unflinching honesty.

**The sleeping car porter / Suzette Mayr:** When a mudslide strands a train, Baxter, a queer Black sleeping car porter, must contend with the perils of white passengers, ghosts, and his secret love affair.

**The last chairlift / John Irving:** One of the world's greatest novelists returns with his first novel in seven years—a ghost story and a love story, spanning eight decades of sexual politics.

**Someone else's shoes / Jojo Moyes:** A story of mix-ups, mess-ups and making the most of second chances, this is the new novel from Jojo Moyes, author of "Me Before You" and "The Giver of Stars".

**The four winds / Kristin Hannah:** Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all.

**The last goodnight / Kat Martin:** When Kade Logan said goodbye to his estranged wife eight years ago, he never thought it would be the last time he saw her alive.

**The seven husbands of Evelyn Hugo / Taylor Jenkins Reid:** Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life.

**The Lincoln Highway / Amor Towles:** In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter.

**A gentleman in Moscow / Amor Towles:** a beautifully transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel.

**The midnight library / Matt Haig:** Between life and death there is a library. When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right.

**Hello beautiful / Ann Napolitano:** William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him—so when he meets the spirited and ambitious Julia Padavano in his freshman year of college, it's as if the world has lit up around him.

**The myth of normal / Gabor Maté:** From a most trusted and compassionate authority on stress, trauma, and mental well-being—a groundbreaking investigation into the causes of illness, a bracing critique of how our society breeds disease, and a pathway to health and healing.

**Women talking / Miriam Toews:** A novel based on real events that happened between 2005 and 2009 in a remote Mennonite community where more than 100 girls and women were drugged unconscious and raped in the night by what they were told were "ghosts" or "demons." Women Talking is an imagined response to these real events.

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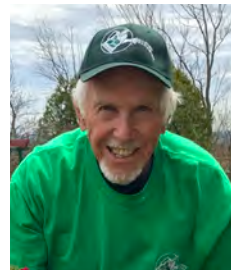
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## **The Master Gardener's Corner**

Things to do in your garden each month, taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or to get your own copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



Things to do in and for your garden in March

- Start tuberous begonia & caladium corms in pots or In a tray of peat moss, you keep moist, but not soggy
- Plant brassicas (the cabbage family) seeds and hardy annuals for very late May planting outdoors.
- Start tomatoes, lettuce and other fast growers from seed in late March to early April.
- Make a list of spring chores in the order they should be done, if you haven't already done so.
- Order/buy seeds for summer planting NOW!
- Check, repair and sharpen your gardening tools on a snowy day.
- Apply combination dormant oil spray to fruit trees & pest-prone shrubs when above-freezing weather permits.
- Bring Spring indoors. Start forcing branches of spring-flowering shrubs like Forsythia.
- If you can find them, buy Narcissus bulbs and grow them in gravel with water for spring flowers indoors.
- Prune summer-flowering shrubs and vines.
- When the snow is gone from your garden beds and they are still damp, but before new plant leaves emerge, buy and apply triple-19 agricultural fertilizer liberally only to your garden beds.
- Plan to plant a few bird-attracting, native berry plants and shrubs, plus pollinator perennials for bees and butterflies.
- When the snow goes, loosen up and dig in any packed down winter mulch and press perennials that have heaved, back into place.

Think about your garden and make a list of the perennials you could dig and donate to the St. George's Annual Plant Sale in Clarksburg June 1 2024. Donate 15 or more plants and get a tax receipt for the value your plants sell for.

If there are any students who are Interested in garden work after school this spring and all summer as well, please get in touch now. There are lots of jobs available. [casacarolejohn@gmail.com](mailto:casacarolejohn@gmail.com)



## **TBM and Meaford Curlers in Home and Home Friendly Series**

On Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> the Blue Mountains Curling Centre hosted four teams from the Meaford Curling Club at the Beaver Valley Arena, in the first half of a friendly home and home competition. A return visit by Blue Mountains curlers to Meaford is planned for March 20<sup>th</sup>.

The teams were very competitive with a tie for first place between the Blue Mountains team of Brian Harkness, Jim Torrance, Bruce Tuckey and David Martin, and the Meaford Team of Gary Chambers, John Bell, Abe MacDougall, and Ellen Smith.

After the morning's competition, the teams enjoyed a great lunch catered by the Events for Life (EFL) Arena Café. Thank you EFL.



## What is International Women's Day?

International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8, and is a day to join voices with people around the world and shout out the message for equal rights loud and clear: "Women's rights are human rights!"

- We celebrate all women, in all their diversities.
- We celebrate those who came before us, those who stand beside us now, and those who will come after.
- We celebrate the achievements of women, whether social, political, economic or cultural.

### What is the theme for International Women's Day in 2024?

Gender Equality: Accelerate Progress.

In a world facing multiple crises that are putting immense pressure on communities, achieving gender equality is more vital than ever. Ensuring women's and girls' rights across all aspects of life is the only way to secure prosperous and just economies, and a healthy planet for future generations.

One of the key challenges in achieving gender equality by 2030 is an alarming lack of financing with a staggering USD 360 billion annual deficit in spending on gender-equality measures.

Gender equality remains the greatest human rights challenge. Investing in women is a human rights imperative and cornerstone for building inclusive societies. Progress for women benefits us all.

Due to conflicts and rising fuel and food prices, recent estimates suggest that 75 percent of countries will curb public spending by 2025. Austerity negatively impacts women and crowds out public spending on essential public services and social protection.

### The history of International Women's Day

In 1908, against a backdrop of terrible working conditions and exploitation, 15,000 women took to the streets in New York protesting for shorter hours, better pay and voting rights.

The next year the Socialist Party of America announced a National Women's Day to honour the strikers, and in 1910 it went global – the Socialist International voted for the creation of a Women's Day to advocate for suffrage. The first International Women's Day was held in 1911, and more than a million people turned out to rallies in Europe.

For most of the 20th century International Women's Day was acknowledged and celebrated by people at the grassroots level, a

rallying point for social justice. It wasn't until 1975 – International Women's Year – that the United Nations adopted International Women's Day on 8 March, when it is still held.

### Why does International Women's Day matter?

Because we're not there yet.

IWD is a day to recognise how far we've come towards gender equality, and also how far we have left to go. Back in 1911, only eight countries allowed women to vote, equal pay for equal work was unheard of – if women were allowed to work at all – and reproductive rights were non-existent.

We have come a long way. Whereas once women couldn't vote, we're now leading countries. While we once faced restrictions on where we worked, we're now running corporations. In countries such as Canada we have rights our grandmothers could only have dreamed about, but we still don't have complete equality. And the majority of the world's women aren't anywhere near as close to that goal as we are.

More than 100 years ago, that first march was about ending harmful workplace conditions, equal rights, equal pay, and an end to exploitation. And sadly, those aims are still relevant today. Because the rights we have are not secure.

IWD is a once-a-year chance to remind governments, businesses and everyone else watching, that women aren't going anywhere, and we're prepared to take action to achieve our human rights.

On International Women's Day we remember that as long as one woman faces discrimination, harassment, inequality or oppression, we all do.

*Adapted from the Amnesty website and the UN Website*

*Submitted by Lorraine Sutton on behalf of*

## A NEW MARCH



Ah, the Hare of March sees softening print of paw on dappled snowscape, And we by human rhythm shed a garment of heavy for thread of light.

While sovereign Nature resets our senses with days of lengthening rays, Ours too is reflecting the nameplate of March claimed from ancient Mars, His the banner of war unfurled for campaigns anew and fresh conscription.

Do we by modern frame embrace such cues of warring intent?

No, and No again! Our springly steps must dance in the patter of peace, Our formations drilled in the purpose of union, flags of harmony on high!

For we reclaim our heritage shaped to yield a rainbow of prosperity, One that gathers body, mind, and soul into a shining arc of national hope, A trophy polished with pride, held high today and higher tomorrow.

**JEREMY WENTWORTH-STANLEY**

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## Mountain Metabolic

Do you have high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol or fatty liver? Or maybe you have gained a few extra pounds and it is preventing you from doing activities you have previously enjoyed? Then you are likely to have or at risk for developing progressive metabolic disease.

My name is Lindsay Myles and I want to introduce Mountain Metabolic and the services I am now offering in the Blue Mountains community. I have been a nurse practitioner for almost a decade; initially in primary care and then helped establish the liver clinic in Barrie. Over the years, I have observed a connection back to primary care as there is an influx of patients affected by fatty liver, which is largely associated with metabolic dysfunction.

The most common advice to improve metabolic risks and disease is by making lifestyle changes like improving your diet and exercise. However, it is not as easy as just calories out exceeding the calories you take in - and more than simply numbers on a scale or your BMI.

It is the weight you can achieve and sustain while living your most healthy and happy life. Everyone is different so each approach must be tailored individually.

I am seeing patients in person at Bayside Wellness in both Clarksburg (705-302-0112) and Collingwood. I also offer virtual consultations.

For more info and booking go to [www.mountainmetabolic.care](http://www.mountainmetabolic.care)

## Four Year Anniversary Celebration at Thornbury Laser Clinic

Thornbury Laser Clinic, nestled in the heart of The Blue Mountains, is thrilled to announce its four-year anniversary under the ownership of Stephanie Henderson, resident in the area. March 2024 marks four years of unwavering dedication, exceptional service, and profound gratitude towards the local community.

Amidst the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, Stephanie courageously acquired Thornbury Laser Clinic in March 2020, determined to uphold its legacy of excellence. Over the past four years, Stephanie's devotion and passion for her clients have driven Thornbury Laser Clinic to the forefront of the local aesthetic scene.

Stephanie extends her deepest appreciation to the community members who have supported the clinic through the journey. The clinic has become a premier destination.

To express gratitude, Stephanie is delighted to announce a special anniversary celebration. In recognition of four years of exceptional service, Thornbury Laser Clinic will offer four exclusive anniversary packages.

Stephanie invites both loyal clients and newcomers alike to join in celebrating this milestone occasion. The anniversary packages and event details will be shared on Thornbury Laser Clinic's website and social channels. [www.thornburylaserclinic.ca](http://www.thornburylaserclinic.ca)

As Thornbury Laser Clinic embarks on its fifth year, Stephanie remains committed to providing unparalleled service, innovative treatments, and a warm, welcoming environment.

@thornburylaserclinic

For further information please contact (519) 599-9967

stephanie@thornburylaserclinic.ca



## You & Yoga

Yoga is not solely a fitness program or a religion. It is a holistic science of life integrating body, mind and spirit. The techniques developed by sages in India for a span of 5,000 years can be combined with any religious discipline. It complements rather than undermines each faith.

You may ask why this system promotes such positive results for its consistent practitioners. Today many people are disconnected from their intuition; social barriers serve as obstacles to their quest for self fulfillment.

Yoga practitioners learn to listen to their inner judgement.

Traditional yoga started with groups of drop outs who did not accept the norms imposed on them by the community at large. Yoga practitioners form the oldest surviving culture in history of people seeking an alternative lifestyle. From its ancient roots in India it has diffused its message of peace throughout the globe.

"Yoga is a life of self-discipline built upon the tenants of simple living and high thinking."

The five principles of yoga:

- 1) Proper Breathing / Pranayama
- 2) Proper Exercise / Hatha Yoga
- 3) Proper Relaxation / Savasana
- 4) Proper Diet / Simple natural foods
- 5) Positive thinking and Meditation Swami Vishnu -Devananda

You may ask "What are the benefits of a sustained yoga practice?"

- Physical well being
- Clear focused mind
- A peaceful heart which radiates a spirit of love throughout the globe

The promise of yoga is that by patient persistent practice you can lift your spirit above the social chaos of the times. It is never too late and you are never too old.

Ahimsa offers Shiatsu Therapy and teaches a free yoga class at Inner Yogies in Thornbury.

519 278-4510 / ahimsa1945@gmail.com

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# Application for Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Property Location: Town-wide

A Public Meeting to consider this application has been scheduled for **March 12, 2024 at 9:30 am**, Hybrid Format (In-person AND Virtual/Online)

## WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The proposal is seeking an amendment to Zoning By-law 2018-65 to update the "accessory apartment" provisions of Section 4.1 and associated definitions. For the purposes of this application, "accessory apartments" will be referred to as additional residential units (ARUs). The purpose of the proposed amendments is to:

1. Ensure conformity with the Planning Act. Recent changes to the Planning Act through Bill 23 permit up to three residential units on properties serviced by municipal water and sanitary sewer. The changes also exempt residential developments of 10 units or less from Site Plan Control.

2. Encourage the construction of ARUs by allowing greater flexibility through zoning. ARUs are often the subject of minor variance applications submitted to the Town as the existing provisions for ARUs can be restrictive, especially as they relate to building height, lot coverage, floor area, and setbacks.

3. Provide clarity around what constitutes an ARU. The amendment seeks to align language used to define ARUs with County and Provincial policy and to better distinguish this use from other types of dwelling units

## WHERE DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

The Town's website contains background studies, reports, plans and drawings. They are available for viewing or download at <http://www.thebluemountains.ca/ARUZBA>

**ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL UNIT (ARU)** : Means a legally constructed permanent or semi-permanent dwelling unit that can safely accommodate residents on a year-round basis. ARUs are generally contained within a main building (including a single detached, semi-detached or rowhouse dwelling), or within a residential accessory building (such as above a private garage). An ARU shall contain cooking, eating, living, sleeping, and sanitary facilities, be connected to adequate water and sanitary servicing, and meet all requirements of the Ontario Building Code. An ARU may be considered as a garden suite where an approved temporary land-use by-law is in effect, but shall not mean or include a bunkie, a recreational trailer or vehicle, or a short-term accommodation.

**PRIMARY DWELLING UNIT** : Means the primary residential unit in a single detached, semi-detached or rowhouse dwelling referred to in subsection 16 (3) of the Planning Act. A primary dwelling unit shall not mean or include an additional residential unit or a bunkie.

**BUNKIE** : Means a small, residential accessory structure where the primary function is to provide additional, seasonal living space to human occupants, which relies on water and sewage services provided to the main dwelling, and which contains no more than two of the following three features: cooking, sleeping, or sanitary facilities. A bunkie shall not mean or include a recreational trailer or vehicle, short-term accommodation, or an additional residential unit.

## TRIVIA

1. What is the proper amount of times on average to chew food? a) 25 b) 5 c) 32 d) 15
  2. What does MRI stand for?  
a) Medical Resources Intel b) Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
c) Medical Release Information
  3. The shape of Red Blood Cells are like?  
a) rods b) wave lines c) donuts d) none of these
  4. In Canada, on whose birthday do physician residency programs start each year. a) Christmas, Dec 25  
b) Queen Elizabeth, April 21 c) Canada, July 1st.
  5. Where was the first hospital located in Collingwood Township?  
a) Ravenna b) Heathcote c) Craigleith d) Clarksburg
- answers on March Break events page

# Town Public Meetings March 12th, 9:30am

**Council Chambers or livestream [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)**

Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains wishes to inform the public that all information including opinions, presentations, reports and documentation provided for or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record.

This information may be posted on the Town's website and/or made available to the public upon request.

NOTE: An opportunity shall be granted for members of the public to provide verbal comments in response to the subject Notice of Public Meeting. Each commenter shall be limited in speaking to not more than ten minutes at the Public Meeting. An extension of this time limit shall be permitted at the discretion of the Chair. Comments shall address only those matters that are directly related to the matters for which the Public Meeting is being held.

NOTE: Written submissions received by the Clerk prior to 12:00 pm Noon the Friday before the scheduled Public Meeting, will be circulated and included in the record of the Public Meeting. All written submissions received in response to a Public Meeting Notice, whether received before or after the Public Meeting, will be circulated to Council for information [clerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:clerk@thebluemountains.ca)

- B.1** 2024 Draft Budget and 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget
- B.2** Amendments to By-law 2023-14 for the Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities, Bylaw 2023-16 Solid Waste Management Fees, and By-law 2023-15 Imposition of Water and Sewer Charges
- B.3** 2024 Development Charges Background Study and By-law 2019-17
- B.4** Considering Town Properties to be Surplus to the Town's Needs
- B.5** Application for Consent to Sever (372 Grey Road 21)
- B.6** Application for Zoning By-law Amendment to Section 4.1 of Bylaw 2018-65, accessory apartments (Town-wide)

## Notice of Public Information Centre #2 for East Side Water Storage EA

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public of an upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC) that has been scheduled regarding the East Side Water Storage and Supply Environmental Assessment. This PIC is being held to review the preliminary preferred alternative identified through the study. 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: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Register to attend: [communications@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:communications@thebluemountains.ca)**

About the East Side Water Storage and Supply EA

In 2019, the Town completed the Water Distribution System Master Plan to evaluate the Town's long-term water distribution and storage needs. As part of the 2019 Master Plan, potential near and long-term storage and supply deficiencies were identified in the Town's eastern pressure zones, which includes the settlement areas of Craigleith, Swiss Meadows, Osler Bluff and Castle Glen.

Preliminary Preferred Alternative: As part of this MCEA, the Town has developed a set of alternatives to address the identified water storage and supply deficiencies. Alternatives considered included increasing the capacity of the existing Thornbury Water Treatment Plant (WTP), building a new WTP, and increasing supply from the Town of Collingwood.

The costs for each possible alternative were estimated at: Thornbury 1A - \$57 million, Thornbury 1B - \$61 million, new Craigleith plant - \$66 million and the Collingwood option - \$61 million.



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### Notice of Public Meeting

With regard to amendments to By-law 2023-14 for the Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities, amendments to By-law 2023-16 for the Solid Waste Management Fees, and amendments to By-law 2023-15 for the Imposition of Water Charges and Sewer Charges.

March 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.  
Hybrid Format  
In-Person AND Virtual/Online

#### What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, and Water Charges and Sewer Charges By-law.

It is proposed that Council will consider enactment of these revised By-laws at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the By-laws will be available through the Town's website, [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca).

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the By-laws has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the By-laws and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

#### How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting.

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#### How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by **9:00 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2024**, will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting. Comments can be faxed to 519-599-7723, or emailed [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca).

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#### Want to be notified of a decision?

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#### Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

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### Notice of Public Meeting

**With regard to the 2024 Draft Budget and 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget**

**March 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.**

**Hybrid Format**

**In-Person AND Virtual/Online**

#### What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the 2024 Draft Budget and supporting Tax Rate Changes as well as the 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at its regularly scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, intends to adopt the Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for all departments of the Town for the year 2024 and intends to adopt the 2024 Water and Wastewater Budget.

Copies of the 2024 Draft Budget and the 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget will be available through the Town's website, [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca).

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the 2024 Draft Budget and 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the 2024 Draft Budget and 2024 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

#### How can I make my views known about this proposal?

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### With regard to the 2024 Development Charges Background Study and By-law 2019-17

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 170/03, please be advised that the Annual Water Report prepared for the Blue Mountains Drinking Water System is available for viewing at Town Hall or by visiting [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

**March 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.**

**Hybrid Format**

**In-Person AND Virtual/Online**

#### What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting pursuant to The Development Charges Act, 1997, regarding proposed development charge rates and policies that will be applied throughout the Town. It is proposed that enactment of a development charges by-law by Council would occur on a date subsequent to the public meeting.

Development charges are levied against new development, and are a primary source of funding for growth-related capital expenditures. The 2024 Development Charges Background Study relates to the provision of all eligible DC Services (i.e., Public Library, Fire Services, Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, By-law, Solid Waste, Road & Related, Water and Wastewater Services).

Council is required under The Development Charges Act, 1997, to hold at least one public meeting to allow the public the opportunity to review and provide comments on the 2024 Development Charges Background Study, related staff reports and the proposed development charges by-law.

A copy of the 2024 Development Charges Background Study was made available on the Town's website [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca) on Friday, February 2, 2024. A copy of the draft development charges by-law will be made available on the Town's website on or before Tuesday, February 27, 2024 (two weeks in advance of the Statutory Public Meeting).

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#### When will a decision be made?

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### Notice of Public Meeting

A **Public Meeting** to consider these matters has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 9:30 am.

**Location:** Council Chambers, Town Hall  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0  
OR Virtual via Microsoft Teams

### Application for Zoning By-law Amendment

**Property Location:** Town-wide

#### What is being proposed?

The proposal is seeking an amendment to Zoning By-law 2018-65 to update the “accessory apartment” provisions of Section 4.1 and associated definitions. For the purposes of this application, “accessory apartments” will be referred to as additional residential units (ARUs). The purpose of the proposed amendments is to:

- 1. Ensure conformity with the Planning Act.** Recent changes to the Planning Act through Bill 23 permit up to three residential units on properties serviced by municipal water and sanitary sewer. The changes also exempt residential developments of 10 units or less from Site Plan Control.
- 2. Encourage the construction of ARUs by allowing greater flexibility through zoning.** ARUs are often the subject of minor variance applications submitted to the Town as the existing provisions for ARUs can be restrictive, especially as they relate to building height, lot coverage, floor area, and setbacks.
- 3. Provide clarity around what constitutes an ARU.** The amendment seeks to align language used to define ARUs with County and Provincial policy and to better distinguish this use from other types of dwelling units.

A copy of the full text of proposed definitions and provisions and a copy of the existing definitions and provisions is provided on the project page. The proposed definitions and provisions are in draft form and are subject to change following public consultation and a decision of Council.



[www.thebluemountains.ca/ARUZBA](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/ARUZBA)

### Application for Consent to Sever

**Property Location:** 372 Grey Road 21

#### What is being proposed?

The proposal is seeking to create sever three lots from an existing 20.28-hectare lot. The lots are proposed to meet the minimum lot standards of the Residential One ‘R1-1’ zone and are proposed to connect to the Collingwood water system and supported by the water allocation provided to The Blue Mountains through the existing supply contract. The lots are proposed to connect to The Blue Mountains municipal sanitary sewer.

A related Zoning By-law Amendment application (P3165) was the subject of a public meeting on June 13, 2022, and sought to rezone the subject lands from the Development ‘D’, Hazard ‘H’, and Wetland ‘WL’ zones to the Residential One ‘R1-1’, H, and WL zones and to lift the Holding Provision ‘h1’. The recommendation report for the consent applications will also include a recommendation for the ZBA application as a decision has not yet been made on this application.



[www.thebluemountains.ca/372grey](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/372grey)

#### Where do I find more information?

For more information about these matters, including information about appeal rights, a detailed notice, key maps, draft amendments (if proposed), and other relevant information, visit the associated project page on the Town website [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca).



## TOWN NEWS & NOTICES



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### Notice- Nominate a Resident for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award

The Town of The Blue Mountains is encouraging residents, local service clubs and community groups to submit nominees for the Province of Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

Established in 1994, the Senior of the Year Award honours one outstanding local senior in each municipality in Ontario. The nominee must be over the age of 65 and have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of his or her community. Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to any number of fields such as the arts, literature, community service, volunteering, education, environment, fitness and humanitarian activities.

To be considered by Council, all nominations must be submitted to the Town Clerk by **Wednesday April 10, 2024** at noon. Please contact the Town Clerk at the information below for nomination instructions and details.

- Town Clerk: Corrina Giles
- Email: [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)
- Phone: 519-599-3131 ext. 232

To learn more about the Ontario Senior of the Year Award, please visit:  
[www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community#section-3](http://www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community#section-3)

### The Blue Mountains 2023 Annual Water Report

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 170/03, please be advised that the Annual Water Report prepared for the Blue Mountains Drinking Water System is available for viewing at Town Hall or by visiting [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

**Rob Gilchrist, Water Supervisor**  
**Thornbury Water Treatment Plant**

### Future 2024 Council and Committee Meetings:

- Council, March 11, 2024
- Council, Public Meeting, March 12, 2024
- Committee of the Whole, March 18, 2024
- Committee of the Whole, March 19, 2024
- Council, April 2, 2024
- Committee of the Whole, April 8, 2024
- Committee of the Whole, April 9, 2024

All meetings are at the Town Hall, 32 Mill Street and Virtual. Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings are live-streamed on the Town's website, and the meeting recording is posted to the Town website following the meeting.

For meeting times, please call **(519) 599-3131 ext. 232** or check the Town website at [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

## Volunteer Awards

APRIL 17, 2024

Nominations open from  
February 21 - March 6, 2024

For more information, visit:  
[www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards)





## Upcoming Rotary Trivia Night to Support Worldwide Disaster Relief

Local Rotarians are excited about their upcoming Trivia Night on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Community Centre. All proceeds of the fun-filled evening will go to support ShelterBox Canada, a disaster relief organization related to Rotary International.

Since being founded in 2000 by Rotarians in England, ShelterBox has supported over 2 million people in 97 countries!

Although the actual configuration and content of the ShelterBox continues to adapt to changing needs in various regions of the world where disaster strikes, the basic ShelterBox is a large plastic box, containing basic materials to support a family of 10 who have lost their home – large, 2-room tent, cooking equipment, lantern, blankets, tools, water purification and so on. ShelterBoxes are tailored specifically to suit the area they are being sent to.....cold climates boxes include tents capable of withstanding frigid temperatures and include other equipment to deal with the cold. Conversely, warm climate ShelterBoxes include equipment suitable for that climate.

Thousands of ShelterBoxes are stockpiled in a number of locations around the world, from which they are dispatched quickly and efficiently after disaster strikes and the needs are identified by ShelterBox personnel (usually volunteers) sent to the disaster zone to coordinate with the local authorities.

Recently deployed to humanitarian crises in Morocco, Chad, Libya, Cameroon and Ukraine, ShelterBox is constantly striving to meet the needs of people whose lives have been shattered by disaster. There never seems to be a "slow season".

Because so much of ShelterBox's work is handled by volunteers, an entire ShelterBox can be deployed for only \$1200, and Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotarians are hoping they can support several boxes from proceeds of their upcoming Trivia Night.

For information and to enter your team visit [tctrivia.ca](http://tctrivia.ca) or contact Rotarian John Bailey at 519-599-7797 or [baileyjd6942@gmail.com](mailto:baileyjd6942@gmail.com).

To learn more about ShelterBox Canada, check out their website -- [shelterboxcanada.org](http://shelterboxcanada.org).

Can't enter a trivia team but still want to support T-C Rotary and ShelterBox?? Go to [tctrivia.ca](http://tctrivia.ca) to donate!



## Erskine Brown: Carving Memories



Embark on a fascinating journey through the retrospective of Erskine Brown's works in 'Erskine Brown: Carving Memories.'

This poignant exhibition pays homage to the celebrated folk artist, from Thornbury, now deceased. Through his intricate carvings, Erskine beautifully captures the essence of rural life, offering a heartfelt narrative of the County's heritage.

Special thank you to the Craigleith Heritage Depot and Mr. Dan Field, for generously loaning us items from their collections for this exhibition.

Grey Roots Museum is currently open Tuesday - Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102599 Grey Road 18, RR4 Owen Sound



## Town Reminds Dog Owners To License Their Pets Before March 15 Deadline

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to remind all residents that the deadline for dog licensing is March 15, 2024.

All dog owners, whether residing in the community full-time or seasonally, are required to license their pets by this date. To purchase a dog licence, please complete the Dog Licence Application Form on the town website and return the completed form to By-law Enforcement by email or in person at Town Hall. [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

Residents who complete the online application can pick up their tags at Town Hall. Dog tags are used in the event that a licensed dog is found at large. Licensing fees also support initiatives such as feeding and sheltering stray dogs, providing emergency medical care for sick or injured stray dogs and immunization control and enforcement.

In addition to the licensing reminder, the municipality would like to inform residents about the leash regulations in place when utilizing Town parks and trails. With the exception of the designated dog parks at Moreau Park and Heritage Park, all dogs must be leashed when not on their owner's property. Violations of this by-law may result in

a \$300 fine plus associated costs. Furthermore, failing to pick up dog excrement in public areas carries a \$75 fine plus costs.

"There has been an increase in incidents regarding unleashed dogs in the Town," explains Debbie Young, Interim Manager of By-law and Licensing. "We want all residents and their pets to be able to enjoy our parks and trails safely. In response, there will be an increased presence of by-law enforcement patrolling our recreational areas."

By-Law Enforcement  
(519) 599-3131 ext. 249



## A Memory Now *Alice Otrysko*

As we enter the Holy Season of Lent, I keep remembering my youngest uncle, the last of The Greatest Generation in our family, who died just before Christmas. He was 93.

Uncle Henry experienced the Great War in Poland with the rest of my maternal family whose story I wrote a couple of years ago.

While in February 1940, the Nazis conquered half of Poland, the Soviets invaded Poland from the East. The entire family, my uncle Henry, Uncle John, uncle Frank, my mother and her two sisters, and my grandparents, were deported to Siberia to spend the next 20 months at hard labour. Uncle John was a teenager when he was tortured to death. Uncle Henry was a young boy. I don't know how they all lived through this.

Upon their release in July 1941, they were allowed to travel and join the Polish forces which young Uncle Henry did together with his older brother, Franek. Henry added a couple of years to his age so they would take him. He looked older now because of the hard life he had. Their Battalions were sent to Palestine because his Battalion comprised of young soldiers. There were about 1000 of them. He then joined the Air Force and was moved to Heliopolis in Egypt. There he was educated and trained to take part in the war but it ended before he was ready.

England was accepting war refugees and Henry ended up in London itself while others in my family were either in Scotland or in a former British army camp which accepted them and offered them temporary stay in a Hostel: Northwick Park Hostel (used to be an army hospital base). I remember 4 of us living in one room with tar paper walls, no plumbing, army beds and one wood burning stove.

Eventually, like the rest of my family, Henry ended up in Canada. By now he was married to Christine, a lovely English lady.

Henry worked at odd jobs such as waitering, bar tending and other hospitality types of work. He and his wife managed to buy a house in a suburb of Toronto with both their salaries combined.

Now Henry had aspirations of something bigger and better so he went to school. He studied and obtained a Bachelor's degree and eventually a PhD from York university.

He started teaching as a professor of Sociology transferring for a few years to Sudbury then returning to settle in St. Catherines. He continued teaching until his retirement.

Henry wrote several books in English and Polish which can be found on the Internet. He travelled many times back to Poland and was recognized there as an author.

Henry died at peace with his wife and adopted adult son present in St. Catherines, a few days before Christmas.



## March 2024 L.E. Shore Gallery

Ephemeral Structures! This show brings together three artists that grapple with the idea of structure in very different ways. In Martin Kimble's pieces, structures are literally carved out of the surfaces. Organic forms emerge where material has been removed. In Susan Henry-Scott's paintings,



compositional structure is central to the work. Geometry and balance provide the framework supporting the abstract elements within her compositions. Mikael Sandblom's work examines the structure of perception by bringing the viewer to the threshold between perceiving the illusion of an image and seeing the materials of the medium. Taken together, these artists demonstrate the wide range of diverse practices pursued by local artists. The Gallery at L.E. Shore, 519-599-3681 x142

### The Ontario Forage Council is pleased to announce the 2024 Profitable Pastures webinar series!

There will be three live webinars airing daily from 8 - 9 pm from March 5-7. There is no cost to register and CEUs will be available for Certified Crop Advisors. All presentations will be made available on the Ontario Forage Council's YouTube Channel approximately one-week post-event.

**March 5, 8 - 9 pm:** Getting Started With Rotational Grazing, Joe Dickenson

**March 6, 8 - 9 pm:** Maximizing Animal Performance on Pasture, James Byrne, OMAFRA Beef Cattle Specialist

**March 7, 8 - 9 pm:** The Best Money Spent on the Ranch, Dallas Mount, Ranching for Profit

REGISTER NOW! <https://onforagenetwork.ca> 519 986-1484

## 2024 Non-profit Workshop

Join Community Foundation Grey Bruce at our Non-Profit Workshop! Our popular networking and information workshop is planned for Thursday, March 7, 2024. Join us for a day of learning and sharing at Sydenham Campus in Owen Sound from 9:00 - 3:00. The cost to attend is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Call Jen, Grants and Donor Relations Coordinator for more information or Lia, Administration and Communications Coordinator to complete your registration. 519-371-7203 [www.cfqb.ca](http://www.cfqb.ca)

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Register to attend and find a link to watch online at [hylo.com/groups/beaver-valley-destination-stewardship](http://hylo.com/groups/beaver-valley-destination-stewardship)





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## MARCH BREAK 2024

### IGNITE YOUR SPARK

Meet us at the L.E. Shore Library every day for 11am

To sign up, visit [www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca](http://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca)

Contact: Jen 519-599-3681 Ext.5

Email: [LibraryPrograms@TheBlueMountains.ca](mailto:LibraryPrograms@TheBlueMountains.ca)

**Monday March 11:** Hula Hoop Spectacle Demo & Workshop with Collingwood Circus Company

**Tuesday March 12:** Geometric Painted Pot Workshop

**Wednesday March 13:** Canvas Bag Stamping Workshop

**Thursday March 14:** Pressed Flowers & Light Bulb Workshop

**Friday March 15:** Button Bowl DIY

### ACC Presents - A Hidden Gem:

#### Kolapore Wilderness Trails

**Tuesday, March 19 | 7pm L. E. Shore Gallery**

For most people, Kolapore is a slight bend in Grey Road 2 south of Ravenna with an old schoolhouse and a church. For others it is one of Southern Ontario's best backcountry ski areas, the largest block of protected wilderness in the region, source of pure spring water, and home to many species of flora and fauna. Maintained by a small group of dedicated volunteers, the Kolapore Trails are a treasure of the region and a gift to the community. Learn more about the trails on the Kolapore Trails website.

Join Bruce King and Stephen Couchman for an evening of storytelling about the history of the trails and discover some of the hidden gems that lie through the woods and down the path.

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### Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24th

8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Holy Monday, March 25th

7 p.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

### Holy Tuesday, March 26th

7 p.m. Contemporary Night Prayer

### Holy Wednesday, March 27th

7 p.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

### Mundy Thursday, March 28th

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar  
Hosted at Christ Church, Meaford, (34 Boucher Street East)

### Good Friday, March 29th

11 a.m. Ecumenical Service - Mass of the Presanctified

### Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)

8 a.m. Said Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

[www.parishofthebluemountains.ca](http://www.parishofthebluemountains.ca)  
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## TBM Repair Café

140 Bruce St. S. Thornbury

Saturday, March 23th

9am-Noon

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- 'Dancing Dancing River' by Carol Ann Weaver
- 'O Source Of All' by Brian Tate
- 'Hymn to Freedom' by Oscar Peterson

Saturday, March 23, 2024

3:00 pm

St. George's Anglican Church

166 Russell Street, Clarksburg

Admission by donation



For information please call 519-599-2710

## LUNCH BUNCH 4th Tuesday

Tuesday, March 26th at 12:00

Come for lunch and bring a friend

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 165 Russell St. E., Thornbury

## Grants For Community Projects and Programs Community Foundation Grey-Bruce

Contact Grants & Donor Relations Coordinator Jennifer Isber-Legge at 519-371-7203 to ensure your project is eligible for funding before filling out an application form or email [jen.legge@crgb.ca](mailto:jen.legge@crgb.ca)

When you reach the granting portal, follow the easy-to-understand instructions to set up an account. [www.crgb.ca](http://www.crgb.ca)

**Deadline for Spring Applications - April 15**

Community Grant applications may be submitted by charities registered with CRA or by non-profit organizations with a qualified donee or sponsor. The sponsoring body or qualified donee agrees to accept the grant on behalf of the non-profit and be jointly accountable with the applicant for the use of the grant with signed legal documentation. The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund is a qualified donee. For support of your project call 519-599-3345.





**Georgian Bowl, Collingwood**  
 April 4, 5-6:30pm  
 April 5, 6:30-8pm  
**The Bowling Alley, Owen Sound**  
 April 11, 6:30-8pm  
 April 12, 6:30-8pm  
 April 13, 10-11:30am  
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## Trivia Night!!

**Tuesday, April 16th, 2024**  
 Beaver Valley Community Centre  
 Doors open at 6:30 - Questions start at 7:00

- \$160 per team
- Maximum 8 players per team
- Cash Bar
- (Bring your own snacks)
- 50/50 Draw
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For more info: John Bailey 519-599-7797 [baileyjd6942@gmail.com](mailto:baileyjd6942@gmail.com)

And watch for T-C Rotary's next 2 great events...



**ROTARY TEA**

— Sunday, May 26th —

**DAVE SLADE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

— Thursday, May 30th —

[tcr Rotary.ca](http://tcr Rotary.ca)



MEAFORD THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

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| <p>March 30th<br/>         Blue Mountain Storage<br/>         Unit H5<br/>         369 Clark St.<br/>         Clarksburg<br/>         10 am - 12pm</p> | <p>April, May<br/>         Beaver Valley Arena<br/>         58 Alfred St W. Thornbury<br/>         Tuesday 16, 23, 30<br/>         10am - 12pm<br/>         Thursday 18, 25 and May 2<br/>         1 - 3pm</p> |
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# GEORGIAN BAY HOME SHARE

## Everyone Needs a Home

Georgian Bay Home Share is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help to alleviate the lack of affordable housing for modest income earners in Meaford and The Blue Mountains and to assist seniors who want to age in place but need help to maintain their home. The Home Share concept is for compatible home seekers and home providers to share living space within a home. There is a sharing of household work and expenses with an exchange of services in lieu of some rent.

Following is a quote from a recent client.

*"Georgian Bay Home Share helped me find a lovely place to live that I can afford. I have become good friends with the home owner and I help out with various tasks whenever I am needed. While I have helped the homeowner with many little projects and home-upkeeps, it has not been so much that it takes away from my personal time."*

*"A great thing about the arrangement is that it feels like a home, as opposed to a generic expensive apartment. If you are a friendly and courteous person who takes pride in "helping out around the house", then I recommend this program!" PS.*

A home seeker – home provider match that was made over one year ago is still working well. Through good, open communication there have been some minor changes to the agreement to the benefit of both individuals.

We are currently in the process of interviewing home seekers and home providers and need home providers in particular at this time.

Visit Georgian Bay Home Share at [georgianbayhomeshare.ca](http://georgianbayhomeshare.ca) or email [georgianbayhomeshare@gmail.com](mailto:georgianbayhomeshare@gmail.com). 519-378-4734



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| May 30th          | Dave Slade Memorial Golf Tournament      |
| June 1st          | St. George's Anglican Church, Plant Sale |
| May 30-June 2     | Blue Mountains FilmFest                  |
| June 15th         | St. George's Garden Party Fish Fry       |
| June 22nd         | Clarksburg Children's Festival           |
| June 22nd         | Lion's Club Duck Race                    |
| July 1st          | Canada Day Breakfast and Parade          |
| July 6th          | Arts Walk                                |
| July 7th          | Music in the Park begins                 |
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