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# **Council Public Meetings**

The Town of The Blue Mountains will be holding Public Meetings on March 12, 2024, to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the following items:

- 2024 Draft Budget
- 2024 Proposed Development Charge Rates and Policies
- 2024 Proposed Amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, and Water Charges and Sewer Charges By-law.
- Consideration of Town Properties to be Surplus to the Town's Needs

#### 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 to townclerk@ thebluemountains.ca. Any submitted comments become part of the public record, including names and addresses.

**Verbal Comments** – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber.

### **Meeting Live Stream & Video Recording**

Please note that the Public Meetings will be live-streamed on the Town website and posted as a video following the public meeting. Registration is not required to view the meeting on the Town's website www.thebluemountains.ca



# 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 <a href="https://www.cfgb.ca">www.cfgb.ca</a>



2024 is a big year for Beaver Valley Destination Stewardship. Since first learning of the concepts of Destination Stewardship in March of last year, people in the beautiful Beaver Valley have enthusiastically embraced a holistic stewardship approach, and have come together to co-create their vision of the future. This vision includes a set of guiding principles, and a grass-roots governance structure that can function inclusively at a large scale with a diversity of voices at the table—including civic groups, municipal governments, and local businesses and residents.

We have drawn from global regenerative models to find the tools that are most useful for us, and applied them to our unique situation, being a UNESCO biosphere, two hours from a major urban centre, with a community deeply dedicated to the natural and cultural features that make this watershed a home.

2024 is the year for our conversations and our actions to grow. We are creating opportunities to discuss what is collectively valued and how we can sustain and enhance this. We are supporting the work of local stewardship groups, including the Grey Bruce Native Seed Bank, Beaver River Watershed Initiative, Kolapore Wilderness Trails Association, Climate Action Now Network, and The Sustainability Network, to name a few, by providing connections and resources. And we are delving into asset-mapping, grant writing, and visitor-facing content, so that the work can continue to grow.

#### You're Invited: Stewardship Circle #2

Our next Stewardship Circle is Monday, February 12, 6PM to 7:15PM, at the Kimberley Hall featuring short presentations from the Escarpment Corridor Alliance, Blue Mountains Tree Trust, Thornbury Lions Club, Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club, Friends of the Kimberley Forest, and the Niagara Escarpment Foundation, followed by informal conversation with coffee, tea & treats kindly provided by the Kimberley General Store.

We hope to see you there! Register now. Once you register, there will also be a zoom option.

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

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

#### **FREE SEWING CLASSES**

are being offered beginning Tuesday, February 13, for 10 weeks. Located at First Baptist Church, Thornbury. Please use the Alice Street entrance. Maryann @ 519 599 2680 or Pat @ 519 538 0020.

#### **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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# **Craigleith Community Park Survey Launched**

The Town of The Blue Mountains has launched a public survey to gain feedback regarding the development of a new community park in Craigleith.

Over the past several years, the Town has strategically acquired six hectares of parkland in Craigleith from the Windfall, Second Nature, and Blue Vista development sites. The intent is to transform the land into a regional community park for all to enjoy over the next five

To launch the project, the Town has started to identify infrastructure necessary for planned improvements, such as parking and public washrooms, and will be consulting with residents and the broader community to hear what recreational and natural elements will best serve residents. To view a map of the location of the new community park, visit the project webpage.

#### Why Now?

There is potential for the development of the community park to run concurrently with home construction happening at the Blue Vista development site. Aligning these projects would help reduce future construction disturbances once homes start to be occupied.

#### Share your vision

Are naturalized areas, pickleball courts or walking trails important to you? Would you like to see a dog park, playground or splash pad? Fill out the Craigleith Community Park Survey to share your feedback about what features and amenities you would like to see considered for the new community park. The survey closes on February 26, 2024.

Paper copies are available at Town Hall and at the Blue Mountains Public Library branches.

To complete the survey and for more information, please visit the project webpage. www.thebluemountains.ca

For more information, please contact:

Adam Smith

Director of Planning and Development Services (519) 599-3131 ext. 246



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# Grants For Community Projects and Programs Within Grey & Bruce Counties

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@cfgb.ca

Applicants are required to read the criteria before filling out an application form. Criteria may vary from year to year.

Has your organization applied for a grant in the past? - when you reach the granting portal, please sign in with your password. If you have forgotten the password, please set a new one. If you need to add a new contact for your organization, please email or call the Grants and Donor Relations Coordinator 519-371-7203 jen.legge@cfgb.ca \*Please do not attempt to create a new profile for your organization\*

Has your organization never applied to this portal before? - when you reach the granting portal, follow the easy-to-understand instructions to set up an account.

# Deadline for Spring Applications is April 15th. Deadline for Fall Applications is September 15th.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce is mandated by the Canada Revenue Agency and is able to only grant to registered charities or qualified donees.

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 donnee 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. <a href="https://www.cfgb.ca">www.cfgb.ca</a>

## **Helping Keep Youth In Transition Housed**

"Helping Youth in Transition" addresses the needs of youth, 16 to 24 years of age, facing homelessness in Grey Bruce, through a rent supplement along with counselling and mentoring to ensure best outcomes. Project partners include CFGB, United Way of Bruce Grey, Grey Bruce Poverty Task Force, YMCA of Owen Sound Bruce Grey, private donors, and other foundations. With originating support from the Laidlaw family and the Laidlaw Foundation, the Joseph & Marilyn Hunt Fund, and the Next25 Fund, the project has been able to offer a monthly rent supplement over the past year to the first cohort of 12 youth from the By-Names list.

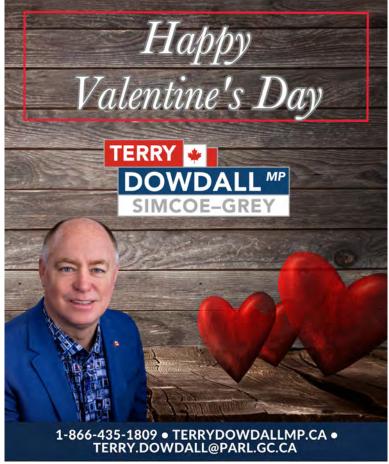
The By-Name Lists allow communities to know every person experiencing homelessness by name and facilitate efficient decisions around how best to refer housing resources. YMCA Housing Services delivers the supplement as well as wrap around services, mentoring, and transitional supports that have the potential to significantly change the life trajectory of participants. The rent supplement adds to the supports available from the associated County, meaning that youth will have more money in their pockets, and sovereignty over their situation and finances. The project aims to lend dignity and autonomy to youth in transition. Our model will track the impact of this supplement and will reflect the changes in life trajectory of the 12+ individuals engaged in the effort. Donations to the project are greatly received. Consider a monthly donation to help youth avoid housing precarity and to enhance their quality of life. Call the Community Foundation Grey Bruce for information. 519-371-7203



### 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





# **Grey County Issues Construction Tender** For New Rockwood Terrace

The site has been prepped, the drawings are complete and Grey County has issued the tender for construction of the new 128-bed Rockwood Terrace long-term care home in Durham. The new stateof-the-art home will be constructed directly south of the existing facility.

"Grey County is about to make the single largest investment into services in our County's history," said Grey County Warden Brian Milne. "Council is committed to moving forward with this important project which will ensure high quality, public long-term care remains available in southern Grey County for decades to come."

To narrow down potential contractors and speed up the tender process, Grey County issued a construction prequalification in 2023. This process helps to narrow down qualified contractors to bid on a project when a tender is released. Qualified bidders have until March 7, 2024 to submit a bid. Pre-construction sitework has been completed to allow the successful contractor to start work quickly once the tender has been awarded.

Redevelopment costs for the entire project are currently estimated at \$96.7 million. Actual costs for the construction portion of this amount won't be known until bids are received and the tender is awarded. In addition to the County's contribution, project costs are supported by the Province of Ontario based on the long-term care home redevelopment funding formula.

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"A lot of careful planning has been completed to get us to where we are today with a site that's ready to go. We're grateful to have had terrific support from the Municipality of West Grey, and great service provided by JT Excavating in preparing the site," said Warden Milne.

JT Excavating was awarded the pre-construction tender in the fall of 2023. Sitework included clearing and grading the property, managing fill, and creating the base for new roads and servicing to the property. The project also included work to prepare adjacent properties for future development.

The current Rockwood Terrace long-term care home is reaching the end of its operating license and must be redeveloped to meet current ministry requirements. County Council voted to rebuild the home in Durham south of the current site and expand the number of long-term care beds from 100 to 128. The resident experience is the focus of all planning for the new state-of-the-art facility, with room design, community feeling, dining room experience and infection control as the key design principles.

Construction of the home is expected to last two years with doors expected to open in 2026.

Information about the Rockwood Terrace Redevelopment project can be found on the Grey County website at www.grey.ca/Rockwood-Redevelopment

#### Other Council News

Council received a road safety presentation from the Kimberly Safety Group. Dr. Martha Rogers and Peter French shared statistics, spoke about the Vision Zero road safety philosophy and encouraged Grey County to apply a safety lens when designing roads and services.

Council passed a motion on the floor directing transportation services staff to bring back a report detailing how safety is currently considered for Grey County roads and how it aligns with "Vision Zero".

Grey County will offer the Municipality of West Grey \$150,000 to purchase land in Durham for a new paramedic base at the proposed site of the new West Grey police station. Grey County will also enter into an agreement with West Grey to cost-share expenses related to servicing the new base.







celebrating 145 years

The exact date of the construction of the Craigleith Station is unknown. Based on secondary sources it is believed that the station was built in 1879.

That makes it 145 years old this year!

The building was constructed with local timber and had the most modern features in railway design, including the round turret. It is now one of the last remaining original train stations in Ontario. Come explore this unique historic building and see all that it has to offer.

## Do you have Ski Train stories and images?

The Museum is looking for personal stories, articles, and images of the Ski Train that ran directly from Toronto to Craigleith along the CN line in the 1940s to 1960s.



If you, your parents, or anyone you may know have Ski Train stories to share, please contact the Museum & Archives at Museum@TheBlueMountains.ca or 519-599-3681 x 6.

Help us capture this unique part of our area's history!

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Together, let's make every day, a better day, in Simcoe-Grey!

# **Explore Township history all** vear long at the Museum

Come see the Museum's latest exhibit on the community of Banks.

Throughout the year there will be featured exhibits on the communities that make up the Town of The Blue Mountains. Keep an eye out for Camperdown & Sandhill, Clarksburg,



Craigleith, Duncan & Egypt, Gibraltar, Heathcote, Hurlburts Bay & Lora Bay, Kirkville, Kolapore, Loree, MacMurchy Settlement & Second Line, McKeans Mills, Millcreek & Union, Ravenna, Redwing, Rockhaven & Little Germany, Sixth Line, Slabtown & Tenth Line, Thornbury, and Victoria Corners.

## Pins from each ski club in the **Blue Mountains**

Representing each ski club across Blue Mountains and over the years. Our staff's favourite is the 25th Anniversary of the Toronto Ski Club, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year in Oct 2024. If you would like to donate items to the Museum & Archives please contact



staff, 519-599-3681 x 6 or email Museum@TheBlueMountains.ca

#### Osler Castle

The Osler Castle fireplace mantle is now the location of the Osler Castle exhibit. View the mantle in person and compare it to the image of the mantle in the house from the Osler Castle book in the library.



## Refreshed exhibits this February

The Blue Mountain Pottery exhibit is in a new spot with different pieces selected for display. A variety of designs and glazes can be seen, some you may not even recognize as BMP pottery!





# **TOWN NEWS & NOTICES**

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## Notice of Public Meeting: Considering Town Properties to be Surplus to the Town's Needs

Date of this Notice: January 12, 2024

March 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online Town Hall, Council Chambers 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

#### What is being proposed?

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to receive comments from the public regarding the potential declaration of the following properties to be surplus to the needs of the Town and to provide the Town the ability to consider disposing of or selling any of the properties. Each property will be reviewed separately.

Maps of the properties can be reviewed on the Town website: https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx? DocumentId=19059

Please note that the properties listed will not be declared surplus, disposed of, or sold at this Public Meeting.
Property Locations:

- Cedar Street Road Allowance between 95 and 101 Bay Street East (Thornbury)
- 2. Leming Street Road Allowance between 103 and 107 Leming Street (Thornbury)
- 3. Clark Street property south of 150 Clark Street (Clarksburg)
- 4. CON 8 W PT LOT 9 south of 495927 Grey Road 2 (Ravenna)
- 5. Cameron Street property between 214 and 216 Cameron Street (Thornbury)
- 6. Margaret Drive Road Allowance south of 135 Margaret Drive (Craigleith)
- 7. 424200001711105 property southeast of the Arthur Street Parking Lot (Thornbury)
- 8. Bruce Street/Alice Street West Laneway behind 74, 78 and 80 Bruce and 9 Alice Streets (Thornbury)
- Corner of Huron Street and Elma Street east of 46 Huron Street West (Thornbury)
- 10. Grey Road 19 property between 796397 Grey Road 19 and 108 and 112 Pioneer Lane (Craigleith)
- 11. Plan 1119 Block 25 between 104 and 110 Salzburg Place (Craigleith)

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on this topic has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the 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.

Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

#### 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 **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.

Any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses.

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by **4:30 p.m.** on Tuesday March **5, 2024.** 

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber. Those providing their comments in person, are required to follow the Public Health Guidelines of the Town, as recommended by the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

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

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON Fax: 519-599-7723 townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member! Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer 519-599-3131 ext. 234 or cao@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), all information provided for, or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record, including resident deputations. This information may be posted on the Town's website. and/or made available to the public upon request.

This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable and upon request.



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# Save the Date! Volunteer Fair and Awards Ceremony

The Town of The Blue Mountains' annual volunteer fair and recognition awards ceremony returns on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Beaver Valley Community Centre in Thornbury!

The Town's annual Volunteer Recognition Awards event aims to celebrate and honour outstanding residents, community groups and organizations who work to enhance the quality of life in The Blue Mountains.

#### VOLUNTEER FAIR - 4:00 - 7:00PM

The volunteer fair is a free event featuring groups and organizations from the community with a focus on highlighting the important services they provide to residents. The volunteer fair is also a great way to learn about local volunteer opportunities and how you can help give back!

To learn more about the fair or to register as a vendor, please visit www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards

# VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS CEREMONY – 5:00PM

The Volunteer Awards Ceremony was started to celebrate and honour outstanding residents and organizations that have helped shape and build the local community.

Awards will be presented for the following seven categories:

- 1. Arts & Culture Award
- 2. Blue Mountains Community Builder (Youth under 26)
- 3. Blue Mountains Community Builder (Adult 26+)
- 4. Good Neighbour Award
- 5. Heritage Award
- 6. Outstanding Community Group Award
- 7. Sports and Recreation Award
- 8. Sustainability Award

If you are thinking of someone or know of a local community group or organization you would like to nominate, please complete the online nomination form by visiting the Volunteer Recognition Awards webpage on the Town website. Award nominations will be accepted until Wednesday, March 6, 2024.





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## Town of The Blue Mountains Public Appointment to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board

The Town of The Blue Mountains is seeking applications, in the form of letters of interest, from members of the public for appointment to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board. The Board appointment will be in place for the 2022-2026 term of Council:

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board:

- 5-member Board, 3 Board members have been appointed (2 Members of Council, 1 Public Appointment. The 1 Provincial Appointee seat is currently vacant)
- 1 additional member of the public being sought.

The Blue Mountains Police Services Board is currently a 3 Member Board. Starting April 1, 2024, the Community Safety and Policing Act will be in place across Ontario. This means a change for The Blue Mountains Police Services Board as it will increase Board Membership from 3 Members to 5 Members, one being an additional Council Appointment and one being an additional Public Member Appointment. The Town of The Blue Mountains Council appointed Councillor Gail Ardiel as the additional Council Appointment on October 30, 2023.

Applicants are encouraged to include background information and any special qualifications or interest related to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board.

Information regarding the Board is available on our Town's website

at:www.thebluemountains.ca/town-hall/council-committees/committees-council/police-services-board

**NOTE:** Applicants shall be qualified electors within the Town of The Blue Mountains. The successful applicant will be required to complete a background check.

All Applications should be submitted no later than **Wednesday February 28, 2024 1:00 pm** to:

Town of The Blue Mountains Attention: Town Clerk 32 Mill Street Thornbury, Ontario NOH 2P0 townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

For any general inquiries please contact: Clerk's Office 519-599-3131 ext. 306 townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Personal information provided by the applicant is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purpose of candidate selection. The Town of The Blue Mountains is an equal opportunity organization. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.



## **Ontario Connecting People to Primary Care Teams**

The Ontario government is investing \$110 million to connect up to 328,000 people to primary care teams, bringing the province one step closer to connecting everyone in Ontario to primary care.

"Our government is making record investments to ensure that everyone that wants to have a primary care provider can connect to one," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "While there is more work to do, giving hundreds of thousands of more Ontarians the opportunity to connect to primary care brings us that much closer to this goal."

Ontario currently leads the country with 90 per cent of people connected to a regular health care provider. As a next step to close the gap for the 1.3 million people not connected to primary care, the government is making a record investment of \$90 million to add over 400 new primary care providers as part of 78 new and expanded interprofessional primary care teams. In addition to other historic investments to expand medical school spots and efforts to break down barriers so highly-skilled internationally-trained doctors can care for people in Ontario, Ministry of Health modelling shows that these initiatives will help connect up to 98 per cent of people in Ontario to primary care in the next several years.

Interprofessional primary care teams connect people to a range of health professionals that work together under one roof, including doctors, nurse practitioners, registered and practical nurses, physiotherapists, social workers and dietitians, among others. Timely access to primary care helps people stay healthier for longer with faster diagnosis and treatment, as well as more consistent support managing their day-to-day health while relieving pressures on emergency departments and walk-in clinics.

An additional \$20 million will provide a boost to all existing interprofessional primary care teams to help them meet increased operational costs for their facilities and supplies so that they continue to provide high-quality care to the people they provide care to.

In Peterborough, more than \$3 million in funding will allow the newly established Peterborough Community Health Centre to connect up to 11,375 people to primary care. Programs and services will include comprehensive primary care, mental health services, and chronic disease management.

Another example is in Kingston where more than \$4 million in funding will help up to 10,000 people connect to team-based primary care at the Periwinkle model site. The team will be part of the Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Ontario Health Team (FLAOHT) and will integrate with hospitals, and community agencies to provide care to perinatal patients, newborns, and people who have been discharged from hospital and require timely follow-up care, including cancer patients.

#### **Quick Facts**

- Today's investment triples the original \$30 million dollars earmarked to expand interprofessional primary care teams and will deliver over four times as many initiatives as outlined in our Your Health Plan almost a year ago.
- The new and expanded teams will include Family Health Teams, Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics, Community Health Centres and Indigenous Primary Health Care Organizations
- Ontario is the first province to have a publicly funded Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic program.
- This is in addition to the new Practice Ready Ontario Program that will add 50 new physicians this year.
- The new and expanded teams are the result of a province-wide call
  for proposals that took place in 2023. All proposals were thoroughly
  reviewed by Ontario Health based on criteria prioritizing areas of
  greatest need, to connect a greater number of people currently
  without a regular primary care provider with these services closer
  to home.
- Ontario leads the country in how many people benefit from a long-term, stable relationship with a family doctor or primary care provider. Since 2018 the province has added over 80,000 new nurses and 10,300 new physicians to the health care system.



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# Due to High Demand, Pap-a-Palooza is back! Appointments Now Available for the South Georgian Bay

In response to high demand, the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team (SGB OHT) is offering three more cervical cancer screening clinics this March. The 3-day clinic is for residents in South Georgian Bay aged 25-70 who need cervical cancer screening (Pap tests) and do not have a local doctor or nurse practitioner.

"The Pap-a-Palooza clinics have provided a critically important service to the South Georgian Bay community. Cervical cancer can be prevented with regular pap test screening, and we've seen an incredible response to the clinics so far. Please pass along this message to anyone in your life without access to care – we are here for you!"

-Dr. Jennifer Tomas, Ob/Gyn from Collingwood

The South Georgian Bay Cervical Cancer Screening Clinic is being held by appointment only on **March 5**, **2024**, **March 19**, **2024 and March 26**, **2024 from 8 am to 4 pm**. Appointments for the clinic can be booked on the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team website:

http://www.southgeorgianbayoht.ca/cervical-cancer-screening-clinics-2/ or by dialing 2-1-1 (24/7bilingual helpline) for assistance with booking an online appointment. Additional clinics may be added at future dates based on demand.

#### About the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team (SGB OHT)

The SGB OHT is a new model of organizing and delivering health care that better connects patients and providers in their communities to improve patient outcomes. We are comprised of eleven anchor partners and a strong network of supporting community organizations. SGB OHT members collaborate with patients, families, caregivers and the community to co-design the best possible care for our region.

To learn more about SGB OHT or get involved please visit www. southgeorgianbayoht.ca or follow us on Facebook @SGBOHT and Twitter @SGBOHT The South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team is supported by funding from the Government of Ontario.





**Beaver Valley Branch 281**Announces the launch of fundraising for the

# CENOTAPH ENHANCEMENT PROJECT



This \$35,000 project aims to install two new monuments, adjacent to the current cenotaph, commemorating each branch of the armed forces and first responders.

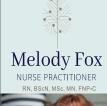
Branch 281 is grateful to St. George's Anglican Church and The Blue Mountains Fire Department, who have agreed to donate the proceeds of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 13th, 5-7pm, Beaver Valley Community Centre to kick-start this fundraising effort.

Donations by cheque, payable to St George's Clarksburg, with 'Cenotaph Enhancement Project' on the memo line, will be eligible for an official tax receipt. Donors contributing \$200 or more will be recognised on a donor plaque to be installed at the cenotaph site in Jack Acres Park.

Sketches of the proposed Cenotaph Enhancement will be on display, in the Legion display cabinet, and at the L E Shore Library during the month of February.







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Fee for Service offering Primary Care Services and Dermatology Services which include full skin survey, cryotherapy and skin biopsies.





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First Prize: **\$250** gift certificate Second Prize: \$100 gift certificate (at local restaurants)

Beginning March through August 2024 four tickets per month will be drawn. Winning tickets go back into the drum! Increase your odds even more with a discounted five-pack.

# DINNER ofthe draw

### **Participating Restaurants**

#### **Meaford:**

The Dam Pub Bruce Wine Bar Franny's Mercato

The Leeky Canoe Sheardown's Wine Bar & Cuisine Ted's Range Road Diner

Towa Restaurant

#### Thornbury:

The Corner Cafe & Grill

The Bistro at Lora Bay The Mill Cafe Winifred's English Pub

# Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100

Members of Thornbury-Clarksburg and Meaford Rotary Clubs Email: dinner@tcrotary.ca
Scan QR code to buy tickets:



Proceeds to fund Rotary community projects in Thornbury-Clarksburg and Meaford

Tickets available at The Review office, 206 Marsh Street, Clarksburg

# # EFL ONLINE RAFFLE DRAW: FEB. 10, 2024 - 7 PM

TICKETS 1/\$10, 3/\$25, 5/\$40, 15/\$100



# DRAW PRIZES

1st Prize A - Two Tickets for Toronto Maple Leafs

Feb. 13th, 2024 GOLD SEATS!! vo Gold seat tickets for the Toronto Maple Leafs vs. St. Louis Blues on Tuesday February 13th, 2024 at Scotiabank Arena, Toronto. Section 112 row 12 seats #8 and #9. Min. face value of \$300

2nd Prize - 65" Samsung Smart TV - Retails for \$799 CDN

3rd Prize - \$500 gift certificate for Leons plus Tempur-Pedic Pillow valued at \$189

To purchase tickets www.eventsfor.life Lottery Licence # 861722





### **!! RECRUITING TBM PARENTS !!**

COME and JOIN US for a CLIMATE ACTION FOCUS GROUP

Provide your ADVICE and THOUGHTS in a 2-hour focus group February 6, 2024 - THORNBURY (6:30-8:30PM) or February 28, 2024 - RAVENNA (6:30-8:30PM)

# **CLIMATE ACTION NOW NETWORK (CANN)**

is developing a

#### **FAMILIES FOR CLIMATE ACTION**

program to enable TBM families to increase their climate action and reduce their carbon footprint. We would appreciate your input to build the program.

10 people maximum, limited to 1 parent per household Note that these are focus groups. The full program for up to 40 TBM families is expected to be rolled out in the coming months.

E-MAIL US AT CANNTBM@GMAIL.COM FOR DETAILS



Arts & Crafts Workshops Anniversary Celebrations Open Houses Vendor Market Silent Auction ...plus more!

# Saturday February 10 **Come Visit** Clarksburg Village!

www.visitclarksburg.ca

## **Celebrating the Colour Turquoise! February 3-28**

Every year, the Arts & Culture Council for The Gallery at L.E. Shore hosts an open invitation, salon styled show centered around a colour theme.

Local artists are invited to submit artwork of that colour theme, and our Gallery is hung, floor to ceiling and everywhere in between, with art!

This year, artwork will be centered around the vibrant colour of

Turquoise. Featuring nearly 100 local artists and over 200 turquoise themed art pieces.







# PANCAKE TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 13 (5PM-7PM)
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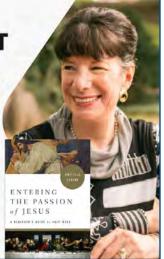
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VISIT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ORDER YOUR COPY OF THE BOOK OR CALL 519-599-3047 FOR MORE INFORMATION.











# Saturday, February 24th 9am-Noon

Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack.

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Saturday, February 24, 2024 • 2 to 4 pm

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Tuesday, February 27th at 12:00

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### A Compelling Nonfiction Book List for Black History Month

Our Black History Month reading list focusses on the Black experience in Canada.

They passed this way: a personal acknowledgment of the early Black settlers of Simcoe and Grey Counties. Assembled from Howard Sheffield's hand-written notes, stories and memories, this book spans almost 200 years of Black history from Africa to Simcoe and Grey counties.

Published by Sheffield Park Black History and Cultural Museum. Call or visit the L.E. Shore Library for availability 519-599-3681.



## **DISTRICT 'E' INVITES YOU TO ENTER** THE 6th ANNUAL SENIORS 55+ LITERARY COMPETITION



- Contestants are challenged to exercise their creativity and submit a poem (max 32 lines), essay (max 1000 words), short story (max 4000 words) or memoir (max 5000 words).
- Submissions must be received by March 17, 2024 by email to DistrictEseniorsliterary@gmail.com and clearly marked SENIORS LITERARY COMPETITION
- Submission must include a cover page stating the title, author's name and entry line/word count
- Must complete and attach official registration form available at https://rcl632.ca/seniors-literary-competition/
- Open to all Ontario resident seniors aged 55+
- Must be original, written by the contestant and be unpublished
- · Must be submitted in English or French
- Contestants may submit only one entry in any / each category
- Biographies that are submitted must include written consent from the subject, if living.

Prizes will be awarded at the SLC Luncheon on Sunday, June 23

Support for submissions available L. E. Shore Library

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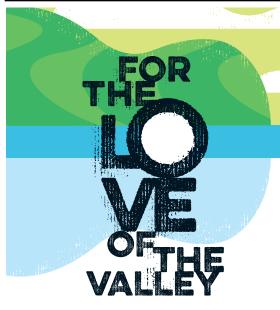


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