



Start and End dates of Spring 2024

The transition from winter to spring always takes place in March. This date is not however fixed because it depends on that of the spring equinox which takes place according to the years on March 19, 20 or 21.

This year spring started on Tuesday March 19, 2024 (day of the spring equinox) and will end on Thursday June 20, 2024 with the summer solstice.

The spring equinox in the Northern Hemisphere (also called the March equinox) occurs when the Sun crosses the celestial equator going south to north. It's called the "celestial" equator because it's an imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator.

On the March equinox, the Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere receive roughly equal amounts of sunlight; neither hemisphere is tilted more toward or away from the Sun than the other.

Although in most locations (the North Pole and Equator being exceptions), the amount of daylight had been increasing each day after the winter solstice. After the spring equinox, many places will experience more daylight than darkness in each 24-hour day. The amount of daylight each day will continue to increase until the summer solstice in June, during which the longest period of daylight occurs.

Blue Mountains Affordable Housing Committee

On December 13, 2023, the BMAHC Board of Management held its Annual General Meeting. During the Public Meeting portion, where existing members of the Board of Management could express interest in remaining on the Board, it was determined and confirmed that no members were interested in continuing to serve on the BMAHC Board of Management.

In anticipation of this scenario, Town staff had worked directly with the existing Chair of the Board, Mr. Gavin Leitch, to ensure a plan was in place to move the BMAHC forward in the event that none of the existing Board members continued to serve in their positions.

On October 30, 2023, Town staff brought forward Staff Report FAF.23.171 which recommended the next steps for the Town related to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation.

As a result of this report, Council unanimously approved the following resolutions: that Council receive Staff Report FAF.23.171, entitled "Recommended Next Steps for the Town Related to The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation"

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For the Love of the Valley Event

By Kate Russell

Fun times in fundraising on March 16th with the "For the Love of the Valley" event at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg.

Musician and Beaver Valley lover Paul Woolner and other dedicated volunteers set up the evening in support of the Escarpment Corridor Alliance (ECA). His band – Live the Dash - opened for award-winning local legends the MacKenzie Blues Band.

"We are rallying community spirit to envision what could be done on the lands," said Jarvis Strong, Executive Director of the ECA to explain the purpose for the sold out event. The organization was formed in response to development pressures at two sites on the Niagara Escarpment.

The dance floor filled up as Live the Dash tore through a great set, even getting the audience to sing along "up the valley to find our soul". The Mackenzie Blues Band then built the energy with Tara's voice keening for the valley animals, rivers and trees who have no voice. Some in the crowd howled along as they sent love to the wilderness.

The Castle Glen and former Talisman development proposals both represent the potential for huge breaks in the wild corridor that is the Niagara Escarpment. Despite historic protections on the land, the ECA knows it will have to build "collective impact" to stop inappropriate mega development.

"They are both at risk of being developed," said ECA founder Stephen Griggs, during a break between bands. He lives near the Talisman site, where formerly public-owned land was sold to a private developer against local resident outcry. He thanked those gathered who supported the idea of protecting the Beaver Valley location and the Castle Glen forest. Even noting the presence of Grey Highlands councillors Nadia Dubyk and Joel Loughead who were recognized for their attention and concern. "They've been wonderful supporters of the work we're doing at ECA."

The new non-profit charity was registered in September 2023. It started with Griggs and co-founder Bruce Harbinson sitting around a kitchen table lamenting about the potential overdevelopment of natural space on the Southern Georgian Bay area of the Niagara Escarpment – a UNESCO Biosphere. They knew the importance of protecting a wildlife corridor to preserve natural spaces against the rush of deep-pocketed Toronto developers to claim and exploit it with what the ECA website calls "mini-cities."

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"Now we're up to 10,000 followers," Griggs said, offering his amazement at going from the tens, then hundreds, then thousands of supporters, who have helped raise enough funds to study the ecology of the area and prepare for the coming challenge to developing the areas. "Come out and hear more about what we're doing in April."

ECA has been surveying the communities within their area of concern and has held public visioning sessions on what could be done at the former Talisman property. It has also hired Strong, who took a moment at the mic to thank all the volunteers and the musicians for the event and the foundation the ECA has managed to establish toward their goals.

"In the 13 years I've run charities to benefit the community and environment," he offered, "this board is like none other I've ever worked with. The best fundraising we do is like this, this is the secret sauce."

This is what makes it a success, he added, saying the ECA has big plans for the region for an eco-wildlife corridor, which is great for nature, great for community and great for the economy. More detail on the outcomes of the survey and visioning is available online at myescarpment.ca.

"We've got to protect these hot spots," Strong concluded, asserting we can do it together "by bringing people together, rallying community and rolling up our sleeves."

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Community Improvement Plan 2024

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that the 2024 intake period for applications to the Town's Community Improvement **Applications will be accepted until Friday, April 19.**

The Town has two Community Improvement Plans:

The Town Wide Revitalization Community Improvement Plan encourages private property improvement and revitalization.

The Housing Within Reach Community Improvement Plan facilitates the development of attainable housing.

The Community Improvement Plans aim to serve as a long-term strategy to revitalize the community, improve residents' quality of life, better utilize under-developed properties, and promote private investment in land and buildings through grants or loans to private property owners and tenants.

Interested applicants are encouraged to arrange a pre-application consultation with Town Staff to discuss and confirm application requirements. Following the consultation, applicants must submit a completed application form, including supporting documentation, for evaluation. For more information or to arrange a pre-application consultation, please visit the Community Improvement Plan webpage at www.bluemountains.ca or contact: Community Improvement Plan Administrator 519-599-3131 x 269

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Town staff, now acting in the capacity of the Board, suggest that this newly appointed Board of The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation (BMAHC) focus on bringing forth opportunities that will best serve the community and result in more affordable and attainable housing and accommodation stock and clear opportunities.

The recommendations contained within this report include the appointment of up to six (6) members of Town staff who have volunteered to serve on the Board of the BMAHC until the transition period is completed and a report can be provided to Council with recommendations regarding how best to proceed.

The six (6) members of Town staff were required to submit an expression of interest to participate on the BMAHC Board after first receiving an endorsement to participate from their Manager and Director. Participants were also required to be either renting and/or in the market for a local rental or ownership property within affordable rates.

CAO Shawn Everitt will serve as the board chair and acting director of finance and treasurer Sam Dinsmore is the corporation's financial manager. Carrie Fairley was selected as director/secretary. Other committee members include Nicholas Cloet, Cat Cooper, Erica Dudley, Marco Hinds, Morgan May, Mylene McDermid and Carter Triana as well as Councillor McKinlay and Mayor Matrosovs.

Staff suggest that, as part of this review, a report from The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation (BMAHC) Board be provided to the June 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting to provide recommendations regarding the future of the BMAHC. Presently, staff suggest that a variety of tools could be considered through this work including the following opportunities that could be offered through the BMAHC, or the Town, to expand the opportunities to increase the overall range of housing and living options within the Town.

- Secondary Suite Assistance Program;
- Potential of using the funding raised through property tax sales to provide funding to the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for the specific purposes of Housing Incentive Programs;
- Potential of the Town retaining properties acquire through property tax sales where appropriate;
- Formalizing volunteer contributions that developers can provide in lieu of the provision of affordable and/or attainable housing;
- Developing and maintaining a formal annual living wage document for The Blue Mountains.

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GBPH Encourages Residents To Test Their Well Water This Spring

Grey-Bruce households that draw drinking water from wells and other private systems should test their water regularly to ensure it is safe to consume, as well-water quality can change over time.

Grey Bruce Public Health is reminding residents that spring is an ideal time to test well water.

"While we're unlikely to experience the significant snow melt and flooding conditions of a typical Grey-Bruce spring, Public Health still encourages residents on privately owned systems to test their drinking water this spring by taking advantage of Public Health Ontario's free well water testing program," says GBPH Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

"Well water should be tested at least three times a year, so making it a habit to test in the spring, after each winter season, is a good idea."

Grey Bruce Public Health launched last fall a locally designed service that ensures all residents have equitable, timely access to Public Health Ontario's complimentary well water testing program.

Residents can pick up sample collection kits and drop off samples at 14 locations throughout Grey-Bruce.

FRIDAY PICKUP

Municipality of Meaford, 15 Trowbridge St. W., Meaford, 9:40 a.m.

Ravenna Hall, #628299 Grey County Rd 119, Ravenna, 10 a.m.

Markdale, 206 Toronto Street South, Unit 1 Markdale 11 a.m.

Water samples must be tested by PHO within 48 hours of collecting the sample. Therefore, residents must collect and drop off their samples as close as possible to the scheduled courier pick-up time.

Public Health Ontario's private drinking water testing program analyzes samples for the presence of bacterial indicators of contamination, specifically E. coli and total coliforms, which can make people sick and can even be fatal. Residents receive test results directly from PHO.

If a test comes back with an adverse result, residents can call Grey Bruce Public Health for assistance. There are many ways to deal with water contamination to ensure your family is protected.

PHO's water testing program is not for people on municipal water systems.

Denis Langlois, Communications Co-ordinator, Grey Bruce Public Health, 519-376-9420 or 1-800-263-3456 ext. 1315, Communications@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca

A Total Eclipse of the Sun

Monday, April 8, 2024

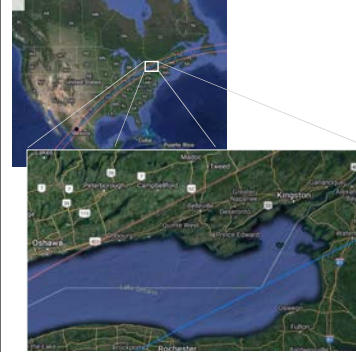
This information sheet is intended for the general public, prepared by the Belleville Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

On April 8, 2024, a total eclipse of the sun will cross southern Ontario for the first time in 400 years, and the last time in 375 years. In such a total eclipse, the Moon exactly covers the Sun, and our star's faint atmosphere (the *corona*) becomes visible. Everyone else in North and Central America will see a partial eclipse of the Sun, with a bigger "bite" taken out of the Sun the closer you are to the path of the total eclipse.

If you are on the path, when only a sliver of sunlight remains visible, your surroundings will begin to darken, as if the Sun were setting in the middle of the day. Temperatures will drop and birds will go to roost, thinking that night is coming. Finally, the Sun will be totally covered and the beautiful solar atmosphere (the *corona*) will become visible. Totality will last four minutes or less and then the Sun will slowly be uncovered.



Most people in North America will see a partial eclipse. Photo by Donald Town, Belleville RASC



The path of the total eclipse. Credit: Xavier Jubier



Only those people in the narrow path of totality will see the total eclipse. Photo by Randy Boddam, Belleville RASC

When and Where

At the top of this page is information for what will happen in our area. Hopefully, the skies will be clear and you can get a great view of this rare astronomical event. There will not be another total eclipse visible in Canada until 2043. You can find out what will happen at other locations by going to: www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/solar/2024-april-8

There are many indirect ways to observe the eclipse, so having solar-viewing glasses is not required. An easy method to observe the eclipse is to take a cardboard box, cut a viewing hole on one end and on the same end, make another hole, covered in aluminum foil with a pinhole in it (taking care to make a small, neat hole). Tape a white sheet of paper on the opposite end of the box to act as a viewing screen. Then, stand with your back to the Sun and let the Sun's light fall through the hole and onto the sheet at the opposite end. You'll get a small but distinct image of the Sun. The longer the cardboard box, the larger the image of the Sun will be.

Observing the Sun Safely

Because some part of the Sun will be showing during most of this eclipse, it will be important to use safe viewing strategies to protect your eyes. It is never safe to look directly at the Sun, except during the brief period of totality, when you can only see the faint solar corona by looking directly at the eclipsed Sun.

Regular sunglasses, swimming goggles, and most camera filters are **NOT** safe for looking directly at the Sun. You can observe the Sun indirectly using the suggestions below. Or you can safely protect your eyes with certified solar-viewing glasses available from your local RASC Centre.

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Tuesday, March 26 1-3 p.m., Jeremy Bertrand, Ontario's Ministry of Finance Seniors' expert, will talk about the provincial tax credits and benefits. That includes the Medical Expense & Senior's Care at Home Tax Credits. L.E. Shore

To register for this session, phone 519 599 2577, ext. 126 OR e mail, seniors@bvo.ca

There's also help to get your tax return filed. For more information about FREE Income tax preparation clinics, call Catherine Sholtz at Beaver Valley Outreach. 519 599 2577, ext. 2.

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Grey County Paramedics Exceed Response Targets In 2023



Grey County paramedics are consistently answering the call. For the 2023 calendar year, Grey County paramedics exceeded targets for all call types while responding to a record 15,046 total calls for response. The annual response time report was presented to Grey County Council on March 14.

"Grey County is committed to continuous improvements in our paramedic services. This is reflected in the response time targets which are developed annually," explained Kevin McNab, director of paramedic services with Grey County. "Even as call volumes continue to grow, our professional team is rising to the challenge, proving high quality and timely first response to those in need."

In addition to exceeding 2023 targets, response times matched or exceeded Grey County's five-year performance average for all call types.

Grey County reviews response targets each year. Performance is measured across six triage levels determined by the severity of the call. SCA (sudden cardiac arrest) are the most urgent and have a response target of six minutes or less 40% of the time. CTAS 1 calls require resuscitation and are life threatening, such as cardiac arrests or major trauma. The response target for CTAS 1 calls is eight minutes or less 60% of the time. CTAS 2 calls require emergency care and may be life threatening, such as a head injury or internal bleeding. The response target for CTAS 2 calls is 15 minutes or less 90% of the time. CTAS 3 calls require urgent care for conditions that could progress to serious problems, such as moderate breaking problems or a resolved seizure. CTAS 4 calls are less urgent conditions that would benefit from help or reassurance, such as wounds requiring stitches. CTAS 5 calls are non-urgent conditions which could be delayed or referred to other areas of the healthcare system, such as a sore throat or a dressing change. The response time for CTAS 3, CTAS 4 and CTAS 5 calls is 20 minutes or less 90% of the time.

Grey County paramedics cover an area of 4,500 square kilometres. The location of a call and the nearest paramedic station or available ambulance impact response times. A comprehensive deployment review was completed in 2023 help better understand the growing demand for paramedic services over the next 10 years. This review recommends strategies for improving response times in remote areas of the County. This includes adding a new base in Feversham, rebuilding the base in Durham, and phasing in additional shifts at other bases. Information can be found at www.grey.ca.



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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
- 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

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

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

Volunteer Awards

APRIL 17, 2024

Town Names Winners of Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to recognize the winners of the Volunteer Recognition Awards and extend sincere gratitude and appreciation to the countless volunteers who devote their time and effort to support the community.

The following Volunteers and Community Groups are this year's recipients:

- Arts and Culture Award: Judy Shield
- Heritage Award: Royal Canadian Legion Beaver Valley Branch 281
- Sustainability Award: Barry Tatchell & Stella Presthus Juhasz
- Sports and Recreation Award: Jessica Elkins
- Good Neighbour Award: Sarah Beveridge

Blue Mountains Community Builder (Adult 26+): Linda Wykes

Outstanding Community Group Award: The Marsh Street Centre
In partnership with The Seniors Network, The Town will host a Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony and Volunteer Fair to honour the recipients on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Beaver Valley Community Centre in Thornbury.

Members of the public are invited to attend the Volunteer Fair from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm with a break at 5:00 pm for the Awards Ceremony. The Volunteer Fair provides the opportunity for the public to meet with various community groups in the area to learn about volunteer opportunities. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information on the Volunteer Recognition Awards, please visit the event webpage or contact:

Community Services Department (519) 599-3131 ext. 254

CSWBP Crime Prevention Action Table Identifies Four Priority Areas to Tackle in Grey and Bruce

The Community Safety and Well-Being Planning's Crime Prevention Action Table has hit the ground running since forming in December 2023. The action table is comprised of West Grey Police, Hanover Police, Owen Sound Police, Saugeen Shores Police, Neyaashiinigmiing Police, South Bruce O.P.P, Grey Bruce O.P.P, Crime Stoppers Grey Bruce, and Victim Services Bruce Grey Perth.

The action table developed four priority areas to address crime across Grey and Bruce using community feedback, local data and stakeholder engagement.

The four priority areas are: Human Trafficking, Drug Trafficking, Intimate Partner and Gender-Based Violence, and Road Safety. The action table in collaboration with key community partners have begun to develop and deliver initiatives to Grey and Bruce communities.

The community can look forward to seeing the work of the action table in various ways such as community education, resource development, trainings, and collaboration with citizens. The Crime Prevention Action Table, along with the other action tables of Community Safety and Well-Being Planning is designed to not only identify and work on issues we are experiencing as a community but to look forward to how we can prevent these concerns from occurring in the future.

"This table is a clear testament to the strong collaboration we have across Grey and Bruce and the dedication of our services and organizations to creating a safer and inclusive community for Grey and Bruce residents and visitors," says Chief Robert Martin of West Grey Police and the chair of the Crime Prevention Action Table.

Make sure to keep your eye out for education events in the community, social media campaigns and trainings which

have begun to roll-out and will continue throughout 2024.

To learn more about the Crime Prevention Action Table please visit: Priority Areas of Action - Community Safety and Well-Being Planning (brucecounty.on.ca)

What is the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP) Grey-Bruce?

Community Safety and Well Being Planning helps

organizations improve the things that keep us healthy, happy, and safe. Together, we use research to create solutions focused on education, health care, food, housing, income, crime, and belonging. It is important that we create a welcoming community where problems are solved before they happen and where different professionals and community members come together to help people now and in the future.

The ongoing work of CSWBP is supported by an advisory committee representing over 74 partners from across Bruce and Grey who are working together to address crime prevention by investing in social development, prevention, and risk interventions.

This upstream preventative model focuses on creating protective factors that make individuals less vulnerable to crime and victimization.



BVO is seeking a Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW) Phone Program Coordinator

(Part Time Position)

Seniors Centre Without Walls (SCWW) Phone Program Coordinator will manage all elements of a free, phone-based program serving seniors and their families in the Town of the Blue Mountains. The program addresses the needs and interests of seniors who can participate and socialize from the comfort of their own homes.

The successful applicant will be responsible to, (but not limited to):

- Plan, develop, implement and evaluate BVO's SCWW phone program.
- Collaborate with SCWW New Territory4Seniors & Answers4Seniors staff on topics & presenters
- Facilitate publicity for the monthly calendar of activities.
- Work with the senior participants, volunteers, referral sources, and community partners to keep the program relevant and responsive to seniors.
- Collect & maintain SCWW phone program records & statistical data for monthly reporting and planning purposes.
- Train volunteers for the phone system and facilitating phone sessions
- Assist in the development and implementation of long-term planning for the overall Seniors Centre Without Walls program.
- Coordinate teleconferencing services with service provider.

Education:

- Post-Secondary Education Diploma/Degree in a related field or related experience
- Current Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check
- AODA and Health & Safety Training (BVO willing to train)

Required Skills/Knowledge:

- Excellent communication skills-written and verbal
- Experience working with seniors
- Computer/phone literacy skills
- Ability to work flexible hours (host minimum of 20, 1 hour sessions/month)
- Capable problem solver and decision maker
- Program planning & group facilitation
- Values interaction with program participants, volunteers and community connections

Hours of Work:

- 40 hours per month.
- Wages: \$22.75 per hour. (Grey Bruce Living Wage)

Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume in person to Beaver Valley Outreach with the subject line: Seniors Centre Without Walls Phone Program Coordinator by email to admin@bvo.ca Please contact Catherine Sholtz at 519-599-2577 ext. 122 for further information.

BVO is an Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to an inclusive and barrier-free workplace. If you require accommodation during the recruitment process, please advise. We thank everyone who applies, however, only those selected will be contacted for an interview.



TBM Repair Café
140 Bruce St. S. Thornbury

Saturday, March 23th
9am-Noon
Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack.
Go Green for a better Blue!
www.repaircafethebluemountains.ca

Shoreline Chorus Presents
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Directed by Ann-Marie MacDairmid

Featuring a wide-range of Canadian repertoire including...
'Anthem' by Leonard Cohen
'Fogarty's Cove' by Stan Rogers/Ron Smail
'Loch Lomond' arranged by Jonathan Quick
'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



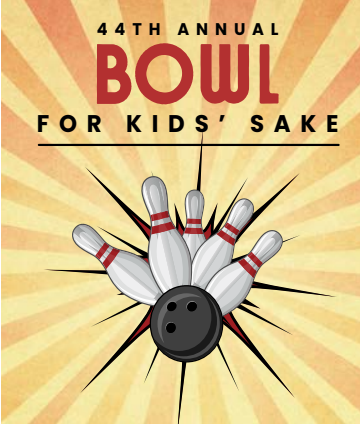
For information please call 519-599-2710



UPCOMING EVENTS

 SATURDAY MARCH 16	 SATURDAY MARCH 23
 FRIDAY MARCH 22 & 29	 SATURDAY MARCH 30
 SATURDAY APRIL 20	 FRIDAY APRIL 26
 SATURDAY APRIL 27	 MAY 3,4,5 MAY 10,11,12
 SATURDAY MAY 18	 SATURDAY JUNE 29

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



44TH ANNUAL BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

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
Register online
greybruce.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
Your participation will make a significant difference in our efforts to create communities where young people belong and are inspired to unlock their potential! 519-376-4449



HOLY WEEK & EASTER
AT ST. GEORGE'S, THE PARISH OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS
168 RUSSELL ST. E., CLARKSBURG
All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the story of God's great love for us!
ENTER + LIVE + CELEBRATE the Story

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)

Maunder 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
(519) 599-3047

Tree Talk

Forest Conservation in the Amazon

Monday, March 25, 7:00 - 9:00

Kayapo lands are located in the midst of one of the world's highest deforestation regions - an agricultural frontier with an expanding road network and little if any law enforcement. Kayapo have fiercely protected their vast territory but face increased pressure from illegal incursions



Presenter: Barbara Zimmerman

Dr. Zimmerman's journey began with academic pursuits in ecology at the University of Guelph and Florida State University, leading her to become deeply involved in the indigenous activist movement of the Kayapo Indians in the Brazilian Amazon in 1989. Since then, she has worked tirelessly with local, national, and international partners to safeguard over 110,000 km2 of legally ratified territories from encroachment, invasion, and deforestation.

Tree Trust TBM is excited to be sponsoring several educational tree talks this spring. Our first in this series will be a talk showcasing conservation efforts on Kayapo lands. Explore the importance of preserving Kayapo Indigenous Territories in the Amazon, empowering communities while protecting biodiversity. Learn how your choices impact this ecosystem. Join conservationist Dr. Barbara Zimmerman for an engaging discussion.

Where: L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce Street, Thornbury

When: Monday, March 25 from 7:00 - 9:00pm

Cost: Free, but donations are kindly encouraged

For more information please email: [programs@tree**trust**.ca](mailto:programs@treetrust.ca)

WOMENS CLOTHING SALE
in support of Events for Life



DONATION DROP OFF DATES

Please drop off **NEW** or **GENTLY USED** items

Blue Mtn. Storage 369 Clark S Clarksburg, ON Unit H5 March 30th 10am - 12pm	Beaver Valley Arena 58 Alfred St W. Thornbury Tuesdays April 16, 23, 30 10am - 12pm Thursday 18, 25 and May 2 1 - 3pm
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EVENTS FOR LIFE

is based in Thornbury, ON. This day program services adults with special needs living in our community. Any items left over will be donated to shelters and organizations in need.

For more information visit www.eventsfor.life

BEAVER VALLEY PIPES & DRUMS
FUNDRAISING CONCERT

CELEBRATE TARTAN DAY
AT OUR ANNUAL TARTAN TEA

SATURDAY APR 6 2024, 1:30 PM

HIGHLAND DANCERS | CELTIC MUSICIANS
& BEAVER VALLEY PIPES & DRUMS

50/50 DRAW | SILENT AUCTION | BAR

ADULTS \$32

CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$25
CASH OR E-TRANSFER

COFFEE, TEA, SHORTBREADS & SCONES

THE MARSH STREET CENTRE

187 MARSH ST, CLARKSBURG
Doors open at 1:00
Entertainment 1:30 TO 3:30

EMAIL beavervalleypipeband@gmail.com
PHONE 705-606-1493



Rotary
Thornbury-Clarksburg



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
- Half Time Refreshments
- Silent Auction!!!

Come join the fun...AND help **SHELTERBOX** support the millions of people in the world today who are in need...

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For more info: John Bailey 519-599-7797 baileyjd6942@gmail.com



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POLLINATOR GARDENING

TRANSFORMING YOUR GARDEN TO SUPPORT NATURE



**TUES, APR. 16
7:00PM**

THE GALLERY
AT THE
L.E. SHORE
LIBRARY

THE EVENT

Many people find pollinator gardening daunting, but PollinateTBM is here to show you otherwise! Learn how to transform a typical urban garden into an oasis that attracts birds, butterflies and other pollinators. Speaker Sandy McMaster will share her front yard journey from lawn to native habitat that includes perennial wild flowers, shrubs, and trees and provide recommendations for what plants to use. PollinateTBM will be providing an opportunity to order local native plants at this session.

REGISTRATION

This is a free event. Book your seats by phone or email!

The Gallery
at L.E. Shore

TheGallery@TheBlueMountains.ca
TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca | 519-599-3681
173 Bruce Street South | Thornbury, Ontario

THORNBURY JAZZWORKS

JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

IN THE GALLERY - L.E. SHORE MEMORIAL LIBRARY - THORNBURY

FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2024 - 7:30PM

An evening of jazz piano trio music
featuring music associated with
the late great Bill Evans



BRIAN DICKINSON - Piano

BARRY ELMES - Drums

PAT COLLINS - Bass

ADMISSION \$30

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www.thornburyjazz.com

Purchase tickets by email - thornburyjazz@gmail.com
or at these locations

Thornbury Pharmasave, 45 Arthur St. W., Thornbury
Gabriele Photography, 133 Hurontario St., Collingwood



MEAFORD THEATRE COMPANY
PRESENTS

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Woodford Hall, 107 Woodford Cres., Woodford ON
April 18 to 20 & 25 to 27, 2024.
Tickets \$25.00
Available at Craig Gallery, 82 N. Sykes St., Meaford
On-line at: [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca)
Or at the door

Suitable for an adult audience.
For more information contact Wendy Wiburn at 416-744-8400
Meaford Theatre Company is a not-for-profit organization run by volunteers.

CLARKSBURG VILLAGE Annual Spring Clean-up!

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 @ 10-12

Join us for a fun, satisfying morning!

MEET AT LIONS PARK PAVILLION

GARBAGE BAGS SUPPLIED
PLEASE BRING GLOVES

QUESTIONS CONTACT STELLA 519-599-2173



DESIGNER CLOTHING SALE

New and gently used women's designer clothing and accessories



May 11, 2024
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Beaver Valley Arena
58 Alfred St. W.
Thornbury, ON

www.eventsfor.life

Don't Forget Chicken too!



LOBSTER FEST

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

TAKE OUT

Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury

SATURDAY MAY 25

For information and to order tickets visit www.lobsterfestblue.ca or call 519-599-3345

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- July 1st Canada Day Breakfast and Parade
- July 6th Arts Walk
- July 7th Music in the Park begins
- August 24 St. George's Community Corn Roast

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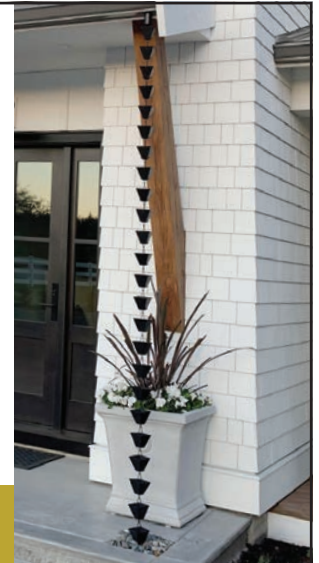


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