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Senior Hockey Returns

Georgian Applekings is going to be playing out of the new Ontario Elite Hockey League (OEHL),

which is a compilation of the 10 teams from the WOAA Senior AA Hockey League - Creemore Coyotes, Durham Thundercats, Lucknow Lancers, Milverton 4-Wheel Drives, Minto 81s, Ripley Wolves, Saugeen Shores Winterhawks, Seaforth Centenaires, Shelburne Muskies, Tavistock Royals and two new teams Georgian Bay Applekings and Erin Outlaws).

Home games are on Saturdays at 5:30pm at the Beaver Valley Arena. There will be 11 regular season home games, plus a minimum of 2 playoff home games PLUS an alumni game versus players from the old River Rats Senior Hockey team from the early - mid 2000's, September 30th

Season Tickets are currently on sale for \$100 / \$50 (Adults/Children). Single Game entries will be \$10/\$5 for children.

https://applekingshockey.square.site

Players include those who have previously played hockey in the ECHL and SPHL pro leagues, as well as players who have OHL, OJHL Junior A and GOJHL Jr B experience.

The team is extremely excited to bring hockey back to this community and give this town a good product on the ice to watch on Saturday evenings. Updates can be found on our social media feeds (Insta: @ applekingshockey) (Facebook: Georgian Bay Applekings)

Applekings Home Games

Sep 30 @5:30 vs River Rats Alumni

Oct 14 @5:30 vs Creemore

Nov 4 @5:30 vs Milverton

Nov 18 @5:30 vs Ripley

Nov 25 @5:30 vs Minto

Dec 2 @5:30 vs Lucknow

Dec 9 @5:30 vs Seaforth

Dec 15 @8:30 vs Durham

Jan 6 @5:30 vs Tavistock

Jan 12 @8:30 vs Erin

Jan 20 @5:30 vs Saugeen Shores

Jan 27 @5:30 vs Shelburne

Mackenzie Fleming, Co-President Georgian Bay Applekings Senior Hockey Club thornburysrhockey@gmail.com

60 Trees Planted Through Thornbury West Phase 1A Reconstruction Project

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that 60 new trees will be planted along Victoria Street South, Louisa Street West and in the new Beaver Street Parkette as part of the Thornbury West Phase 1A Reconstruction Project. The plantings include 15 different species specifically chosen for their hardiness and tolerance to roadside and urban conditions.

Allegheny Serviceberry Eastern Redbud Skyline Honeylocust Red Oak

Sugar Tyme Crabapple

Red Maple Common Hackberry Trembling Aspen White Spruce

Sterling Silver Linden

Sugar Maple Kentucky Coffee Tree **Burr Oak** White Pine Honeylocust

"We're happy to be able to contribute back to maintaining our urban tree canopy through the planting of these trees in the Thornbury West Phase 1A area," said the Town's Director of Operations Shawn Carey. "These trees will serve the community for generations to come thanks to their tolerance to growing in urban conditions, tolerance to climate change patterns and resilience against invasive species and disease."

Phase 1A of the reconstruction project is expected to be completed in early September. Phase 1B of the project, including Elma Street from Louisa Street to Alfred Street, Louisa Street from Bruce Street to Elma Street, Lorne Street, Park Lane and Alice Street from Bruce Street to the end of the Phase 1A construction area, will be constructed beginning in 2024.

The Town has committed additional time over the past year to thoroughly evaluate the design of Phase 1B with Tatham Engineering. Through these efforts, opportunities to retain existing mature trees within the project boundaries have been identified. However, significant tree removals will still be required throughout this area due to tree health, grading, road cross sections and conflicts with drinking water, storm sewer and sanitary sewer services. Trees that are slated for removal will be marked in the fall of 2023 and removed through the fall and winter of 2023/2024. Updates regarding these removals will be posted to the project page on the Town's website and sent to project email subscribers.

For more information regarding the Thornbury West Phase 1 Reconstruction, or to subscribe to the project email list, please visit the project web page. www.thebluemountains.ca

Town of The Blue Mountains, Jason Petznick,

Communications Coordinator, Capital Projects, (519) 599-3131 ext. 302

FREE COMMUNITY SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2 CORN ROAST St. George's Anglican Church 166 Russell St. E., Clarksburg

4:30 UNTIL 7:00 PM



It's Harvest Time.

Large Farm Machines ecially Combines are using TOBM roads. They are very large and

require a lot a space to stop and turn.

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These vehicles must display a Slow Moving Vehicle Sign.



We are on the Move

Riverside Press and the Blue Mountains Review will be relocating to 206 Marsh St., Clarksburg (beside the Honey House) as of September 5th.

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Best Wishes to

Reg and Mae Lanktree

on their 65th Wedding

Anniversary

September 27th, 2023

from family and friends



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BID EUCHRE

Wednesday & Thursday 12:50-3:30pm \$2.00 per day Small Hall, Beaver Valley Community Centre Lessons Available Call Bev 705-507-0563 or Dorothy 519-599-5044

HELP WANTED

lawnmower/gardener part time Call 226 974 1621

Indoor Walking at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. Mon. and Thurs. from 9-11am; no pre-registration and no fee. Walking with poles with rubber feet and walkers is allowed.

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Eighty Five Candles On The Wheel

Time is but a wheel, roaming across the bands of our universe,

Takes no rest, her scorecard is the calendar of days expired.

Now the Wheel of Rotary has engraved its tread into life's lore, And ours is the blessing of years Five and Eighty, For Anno Domino One Nine Three Eight birthed a charter,

Framing the flag of Thornbury and Clarksburg's Rotary adventure. This Wheel of Rotary makes its revolution on truth and service, A blessing to those in need, hands that build, feet that talk the walk! Let it to be known Rotary paves the paths for youth, close and far, Hearing in humble rotation calls for relief, for learning and for leading. Displays of celebration flecked with joy and thanks, cakes and libations,

These are the tapestry at Moreau Park, pictured here and in our hearts.

Rotary's Wheel turns on the axle of service,
Our service is to exclaim CONGRATULATIONS!

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley jeremy@officeinthebarn.com



T-C Rotary President John Bailey, District Governor Sonja Glass, MP Terry Dowdall

A substantial crowd joined Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary on Saturday, August 19th, to help celebrate the club's 85th Anniversary. The festive mood of the beautiful afternoon in Moreau Park featured free hot dogs, drinks and birthday cupcakes as well as a busy beer garden, all carried along by the wonderful music of Queen M and Chuck Baker, while the kids enjoyed face painting and snow cones.

Heartfelt greetings were delivered to the club by MP Terry Dowdall and by Rotary District 6330 Governor Sonja Glass, who is a member of Meaford Rotary Club, the sponsoring club of T-C Rotary in 1938.

Partygoers enjoyed the displays that showed examples of the many projects that T-C Rotarians have taken on in recent years – both locally and internationally. The club can be rightfully proud of their 85 years of Service Above Self, and they enjoyed having the public help them celebrate!



Community Improvement Plan Accepting Applications

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that the fall intake period for applications to the Town's Community Improvement Plans will open on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

The Community Improvement Plan Project Area encompasses the entire municipality of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

The Town has two Community Improvement Plans, which are detailed below:

The Town Wide Revitalization Community Improvement Plan encourages private property improvement and revitalization. Applications open on September 5, 2023 and will be accepted until October 6, 2023.

The Housing Within Reach Community Improvement Plan facilitates the development of attainable housing. Applications open on September 5, 2023 and will be accepted until December 15, 2023.

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.

- Applicants are required to contact the CIP Administrator to arrange and participate in a pre-application consultation meeting with Town staff, in order to discuss and confirm application requirements, program eligibility, the proposed scope of work, project timing, supporting documentation requirements, etc.
- After the consultation, the applicant will be required to submit a completed application, which will include all of the application forms, in addition to any supporting documentation, as required by the Town.
- Once all the required forms and supporting materials are received, the Plan Administrator will undertake a preliminary screening of the proposal and application.
- 4. Based on the application and proposal, the results of the preliminary screening, Town staff may perform an initial site visit and inspection of the building/property, as necessary.
- If the application clearly does not meet the program requirements, the application will not be accepted.
- 6. If the application meets the program requirements, the application will be accepted. Acceptance does not guarantee financial incentive approval, only that it will be reviewed by Council or a delegated approval authority for final financial approval.

For more information or to arrange a pre-application consultation, please visit the Community Improvement Plan webpage or contact: Community Improvement Plan Administrator 519-599-3131 ext. 269





Town Creates 2 Community Working Groups

A Working Group consists of a Community Group that has a specific task or initiative that Council acknowledges, endorses, and recognizes as able to provide information, updates, and reporting on a specific subject matter. Staff suggest that a Working Group would not be bound by the Town's Procedural By-law or formal meeting process and would provide the members the ability to meet without requiring public notices.

A Working Group does not receive administrative support or staff resources unless specifically requested and approved by Council. Typical staff resources would be limited to providing the public with accessible information and/or locally specific technological information that is relevant to the subject matter. This information sharing is provided with the approval of the Director of the appropriate municipal department with time allocation tracked in the Town's time tracking system.

Over the past several years, staff have met with residents of the Lora Bay Area to discuss a range of topics, concerns, and opportunities. Creating a Working Group that has representation of area residents and the various Condominium Corporations provides an opportunity to support productive and coordinated discussion and engagement between residents and Town staff. A meeting was held on June 28, 2023, with Town staff and a group of interested and engaged Lora Bay Area residents where the concept of establishing a Working Group was brought forward by staff to continue a coordinated effort to work on specific points of concern moving forward.

- 1. PURPOSE **The Lora Bay Working Group** is endorsed by Council for the purposes of addressing key issues in the Lora Bay area, considering solutions, and bringing forward recommendations to Council in order to enhance the well-being of local residents.
- 2. MANDATE The Mandate of the Town's Lora Bay Working Group is to provide an opportunity for Town staff to collaborate with the Lora Bay residents and Condominium Corporations as representatives of the Lora Bay Area to:
- 1. Establish a clear roadmap of potential actions and resource allocations that align with the Town's overall goals and vision;
- 2. Maintain a comprehensive understanding of the community's challenges and opportunities focusing on the following priorities;
 - Improvements to pedestrian safety and active transportation
 - Effective planning and management of traffic
 - Creating strong community partnerships and considering potential funding opportunities through collaborative coinvestment strategies for Council consideration
 - Reviewing the Town's Leisure Activities Plan and considering the potential expansion and connectivity of active transportation, parks, and recreational programming that foster community engagement
 - Promoting conservation and enhancement of natural and cultural heritage through sustainability and asset management
 - Creating recommendations that enhance and improve community engagement, collaboration, and inclusivity.

The Craigleith Working Group has also been established using the same criteria.

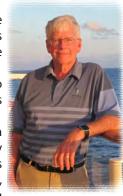
In Memoriam

DENNIS GOLDWIN STEWART

It is with great sadness that the family of Dennis Stewart announces his passing on August 9, 2023 at the age of 82.

He was only ill for a few months, so he enjoyed life to the fullest with his wonderful family and friends.

Dennis was born in Vancouver on April 2, 1941 to Pauline and Harry Stewart. He will be missed by his loving wife and soulmate Susan, daughter Katherine (Kyle), son Greg



(Joanne) and sister Marilyn Shaw. He was proud 'Papa' to his granddaughter Olivia and step-granddaughter Aurora.

Dennis had a very loving and close relationship with his extended family; Barb and Jim Sced, and Gord McLennan and Grethe Thorburn. "Uncle D" will be loved and missed by his nieces and nephews; Colleen Gillespie, Michelle Gatrill, Aron, Tim, and Jim Sced, David, Matt and Mike McLennan.

In 1973, Dennis and Susan met on a blind date arranged by friends, and were married the following year. They were together for an amazing 50 years. He will be dearly missed.

Dennis was passionate about all life has to offer including skiing, sailing, golf, tennis, food, music, wine and travel, but most of all he cherished his beloved wife, kids, family and friends. He loved Jimmy Buffett's music and eating his "cheeseburgers in paradise".

Dennis followed in his father and grandfather's footsteps, studying Pharmacy at UBC from 1960-1964. In 1965, he returned to UBC for a degree in Chemical Engineering. After graduating from UBC, he joined IBM as a Systems Engineer. During his 27 years with IBM, he worked in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Halifax. He retired from IBM in 1996, and worked on contract with Royal Bank for a short time before joining Symcor until he retired in March 2011.

During his career, Dennis and family moved across the country with several work relocations. In 1989, they settled in Aurora for 28 years. Many good times were had with their wonderful friends and neighbours on Cranberry Lane.

In 2017, Dennis and Susan built their dream home in Thornbury. It was the perfect location for Dennis who was strong, fit and active every day. He enjoyed skiing on Blue Mountain, paddling on Georgian Bay and golfing with friends. He loved the High Bluff gatherings and sitting around the fire pit with the guys.

Dennis loved to travel and enjoyed many adventures with Susan and the family. Fondly referred to as "our fearless leader" Dennis was known to research every detail before making a purchase or planning a trip. His dedication to excelling in all facets of life benefitted all those who knew him, as he generously imparted his wisdom with his loved ones.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date, with details to follow. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice 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

AGNES 'EILEEN' GAMBLE

Eileen Gamble passed away peacefully at her home in Thornbury on Monday, August 14, 2023 in her 83rd year. Eileen was predeceased by her loving husband of more than 50 years, Robert James 'Bob' Gamble.

Eileen is survived by her son Steven Gamble (Deanna) of Kanata, her daughter Tracey Morden (Todd) of Elmvale, and her daughter Tanya Gamble (Yves) of Newmarket. She was the proud Nana of Julie, Zander, Annika, Fisher, Maxim and Madelène. She will be sadly missed by her sister Mary Young (Carl), and sisters-in-law Helen Thorne (late Bryan) and Laura Gamble (late Ron), and her many nieces,



nephews and their families. Eileen is predeceased by her brothers Donald and John, and parents Rachael and Harold Micks.

Eileen was born in Collingwood, Ontario and moved to the Town of Thornbury in 1963. Eileen was a devoted mother to her children, and the 'cool' Aunt who loved and spoiled her nieces and nephews greatly. As an avid knitter, she provided many friends and family members with the gifts of warm socks, mittens, sweaters, blankets and more. Her heart was as big as her warm and sometimes mischievous smile. She was always looking out for others and opportunities to assist in any way that she could in a community that she loved dearly. Eileen contributed to many community programs, including teaching Sunday school at the Presbyterian Church, delivering 'Meals on Wheels', the knitting club, and more recently could be found leading a rousing game of Bingo in senior's programs.

Cremation has taken place and a service of committal and inurnment will be conducted at the Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 1 p.m. with a celebration of Eileen's life to follow at the L.E. Shore Library from 2 until 4 p.m., tributes will be shared at 2:30 p.m.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Beaver Valley Outreach (cheques only please) or 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

SHIRLEY MARIE BROWNLEE

Shirley born in Peterborough, Ontario December 17, 1938, left us August 6, 2023. Shirley was predeceased by parents Beatrice and Alphonse O'Connor.

She was the beloved wife of the late Clifford Brownlee. Devoted mother of Donna (Howard) Elliott, and the late Deborah (Debbie) Dancy. Stepmother to Ron (Darlene) Brownlee and predeceased by stepson Larry Brownlee (Marjorie).

Lovingly remembered by grandchildren Lisa

Elliott (Matthew MacDonald), Robert (Courtney) Elliott, Kyle Brownlee, Alison Brownlee, Jeremy Brownlee, and many great grandchildren. Predeceased by granddaughter Ashley Brownlee.

Predeceased by brothers and sisters in law Geraldine (Gerald) Monaghan, Harry (Marg) O'Connor, William (Madeline) O'Connor, Samuel (Joyce) O'Connor, Gerald (Joyce) O'Connor, Bernadette/Betty (Ron) Black, Barbara (Tom) Connely Margaret/Margie (Bob) Kivell.

Survived by sisters in law Irene Follis, Fern Vereshack, and Linda Clarke. She was a beloved auntie to many nieces and nephews - who were loved like her own children.

Celebration of Life at Fawcett Funeral Home - Collingwood Chapel on Sunday September 24, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm with reflections at 1:30 pm.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be served. In lieu of flowers donations in Shirley's memory may be made to a charity of choice. Friends may visit Shirley's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

GEORGE EVERETT WILLIAM CRANSTON

George, born May 15, 1939 in Thornbury, Ontario passed away on August 4, 2023 at the age of 84 in North York. He is survived by his sister Diane Wallace (partner Terry Blackman) and nephew George Leo Wallace. Predeceased by his wife Sandra (McCraney) Cranston and son Robert George Douglas Cranston, his parents Audrey and George Cranston, brother-in-law Leo Wallace and nephew Scott Wallace.



George worked as a Press Feeder at Baker Graphics Inc. from 1963 until retirement. Also known as Happy George or Georger, he will be missed by his many friends and family who have always enjoyed his funny stories, great friendship and his love of his favourite beer Old Vienna. George had wonderful neighbours both at his home in North York and his cottage on Jack's Lake.

He will be buried at the Thornbury Cemetery with his wife and son. A Celebration of Life to follow in Peterborough, ON.

CATHERINE ANNE 'CATHY' McVICAR (nee COUTTS)

June 5, 1930 - August 27, 2023

Cathy, who will be dearly missed by her family and friends, passed peacefully in her sleep on August 27, 2023. Cathy was predeceased by her beloved husband Alexander Graham 'Bud' McVicar in 2017. She was the much-loved mother of Bruce Daniel McVicar, Gordon Alexander 'Sandy' McVicar, Donald Roy McVicar (d. 2016), Anne Louise Rogers (nee McVicar) and her husband Paul Rogers.



Proud grandmother and great grandmother of Andrew (Becca); Stephanie (Spencer) and their daughter Elouise; Ian (Laura) and their children Spencer and Lauralie; Colin (Hugh); Kevin; Jennifer; Sharon (Peter) and their children Taylor and Robyn; and Amanda (Will).

Cathy grew up in Toronto with her mother, Minnie Louise Coutts and her three siblings. She spent summers on Lake of Bays in Muskoka where she formed a great love of nature. She was active in sports and through skiing met her husband Alexander Graham 'Bud' McVicar. They began their family life in Orangeville and volunteered with the Ontario Ski Patrol. Their first child Bruce arrived soon and their second, Sandy arrived 2 years later. After a move to London, Ontario, they golfed and continued skiing where their third son, Don was born. After a short while there, they moved to Don Mills where Anne was born.

Cathy and the family went on many walks searching for different birds and volunteered marking the original routes on the Bruce Trail. While raising a young family, Bud and Cathy bought property on Gloucester Pool and built a cottage where many summers were spent with the whole family canoeing, boating and waterskiing. In the 70's Cathy supported the family in their kayak trips and competitions. When Bud retired, they moved to Orillia and then Collingwood. They continued visiting the cottage, but also skiing, hiking and exploring the Blue Mountains. Cathy spent the last 5 years at Errinrung Retirement home and enjoyed the friendship of her fellow residents. Her family are extremely grateful for the kindness and care she received while living there. A life well lived.

Private family arrangements at this time. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Beaver Valley Outreach 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

TRIVIA QUESTIONS - answers on page 7

- 1. The Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club was established in: a) 1938 b) 1923 c) 1946
- 2. A Hag stone also known as an adder stone is a:
 - a) an alter used in ancient times
 - b) a pit of peach
 - c) is a stone that has a naturally occurring hole through it.
- 3. The Town of the Blue Mountains was formed in:
 - a) 1962 b) 1950 c) 1998

Phoenix by Three author Ronald Gray

"Dive into the enchanting world of 'The Phoenix Three,' where the idyllic town of Parkerton stands frozen in the embrace of a bygone era. With its tranquil lakeside setting and timeless charm, Parkerton seems impervious to the chaos of the outside world. Yet, beneath its quaint surface, whispers of change stir, promising to challenge the town's very essence.

In this captivating tale, the author masterfully captures the delicate dance between tradition and progress, inviting readers to join



the residents of Parkerton as they navigate the crossroads of history. A vivid tapestry of resilience and community unfolds, as the town grapples with the shadows of its past while forging an uncertain future

'The Phoenix Three' is a heartwarming exploration of the bonds that tie us to our roots and the winds of change that beckon us forward. With lyrical prose and a deep understanding of human nature, the author paints a portrait of a town on the brink, leaving readers eager to embark on this transformative journey.

This is the first publication by this local author, Ronald Gray, better known for his position at Foodland, but is attempting to enter the journalistic environs after 76 yrs of dreaming this could happen and months of struggle to find the right niche.

The book is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble in both paperback and on your Kindle or other devices.

The proceeds from the sale of this initial attempt will be for the Hospital for Sick Kids.

Ontario Honours the Outstanding Contributions of Volunteers

The Ontario government is recognizing 313 youth and 3162 adults for their volunteer service at 776 organizations through the 2023 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards recognizes adult and youth volunteers for their outstanding contributions and years of continuous service at organizations such as non-profits, schools, community centres, hospitals, libraries and community associations.

"Volunteers touch our lives in so many ways and help to make our province one of the greatest places to live," said Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. "We are proud to recognize their efforts through the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards and are grateful that Ontarians continue to step up to support their communities."

Volunteers nominated by an organization will receive a personalized certificate and lapel pin celebrating their years of service during one of the local award recognition ceremonies taking place between August to October 2023. The awards recognize adult volunteers for five to 65+ years of continuous service in five-year increments and youth volunteers for two or more years of continuous service.

Recipients for 2023 support a wide range of organizations and causes, including those serving vulnerable people, hospitals, senior centres and after-school, community and food security programs. These volunteers also participate as board members, help fundraise and strengthen the arts, culture, heritage and recreation sectors.

For more information about the program or to submit a nomination for next year, please visit the Ontario Volunteer Service Award webpage. The deadline to nominate someone is November 15th. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered in the following year. ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-volunteering.

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Ontario Preparing Students for Success

Students and parents can expect updated curriculum, more support and staffing for new school year

The Ontario government is providing new student supports and updating curriculum for the 2023-24 school year. These actions will refocus school boards on the development of foundational skills in reading, writing and math, supported by almost \$700 million more in base education funding, \$109 million in a new strategy to boost literacy rates, and the hiring of 2,000 more educators.

Beginning this September, all publicly funded school boards will be required to adopt provincial student achievement priorities and metrics to:

- Help students improve EQAO scores in reading, writing and math;
- Prepare students for future success to raise graduation rates, encourage more students to participate in job skills programs and take senior math and science courses; and
- Improve student engagement and awareness of mental health supports.

To further support students facing challenges with math, Ontario is investing over \$71 million to launch the Math Action Achievement Plan, a strategy to boost math competence in the classroom and improve board accountability. This includes:

- One lead per school board with the focus of helping improve math outcomes for students. These leads will be responsible for curriculum implementation and standardized training and lead board-wide actions to meet targets.
- More than 300 math coaches will provide direct support in classrooms.
- New Math Action Teams will work directly with school boards to identify and recommend targeted strategies to improve student achievement.

To ensure students have the skills they need to compete and succeed, the province is investing more than \$100 million to hire over 940 educators to support students from Grades 7 to 10 transition to high school. Ontario also intends to fund \$1 million per year for two years beginning in 2024 for the Ontario Science Centre to create hands-on learning experiences and virtual lesson plans for students, as well as STEM teaching materials for educators.

For the 2023-24 school year, Ontario is introducing revamped curriculum supports to ensure student success including:

Language Curriculum: Last updated in 2006/2007, the revised Language and Français Grade 1 to 9 curriculums include foundational instruction to support reading and writing, critical thinking, and digital media literacy skills.

Educator Resources: The government has provided \$825,000 to Dyslexia Canada to develop, in partnership with International Dyslexia Association – Ontario, evidence-based systematic and explicit instruction resources and learning supports that are now ready for use.

Reading Screener and Supports: The province's \$109 million 2023-24 investment includes the largest screening program in Canada, funded with \$12.5 million annually to support students from Year 2 of Kindergarten to Grade 2 to be screened for early reading. Up to 700 literacy educators will work to support students who are behind in reading development.

Grade 10 Digital Technology and Innovations in the Changing World: This course will equip students to be innovative leaders by teaching them how to apply coding concepts and skills, build handson projects, and investigate artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and other emerging digital technologies.

Financial Literacy Modules: Secondary students will learn how to create a budget, manage their money, protect themselves from financial scams, and plan for long-term purchases such as buying a house or car with new modules.

Mental Health Modules: The Ontario government has partnered with School Mental Health Ontario in collaboration with the Hospital for Sick Children to develop Mental Health Literacy Modules, for teacher use in Grades 7 and 8.

ANIMAL TALES

If you are cat with a twitchy tail You'll recline on a pillow and flex your claw nails Doze in the sunlight, wait for your dinner Purr when you're petted, you know you're a winner If you are a snake with a slithery tail Those trying to catch you will probably fail Close to the ground through the grass you can glide When you look like a stick it's easy to hide If you are a beaver with an industrious tail To steer like a rudder; cross the pond you can sail Busy building a dam, you've branch to deliver As you gnaw at a tree watch you don't get a sliver If you are a horse with a long swishy tail Your favorite meal's a humungous hay bale You share it with others and stand in a huddle Use your tail to swat flies or fan your chum's muzzle If you are a dog with a waggy tail You can sniff your way on a zigzag trail Of paw prints and hydrants and tossed away litter That's the way you wander when you're such a nosy critter If you are a fish with a billowy tail And a shimmering body all covered with scales You can swim over stones, 'midst green reeds make a turn Just be sure to ignore the hook holding a worm But you are a child without a tail Not even a nubbin to wag, swish or flail Think you might grow one? It's never been done



And a tail isn't needed for you to have fun

You live in a world that's yours to explore

From the park up the street to the garden next door Use all of your senses and you will find

What makes you unique is your inquiring mind

by Judith Plaxton

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1.1938

2. Is a stone that has a naturally occurring hole through

3.1998

Rockwood Terrace Redevelopment

The new and expanded Rockwood Terrace long-term care home in Durham is taking another step towards construction. Grey County Council has awarded the early-works tender to JT Excavating Ltd to prepare the site for the significant new build scheduled for 2024-2026. Early works include leveling the property, servicing the site with water, sanitary sewer and stormwater infrastructure to meet current and future needs, and creating new roadways around the project site. The works have been designed in collaboration with the Municipality of West Grey and costs will be shared with Grey County paying approximately \$2,575,000 and West Grey contributing \$700,000.

Grey County is responsible for the costs of pre-construction work to support the Rockwood Terrace build. Additional costs for work beyond the build are the responsibility of the Municipality of West Grey.

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.

"The new Rockwood Terrace is designed around the people who will call it home. We're not building a healthcare facility, we're building a community where residents feel at home and have access to the important nursing and personal care services they need," said Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care.

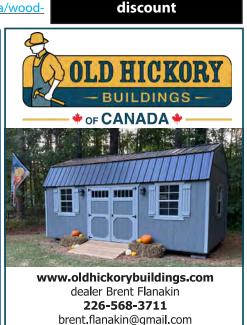
Construction is anticipated to begin spring 2024 and will finish 2026. Redevelopment costs are currently estimated at \$96.7 million. The project capital costs will be funded over 25 years through a combination of provincial funding, Grey County reserves, and tax levy. The provincial government will pay for approximately 30% of the costs through an annual transfer over 25 years. Updates about the Rockwood Terrace project can be found on the Grey County site www.grey.ca/wood-



and receive a 15%







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717939 Hwy 6 Owen Sound (Springmount)

Fall 2023 Community Grants are now Open

Community Foundation Grey Bruce invite

you to visit their website to learn more about the projects and organizations that are eligible to request up to \$3,000 in grant support. Applications are now open and being accepted through the online granting portal. **The deadline is September 15, 2023.** cfgb.ca

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

Has your organization not applied to this portal before? - when you reach the granting portal, follow the easy-to-understand instructions to set up an account.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce is mandated by the Canada Revenue Agency and is allowed 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 sponsor.

Non-profit groups without charitable registration must be sponsored by a qualified donee provided the sponsoring body 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. (call 519-599-3344) Sponsor agreement forms may be accessed within the application form.



2023 Grants and Donations Program Now Accepting Applications

The Town of The Blue Mountains Council is pleased to announce that the 2023 Grants and Donations Program is now accepting applications. The deadline for applications is **Friday, September 8**.

The Town offers an annual Grants and Donations Program that allows Community Groups and Organizations to apply for funding or subsidizations for any Town-owned facilities.

The Grants and Donations Committee will make recommendations to Council during the week of October 16, 2023, and Council will consider the recommendation of the Grants and Donations Committee on November 6, 2023. All applicants will be updated via email throughout the consideration process.

Community Grants at <u>www.thebluemountains.ca</u> or contact: Finance Department The Blue Mountains, 519-599-3131 ext. 227



COMMUNITY

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce Norman Reintamm as their musical director

Norman started his musical career at age 4 with piano lessons at the Royal Hamilton Conservatory of Music. His undergraduate work was done at the University of Toronto and McMaster University. He

completed his postgraduate studies at the Royal College of Music (London, England) under Sir David Willcocks, Sir Norman del Mar, and Sir Richard Popplewell.

Norman worked for many years in opera houses in Northern Europe and was a coach/conductor in the opera departments of the Sibelius Academy (Helsinki, Finland) and the Estonian Academy of Music (Tallinn, Estonia).

After holding the position of Senior Conductor at the Estonian National Opera for many years, he returned to Canada to work as a conductor with the National Ballet of Canada and eventually took the position of Principal Conductor and Music Director of the Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra.

Norman has recorded for the CBC and Estonian National Radio and Television. Now he is taking up the mantle as musical director for St. Paul's Thornbury as well as artistic director for the Georgian Bay Concert Choir. Do come experience this great musical talent on a Sunday at 10:30. 165 Russell Street, Thornbury



Momentum finish for Local Sailing School, Sail Georgian Bay

As 8 weeks of SGB youth sailing school wraps for another season, the school's final event for the summer, the Annual Regatta was held on Saturday August 19. It's a chance for both new and developing sailors to hone their new skills on the water and experience the competitive thrill of racing.

The emphasis is on fun however, as the end of season competition brings together new and seasoned students at the school to say a final farewell to friendships made during their time on the water. As the area's only not-for-profit sailing school, Sail Georgian Bay is on a mission to grow the sport by making sailing accessible for all youth, even if they don't own a boat or live on the water.

The 2023 season has been exceptional by any standards though as it marked the launch of the SGB racing program, led by Head Coach, Ilian Halbertsma, an accomplished racer and Sail Canada accredited Coach Trainer. "Honing advanced level sailing skills is accelerated through exposure to racing. The racing program at SGB is an important evolution in our training program for young sailors" said Halbertsma.

If measured only by participation levels in weekly fun regattas at the school the program would be considered a success. But results achieved at the Four Sisters Open at the Port Credit Yacht Club at the end of July point to what local youth sailors can achieve now and into the future. Sail Georgian Bay placed 3 teams in the top 5 of the C 420 Whitesail Division, in the club's first ever travel competition. Placing 2nd were Nico Murdoch and Ocean Camplin, placing 3rd were Isabel Spence and Megan Aparicio and in 5th, Ian Scott and Qori Aparcio. "Competing with teams from 8 other yacht clubs in our first ever inter-club race was a great experience for our sailors and I'm very proud of their results. Competitive training is something we hope to expand on next year. It accelerates the progression of skills acquisition necessary to complete the higher levels of the Can Sail program." said Halbertsma.



But that's not all that SGB has to be excited about for 2023. Earlier this year the school was gifted a GC21 Governors Club Boat, the Sir Edmund, by a generous benefactor who appreciated what this could mean for our not-for-profit school and it's racing ambitions.

Always mindful of our focus on bringing new sailors into the sport, this year SBG coaches developed their own "fun boom" invention in order to help moderate impact during windy condition. With this modification the occasional headaches that occur when the boom unexpectedly changes direction on a new sailor and makes unplanned contact with their head are greatly reduced.

With this years program completely sold out for 7 of 8 weeks the school is now looking ahead to 2024. "If we can fund and hire additional coaches we will be able to expand the spots available for students next year. It's an important priority for us as a not-for-profit club, but hiring coaches has also been a challenge faced by many sailing programs and yacht clubs in Ontario" said Board Chair Liesbeth Halbertsma. Registrations for the 2024 Sail Georgian Bay summer sailing program located at Meaford Harbour will open after March break. Registrations can be completed online at website www.sailgeorgianbay.ca.









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Notice of Public Meeting

With regard to proposed new Waste Management and Anti-Littering By-law and revisions to Administrative Monetary Penalties By-Laws.

Date of this Notice: August 28, 2023 September 19, 2023, 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 Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to receive comments on the proposed new Waste Management and Anti-Littering By-law and Amendments to the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-Law 2021-71 to reference the inclusion of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) in the proposed new Waste Management and Anti-littering By-law.

Council considered the following staff reports at the August 15, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting, and at the August 28, 2023 Council Meeting and provided direction to schedule Public Meetings on the proposed new Waste Management and Anti-littering By-law, a by-law that will rescind and replace existing by-laws that regulate waste collection, the landfill site, illegal waste dumping and littering:

CSOPS.23.046 Updated Waste Management and Anti-littering By-law

The By-laws to be replaced include:

- Littering of Private or Municipal Property By-law 1999-10;
- Solid Waste Collection By-law 2003-16; and
- Waste Diversion and Disposal By-law 2013-42

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the By-Law amendments 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 September 15, 2023,** 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 Tuesday September 12, 2023.

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!

Jeffery Fletcher, Manager of Sustainability and Solid Waste 519-599-3131 ext.238 or

managersolidwaste@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.

Waste Management and Anti-littering By-law

Staff are seeking to rescind and replace Bylaws that regulate municipal waste collection, the Solid Waste Disposal Site, and littering with an updated and consolidated By-law. The proposed By-law will also include penalties. Corresponding amendments will be required in the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-Law 2021-71. **Notice of Public Meeting on previous page.**

The current By-laws that regulate waste collection, littering and waste disposal require updates to reflect new programs and the change in responsibilities related to the province wide blue box transition (as previously outlined in Staff Report CSOPS.23.023).

The current by-laws to be replaced are as follows:

- Prohibit of Littering By-law 1999-10; and
- Solid Waste Collection By-law 2003-16.

Beginning October 1, 2023, Circular Materials Ontario will be conducting residential blue box collection in The Blue Mountains. Their contractor to conduct this work will be Miller Waste Systems. Miller Waste Systems is also the Town's current Waste Collection provider. Staff have an agreement with Circular Materials Ontario to continue operating a residential blue box depot at the Town Landfill and assist with local blue box promotions during the transition period.

The proposed By-law has also provided an opportunity to include Administrative Monetary Penalties related to frequent infractions (bags over the limit, waste not protected from animals, set-out of non-collectable items, set-out too early), littering in parks and other lands, waste dumping and neglectful waste management on private lands.

The By-law to Establish a Comprehensive System of Administrative Monetary Penalties for the Town of The Blue Mountains is a robust system of administering and imposing penalties. Administrative Monetary Penalties are a means to impose penalties on offenders without having to pursue the timely, complex and more serious Provincial Offences process. Provincial Offences still apply to the By-law but no person can be charged with an Offence under the Provincial Offences Act for a contravention dealt with under the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law.

The Administrative Monetary Penalties regime establishes a robust hearing system which includes a Screening Officer who reviews penalties issued under the Administrative Monetary Penalties system and a formal Hearing Officer program. Hearing Officers are neither employees of the Town or members of Council, but are independent adjudicators who hear appeals and objections to penalties under the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law and the decisions of Screening Officers. This is a quasi-judicial tribunal with independent members who are paid a per-diem by the Town for their service.

The framework of waste management rules related to these by-laws will stay consistent. However, the new by-law will incorporate the new and proposed programs, bag tag limits and Administrative Monetary Penalties to give By-law Officers more tools to enforce frequent nuisance problems, littering and illegal waste dumping.

The table below outlines notable additions to the consolidated and new Waste Management and Anti-littering By-law:

Section	Description of Change or Addition	Reason
Schedule "D"	Residential bag tag increase. First bag free, second bag needs a tag, and third bag requires 2 tags. (non-residential limit remains at 2 bags)	2023 Budget Decision
3.3.1	Inclusion of organics, textiles, yard waste, batteries and electronics collection	New programs since previous by-
3.1.9	Residential blue box collection not a Town Responsibility (institutional, commercial and industrial continues to be a Town responsibility)	Blue Box Transition
1.5	Blue box will not be collected from stationary garbage boxes	Blue Box Transition
Schedule "D"	Limited collection quantities for institutional, commercial and industrial stops for blue box and organics	Service cost containment
3.1.14	Institutional, commercial and industrial waste diversion plan requirement	Improved waste diversion

In addition to regulating waste management in the Town, this new By-law will also regulate littering and property conditions related to waste management. This new By-law supports the Sustainability Plan and Bold Action 12 "Establish Litter and Construction Waste Management Plan". Clauses in this By-law will give the Town's By-law enforcement team the ability to fine construction and development sites that are causing litter or not appropriately managing waste materials on site.

The table below outlines the specific violations related to littering and property standards that will be included in the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law.

Section	Infraction	Penalty
3.2.3	Set out of Non-collectable Waste	\$100
3.2.4	Set out of Waste in excess of limit or frequency	\$100
3.2.4	Set out of Waste outside of permitted time or location	\$100
3.2.5	Failure to remove scattered Waste	\$100
3.2.6	Failure to remove empty Waste Containers	\$100
3.2.8	Interference with Curbside Collection	\$100
3.2.9, 6.1.2, and 6.1.3	Littering, including from construction sites	\$500
6.1.1	Waste dumping	\$5,000
3.2.10	Wrongful use of public space receptacles or municipal lands	\$250
3.2.11 and 6.1.4	Premises a Waste dump, including construction sites	\$1,000
2.4.1	Exiting Disposal Site without payment	\$800/tonne
6.1.5	Balloon release	\$100/ balloon
6.1.7	Cigarette littering	\$100

In December 2023, the Kolapore Wilderness Trails will officially turn 50!

It is something of a miracle that the trail system, which was started by a group of university students, has survived and flourished. The Kolapore trails, which



are located 20 km southwest of Collingwood, are now a key community resource, catering to cross-country skiers, hikers and mountain bikers.

The genesis of the trails was a visit in February 1973 by members of the University of Toronto Outing Club (UTOC) to the McGill Outing Club's house in the Laurentians. This trip introduced the UTOC members to the traditional ski trails of the Laurentians and made them aware of the fun of wilderness skiing. Subsequent exploration around the UTOC Cabin at Metcalfe Rock (in present-day The Blue Mountains) revealed that this rugged, heavily-forested portion of the Niagara Escarpment had tremendous potential for cross-country skiing, and the idea of the Kolapore trails was born.

A federal Opportunities for Youth Grant allowed the hiring of workers during the summer of 1973, and these workers plus UTOC volunteers in the fall of 1973 created the initial trail network. The first winter was a great success; members of the Outing Club fell in love with skiing in the Kolapore Uplands, and a few other skiers managed to find the trails, guided by a rudimentary map that sold for 25 cents.

After 50 years many things have changed. The trails are now managed for biking and hiking in addition to cross-country skiing. Trail standards have been substantially upgraded. The trails are managed by an incorporated organization – the Kolapore Wilderness Trails Association – and the University of Toronto Outing Club has no formal role in the trails. The awareness and popularity of the Kolapore Uplands has increased dramatically, partly because of the trails. Over time there has been increased recognition of the very significant natural values of the Kolapore area, and the need to protect the area. What hasn't changed is a desire to have a great wilderness trails system that is managed by dedicated volunteers.

The Kolapore Wilderness Trails receives funding from membership sales and individual donations. Some of the costs include insurance, snow removal and portable toilets in the main parking lot, and materials and tools used by volunteers to build bridges, clear trails and maintain signage.

Several anniversary events are scheduled to occur throughout 2023 and in early 2024 including a Blue Moon hike, a geology hike, an ecology hike, and a special trail maintenance day. The biggest event will be a celebration dinner and dance at the Marsh Street Centre on Saturday, February 24, 2024.

To support the trails and take part in the 50th anniversary celebrations, visit https://www.kolaporetrails.org. Consider becoming a member to help sustain this special area. Discover for yourself the rare, rugged beauty of the Kolapore Wilderness Trails.

Contact: Bruce King, 519-922-2198 info@kolaporetrails.org



Home Sweet Home by Alice Otrysko

We all love our homes (hopefully) and are proud of them. Lucky are those that have a home they are proud of and want it to look its best. When you enter someone's home which one of your senses is activated first?

Mine is the sense of smell.

The smell in your house immediately sets the tone of what is to follow. What do you smell and what do you see first? Take a look at your own entry way the answer is right there.

First impressions call for a judgment of who you are and what are your priorities. Do you care? If you care then your entryway will say it.

As you come in, is the entrance area clean and fresh? You should not have to stumble around looking for a place to put your bag or in winter months your boots.

Here are "the rules for entryways": a seat, a mirror and rug are essential and then:

- Is it bright and attractive drawing you in?
- Is there a place to hang your coat, place your bag, take off your boots? (I have a tray with river rock on it for boots and also provide washable slippers for guests that don't bring their own)
- Is there a bench to sit on while you deal with your boots?
- Is there a rug to warm up the look and provide soft footing?
- Is there a mirror so you can check yourself?
- A scented candle or pot pourri can provide a pleasant smell when you walk in.
- Above all, are your own shoes scattered around the entry way for people to trip on or do you put your shoes in a closet or hang them on the door of the closet in shoe storage hangers.

We use one half of our garage as a mud room and a place to keep most often used garden implements. It works well because muddy or wet boots are taken off there and we walk into the house with clean indoor shoes or slippers. Our main entrance is mostly for guests.

The idea of a "mud room" came about from living on a horse farm where you had no choice but to dump the dirty boots there and certainly not walk into the house with them on.

We created a semblance of a mud room in half of our garage where we also keep "stuff" which we need outdoors without having to find storage inside the house. I am all for mud rooms.

As people enter your home, the first impression stays with them. Your entrance is your guests' first look into your home and your home reflects you.

Back to the sense of smell as you enter a house: I asked several people which odour in entering a home is the one that they find most unwelcome. Here is a list: shoes, cabbage and broccoli cooking, animal urine, body odour. That's something to think about.

You can, of course, just not invite people in.

If you are looking inspiration and ideas how to create a welcoming, tasteful entryway, look through magazines for ideas or simply hire a decorator. Your entryway or fover is your quests' first look into your home and your taste and ideas. A lovely entryway leaves a lasting impression on who you are.

Here is my foyer: rug, bench, mirror, hooks, great lighting, shoe tray, flowers, and a couple of pictures on the wall.



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 your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



September 2023:

- Trim back perennials like Daylilies and Iris. My mother always cut
 the iris fans up one side and down the other into a perfect V. But
 she was a picky gardener. Divide them as needed. Make sure it's a
 cool, cloudy day to divide and replant, or to pot up plants for your
 neighbours, or for fall plant exchanges.
- Fall is the ideal time to divide and plant Iris, Daylilies, Peonies and many other perennials. Share extra plants with neighbours. To see my YouTube video on dividing and potting up plants click on - https:youtu.be/KmTTyGNoRB4, but don't laugh at the old man grunting and groaning, as he divides perennials.
- Buy and plant spring-flowering bulbs. Your efforts will be handsomely rewarded next spring. Check out the website www. bulbsrus.com for good deals. Add some water to the bottom of the hole, then some soil, then a little bonemeal fertilizer or special bulb food. Water well after planting to start root growth
- Take a critical look at your garden. Then fill in any gaps that may have developed with new perennials, shrubs and/or evergreens. They will get a huge head start over plants planted next spring.
- Bring in house plants when the evenings start to cool down. First, give them a thorough spray with insecticidal soap so that there are no unwanted hitchhikers coming into your home.
- With cool nights and hoped for fall rains, it's the ideal time for lawn repair. Dig out weeds, add clean, weed-free topsoil and re-seed. Keep the planted area moist.
- Fertilize lawns with root-building "Fall Fertilizer" with a low first number (Nitrogen) and high second and third numbers (Phosphorus & Potash).
- Don't use the lawn fertilizer you have left over from the spring, probably with a high first number (Nitrogen). Save it for early next spring.
- Even with the rain we have had this summer, deep down it is probably still dry. Dig a little test hole, say 14"-16" deep. Check the moisture levels at that depth. If the bottom of the hole is dry, water your gardens weekly and deeply until frost. Buy a soaker end and put it on the end of your hose. Then put it in the middle of your relatively flat garden beds and let the water seep slowly in.

Look for the annual Grey County Master Gardener's fall plant sale, Saturday September 9th from 9am until noon. This year, it's in Meaford, at the Rotary Pavilion in the Harbour. Choose from unique perennials and lots of native and pollinator plants at reasonable prices.

EMERGENCY FIRST AID TRAINING



Emergency First Aid Training (EFAT) as a Red Cross training partner, has provided first aid training to individuals, businesses and fire departments throughout the area. EFAT knows that emergencies can happen at any time, and they are proud to teach the lifesaving skills necessary to respond quickly and with confidence.

Mike Molloy 519-477-5392

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Municipal Tree Inventory

The Municipal Tree Inventory is focused on understanding the importance of the township's urban canopy through data collection and responding with the appropriate management. A complete street tree inventory will assist in delivering upon Bold Actions 5 and 6 outlined in the Town's Community Sustainability Plan, which will develop into managing urban trees as natural assets and the inclusion of them in a broader biodiversity strategy.

In conducting the municipality's first complete tree inventory, the Town can ensure a healthy community under increased development, a changing climate, and further the inclusion of trees in the decision-making process. Inventory data will help guide the Town of The Blue Mountain's tree nursery located at the Tomahawk Golf Course, ensuring a replacement program is established based on tree mortality projections.

Why Now?

Urban forests face numerous stressors and for them to be adaptable and more resilient, knowledge on their current condition is essential. The Municipal Tree Inventory is the first step towards proactive management so that the benefits of trees can be maximized to benefit our community.

Project Updates - August 8, 2023

The Municipal Tree Inventory is making significant progress in Clarksburg, Thornbury East, and Thornbury West, with upwards of 1,200 trees being entered into the database. Most of Swiss Meadows has been completed and will be finished upon addressing connectivity challenges delaying data entry.

The project has also seen the assistance of a generous group of volunteers taking the time to learn the inventory process. They are conducting measurements, assessing tree health, and potential tree conflicts with public infrastructure, which is providing valuable insight into the state of our urban forest.

The project is already showing the need for more proactive urban forest management. Numerous trees appear in need of tending and or replacement within the near future as they reach the end

of their lifecycle. However, the community also has beautiful examples of healthy mature trees that we hope to protect and monitor with the tree inventory data.

The next steps for the project include the completion of data collection within Clarksburg and Thornbury, and ensuring volunteers are confident in doing data entry with minimal assistance going forward.

Volunteer

Interested in assisting within the Municipal Tree Inventory project that aims to increase the consideration of the the Town's urban forest? We are currently looking for volunteers passionate about making a meaningful difference within their community to assist in the collection of tree inventory data. We hope to forage a strong sense of community through this project and to make it a positive experience! Subscribe for updates using the link below. www.thebluemountains.ca/

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GEORGIAN QUILTERS' GUILD

MEAFORD, ONTARIO



Have you always wanted to quilt, or are you already a seasoned quilter who is looking for a fun, friendly group who share your love of quilting?

MEETINGS

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WE ENJOY:

- interesting, informative programmes & speakers related to quilting
- participation in community outreach projects
- workshops & hands-on sessions
- show & share
- warm fellowship

For more information: georgianquiltersguild@gmail.com

October is National Probus Month!

Southern Georgian Bay could be considered the world capital of the Probus organization! From Owen Sound to Penetanguishene you can find 20 clubs with nearly 4,000 retired or semi-retired members. Collingwood alone, a town of 26,000, has 10 clubs with 2,200 members. The Beaver Valley club has 600 members.

Many people migrate to our gorgeous area after completing their careers elsewhere, attracted by an active, 4-seasons lifestyle. Moving to a new area may require building a new social network, something that is made easier when joining a Probus club. Here, like-minded retirees (and those who cannot quite let go of their professional work, yet) get together to find fellowship, friendship even, without commitments to fundraisers or community service. Above all, members meet to have fun together.

Each Probus club is independently operated and offers a number of events and activities that are only limited by the imagination and leadership of its members. Typically there are monthly meetings which include presentations on a variety of topics by interesting guest speakers. A monthly newsletter keeps members informed on what is going on. There may also be social get-togethers over a cup of coffee or for a meal, trips to theatres or sporting events, regular meetups to go hiking, biking, bird watching, etc. Annual membership fees range between \$30 and \$60.

Visit join.probuscanada.ca on the Internet or send an email to info@probuscanada.ca to find nearby Probus clubs. You would be engaging with a club directly to learn about specifics like how and when to join.



Beaver Valley Association for Life Long Learning

BVALL is a not for profit organization that offers a series of six week lectures in the

beautiful gallery of L.E. Shore Library. Since 2002 our volunteers have provided opportunities for people to expand their knowledge on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 12 p.m.

Our organization is self-supporting and is funded entirely by our \$50 registration fee - which includes a coffee break in between to allow you to interact with new and old friends!

Please visit our website <u>www.bvall.com</u> to see details about our upcoming Fall and Spring series - "The Body Beautiful? Getting Under History's Skin" presented by Dr. Jennifer Marotta and "Pass the Popcorn: The Extraordinary People Who Created Hollywood!" presented by film producer, Gregory Breen.

We would love to see you there!

FALL SESSION: presented by Dr. Jennifer Marotta

October 3 - Introduction: The Gaze and Spectatorship

October 10 - The Imperial Gaze

October 17 - Cultures of Consumption - I Want That!

October 24 - Under the Knife: Passing and the Racialized Body

October 31 - Foot Binding

November 7 - Bodies with Disabilities- From Freak Shows to Activism

Canadian Stand Up Paddleboard Champion



Tim Oliver, of Thornbury-Clarksburg, recently competed in and won the 2023 Canadian Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) Championships in Collingwood, on Aug 12 and 13. Tim won the technical (short, looped course with many turns) and long distance race events, completing the 22 km distance race (Thornbury harbour to Collingwood harbour) in 2 hours, beating the second place paddler by 7 minutes.

Tim's success in Collingwood now makes him eligible to compete for Canada in the International Canoe Federation SUP World Championships in Pattaya, Thailand November 15-19. He will continue training throughout the Fall in hopes of being able to make the trip to Thailand. Unfortunately in the sport of SUP in Canada, athletes receive very little financial or logistical support from their national organization. Tim will need financial assistance to help cover the costs associated with travelling to and competing in the World Championships. A"GoFundMe" campaign has been created to allow friends and supporters near and far and local businesses within Southern Georgian Bay to extend their support in whatever way they can and wish to do.

Those interested can go to "www.GoFundMe.com", and look for "Help Tim Oliver go to SUP World Championships" to donate."

Ontario Holding Landowners Accountable to Commitments to Build Homes

Province starting process to return Ajax site to Greenbelt while reinforcing expectations to other landowners and home builders.

Toronto – The Ontario government has begun the process of returning 765 and 775 Kingston Road East in Ajax to the Greenbelt, following the property owner's decision to list these lands for sale in recent weeks, including listing some of the lands to be used for a business park rather than homes. At no time was the intention to sell or change the ownership structure disclosed to the government's Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator despite active and ongoing discussions. This lack of transparency raises serious concerns about the owner's ability to meet the government's expectation that homes be built in a timely manner, including the need to show meaningful progress before the end of year.

The government's intention in amending the Greenbelt boundaries has always been to increase the supply and affordability of homes by building at least 50,000 homes quickly, while also expanding the overall size of the Greenbelt. Any attempt to sell these lands or otherwise profit from this decision without building the homes Ontario residents rightly expect runs contrary to the government's intentions and will not be tolerated.

To ensure that construction on the remaining lands proceeds without unnecessary delays, the government will inform the remaining proponents that they are required to notify the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator of any potential transactions or actions regarding these lands. Any actions that stand in the way of building homes quickly on these lands will not be tolerated.





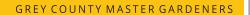


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To Participate in a phone session: Dial: 226-682-0701
Enter the Passcode: 852340 then # Record your Name
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Seniors Ce	ntre Withou	ut Walls Sep	tember 2023	Funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program	Canada
Speaker Info	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SPECIAL EVENTS
Monica Wilson The Museum at The Craigleith Heritage Depot	BVO CLOSED LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	2:00 pm Trivia with Ann G.	10:00 am SENIORS FAIR, Bayview Park, 106 Bay St. East, Thornbury	7 1:00 pm Georgian Bay's Apples - Monica Wilson	September 6th, 2023 Seniors Fair, Town of Blue Mountains SENIORS FAIR
SCWW Volunteers – Ann D. Ann G.,	2:00 pm Check-in & Chat 2:30 pm BINGO!	10:00 am Chair Exercise and Stretching	13	14 11:00 am MINDFULNESS MEDITATION	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM BAYVIEW PARK
Heather Vanderlip Grey Bruce Public Health Shannon Fry Pharmacist/Owner PHARMA SAVE	2:00 pm Check-in & Chat 2:30 pm BINGO!	2:00 pm Trivia with Ann G.	20 10:00 am Chair Exercise and Stretching 2:00 pm Ontario's Free Senior Dental Care Program. Heather Vanderlip	21 11:00 am Meet The PHARMACIST Shannon Fry	Free Transportation for seniors in Town o Blue Mountains Call 519 599 2577. Ext. 126
Beth Gilhespy Bruce Trail Guide, Author "Walking Through Time"	25 2:00 pm Check-in & Chat 2:30 pm BINGO!	26 2:30 PM Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Hiking - Beth Gilhespy	27 10:00 am Chair Exercise and Stretching	28 11:00 am MINDFULNESS MEDITATION	FREE Parking At The Fair





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Sat. Sept. 9, 5pm

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> Adults \$25; 5-11 \$15; under 5 - n/c Call 519-599-3345 for tickets or Tickets at the Fair Info Booth, Sept 8 & 9

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9:00 am - Noon

Community Centre opens for exhibit entries 5:00 pm

Gates, food trucks & beer garden open 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Classic Championship Wrestling Shows 7:00 pm

Senior & Junior Ambassador Competition 8:00 -11:00 pm

Live Music

Saturday September 9th

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Face Painting; Food Trucks; Petting Zoo; Rock climbing wall; Mechanical Bull; Chain saw carving; Antique tractor display Kids Micro Excavator & Mini Excavator challenge

10:00 am Pet Show

10:00 am Soper Creek Wildlife Exhibit

10:30 am Dog Agility Show

11:00 am Beer Garden opens

11:00 am Tom Bishop's Wild West Show

12:00 noon12:00 noonHorse drawn carriage rides

12:00 noon Soper Creek Wildlife Exhibit

1:00 - 4:00 pm Live Music

1:00 pm Dog Agility Show
1:00 pm Light Horse Show
1:00 pm Apple Peeling Contest
1:30 pm Tom Bishop's Wild West Show
3:00 pm Soper Creek Wildlife Exhibit
3:00 pm Tom Bishop's Wild West Show
5:00 pm Roast Beef Dinner

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Events for Life High Tea & Hats

Wednesday September 13th 10:30 am to 12 noon AND 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

Tickets will go on sale at www.eventsfor.life Monday August 21st



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Saturday, September 23rd 9am-Noon

Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack.

Go Green for a better Blue! www.graceunitedthornbury.ca

ACC Presents: Sailing in the Drake Channel & Antarctica

On Thursday, September 14 at 7pm, be transported across the world! Mary Lou Gignac will recount the Challenges and Joys of sailing a 60-foot sailboat across the Drake Channel and along the Antarctic Peninsula.

Many things were more difficult as a solo "older woman". But then, so many things were better with the wisdom and perspective of being that woman. The beauty and experiences of this journey were beyond belief!

L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce Street South, Thornbury

Contact: Franz 519-599-3681 x142

Email: The Gallery@The Blue Mountains.ca www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/art-gallery

LEGION WEEK SEPTEMBER 17-23



COME OUT AND VISIT YOUR LOCAL BRANCH, LOCATED IN THE HEART OF **CLARKSBURG**

Branch 281 Beaver Valley

Wednesday September 20 – Usual Branch opening hours, 3pm – 7pm, All welcome

Thursday September 21 - OPEN HOUSE, 3pm - 7pm. Drop in to learn a little about the Royal Canadian Legion. Explore membership or volunteer opportunities. Or just enjoy a drink and a chat and maybe a casual game of Darts or Cribbage.

Friday September 22 - Veterans' Special BBQ Night. Branch opens at 3pm, BBQ at 5pm, \$10. Veterans plus spouse/caregiver eat FREE

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 165 Russell St E, Thornbury will be hosting a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner with garlic bread and dessert

Friday, September 22

5:00pm and 6:30pm

TICKETS \$15.00 EACH Call the church at 519-599-6645 or email stpaulsthornbury@gmail.com







- \$225 per player includes lunch, golf, cart, and practice range golf balls &
- $www.living better with parkins on s.c\alpha$
- \$100 tax receipt issued online

Proceeds from this event will fund fitness & social programs; speaker series and advocacy for people with PD in South Georgian Bay.







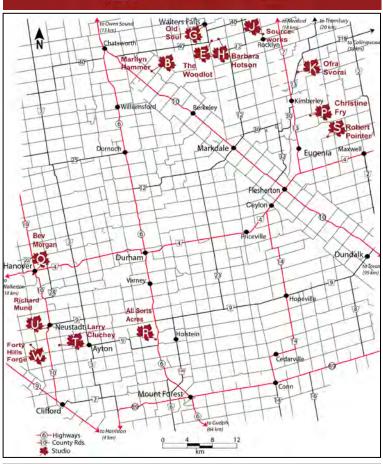


Sept. 29th, 30th, Oct. 1st 10 - 5 pm each day www.alst.ca



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Inuit Culture and Canadian History

September 30, 6-8pm L.E. Shore Library

A Truth & Reconciliation event.

We invite you for an evening of learning and taking an in depth look at Canada's history with Inuit, and the creation of Canada.

Join Muckpaloo Ipeelie, a local Blue Mountain resident, owner of the Urban

Inuit Identity Project and a registered MLT. Muckpaloo teaches Inuit culture, to help preserve it. Dive into Inuit Culture, Nomadic Life and the Genesis of Canada with the Arctic.

Register at 519-599-3681 ext. 140 or libraryinfo@thebluemountains.ca





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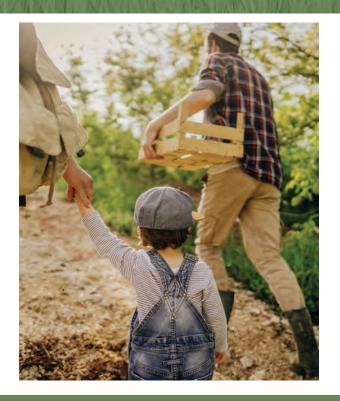
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Thornbury Group 82 Amnesty International 40th Anniversary Commemoration Concert Wednesday, October 18, 7-9 p.m.

L.E Shore Library

Local concert pianist, Katrin Veski, will perform pieces in various styles, from countries where Amnesty International has made a difference. Come help us commemorate 40 years of activism and action supporting human rights and freedoms. Tickets are free, but please make a donation at the door to support the ongoing work of Group 82.





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