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The Knott Family harvesting the crops at the top of Slabtown. photo by Robert Burcher



Calling all golfers and wannabe golfers!

Marsh Street Centre will be hosting its Makeover 2024 fundraising golf tournament on Sept 16th at the prestigious Lora Bay golf course in Thornbury. It promises to be a fun and challenging day of golf for a great cause. Net proceeds from the event

will go directly to the Makeover 2024 fundraising campaign for necessary structural improvements to the Marsh Street Community Centre. Lora Bay is one of the premiere golf courses in the area and is a bucket-list destination for many players.

The tournament will be a scramble format with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm, followed by a delicious banquet in the Lora Bay clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded for best/worst team scores, longest drives (M/F) and closest to the pin (M/F). There will also be unique goods/gift baskets available through auction.

Sign up as a foursome, a twosome or even as a single player, we'll match you up with other golfers to make a team. Sponsors are all in place, and we're currently signing up golfers to join in the fun. The price for the day is \$200 per golfer, which includes golfing, cart, driving range, banquet and a gift bag.

For more details and to signup, visit www.marshstreetcentre.com.

Facade update

Plans are in place for the start of the refacing of the Marsh Street Community Centre. The work is currently scheduled to begin on Aug 6th and is expected to take 2-3 weeks to be completed. Access to the sidewalk on the east side of the Marsh will be restricted somewhat due to scaffolding and construction work, however, interruptions will be kept to a minimum.



This long-overdue upgrade will be a functional improvement as it will dramatically reduce the impact of water damage to the building. In addition, it will be an aesthetic improvement as it will cover the damaged and stained bricks of the original construction. Funding for the upgrade has come from the Makeover 2024 campaign, through generous donations from Centre patrons and government grants (IPIC). Marsh Street Community Centre is a not-for-profit organization whose focus is on community, culture and creativity for the Town of The Blue Mountains and surrounding area.

VOLUNTEER and/or JOIN the MARSH!

Are you interested in volunteering at the Marsh?

Not a member yet? visit www.marshstreetcentre.com or call 519-599-7837

THANK YOU to OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING THE MARSH STREET CENTRE!

Community Builders 'Pay It Forward' at the Blue Mountains Public Library

The Blue Mountains Public Library is piloting a new online directory called Community Builders and is looking for volunteers who are passionate about sharing their skills with others who want to pay it forward. The program is designed to provide people with opportunities to learn and grow, whether they wish to advance in their careers, learn a new hobby, or gain practical knowledge.

"This pay it forward initiative is a bit of an experiment and has been years in the making," says Mary Dodge, Manager of Community Engagement. "The idea came directly from the community during consultation for the Library's Strategic Plan and there was a natural connection between what we heard and what we do: we are the place where you can connect, explore, and create."

The Community Builders program is designed to foster both learning and social connections. Whether you want to master the art of tying a tie, breathing techniques to reduce stress, or acquire basic home maintenance and repair skills, there is something for everyone. This program is especially beneficial for folks eager to pick up a new skill or hobby, or those who may not have had the opportunity to learn these skills from family or peers.

"There are so many talented and generous people in the Town of The Blue Mountains, we meet them every day, and now we are giving them a platform to network and help neighbours upskill," Dodge says.

If you're interested in becoming a Community Builder, participating in the program, or want more information, you can visit

<https://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca>

Mary Dodge, Manager of Community Engagement

The Blue Mountains Public Library

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We are feeling so much gratitude towards this community that we felt compelled to write this small note of thanks.

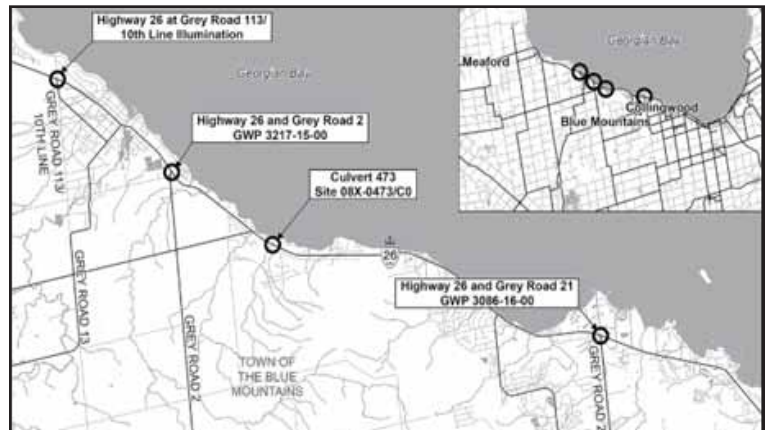
It was Saturday afternoon. The weather was perfect...sunshine, blue skies. The beach was full of happy people enjoying the beach and pier, including us. This perfect day was upset when my daughter-in-law's 90 year old mother decided to go for a swim on her own and she ended up in distress. We noticed and raced to her as quickly as possible, but so did many other people. So many people offered help with calling 911, offering their towels, a chair, a hug of support, anything. We were so touched by the kindness of so many strangers in a really scary and vulnerable time for our family. We cannot begin to say how much it meant to us and how grateful we are.

In this world of ours, with so much anger, division, and stress, it's easy to believe that most people are uncaring and unkind. This frightening incident for our family on that beautiful Saturday afternoon truly restored our faith in humanity. The Blue Mountains community will always be in our hearts. Thank you, always.

Sue Shortt and family, Clarksburg

On Wednesday June 5th, 2024, at about 6:45 am, we were woken up by someone pounding on our front door. When we made it downstairs and opened the door a young man was standing there and told us to get out of our house as the garage was on fire. His coworker, in the meantime, had called 911. While they were driving west on Hwy. 26, the two had noticed smoke behind the Home Hardware. Suspecting that it was not a camp fire, they came around to investigate it. We believe it is not exaggeration to say that both Lukas te Velde and Paul Green are our heroes, because we were sleeping soundly during the fire.

We would also like to thank the Fire Department and their Volunteers that arrived at the scene within 15 to 20 minutes, as well as the Paramedics and Police that arrived shortly after. We believe that these emergency responders are under appreciated and do not always get the recognition that they deserve.



Ministry of Transportation Announces Environmental Assessment Regarding Hwy 26 Intersection Improvements

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation has retained Egis to undertake the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for intersection improvements at Highway 26 and Grey Road 2, and at Highway 26 and Grey Road 21. The study also includes rehabilitation of Culvert 473 on Highway 26 between Hoover Lane and Camperdown Road, and illumination of the intersection at Highway 26 and Grey Road 113/10th Line.

The province has published a dedicated project website regarding the study. The website contains an overview of the project, an outline of the study process, relevant reports and more information about how the public can be involved. If members of the public wish to obtain additional information, or have questions or comments regarding the Study, a general contact form is available on the project website. An Online Public Information Centre is scheduled for Fall 2024 where more information will be provided.

<https://www.highway26andgreyroad.com>

Steven Pilgrim, P. Eng. Project Manager Egis Tel: 343-344-2629

Attention: Editor

I read with curiosity the article in the July 3rd edition of The Review about the Community Improvement Plan (CIP). I didn't realize \$250,000 was budgeted for this plan. Nor did I realize the parameters determining the distribution of this money as being broad community revitalization goals through grants or loans to private property owners and tenants. I appreciated that a summary of the applications submitted was provided and I was curious as a property owner paying property taxes to see how my taxes were being used.

I assumed this money would go towards not-for-profit organizations but was dismayed to see any applications were being considered that would benefit private businesses and owner's property. As well, it looks like the Staff is considering expanding this Plan to include rural and agricultural properties, the Blue Mountain Village area in addition to removing the loan program! My husband and I own a commercial building and it would never occur to us to expect anyone other than our business to foot the bill to upgrade a roof or windows, or build a gazebo and patio, or beautify the sidewalk by adding elevated steel planters, or renovating shower stalls... all priced in the thousands. I wondered if these upgrades to these properties would also increase the property resale value...at my expense. Shouldn't some of these upgrades be considered as a normal cost of running a business?

I understand there is a desire to revitalize the town but does the general public need to pay for upgrades that increase the value of private property? Shouldn't the onus be on the shoulders of the private property owners or businesses themselves to find ways to raise funds to enhance their own business? Sure, give financial support for the non-profit organizations but please reconsider this generosity at my expense. My hope is that Council will limit the applications to projects that will result in public enhancement and not private property gain at taxpayers expense.

Betty Smith, Clarksburg

From Staff Report - Community Improvement Plan Review July 2nd

A review of the CIP is currently scheduled for 2026. Staff recommend expediting this review and completing it in 2025. Through three CIP intakes (Spring 2023, Fall 2023 and Spring 2024), it has become clear that there are opportunities to broaden the scope of the program to maximize it's community impact. Through consultation with current and potential applicants, community members, Council and Staff, it is recommended that this review be completed as soon as practicable.

The Review process will require a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process to hire a qualified firm to advise on policy changes and best practices. Creating and revising CIPs are regulated under Section 28 of the Planning Act. This process involves public consultation and approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

As the Plans have been implemented, staff have been compiling an initial list of potential changes for consideration. Expanding the Town-wide Revitalization CIP to include rural and agricultural properties is a key priority. Currently, these properties are only eligible for three of ten programs within the CIP. Expanding to include the Blue Mountain Village area, presently excluded from the CIP, is also recommended. Both limitations have prevented several projects' submission and/or approval over the three intake periods.

Furthermore, Staff recommend removing the loan program from the CIP and focusing solely on providing grants to maximize the CIP's value.

Finally, an assessment of grants opportunities within the Housing Within Reach CIP is recommended. Despite extensive promotion and communications on available supports within the program, only one application throughout the three intake periods has been received.

With these changes, alongside those brought forward by the consultant, the refreshed CIP will put the Town in the best possible position to equitably distribute grants that fulfill its overarching goal: revitalizing the community, improving the quality of life of the community's residents, better utilizing underdeveloped properties and promoting private investment in land and buildings.

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In Memoriam

THOMAS WAYNE 'TOM' PETERSON

Thomas Wayne Peterson, born in Newmarket on July 17th, 1952, passed peacefully at Campbell House Hospice in Collingwood on July 19th, 2024 at the age of 72.

Tom was an avid golfer who enjoyed both playing and watching golf. He also loved to follow the Blue Jays and the Toronto Maple Leafs. A good single malt scotch or a Wiser's with Pepsi was also enjoyed on occasion. Tom touched many lives along the way with his sense of humour. He was loved by all who met him. Tom is survived by his spouse Louise, daughter Denise (John), son Neil (Laurren), step-daughter Lauren (Dave), step-son Brandon (Danelle), grandchildren Briggs, Brynnly, Orion, Sienna, Beckham, sisters Beverly, Betty Ann, Debbie, Susie and Karen. Predeceased by brothers Fred and Ron and sister Barb.

A Celebration of Tom's Life will take place at the Marsh Street Centre on Friday, August 9, 2024 from 4 until 7 p.m. As your expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Hospice Georgian Triangle 'Campbell House' 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



MARY ELIZABETH LOUNDS

It is with great sadness that we announce that our dear Mary – sister, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away at her home in Thornbury, ON on June 29, 2024. She was in her 67th year. Born in Brantford, Ontario on October 19, 1957, to Joan Ruth and John Campbell Lounds, Mary spent most of her formative years growing up in Meaford, Ontario, where she made friends easily and excelled in sports, particularly basketball and golf, often leading her high school teams to victory. Mary was fun, outgoing, vivacious, generous of spirit and loved a good get-together.



In the early 1980s, Mary gave birth to the two continuing joys in her life – Michael and Megan. With her husband Jim Chapman, and both sets of grandparents, Michael and Megan were infused with that joy and love of life, as well as with great skill on the golf course. Mary, like her mother Joan, had won the Meaford Club Championship – Mary while pregnant with Megan – which explains a lot about Megan's subsequent career abilities and choices!

Mary went back to school and became a dental hygienist for several years, however; unsatisfied with that career, went on to complete her degree in education at York University and become a high school teacher at Georgian Bay Secondary School until she retired. In the final years of her teaching career, she chose to teach special education classes to challenged young adults. It was one of the ways her spirit shone and her heart was filled.

She loved to travel and reveled in her trips, whether it be across Canada and the United States, or even more far-flung locations such as the Dominican Republic, Galapagos, Kenya, and Japan. She was generous with time and gifts, and she was often very kind and thinking of others – especially those that were challenged in their lives. She welcomed with open arms the suddenly larger family her brother brought to visit beginning in the late 1990s, and had a special relationship with her niece Melanie, who happens to live her life with Down Syndrome. Mary was always enthused about taking Melanie with her on fun excursions shopping or to the day spa for a facial.

She would love a good laugh, and at times would be the only other person in the room besides her brother John that found something funny, and the two of them would laugh until they cried. It was a great bond. And although a series of unfortunate illnesses kept her off her game later in life, she recently rediscovered the fighting spirit that made her a joy and inspiration.

Mary leaves her son Michael James Chapman (Kate Mattice), daughter Megan Ruth Chapman (G.W. King), grandchildren Makala, Lou and Finn, as well as her brother John Robert (Ellen McRae), and her nieces and nephews Aimee, Scott, Melanie and Edward. A celebration of Mary's life was held at the Marsh Street Centre July 26. Interment will take place at Lakeview Cemetery at a later date. If so desired and as your expression of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to Beaver Valley Outreach, Events for Life or the Meaford Hospital Foundation can be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

ROBERTA AVERY (WORTHINGTON)

Monday October 25, 1948 - Friday July 5, 2024

Roberta (nee Worthington) Avery, born October 1948, in Colwyn Bay, North Wales, led an enterprising life of differing skills. But always her writing talent prevailed, leading her to prominence and awards as a journalist for The Toronto Star. Graduating from Colwyn Bay Grammar School, Roberta excelled in the sciences and became a Cosmetic Scientist working in a research facility. Her mother was a senior nurse, her father worked for the Sunday Times. As a teenager and onwards, Roberta had articles and stories published in UK magazines.



On a rock climbing date, she met John Avery, an airplane technologist. They married in 1968. Four years later, when their son, Paul was 9 months old, Roberta and John decided to emigrate to Canada. After a stint in Toronto, they bought a property on the picturesque harbour of Meaford, two hours north of Toronto. John traded his airplane technologist skills in, for building a small restaurant there. Roberta obtained her professional chef's diploma. For many years their Fisherman's Wharf was the place to dine and watch the sunset or see boats on the bay.

Meanwhile, Roberta also wrote articles for the Meaford Chamber of Commerce and the Grey Bruce County Association. In 1989, she saw a small ad in the Owen Sound Sun Times: "Wanted, private detective." Intrigued, Roberta detected who wrote the ad and applied for it. She did not get the job but The Sun Times was so impressed by her investigative work, they offered her a job as a correspondent. This launched her career as a newspaper reporter, eventually leading to her assignments with the Toronto Star. Roberta wrote over 1,000 articles for the Toronto Star and was given 8 major journalism awards. In 1992, it was her investigative reporting, over the course of two years that exposed the Walkerton water scandal. Negligent treatment of the water system caused the serious illness of 2,300 children and adults and the death of seven people. Roberta was then nominated for journalism's highest honour, The National Newspaper Award.

By 2000, Roberta Avery had become a full-time correspondent for the Toronto Star, covering subjects as diverse as Criminal Court proceedings, issues and restaurant reviews. In her senior years, Roberta also wrote articles for a new magazine, On The Bay. A reporter of high integrity, she was known to turn down any job requesting her to take a side on an issue rather than do objective, investigative reporting.

Roberta and John Avery also ran a high-end bed and breakfast on Irish Mountain overlooking Georgian Bay from 1991 to 2022. They never stopped enjoying hiking in their Escarpment neighbourhood, their winter home in Arizona and on trips to the UK, the Alps or Rockies. Whenever possible one of their succession of beautiful dogs accompanied them. In Arizona, they fostered rescue dogs. Without question, a super wife and mother, Roberta was also a true and generous friend to many, providing encouragement and sometimes refuge for other writers.

Roberta Avery, surrounded by family and friends, died bravely of pancreatic cancer on July 5, 2024 at age 75. She will be sorely missed by her husband John, her son Paul, his wife Lisa, their sons, Luke and Sawyer, her brother, Roy Worthington plus all her friends. There was a celebration of life for Roberta on Sunday, July 14th at the Irish Mountain Lookout.

In memory of Roberta, donations to Hospice Georgian Triangle – Campbell House would be appreciated by the family.



We are excited to be hosting our Annual Charity Golf Event on September 20th and this year we are celebrating the BMVF's 20th anniversary!! The event will be held at the beautiful Monterra Golf Course, who are celebrating their 35th anniversary! Monterra Golf Course is located at the Blue Mountain Village and is designed for golfers to exceed their own expectations from tee-off forward. The day includes fun activities; breakfast sponsored by Sunset Grill; lunch sponsored by Blue Mountain Village restaurants; cocktail hour; gourmet dinner, entertainment, prizes and auctions.

To register, sponsor or to purchase tickets for this event, please contact Deb Piggott at debajpiggott@gmail.com | 705-888-3636.

There are a limited number of sponsorship opportunities still available, as well as golf ticket and dinner only sales. Gather your friends and join us for this FUN event supporting vital charities in this community.

"It's my hope that our community will help support the 20th Anniversary Charity Golf event by registering, sponsoring, or donating an auction item and by joining us for a fun day of golf and play. Sponsorships and donations from organizations and businesses help us raise funds to support this community and the vital charities within it, ultimately making this area a better place to live, work and play", says Deb Piggott, Event Manager.

The BMVF was established with the sole purpose of supporting charities in the communities surrounding the South Georgian Bay areas and the Blue Mountain Village. The BMVF is dedicated to awarding grants to charitable organizations in the South Georgian Bay areas (including Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Stayner, The Blue Mountains, Meaford, Duntroon, Singhampton, Kimberley & Creemore), whose activities address social gaps in our community. The BMVF is committed to enhancing quality of life including the areas of health, education, the arts, the environment, recreation and more. To date we have raised more than \$1.8 million dollars which has been invested back into our community through meaningful and necessary programs and support services making this area a better place to live, work and play.



Marsh Street Rocks by Ron Smith, MSR Alumni

Monday is the sleepy day of the week for a theatre. But most Monday nights rock at the Marsh St. Centre. Any given Monday and now Wednesdays due to popular demand, 7-17-year-old youths and adults age 18 and over gather to make music —& to experience and enjoy their own talents and creative output while increasing their abilities to play and perform". The would-be rocking musicians are grouped according to age group playing a variety of instruments while honing their musical talent and band experience. Each group chooses a number of popular songs to play and under the direction of the program leader develops these songs over the length of the approximate 10-week program. Then culminating in a live concert at The Marsh Street Centre stage. This event is always a hit as these Marsh Street Rockers perform before a packed house of proud parents, peers and friends.

Current program leader Craig Smith is always amazed at the variety of budding talent that continues to flow through the Monday Nights Rock program and their development over a short 10 weeks. From beginners to returning performers the young rockers invest 90 minutes each week to practice and learn the skills of playing in a band. This is the unique experience of Marsh Street Rocks. You learn not only to play your instruments of choice but with fellow band mates. Many of the bands rotate players and singers and each new song may see the rockers playing different instruments. Of course band names are chosen and the tension builds as the deadline to perform nears. But its all in fun as all skill levels are accepted. Information and registration. marshstreetcentre.com/msr

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Seniors Matters Today *by Pamela McDermid*

Property Taxes -- On August 16, 2023, the Ontario government filed a regulation to amend the Assessment Act, which extended the postponement of a province-wide reassessment. Property assessments for the 2023 and 2024 property tax years will continue to be based on fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values. This will be used as the basis for calculating your 2023 and 2024 property taxes. (from <https://www.mpac.ca/en>)

Benefits Increases for Ontario's seniors and people with disabilities -- as of July 2024

Over the next few months, seniors and people with disabilities will see increases to some benefits. And more seniors will be able to get certain benefits because the rules about who can qualify have changed. Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) increased by 4.5% on July 1, 2024. The basic ODSP rate for a single person including shelter allowance is now \$1,368 a month. (up from \$1,308). The increase does not apply to all of the benefits available to people with disabilities such as special diet and remote communities allowance.

Changes to Ontario's Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS), provides up to \$87 per month to eligible seniors. If you have no private income, you'll receive the maximum amount.

GAINS payments are provided on top of the Old Age Security (OAS) pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) payments you may receive from the federal government.

To qualify for GAINS payments, a person must also be 65 years or more, have lived in Ontario for the past 12 months or for a total of 20 years since turning age 18, have been a Canadian resident for 10 years or more and receiving the OAS pension and GIS payments. NOTE: The Ontario government decides who qualifies based on information in tax returns which must be filed annually.

Provincial Health Benefits As Of August 1, 2024, the income limits for Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program have increased: Single seniors over 65 can make \$25,000, up from \$22,200. And couples can make \$41,500, up from \$37,100. Dental care is provided by Public Health Units and Community Health Centres. (source Community Legal Education Ontario cleo.ca, On the Radar)

Connecting with Seniors and Resources - The Seniors Network is holding its annual Seniors Fair at the Beaver Valley Community Centre from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Wed. Sept. 18th. This is a free community event. Drop in any time. Enjoy snacks and refreshments and learn about services and choices. Take the opportunity to talk in person with representatives from dozens of community groups and organizations serving seniors in our community. To learn more, call or e mail BVO's Seniors Centre Without Walls (519 599 2577, ext. 6, seniors@bvo.ca). Look for posters around town too.



CAESAR AUGUSTUS

Hail Caesar Augustus! "Te Salutamus".
We salute you!

Your name embodies this month, 'tis
flanked with grove of peach and grape,
A cauldron of heat, yet a bridge to

cooling mists of autumn and chirping crickets.

Into the Roman corridor we make our journey, replete
with words of use today,

Yet not only in word, but in skill of road and aqueduct,
basilica and theatre,

These that build our respect to the arch of bridge,
a convey over waters of deep.

So as this titled month, this August, is nature's bridge,
so too the human bridge,

Where lives turn tread and carriage over arches of trust,
hope and wonder.

The arch of brilliance Roman is ours to graft to human sinew,
Lasting strength has carried marching legions to match
the rumbles of our march.

Where Roman edifice yields eternal insight, the Keystone
holds the arch together,

So let our arch of life, our bridge upon the torrent, be bound
by the Keystone of Love.

Hail Caesar Augustus! Hail August! Hail the Bridge!

Hail Keystone of Love!

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley jeremy@officeinthebarn.ca

Grey County Enhances Paramedic Services With More Shifts And New Overdose Response Drug

Grey County has added an additional 12-hour paramedic services shift at both the Hanover and Owen Sound bases. The extra resources are helping Grey County continue responding quickly to emergency calls and meet response time targets as paramedic services call volumes grow. Grey County paramedics have also begun carrying a new drug to respond to opioid overdoses. Suboxone (buprenorphine-naloxone) decreases the severity of the withdraw symptoms and also creates a crucial window for patients to stabilize and consider addiction treatment and recovery.

Informal Council Public Engagement

Council approved a plan to direct staff to proceed with implementation efforts to schedule and promote the Coffee/Breakfast with Council events, beginning September 2024, and a Community BBQ with Council event. Council approved funding to support these initiatives at an upset limit of \$2,000.00 to be funded through the 2024 Council Operating budget.

Special County of Grey - Joint All Council Meeting - Thursday, August 8, 2024

The County of Grey and the municipalities of The Blue Mountains, Owen Sound, Georgian Bluffs, Meaford, Chatsworth, Grey Highlands, Hanover, West Grey, and Southgate will be held on August 8, 2024, commencing electronically at 8:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is with respect to shared service delivery and service efficiencies.

If you have any questions regarding the Special County of Grey Joint All Councils Meeting please contact:

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Maintenance / Service Disruptions
June 21, 2024

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that surface treatment road work will be conducted on various rural and urban roads beginning in late July. Partial lane closures will be in effect during construction. Work is anticipated to be completed by mid-August.

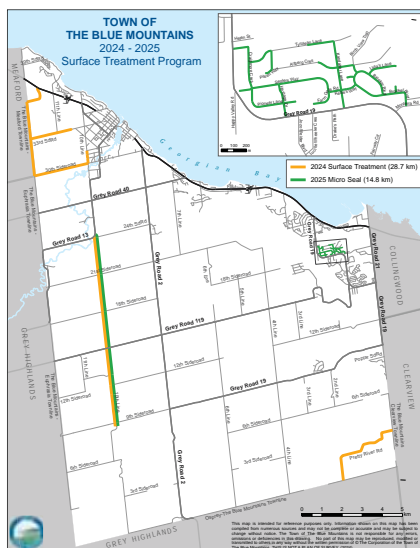
Road surface treatment will occur on:

- Pretty River Road
- 10th Line between Grey Road 13 and 9th Sideroad
- 10th Line between Russell Street and 30th Sideroad
- 30th Sideroad between 10th Line and The Blue Mountains - Meaford Townline
- The Blue Mountains - Meaford Townline between Highway 26 and 30th Sideroad
- 33rd Sideroad between Duncan Street and The Blue Mountains - Meaford Townline

Residents are asked to reduce speeds on roads that have recently been treated to help lessen the disturbance of the roadway.

The Town utilizes surface treatment paving on many rural roads with low to medium traffic volumes as a more cost-effective and durable alternative to asphalt concrete paving. The maintenance of surface-treated roads occurs every 5-7 years between May and September.

To learn more, visit the Road Maintenance webpage.



What is Tar and Chip?

Tar and chip roads look similar to asphalt concrete roads but have some differences. Both pavement surfaces use asphalt cement bitumen (Tar) and Aggregates (Chip). Asphalt concrete road surfaces are mixed in a central plant and shipped to the road site hot and mixed for paving. This type of paving is cost prohibitive for smaller rural municipalities such as The Blue Mountains. “Tar and Chip” pavement involves evenly applying hot asphalt cement tar onto a roadway, followed by an even layer of angular aggregate stones which is rolled into place. The stones are further compacted and pushed into the asphalt cement tar over time by the traffic on the roadway. As a result for a period of weeks or months following the application of Tar and Chip to a roadway, there is some loose crushed stone on top of the road surface. The road will eventually resemble the asphalt concrete roads in higher traffic areas after a period of time dependent on the heat of summer and the volume of traffic.

What can you expect?

On roads that have been previously treated, one layer of tar and chip will be applied (single surface treatment). Roads which are being newly paved will receive two successive layers of tar and chip (double surface treatment). Town road maintenance staff may sweep the road several weeks or months following the initial application of tar and chip to reduce the loose stone. The brief periods of inconvenience will be followed by a road surface similar to an asphalt concrete road for periods of 5-7 years.


What can you do?

When your road has been recently paved using tar and chip technology, residents are requested to not sweep the road during the period when the chip is loose, as sweeping may result in a poor wearing surface and an unsafe road condition. The most helpful thing you can do is reduce your vehicle’s speed. This will help to reduce the disturbance of stone on the roadway to ensure a clean even surface as well as minimizing dust from the road. Be a good neighbour – slow down.

For more information, please contact:
Town of The Blue Mountains
Operations Department
(519) 599-3131 ext. 276



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Construction Notice - Monterra Road - Beginning July 2024

Maintenance / Service Disruptions
Public Notices
July 12, 2024



The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public of upcoming construction activity on Monterra Road in Craigeith from Grey Road 19 to 200 metres east of Grand Cypress Lane.

Cox Construction Limited will be resurfacing approximately 875 metres of Monterra Road. Work will include a new 7 metre wide road surface and a 1.2 metre wide paved shoulder on the north side of the road for a portion of the road section. Sewer maintenance holes and valve chamber chimneys will be rebuilt and guide rail cable posts will be replaced along with other miscellaneous work.

This work is expected to be ongoing until mid to late August 2024. Monterra Road will remain open, but alternating one-way traffic controlled by flaggers will be in place at times.

Where: Monterra Road, from Grey Road 19 to 200m east of Grand Cypress Lane

When: Beginning July 18, 2024

For additional information, please contact:
Town of The Blue Mountains
Operations Department
(519) 599-3131

Notice of Public Meeting Proposed Telecommunications Tower

Property Location: 495928 Grey Road 2

A Public Meeting to consider these matters has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 9:30 am.

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

What is being proposed?

Rogers is proposing a new 90 metre guyed telecommunications tower at the above address to improve wireless coverage and to meet rising demands for wireless service.


The geographic coordinates for the proposed site are as follows: N 44o 27' 48.9" W -80o 25' 04.9"

The establishment of new telecommunication facilities is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Government. Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada is the approval authority for telecommunication towers and requires all proponents of new facilities to consult local planning authorities to ensure local protocols and surroundings are considered during the mandated site selection process. The Town of The Blue Mountains Protocol for Establishing Telecommunication Facilities requires public consultation for all new telecommunication facilities.



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Media Release

August 1, 2024

Notice – Announcing the OPP Detachment Board

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce that The Blue Mountains Police Services Board has formally transitioned to The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board.

In March 2019, the Ontario government passed the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (“CSPA”) as part of the Comprehensive Ontario Policy Services Act, 2019. The CSPA came into effect on April 1, 2024 and replaced the Police Services Act, 1990.

Under the new legislation, The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board will have a more clearly defined and expanded role in the community. The Board has undertaken a number of steps to ensure compliance with the legislation and applicable regulations. Details outlining these changes can be found in staff report FAF.24.071 Update to Council regarding the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 and Impacts to The Blue Mountains Police Services Board as presented at the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 17, 2024.

Across the Province, OPP Detachment Boards provide civilian input about how policing is provided in their local communities by the OPP. The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board is a civilian body that oversees the Collingwood OPP Detachment and The Blue Mountains Satellite Office. The roles and responsibilities of OPP Detachment Boards are set out under Section 68(1) of the CSPA:

- Consult with the Commissioner regarding the selection of a Detachment Commander and otherwise participate, in accordance with the regulations made by the Minister, in the selection of the Detachment Commander;

- Determine objectives and priorities for the Detachment, not inconsistent with the Strategic Plan prepared by the Minister, after consultation with the Detachment Commander or his or her designate;
- Advise the Detachment Commander with respect to policing provided by the Detachment;
- Monitor the performance of the Detachment Commander;
- Review the reports from the Detachment Commander regarding policing provided by the Detachment;
- On or before June 30 of each year, provide an annual report to the Town of The Blue Mountains Council regarding the policing provided by the Detachment in their municipalities.

The Board is comprised of five members appointed for the term of Council, including two Council Appointees (one being the Mayor), two Public Appointees, and one Provincial Appointee. The current Board composition is:

- Mayor Andrea Matrosovs
- Councillor Gail Ardiel
- Jim Oliver, Public Appointee and current Chair
- Lynn Church, Public Appointee and current Vice-Chair
- Donna Wilson, Provincial Appointee

Staff Resources include Detachment Commander Loris Licharson, Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt and Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary Kyra Dunlop.

If you would like to provide a Deputation, Correspondence or Public Comment at a Board Meeting, or for questions relating to the Board, please contact:

Kyra Dunlop

Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary
32 Mill Street South,
Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0
townclerk@thebluemountains.ca
519-599-3131 ext. 306

Financial Strategies for Back to School Season

As summer winds down and back-to-school season approaches, funding a child's post-secondary education becomes top of mind for parents.

From the 2022/23 Stats Canada report the average cost of undergraduate degree for a Canadian student is \$6,834 per year. In addition there is the cost of textbooks, transportation, housing and general living expenses we'll estimate to be around \$15,000. Combining the two puts the average cost of a four year degree around \$87,336.

These numbers could be offset in part by scholarships, grants, loans, and bursaries. Additionally, if your child will be contributing their own savings or is planning to work part-time while they attend school, this should be factored into the overall cost.

Here are strategies to consider:

Registered Education Savings Plans (RESPs) offer significant benefits, including government grants of 20% on contributions up to \$2,500 annually. For optimal RESP funding, contribute \$16,500 in the first year, followed by \$2,500 annually for the next 13 years, and \$1,000 in the final year. This approach maximizes funding, captures full grants, and optimizes tax-free growth potential.

If you have not maximized the grants in the RESP, you can catchup by contributing \$5,000 in a year and getting two years' worth of grants.

Within your RESP, maintain a diversified investment portfolio. Include a mix of equities for higher long-term returns and bonds for stability. As your child approaches college age, gradually shift to more conservative investments to protect accumulated savings.

Once the RESP and TFSA's are maximized, families may explore family trusts as a strategy to split income with children with low or no other income and save tax. Given their complexity, make sure you consult with legal and tax professionals before establishing one.

Although there are different strategies to consider, it's important to establish one that reflects your unique needs. Talk to your tax and legal advisors, and wealth planning team to help ensure you are taking advantage of all the relevant options.

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Kids Taking Action To Help Butterflies

Ever heard of a: Foxglove Beardtongue, Silvery Checkerspot, Red Admiral, Golden Alexander, Painted Lady or Hoary Vervain? Half are species of local butterflies and the others are the native plants that they rely on for survival. Primary students at Beaver Valley Community School (BVCS) in Thornbury can tell you about these interesting species because they have been busy planting gardens that support our local butterflies.



Last June, under the guidance of grade 2 teacher Audrey Macdonald and support from Pollinate the Blue Mountains (PTBM), primary level classes planted pollinator plants to specifically attract five species of local butterflies - Monarch, Black Swallowtail, Painted Lady, Red Admiral and Silvery Checkerspot. The kids are excited to be watching caterpillars appear on their favourite plant and emerge into butterflies feeding on the flowers.

The BVCS Butterfly Project has been extremely successful due to collaboration of many community partners! Funds to buy about 200 native perennial plants were secured from the Parent Council, TD Environmental Fund and Learning For a Sustainable Future. Over the winter, classes researched one of the butterfly species as part of their science program and posted their findings in the library. In June, each class weeded and prepared one flowerbed, then planted the specific butterfly friendly wildflowers with support of PTBM volunteers. Extra soil and mulch were donated by 13



Forty Landscape Supplies and EcoCultures Landscaping. A number of family volunteers watered all the plants weekly over the summer. As a result, by September students returned to about 200 well established flowering plants that were attracting butterflies to the school yard.

This past June Ms. Macdonald's class designed signs that encourage others to help by planting native perennials in their gardens that attract butterflies.

Colourful weatherproof signs were designed by local artist Trevor Halton and installed specifically for each butterfly species.

Students now encourage all community members to visit the back of the school to learn about the plant species they could also add to their gardens to support our local butterflies and pollinators. The QR Code here links to the butterflies and a species list of plants that are recommended.



www.pollinategc.ca

ALSO check out the garden with native plantings at the front of the school for ideas for your home garden.



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Subject: Milk in cartons v/s plastic bags - which is better or worse ?

We are all anxious to do what is best for the environment and to reduce the “carbon footprint” of our daily lives. I have wondered for a long time whether it’s better to buy our milk in the 2-litre paper cartons, in the 1-litre reusable glass bottles, or the 4-litre plastic bags - which packaging has the smallest carbon footprint for its entire use lifecycle ?

I could not find the answer, but turned to Nicholas Cloet, the Sustainability Coordinator for the Town of the Blue Mountains. He provided a link to a Dalhousie University research project which provides a very interesting, and perhaps surprising answer. I thought that Review readers would find it of interest and help. Thanks to Nicholas !

Jim Oliver, Thornbury

by Mary Anne White - a Professor Emerita in the Department of Chemistry at Dalhousie University.

If you are a typical Canadian milk consumer, you probably drink more than 60 litres of milk a year. It adds up to about two billion milk containers purchased in Canada annually. How that milk is packaged depends on where you are, and new research shows that one type of milk container is best for the environment.

Milk comes in an unusually wide array of packaging. In Canada, the most common milk containers are rigid high-density polyethylene jugs, plastic-laminated paper cartons and “pillow pouches,” which are better known as milk bags. Reusable glass bottles are rare, and that’s good, since they have the highest global warming potential of all beverage containers.

My colleagues and I, chemists and physicists who work in materials research and energy storage, were interested in consumer issues related to sustainability. We recently assessed the environmental impacts of milk jugs, cartons and bags in Toronto and Halifax, and found that milk bags were the most environmentally friendly option.

The American chemical company DuPont introduced milk bags made of thin polyethylene plastic in Canada in 1967. The innovation took off in the 1970s, when Canada converted to the metric system, because their volume could be modified more easily than cartons or jugs

Container impact

Our study was a life-cycle assessment of a wide variety of milk containers - the types and sizes that consumers in Toronto and Halifax were likely to encounter. We evaluated the energy inputs, greenhouse gas emissions and water consumed to produce, transport and dispose of the containers.

We found the greatest energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions came from production of plastic polymers and paper, much more than from transportation and material processing or disposal. These polymers are found in milk jugs, screw caps, the laminate of cartons, milk bags and their tags, and the paper is part of the carton.

In both locations, per litre of milk, milk bags require less energy and water, and produce less greenhouse gases, than jugs or cartons. This is mainly because milk bags weigh only 20 to 30 per cent as much as the jugs or cartons for the same volume.

The differences are substantial. Litre for litre, compared with jugs or cartons, milk bags consume only about 20 per cent to 30 per cent of the energy, use about two per cent (compared to cartons) to 40 per cent (compared to jugs) as much water, and produce only 20 per cent to 40 per cent of the greenhouse gases.

Even when milk bags are disposed in a landfill or incinerated — and jugs or cartons are fully recycled — *bags have the lowest environmental impact.*

MILKBAGSunlimited.ca

Since 2008, a community of volunteers, schools, churches, community groups and businesses across Canada have been involved in the MILKBAGSunlimited project.

Milk is sold in colorful bags that hold 3 smaller bags. Those outer bags are made of a specially strong, colourful, non-biodegradable plastic that is UV resistant. It is washable, lasts in the sun, bugs and snakes avoid it and it doesn’t retain moisture.

When this plastic is woven it becomes a very soft and comfortable sleeping mat that has an unlimited lifespan. The volunteers weave mats of assorted sizes, from baby to tall adult.

In collaboration with other charitable organizations they send mats of different



sizes to over 40 countries and to Canadian organizations that cater to homeless people. 60,621 mats have been sent around



the world. About 35 million bags repurposed. It is very important that all milk bags saved be clean, dry, and flattened. For local info call Beth at 519-387-0823 by text only, or email thebagladies-owensound@hotmail.com or call The Keep Refillery Meaford 519-538 - 2558

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The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario.

For more information, OR TO OBTAIN YOUR OWN COPY of the 11" x 17" colourful calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



August 2024:

We have certainly had the HEAT this summer, and the rain as well. The corn is high and the weeds too! Your garden should be looking great. Congratulations! Now, what to do this month.

- Top up your mulch. Keep it at least 2 inches deep. It works to suppress weeds, keeps the soil cool and damp and retains the rain.
- Sow vegetable seeds again for a fall harvest of spinach, radishes and some varieties of leaf lettuce.
- Tidy up plants and shrubs with a little judicious pruning, but early in the month.
- Stake tall perennials, like delphinium and New England asters against the wind.
- Cut your grass at least 2" high to combat drying out. Water well when needed, or when it is allowed.
- Check out bulb catalogues and order spring flowering bulbs before they're gone
- Finally pull or cut off the browned leaves of spring flowering bulbs. Trim back iris leaves. My picky mother would take her best kitchen scissors and cut up one side of each leaf fan and then down the other side to make a neat arrow.
- Fill in any gaps in your flower garden with fall-flowering perennial plants, like mums and asters.
- Start drying flowers and herbs. Pick your lavender now for drying for sachets.
- Start to dig up and divide daylilies as they stop blooming.
- Collect seeds that have matured but not yet fallen from the seed head, plants like poppies. Once they have completely dried, store the seeds in air tight containers in a cool location or sprinkle them around your garden for colour next summer.
- Take a hard look at your garden and take pictures too, so you can decide where there are empty spaces for new plants this fall. Identify any plants that have not performed well, (or you can't stand) and plan to replace them with a fall planting program of shrubs and perennials.
- Early Fall is a great time to sow grass seed and plant perennials, trees and shrubs. They will get a big jump vs planting next Spring!

Look for the annual Grey County Master Gardener's fall plant sale, Saturday September 14th from 9am until noon. It's in Meaford again at the Meaford Rotary Harbor Pavilion. Choose from unique perennials and lots of native and pollinator plants at reasonable prices.

Music by Alice Otrysko

When you enter my house, you will probably hear music playing. It comes from my Boise and the music is classical 102.9 fm. During the day you will most likely hear the voice of Daniel Wnukowski who runs "The Jukebox". I often email him with my request.

I have been listening to music for years and love many kinds of music: classical, old rock, Latin (to name a few). The Baby Boomers were lucky to experience the birth and growth of some of the best modern music of all time.

Rock and Roll has its roots in the deep south of America with its Black Blues in years 1948 and on.

It became popular with bands such as Yardbirds, Animals, Stones, Free, Led Zeppelin-- all part of the British Invasion. The "British Invasion" was launched with the arrival of the Beatles in the US in 1964 and ultimately evolved into what became known as rock music.

Rock 'n' Roll is generally faster and more aggressive than the 1940's rhythm and blues. The combination of a rock "n" roll beat created by Little Richard, Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley and others with sing-along refrains, appealed to the musical tastes and cultural values of the American youth. Strings and youthful vocal qualities of the singers gave the music an urbane sound. Many of the Bands used black and white musicians playing together: Jimi Hendrix, Booker T. and the MG's, Chambers Brothers, Sly and the Family Stone, Allman Brothers and Wilson Pickett, Aretha Franklin and others, all were recording at Muscles Shoals in Alabama.

Music was instrumental in desegregation which led to combined performances in venues such as clubs, coffee houses and public outdoor places. Some quickly ended up on T.V. which became an entertainment medium in the 50's. Ed Sullivan did much to promote this music and some of the bands made it onto his show while screaming girls gave some impetus.

Many young guys wanted to be in a rock band. Jimmy Page, Jimmy Henricks became famous rock stars without any formal training.

Early rock 'n' roll established a distinct sound characterized by a strong beat and prominent electric guitars, saxophone solos, and pumping pianos. Not to be a rock 'n' roll fan was to be a "square".

There was a progression from The Blues to Rock and Roll. A lot of it was anti-establishment and protest music. More and more bands were formed and single voices such as Rod Stewart, Janis Joplin, Tina Turner who started off with her husband's band as The Ike and Tina Turner Revue.

This music never died off but grew and developed and is still popular today. It hasn't gone away but gave way to Tribute Bands which entertain people of all ages. What started in The States became popular world wide.

Rock and Roll has never died. It's still here to stay.

Our love of the "old music" has rubbed off on my son who has formed an amateur rock band and plays in local eateries and halls.



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Blue Mountains Soccer

The U15 Boys Blue Mountains United showcased remarkable skill and teamwork at the 'Warriors' tournament in Ottawa this past July. Their performance was nothing short of stellar, as they dominated the competition, emerging victorious against all rivals. The team's defensive strategy was particularly impressive, conceding only a single goal throughout the event. This triumph is a testament to their dedication and the strong sports spirit within the Blue Mountains community.

The U15 Boys Rep team also participated in the Clarksburg Children's Festival in June. The boys were fundraising and showcasing their soccer skills.

Thank you to the U15 coaches and parent volunteers for organizing the booth, and a huge shoutout to @clarksburg.village for putting on such an amazing community event!



Grant Thomsen, Blue Mountains Soccer Club
www.bluemountainsoccer.com



Youth Pickleball Challenge 2024

Held on Wednesday July 31 at the Tomahawk Recreation Complex. Pictured to the right are the future Olympians of 2032 when pickleball might be an Olympic sport!

L-R Matthew, Jack, Sam, Carter
 photos by Robert Burcher



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On July 27, 2024, three teams, each including at least one cyclist living with Parkinson's, will cycle over 10,000kms across Canada, crossing all provinces, two territories and three coasts in 60 days to raise funds and awareness to help Canadians living with Parkinson's.

TICKET: \$65.00 per person
SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION:



TICKET INCLUDES:
Live Entertainment - The Trio + Paul
Beverages, Tacos and Charcuterie Board
Access to Silent Auction

All proceeds support the Spinning Wheels Relay and Living Better With Parkinson's

JIM WHITE MUSIC

Get ready for an unforgettable evening with Jim White! Hailing from Georgia, Jim brings his unique blend of American style and captivating storytelling to the stage. After 20 years away from Canada, he's back, having recently earned a spot on *Paste Magazine's* list of the *70 Best Alt Rock Records of All Time*.

Jim's journey is anything but ordinary. He was discovered by *David Byrne* (of *Talking Heads* fame) and signed to a record deal, kicking off two decades of critically acclaimed solo albums, memorable performances on major shows like *Letterman* and *Conan*, and quirky side projects (*Hellwood*, *Mama Lucky* and *Sounds of the Americans*).

But there's more to Jim than just music. He was a professional surfer, a New York City cab driver for thirteen years, a literary commentator for the National Endowment for the Arts, and even a European fashion model. Jim's life is a tapestry of fascinating experiences that defy the usual bio format.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to see Jim White live in Canada. It's been a while...

September 17th, Simcoe Street Theatre, Collingwood (705) 351-2715
<https://simcoestreettheatre.ca/> Tickets \$40.

SAVE the Date -

The Seniors Network, Seniors Fair
Wednesday, September 18th, 10 - 2.

Representatives services and groups for seniors will gather at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. To learn more 519 599 2577, ext. 6

WAWAhte FILM

Join us in honouring the children who never returned home and the survivors of the residential school system on National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. On **September 30th**, at 3pm, L.E. Shore Library will be viewing *Wawahte*. This hour-long film documentary is a powerful and accessible presentation combining archival images with elements from the *Wawahte* audiobook. To register call 519-599-3681 ext.149 / outreach@TheBlueMountains.ca

WSC Parkinson's Charity Golf Tournament

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Come out and have some fun while supporting a great cause!

**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2024**

- \$225 per player includes lunch, golf, cart, practice range golf balls, silent auction, snacks & social after golf (cash bar)
- 11:30am Arrival
- 12:30pm SHOTGUN START
- Purchase tickets at www.livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca
- \$100 tax receipt will be issued after the event

Proceeds from this event will support fitness, educational and advocacy programs for people living with Parkinson's Disease in South Georgian Bay.

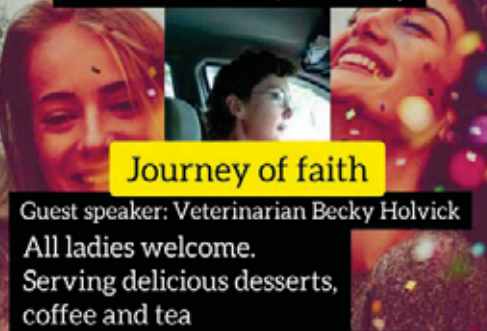
Thank-you for your support!

info@livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca



Women's Night Friday, 20 September 2024 6:30 PM

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



Journey of faith

Guest speaker: Veterinarian Becky Holvick

All ladies welcome.
Serving delicious desserts,
coffee and tea

For further information
please call :
519-599-6645

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!! THE CLARKSBURG BLUES 4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21st, 2024
STONE TREE GOLF COURSE

\$140 / PLAYER
\$560 / TEAM
4 PERSON
SCRAMBLE



REGISTRATION AT 9:30AM & SHOTGUN START AT 11AM
INCLUDES ROUND, CART, CONTEST HOLES AND CHICKEN DINNER AT 4:30PM
CONTACT: 705-441-2396 OR 705-441-6536

**Saturday,
October 12th, 2024**
Beaver Valley Community Centre

Thornbury Turkey Trot

This Thanksgiving,
feathers are going to fly again!





Early Turkey Pricing!
15% Family Discount!

Registration includes:
Race swag, chip timing, medal,
random prizes, post race food
& LOTS of fun!

Welcome: 8:45am
Kids' 1 km Fun Run: 9:00am
Half Marathon, 10km & 5km
Run/Walk: 9:30am

Race Kit Pick Up
Friday, October 11th 3 to 8pm
& Race Morning 7 to 8am



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EARLY BIRD PRICING UNTIL AUGUST 5TH



A Community Pulls Together *by Robert Burcher*

A group of concerned locals are challenging the Town to decide on a thorny problem. There is an outstanding request from a landowner to the Town to cut down a grove of trees on a local road allowance so that he can easily access his property. The thorny issue is that the Beaver River Trail uses this road allowance for a lovely section of the trail in the area behind the sewage treatment plant. Apparently, it is well-used and well-loved by the residents at the very south end of Thornbury.

Many times, in our area, we have people pulling together to stand up to a development process that seems contrary to the soul of this Town. Once again, it is happening. We are supposedly a green and environmentally friendly town, and locals seem to have to stand up and remind the council about the local wishes.

This case has mushroomed into a big issue, with a petition now being filed by over 200 people opposing the clear-cutting of the road allowance. This case should be a no-brainer for the Town to rule against. It doesn't totally shut out the landowner from his land because he does have access to the property from a different direction. The argument is whether Alice St. E. should be opened up and remove the 80 or so trees or extend Wellington St. S. onto the same property.

There may be other issues lurking here that have not surfaced. But recognizing that every tree taken down takes us further and further away from our so-called Green Town, we start to approach the look and feel of any random suburb in southern Ontario.

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"Niagara Escarpment: Land Between Waters"



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