



## The Thornbury BIA welcomed everyone to celebrate the 46th Annual Olde Fashioned Christmas on December 10th

photos by Robert Burcher



## Blue Mountain Resort Opens for Skiing and Snowboarding Thursday, December 15

Thanks to a return of colder temperatures and the hard work of Blue Mountain snowmakers, the Silver Bullet high-speed six-person chairlift will be operating as of this Thursday, December 15. The Resort will have limited terrain and early season conditions serviced by Silver Bullet and Easy Rider

The slopes will officially open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 p.m. Blue Mountain will be open daily following opening day, weather and conditions permitting. 22/23 Ikon and 5x7® Passholders can access the slopes according to their season pass terms and day guests can purchase lift tickets online at BlueMountain.ca

Blue Mountain's updated Snow How self-guided beginner ski and snowboard program and private lessons can be booked online or in-person at Guest Services. Grand Central Lodge will also be open as a hillside food and beverage option for guests.

"There is a unique anticipation that happens at a ski resort at this time of year," says Dan Skelton, President & COO, Blue Mountain Resort. "We have adapted to all kinds of weather and conditions and thanks to the hard work of our team and Mother Nature's cooperation, we are ready and excited to open the slopes."

## Quick Survey about Pickleball in The Blue Mountains

Local pickleball enthusiasts are collecting information from local players to share with TBM Community Services as they discuss possible expansion or change to court facilities. Survey available at the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZKNB2FR>

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# Grey County Council December 8, 2022

## Meeting Highlights

Grey County Council met on December 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber and virtually through Zoom. The meeting was immediately followed by a session of Committee of the Whole. Recordings of the meetings can be found on Grey County's YouTube Channel.

### County Council

Council accepted the minutes of the November 10 County Council and Committee of the Whole meetings, including closed meeting minutes.

Council accepted the minutes of the Long-Term Care Committee of Management meeting dated November 8, 2022, including an operational report, a director update, and plans for a new boiler for Grey Gables.

### Committee of the Whole

Council heard a presentation on the launch of the new Grey County website.

Council received the following consent agenda items:

- Correspondence from the Solicitor General re: Community Safety & Well-Being Planning, dated November 18, 2022
- Correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: the More Homes Built Faster Plan, dated November 4, 2022
- Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals List Report (details on page 3)
- An update on Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Membership. Six public members were re-appointed for 2022-2026. Catherine Sholtz, Andrew Edgcumbe, Brooke Sillaby, Claudia Strellocke, Christina Schnell, Andy Underwood
- A report on the updated development charge rates effective January 1, 2023.

Council received a report on the Grey Transit Route from Stephanie Stewart, Community Transportation Manager and were presented with several options for continued funding. After considerable discussion, Council voted to cancel Route 6, (Flesherton to Hanover) effective March 31, 2023, leaving existing service on the other five routes. Council expressed an interest in continuing to discuss other funding options with neighbouring counties and external partners.

Council voted to award a single-source contract for \$100,400 to

Origin Studios to complete design services for the remaining three sections of the **Grey County Gallery** at Grey Roots Museum & Archives. The five-year Grey County Gallery Update is entering phase three, following the **Voices** launch in 2020 and the installation of the **Abundance** in November of 2022. Three theme areas (Connection, Permanence and Hope) remain, which includes design, fabrication, and installation for each.

When complete, the Grey County Gallery will include five theme areas. Voices (People) and Abundance (Agriculture) were the first two sections approved. Hope (Forest), Permanence (Stone), and Connection (Water) are proposed for the 2023 design and 2024 fabrication and installation.

The concept of **Hope** allows us to bring in a discussion of the work that needs to be done and the truths that need to be understood on our journey to reconciliation.

**Permanence** explores the origin story of Grey County – how the land was shaped by glaciers whose retreat left Grey County with stunning escarpment outcrops and cobbled slopes. It is also the origin story of human habitation – the Indigenous people who lived here before the settlers.

On the surface, **Connection** will be tied to Grey County's waterways, waterfalls, and watersheds and people's relationship with it – transportation, navigation, and shipping; mills and power generation; boating and recreation. From the idea of transportation stems other physical connections – railroads and roadways; phone lines, hydro-electric lines, and the internet. On a deeper level, the stories include personal connections – friendships, love stories, communities found or begun; and finally, broken connections – strained relationships, broken bonds, and lost communities.

Connection, Permanence and Hope explore presents artefacts, photographs, archival records, and play-based interactives relating to the above stories.

Staff successfully applied to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund from Canadian Heritage, which awarded 47% of the total project cost for this redesign work of the three remaining section

Council heard four reports from the Planning Department:

- A report on the proposed Delbrook subdivision in Grey Highlands was approved for information.
- An addendum was made to the final report on the Long Point Subdivision in The Blue Mountains, indicating that all submissions on the plan were considered in the decision-making process. Council approved the final plan.
- A revised plan for the Blue Vista subdivision in The Blue Mountains was approved.
- Council supported an addendum to the Loon Call Final Report, proposing redesignating a portion of the subject lands from 'rural' to 'primary settlement area'.

Council received a presentation from Liz Buckton, Senior Planner, on the County of Grey's comments on the Provincial Review of 'A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement'. These comments will be forwarded to the Province, as well as a request to provide a further comment period on the release of an amended statement.

Council received and approved a report on committee and board appointment, including councillor appointments to the Board of Health, Federation of Agriculture, and Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Councillor Mackey and Councillor Grieg were appointed as third and fourth alternates to act in the absence of the Warden and Deputy Warden during an emergency.



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# Grey County Planning Active Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) File List – November 29, 2022

## Grey County County Official Plan Amendment #11

Grey County approved OPA 11 on October 13, 2022. The County's decision has been appealed by two parties. West Grey & Magwood Family Farms  
There have been no case management conferences or hearings scheduled to date.

## Town of The Blue Mountains 42T-2019-02, Abbotts Plan of Subdivision

The applicant has appealed the County's nondecision of a plan of subdivision for 22 residential units. A similar appeal has been submitted to the Town for the associated zoning by-law amendment. A decision has been received on Abbotts to approve the subdivision and zoning amendment as per the agreed upon minutes of settlement. The OLT decision has been referred for further review by the OLT and possibly the courts. This item will stay on this list until those processes conclude.

## Town of The Blue Mountains Alta Phase II (Tabera Ltd.)

Plan of Subdivision and Plan of Condominium  
In 2005 the County refused a draft plan of subdivision and two draft plans of condominium collectively known as Alta Phase II. Between 2005 and 2008 there were a series of meetings, OMB pre-hearings and a mediation session to explore settlement. The files have been largely dormant since then, but have since been reactivated. A settlement was reached through minutes of settlement, agreed upon by all parties, and presented to the Tribunal on August 9, 2022. A final decision has not yet been received from the Tribunal.

## Town of The Blue Mountains B03-22 Consent

The County appealed a decision by the Town of The Blue Mountains Committee of Adjustment based on the decision not having included a condition for road widening.  
A one-day OLT hearing was held on September 15, 2022. A decision has not yet been received from the OLT.

## Town of The Blue Mountains - 42T-2010-03 Windfall (Phase 6 Revisions) Plan of Subdivision

The Windfall subdivision was draft approved in 2011. Several revisions to the subdivision have been approved over the past few years. The developer submitted requested revisions to the current draft approved plan in 2020 requesting that the total number of residential units be increased from 609 units to 659 units. An associated zoning by-law amendment was also submitted to the Town of The Blue Mountains and appealed. The County, Town, and Windfall have signed minutes of settlement to resolve the appeals, but these minutes of settlement still need to be approved by the OLT. A 3-day hearing has been scheduled for January 11, 2023.

The status of any OLT file can be found at the below link:  
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## Ontario Helping Small and Medium-Sized Businesses Lower Electricity Costs

**New pilot program will increase consumer choice and support provincial grid**

The Ontario government is launching a new pilot program to explore dynamic electricity pricing and its ability to lower electricity bills for small and medium-sized businesses including retail stores, commercial offices and farms. This new program builds on the government's commitment to give consumers more control of their energy bills while benefiting the provincial grid.

"Keeping electricity costs down for businesses helps create jobs and promote economic development," said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. "That's why we're launching our new dynamic pricing pilot to give them more choice in how they use and are billed for electricity – just like we've done for residential consumers."

The pilots will test alternate pricing structures that encourage participants to shift electricity consumption to hours where electricity demand is low, helping to reduce costs for businesses. The pilots will help inform the government on the potential for alternate pricing options to provide electricity system benefits and in turn, lower electricity bills for all customers.

Small and medium-sized businesses, farms and community centres that are included in the Class B electricity rate class and don't have access to time-of-use or tiered rates may be eligible to participate in the new pilot program.

This builds on the government's commitment to provide more choice to all electricity consumers. Residential and some small business consumers already have the opportunity to select the price plan – Time-of-Use or Tiered – that keeps their bills lowest. The government is also launching a new ultra-low overnight electricity price plan that will be available to consumers next year, helping to support the adoption of electric vehicles.

The government has directed the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to work with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to deliver these dynamic pricing pilots. The OEB plans to open applications for the program by the end of 2022.

### Quick Facts

The government is keeping electricity costs down for all businesses through its Comprehensive Electricity Plan which is reducing electricity costs by between 15 to 17 per cent.

"Dynamic" pricing refers to prices that vary depending on the weekday or hour of the day.

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### Notice of Study Completion - The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains Transportation Master Plan

The Town of The Blue Mountains (Town) has developed a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan (TMP). TMPs are long-range plans that guide transportation planning and infrastructure needs to accommodate growth and development within a broad area, along with policies to guide transportation and land use decisions.

As part of the TMP process, our consultants, Stantec Consulting Ltd. assessed the Town's existing and future transportation challenges and opportunities, and worked to identify short- and long-term transportation infrastructure needs. Recommendations in the TMP support improved connectivity and travel times, enhance safety, and encourage active transportation and transit. The TMP includes recommendations for operational, design, and transportation policies that the Town will use to manage its transportation infrastructure to 2042.

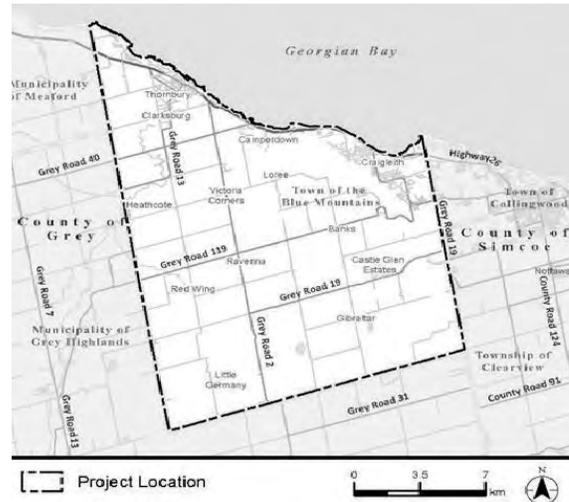
The TMP is an important resource for the Town as it continues to adapt to changing needs, growth and development, and new opportunities. The TMP will shape how we travel, help us further understand and define our regional connections, and support the movement of goods and services throughout the region.

#### The Process

This study has been undertaken in accordance with Approach #1 of the Master Planning Process, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015). As such, the TMP has addressed Phases 1 and 2 of the MCEA process.

#### Notice of Review Period

A TMP report has been prepared that documents the TMP study. This notice announces the start of the comment review period for the TMP in accordance with the requirements of the EA process. The TMP Report will be available for review from December 1, 2022 to January 13, 2023, online at: [www.thebluemountains.ca/planning-building-construction/current-projects/strategic-projects-initiatives/transportation](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/planning-building-construction/current-projects/strategic-projects-initiatives/transportation)



The TMP Report will be available for review from December 1, 2022 to January 13, 2023, online at:

[www.thebluemountains.ca/planning-building-construction/current-projects/strategic-projects-initiatives/transportation](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/planning-building-construction/current-projects/strategic-projects-initiatives/transportation).

Please provide written comments by January 13, 2023, to the study team members noted below. All comments will become part of the public record of the study except for personal information.

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**Please contact the study team members listed above if you have any accessibility requirements. All information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Except for personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.**

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### 2022/2023 Winter Parking Restrictions & Resident Snow Removal

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to remind residents that Winter Parking Restrictions come into effect on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. In accordance with the Highway Traffic Act and Town By-law No. 2003-11, overnight parking is prohibited on all Town streets from 2:00 am to 7:00 am. Winter Parking Restrictions will remain in effect until April 1, 2023.

In addition, residents are reminded that Town By-law No. 2014-65 prohibits the deposit of snow or ice onto a Town roadway, including the shoulder, sidewalk, walkway, boulevard, or ditch, without written permission from the Director of Operations.

Residents are also asked to remove items from the roadside including basketball nets, hockey nets, boats and all trailers, landscaping items or any other items that may interfere with snow removal operations.

Winter parking and snow removal restrictions are necessary to help ensure that snow removal operations can be completed safely and effectively. The Town would like to thank all residents for their cooperation throughout the winter season.

For more information, please contact:

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### Town Hall Holiday Office Closure

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that Town Hall will be closed for the holiday season from Monday, December 26, 2022 until Monday, January 2, 2023.

All essential services will continue to operate throughout the holidays. Town Hall will re-open with regular hours on Monday, January 2, 2023.

For after-hours Town-related emergencies, please call (519)-599-3131.



# Ontario Providing Free Naloxone Kits in Workplaces

Life-saving kits required to be on hand in at-risk workplaces by June 1, 2023

The Ontario government is launching a first-of-its-kind program to make free naloxone kits (and free training) available at workplaces where there is a risk of staff witnessing or experiencing an opioid overdose.

In 2021, 2,819 people died from opioid-related causes in Ontario – the highest number on record and up from 366 in 2003. Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose, restore breathing within two to five minutes, and allow time for medical help to arrive.

“Ontario, like the rest of Canada, is in the middle of an opioid epidemic made worse by a toxic supply of recreational street drugs,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “That’s why our government is the first in North America to require naloxone kits be accessible in at-risk workplaces by June 1, 2023, to raise awareness for those struggling with addiction, reduce stigma and save lives.”

Of the workers who died from opioid-related causes last year, 30 per cent were employed in construction – by far the most impacted industry. Bars and nightclubs have also seen increased opioid usage and accidental overdoses, often because of recreational drugs laced with deadly opioids such as fentanyl and carfentanil.

“Our new Workplace Naloxone Program, as part of our Narcotic Transition Services, will save lives,” said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. “Everyone in Ontario deserves access to these kits, and this innovative program will bring a new level of safety to our province’s workplaces.”

For up to two years, Ontario will provide free nasal spray naloxone kits to businesses at risk of opioid overdoses through the Workplace Naloxone Program and free training needed to equip staff with the tools to respond to an opioid overdose.

Businesses can determine if they are eligible for the program and find additional information on accessing naloxone kits and training at [Ontario.ca/workplacenaloxone](http://Ontario.ca/workplacenaloxone). Once the requirement is in effect, Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development’s inspectors will take an education-first approach to enforcement.

## Quick Facts

- On June 1, 2023, at-risk employers will be required by legislation to

ensure their workplaces have life-saving naloxone kits and workers are trained on how to use them.

- This includes employers who become aware, or ought reasonably to be aware, that there may be a risk of an opioid overdose in their workplace, i.e., if a worker discloses an opioid use issue, if needles or other opioid paraphernalia are found at the workplace, or if they are otherwise given information that would lead them to reasonably conclude there is a risk of an overdose in the workplace.
- Businesses with questions about their responsibilities under the legislation can visit [Ontario.ca/workplacenaloxone](http://Ontario.ca/workplacenaloxone).
- For up to two years, the Workplace Naloxone Program provides at-risk employers with access to free training for up to two workers and one nasal spray naloxone kit for each eligible workplace.
- Separately, individuals can also contact their local pharmacy to receive a naloxone kit.
- To protect the health and safety of workers in Ontario, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development has hired over 100 new inspectors to build the largest workplace inspectorate in the province’s history and increased occupational health and safety fines to the highest level in the country.



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## Ontarians Can Now Visit Local Pharmacies for Paxlovid Prescriptions

The Ontario government is giving people more convenient access to care by allowing pharmacists to prescribe Paxlovid, an antiviral treatment option used to reduce severe outcomes from COVID-19. All Ontarians are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with vaccinations, which remains the best way for people to stay healthy this flu and respiratory illness season and prevent unnecessary visits to the hospital.

Starting December 12, 2022, pharmacists will be able to prescribe Paxlovid to eligible individuals in-person or virtually (such as by telephone) at no cost. Eligible individuals should contact their local pharmacy to confirm if they prescribe Paxlovid and how to get a prescription for Paxlovid.

### Eligibility for Paxlovid includes:

- Symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19;
- A positive lab-based PCR, rapid molecular, or rapid antigen test (including rapid tests done at home);
- The prescribing occurs within five days of symptom onset;
- The individual receiving the prescription is;
  - 60 years of age or older
  - 18 years of age or older and is immunocompromised
  - 18 to 59 years old and at a higher risk of severe COVID-19 outcomes including having chronic medical conditions (such as diabetes, heart or lung disease) or inadequate immunity against COVID-19 (i.e., not up-to-date on vaccines).

“In addition to getting your COVID-19 booster and flu shot, Ontarians are now able to also talk to their local pharmacist about a prescription for Paxlovid,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “This expansion of pharmacists’ scope of practice is just one more way our government is making it easier for Ontarians to access health care right in their own communities.”

Paxlovid prescriptions also remain available through any physician or nurse practitioner in Ontario as well as clinical assessment centres across the province. Individuals with complex health conditions may need to see their primary care provider or go to a clinical assessment centre for Paxlovid, based on the clinical judgement of the pharmacist.

“Authorizing pharmacists to prescribe Paxlovid will expand access and offer increased protection to the most vulnerable and mitigate

pressures on the province’s hospital capacity,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “I continue to strongly recommend that everyone across the province stays up to date on their vaccinations as it is the most effective way we can protect ourselves and our loved ones from the most serious effects of COVID-19.”

With COVID-19 vaccines and free flu shots available to everyone six months and older and bivalent booster doses also available to those 12 and over, Ontarians are strongly encouraged to get both their flu and COVID-19 shots as soon as possible this respiratory illness season to help restore protection that may have decreased since their last dose.

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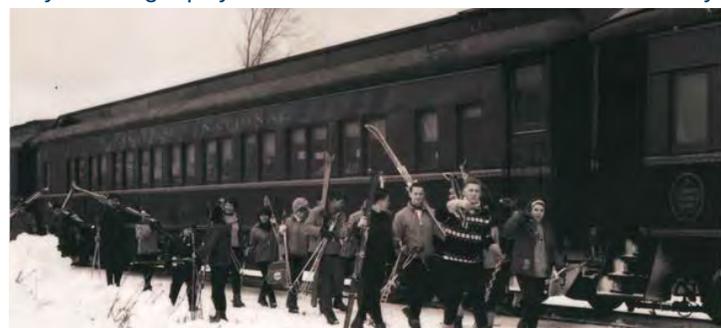
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You be the Maestro of the lights with your songs, sounds and wishes!



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## Breakfast With Santa

Sunday December 18th 9am to 11





Presented by the Thornbury/  
Beaver Valley Lions and your  
Marsh Street Centre



## Christmas Eve Service

6 pm

Warming fires, hot cocoa and visiting outside  
5:30 pm

Blue Mountain Community Church  
219 Bruce Street South, Thornbury



*You are welcome to join us*

**Christmas Eve, December 24th**  
5:00 p.m. Children's Pajama Mass  
*With cookies and eggnog.*  
*Yes, wear your pajamas to Church!*  
7:00 p.m. Carol Sing-a-long Eucharist  
*Sing your heart out with all the favourites!*  
9:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Eucharist  
*Candles, singing and refreshments supplied!*

**Christmas Day, December 25th**  
9:00 a.m. Said Holy Communion  
**St. George's, The Anglican Parish of The Blue Mountains**  
166 Russell St. E., Clarksburg  
519-599-3047  
[www.parishofthebluemountains.ca](http://www.parishofthebluemountains.ca)

**Make Christmas at St. George's  
Part of Your Family Tradition**



FAMILY FRIENDLY  
**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
*Christmas Eve*

5:30 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church  
165 Russell St. E., Thornbury

Join Us at Your  **MARSH STREET CENTRE**

# New Years Eve

Featuring **JUANITA & THE BIG DEAL** Live Music Bar Hors d'oeuvres



Tickets \$50 [marshstreetcentre.com](http://marshstreetcentre.com)

# Pat Robitaille

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

## NEW DATE

Saturday February 25th



**MARSH STREET CENTRE**



Doors at 7  
Concert at 8

Tickets: [marshstreetcentre.com](http://marshstreetcentre.com)

# The Marsh Street Artists

Exhibit Runs Jan 7 - Feb 1

Open Reception Jan 7 | 2-4pm



**The Gallery**  
at L.E. Shore

[TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca/Gallery.cfm](http://TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca/Gallery.cfm)  
[TheGallery@TheBlueMountains.ca](mailto:TheGallery@TheBlueMountains.ca) | 519-599-3681 ext. 142



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Shop Local in The Blue Mountains between  
**DEC. 1, 2022 - JAN. 1, 2023**

for your chance to win!

## 4 GRAND PRIZES

Each valued at **\$1000**

Enter the contest online or by dropping completed ballots off at contest ballot boxes throughout the community.

To enter the contest and for ballot box locations, visit:

[www.exploreblue.ca/shop-local](http://www.exploreblue.ca/shop-local)




## TBM Repair Café

**Saturday, January 28th**  
9am-Noon

Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack.

Go **Green** for a better **Blue!**  
[www.graceunitedthornbury.ca](http://www.graceunitedthornbury.ca)



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**National Gross Sales**  
Royal LePage - 2021  
Top 2% National Gross Sales 2019-2021  
Top 3% National Sales 2013-2018

 **LOCATIONS NORTH**  
THORNBURY MEAFORD COLLINGWOOD

Let me advise you on buying and selling in the Georgian Triangle.

**ONLY 12 SEATS LEFT!**

*"Merry Christmas Honey!*

*I bought us seats on the 2023 Africa Wildlife, Wine & Waterfall Safari with Karen!*

*P.S. Saved us \$14,000! XXXX*



**Early Bird Special Ends 31 Dec 2022**

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