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**June is Seniors Month**  
Stay Safe, Active and Connected

Sending lots of love to someone special.

[ontario.ca/SeniorsMonth](http://ontario.ca/SeniorsMonth)

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## Ontario Celebrates Seniors Month

June is Seniors Month in Ontario – a time to honour and celebrate the contributions seniors have made to help make this province the great place it is today.

To make it easier and more convenient for seniors and their families to find the information they need to connect to services and resources, the Ontario government is launching a new and interactive website at [Ontario.ca/seniors](http://Ontario.ca/seniors).

"Thanks to our seniors, Ontario is a place we can proudly call home and I encourage all Ontarians to join me in celebrating Seniors Month throughout June," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "As part of our government's plan to help people easily connect with the government services they need, our new seniors website now puts everything seniors and their loved ones need to find, right at their fingertips."

The simple and easy to use website and its search tool provides a one-stop-shop for seniors and their families to have all the information and resources they need on how to connect government services and community supports such as home and housing supports, health and well-being, recreation, caregiving, and finances.

Seniors can easily find out how to connect to services such as Health811, renew a driver's licence, and find tax credits. It also helps seniors find other community resources including local seniors organizations that offer social, cultural and recreational programs.

This year's Senior's Month theme, Working for Seniors, highlights the programs and services that are helping seniors all over the province stay fit, healthy, active and connected to their family, friends and communities.

### THE BLUE MOUNTAINS CULTURAL MAP:

### Contribute to the Town of Blue Mountains Cultural Map

Share history with us! The Museum is working with the Town of The Blue Mountains to develop an online interactive Cultural Map to make historical information more accessible. We're inviting current and past residents to contribute stories and photos to make the map as rich as possible. No matter how small you consider a story to be, it may fill a gap in the documentation of the community's history. You can share anything about the area from stunning landscapes, historical landmarks, local events, and hidden gems.

Contact or visit the Craigeleith Heritage Depot during open hours to participate, or drop by the Blue Mountains Public Library for History Sharing Sessions to collaborate on the Town of The Blue Mountains Cultural Map.

### Upcoming History Sharing Sessions:

**Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> or June 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am -12 pm in the Boardroom at the L.E. Shore Memorial Library.**

This engaging map will bring awareness to our communities and municipality's historical significance and cultural identities. Learn more about the project by visiting:

[www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/museum/tbm-cultural-map](http://www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca/museum/tbm-cultural-map)

Contact the Museum at 519-599-3681 ext. 6, [museum@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:museum@thebluemountains.ca), or visit us at 113 Lakeshore Rd. East, The Blue Mountains

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**  
LUNCH & LEARN

Seniors, families & caregivers: learn about your rights in various types of residences, including retirement & long term care homes.

Monday June 10, 12:30 - 2:30 pm (lunch included)  
BM Public Library, 173 Bruce St. S., Thornbury

Presented by Angela Yensen,  
Grey-Bruce Community Legal Clinic

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## Canada Day Celebrations

July 1st will be a fun day in The Blue Mountains celebrating Canada Day. If you would like to participate in the parade the route has been extended for floats and vehicles to finish at the Beaver Valley Community Centre for a complimentary BBQ, as well as an opportunity to share the creative efforts that have gone into making them. Please sign up at [www.visitbluejuly1.ca](http://www.visitbluejuly1.ca) or call 519-599-3345



## SUMMER CAMP THORNBURY

Campers will be engaged in a variety of activities with weekly themes, including daily crafts, games, songs, discovery, and outdoor fun. There will also be an academic period each morning where the children will review letter sounds, trace sandpaper letters, play sound games and read with a qualified AMI Montessori teacher.

### ACORN MONTESSORI

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3.5 – 6 Year Olds

8:45am - Noon

1:5 Child/Teacher Ratio

July 1st – 5th  
July 22nd – 26th  
August 12th – 16th

Weekly Themes:  
Around the World  
Under the Sea  
Bugs

## Resident Parking Pass Update

The resident parking pass program transitioned to a new online registration system for 2024. The new system allows residents to register vehicles directly through the Town website. Vehicle registration can also be completed in person at Town Hall during regular business hours. All property owners and residential tenants in the Town can register vehicles for free. Multiple vehicles, subject to proof of ownership, can be registered per resident. Registered vehicles can park for free at all Town-owned paid parking locations. Photo identification, proof of residency and vehicle registration are required to register a vehicle, whether online or in person.

Residents must register their vehicles for parking on an annual basis. Non-resident parking passes are available to residents of the Municipality of Meaford, Grey Highlands, Clearview Township and the Town of Collingwood at a cost of \$100.00 + HST. To register your vehicle, or to learn more about paid parking in the Town, visit: [www.thebluemountains.ca/parking](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/parking)

**BOOKS WANTED** - The Grey Grannies are always happy to meet members of the community and raise funds for our partners the African grandmothers. Again this year we are able to have a Book Sale at the Meaford Waterfront on Canada Day. All "sales" are by donation. We are collecting books, in good condition and mostly fiction. Please call 705-888-1496 for pick up of your donations or bring to The Review Office, 206 Marsh St., Clarksburg Mon-Fri 10-5

### DROP-IN BRIDGE

Monday 1-3pm; \$2.00 p/p St. George's Anglican Church

### BID EUCHRE

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

### ENJOY WALKING YEAR ROUND

#### at the Beaver Valley Community Centre

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

### ST. JAMES FAIRMOUNT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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2nd & 4th Sunday 9am - Morning Prayer BCP

5th Sunday 4pm - Evensong BCP & Potluck Supper

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### Parking Pass Hangers Now Available for Purchase at Town Hall

With concerns raised by residents, parking pass hangers are also available for residents of the Town at a cost of \$5.00 per pass, with a maximum of two per household. Registering a vehicle's license plate remains free for residents, with no limit to the number of vehicles a resident can register.

"While registering your vehicles remains free for all residents, we are happy to offer the physical parking passes," says Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services. "The physical passes will complement the existing registration system. Residents who have already registered their vehicles do not need to purchase a hanger."

To purchase a parking pass hanger, residents can visit Town Hall Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with proof of residency and vehicle registration. Lost or misplaced parking passes cannot be replaced. Vehicle license plate registration or parking pass hangers are only required to park for free at the following Town-owned paid parking lots:

Northwinds Beach, Lora Bay Park, Delphi, Peasemars, Bayview Park, Council Beach, Loree Forest, Heathcote Park, 15/17 Arthur Street

For more information, contact:

Debbie Young

Manager of By-law and Licensing. Town of The Blue Mountains  
(519) 599-3131 ext. 242

## Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who visited Alvin while he was in the hospital. Thank you to those who sent flowers, cards and food after his passing. Your thoughts were very much appreciated. I want to thank my girls for their support and help during Alvin's time in hospital and after with my own stay in hospital and return home to recuperate. Thank you to my neighbours and many friends for their kind words. Very much appreciated. Audrey Clark and family.

## Praise for Health Care System

I have been very fortunate with our health care system. In 2021 I had a blackout and broke my knee cap into five sections. Friends took me to Meaford Hospital. In for 3 days. Then by ambulance to Owen Sound for surgery. 1 day stay; then back to Meaford for 3 days. Each hospital had efficient staff with great care and were very pleasant. Also great food which is important for recovery.

Second incident was this April with a broken collarbone. X-ray at Meaford Hospital and Owen Sound, tests, blood work etc. I cannot say enough about the satisfaction of care. My experience in eight other countries has given me a perspective on the type of care we have and how fortunate we are.

Thank you very much, Joan Gaudet.

I concur with Joan. Have had great care throughout my life.  
Judy Shield

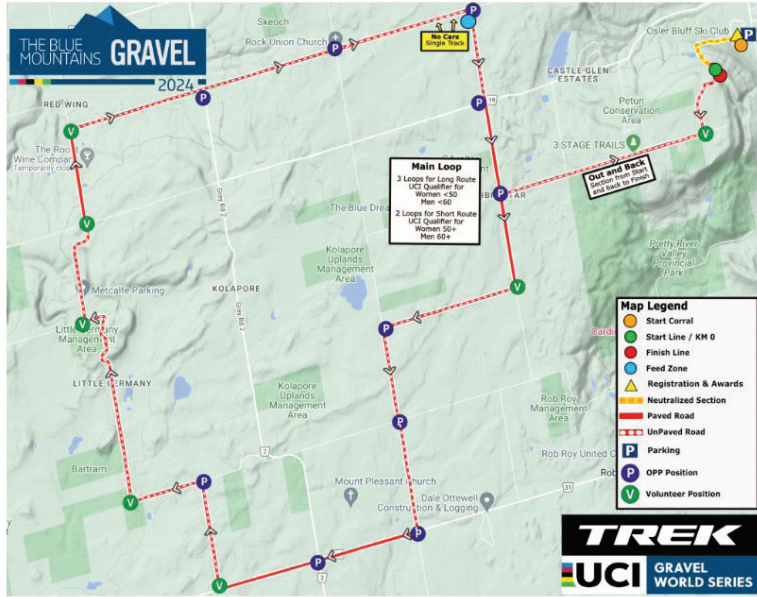


# UCI Gravel Race - June 15th

The UCI sanctioned gravel bike race is planned for Saturday June 15th. This is a qualifier to advance to the next level of competition, the UCI world gravel championships in Belgium in October 2024.

The course is similar to last year but the start/finish is near the top of Osler Bluffs ski resort.

No road closures are required this year, only OPP controlled intersections. More information including maps and timings etc is available at [thebluemountainsgravelfondo.com](http://thebluemountainsgravelfondo.com) website.



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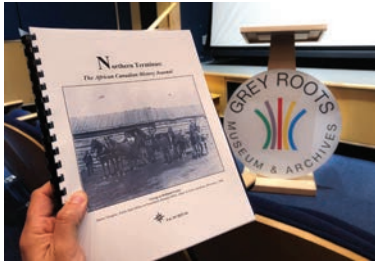
## Volume 19 of Northern Terminus: The African-Canadian History Journal

On Saturday, June 1st, Grey Roots Museum & Archives hosted the launch celebration for Volume 19 of Northern Terminus: The African-Canadian History Journal. The program featured sharing and discussion around the contents of Volume 19, as well as updates from community groups working to promote Grey County's Black history.

First published in 2002, the goal of Northern Terminus is to provide readers with information about the historical Black community of Grey County. Although the focus is on historical events and people within Grey County, the wider regional, provincial, national, and international contexts that shaped Black history and presence in Grey County are also of interest to the Journal.

Through essays, interviews and reviews, Northern Terminus highlights the work of authors, historians, and organizations. Copies can be accessed at no charge in digital form at [greyroots.com/story/northern-terminus](http://greyroots.com/story/northern-terminus).

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# In Memoriam

## MARGARET 'JANE' PETERSEN

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Margaret Jane Petersen on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024. She passed away at home peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by love. Jane leaves behind a legacy woven with love, creativity, and simple joys that coloured her days.

Jane was born on January 17th, 1940 to the late Pearl and John "Jack" Shaw in Burlington.

Jane is survived by her children Chris Wilson (Lynn) and Susie Hill. She will be missed by grandchildren Adam Wilson (Deb), Heather Wilson, Tierney Hill, Taylor Wilson (Taylor Webb), Mikaela Wilson (Mike Nasiadkas), Aris Bynoe and great-grandchildren Payton Hill, Amelia Newbold, Brooklyn Wilson, and Jaxon Wilson. She was predeceased by granddaughter Taryn Hill (2013) and son Brent Wilson (2021).

Of nine loving siblings, Jane will be fondly remembered by surviving sister Norma Bindon, and brothers Alan Shaw and Peter Shaw.

Born in Burlington, Jane moved to Thornbury in 1968 to raise her three children. Jane quickly became a respected and loved member of the Thornbury community, serving at the St George's Anglican Church and singing in the church choir.

Jane's passion for nurturing beauty blossomed early on. She cultivated her skills as a hairdresser, owning her own thriving business within the comforting walls of her home. Friends and family who came and went could often smell the lingering perm chemical while her grandchildren played in the salon after hours. With her warm spirit Jane not only styled hair but also formed lasting connections with her clients, becoming a cherished presence in their lives.

Upon embracing an early retirement, Jane embarked on a new chapter filled with the things she held dear and now had endless time for. Her creative spirit found solace in her gardens where she nurtured all plants, but specifically her cherished rose bushes. She also expressed herself through paint and canvas, favouring landscapes but especially portraits of her grandchildren. All while listening to classical music, melodies that became the soundtrack to cherished memories with friends and family.

Jane's true masterpieces were the moments she shared with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. With boundless love and unwavering devotion, she poured her wisdom into their hearts leaving an indelible imprint forever.

Jane's frugality was legendary. Her keen eye was always on the lookout for hidden treasures at yard sales or the local outreach centre, with grandchildren in tow. Yet, it was her generosity that truly defined her as she shared her laughter and wide smile with everyone who crossed her path. What little she had, her possessions always made it back to the outreach centre and her recycling routine was thorough.

In her later years, Jane found solace in the simple pleasures of her daily walks where she reveled in the beauty of nature, something that always brought her peace. Each step was a testament to her resilience, her spirit always unyielding even in the face of her life's challenges and losses.

Her spirit will forever linger in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter and boundless creativity – a legacy that will bloom, just like the gardens that she nurtured so tenderly. As we mourn her loss, let us celebrate the extraordinary life of Jane. Jane's light will continue to shine brightly in the lives of those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

As your expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, 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.

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## HARVEY STRONGE DINSMORE

Harvey passed away on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 in his 90th year with his family by his side. Born in Clarksburg on Dec 2, 1934., a son of the late William and Hazel (nee Haines) Dinsmore. Beloved husband of Patricia (nee Londry) for 63 years.

Harvey was the much-loved father of Dale (Gayle), Todd, Colin (Sharon) and Kelly (Dustin) Soulliere. Loving Grandpa to Curtis (Kelly), Jordan, Ayla (Sean), Jessie, Charlie, Claire, Olivia, Cole, Nolan and Gavin. Great Grandpa to Stella, Juniper and Nash.

He will be missed by his brothers Murray (Donna) and Elwood (late Joan). Predeceased by sisters Audrey (Wallace) McDougall, Jessie (Maurice) Dawn, and step sisters Jean and Helen.

Harvey grew up on a farm on the Clarksburg sideroad, along with his 4 siblings. He attended school at the Clarksburg Public School. As the eldest son, following public school, Harvey moved on to help is father fulltime on the family farm. During his younger years he was also a part of the young people's group at the Free Methodist Church and played the trombone in the band with his sisters and brothers.

In 1961, Harvey and Patricia were married and started their life together on a farm on the town line in Thornbury overlooking Georgian Bay. Harvey was a hard-working mixed farmer, and also spent time surveying land around this area and north eastern Ontario.

In 1994, Harvey and Patricia moved to Beaver Valley and built a new home after their son took over the family farm. Here, Harvey raised sheep and chickens which prompted many spontaneous visits from local neighbours. Harvey enjoyed fixing and collecting clocks and participating as a member of the Maple Leaf Rifle Club. He also enjoyed listening to the bagpipes and attending the Fergus Highland Games. Although Harvey loved spending time at home, he and Patricia had opportunities to take some memorable trips together across Canada to both the east and west coasts, as well as Scotland and Ireland.

Harvey will be dearly missed by his family, friends and neighbours.

A funeral service was conducted at the Blue Mountains Community Church on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 11 o'clock. A service of committal and interment took place at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation or Blue Mountain Community Church (cheques only please) 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](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)

## MARY ELIZABETH GRAHAM (NEE HINDLE)

Mary passed away peacefully on Sunday April 21, 2024 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital at the age of 79. Mary, beloved wife of the late Garfield Thomas Graham (2020). Loving mother of Christopher (Tracey) Graham and Catherine Graham (Sergio Burtini). Cherished grandmother of Samuel, Tabetha and great grandmother of Flora. Survived also by her brothers John (Susan) Hindle and Paul (Gail) Hindle. Mary is predeceased by her parents John and Emma Hindle and her son Paul.

Mary Elizabeth loved life on the farm. She enjoyed tending to her flock of sheep for several years, and still kept a garden until the last few years. Mary was able to enjoy life on the farm right up until her last few days.

The funeral took place at Fawcett Funeral Homes, Collingwood Chapel, with the Interment at First Presbyterian Cemetery.

If desired, please consider a donation to the Beaver Valley Outreach in Mrs. Graham's memory.





## BONNIE LEE RUSSELL

It is with heavy hearts that we sadly announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Bonnie Russell (nee Lewis) on the 28th of May, 2024, in her 73rd year.

She was born in Montreal, Quebec in 1951 to Leonore Florence Sheppard and Kenneth William Lewis.

Bonnie is survived by her devoted husband Wallis 'Pete' Russell and her two sons Jeffrey and Scott Russell, as well as her brother Steve Lewis and two granddaughters Luna & Mina Russell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and by her sister, Brenda Lewis.

Early in her life, Bonnie was the secretary for the President of Domtar Chemicals, first at the Montreal office, and then following a transfer at the Toronto office. After raising her two children, she returned to the workforce as a senior judicial secretary at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, retiring in 2015. She lived in the small town of Erin, Ontario for over twenty years before moving up to Thornbury, Ontario in 2012, and later settling in Meaford, Ontario.

Bonnie was an avid outdoors explorer, enjoying her time paddling and hiking all over the wilderness of Ontario. She embarked on many trips to the interior of a great number of Ontario's Provincial Parks, sometimes with family, and at other times with a group of her paddling friends.

In addition to the love of the outdoors, she enjoyed several types of sports activities, like tennis, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and cycling. Bonnie and Pete would ride a tandem cycle from time to time, and she loved riding the trails that run along Georgian Bay, even planning a ride this summer.

A private service of interment will take place at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the kind and caring staff at the Chapman House (Grey Bruce Hospice), who helped make her last days as comfortable as could be. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

As your expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Grey Bruce Residential Hospice 'Chapman 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](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)

## PAUL RICHARD THIVIERGE

Paul passed away peacefully at the Owen Sound Hospital on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at the age of 64.

Born in Montreal on January 9, 1960, he was a son of the late Cecile (nee Cote) and Dr. Arthur Thivierge.

Paul will be sadly missed by his brother Art (Anne and their children Jennifer and Shawn) and by his sister Lisa (Grant Hough and their family).

Paul always had a positive outlook on life and a great sense of humour that often brought family and friends to tears laughing. He made a great impression on others and developed many new friendships at Errinrunc, which became his home in December 2023. He was so happy there. Paul truly loved his community and all of those he met throughout the years he has lived in Thornbury.

Special thanks to the staff at the Owen Sound Hospital and to his sister Lisa for providing the best care Paul could have had for the past few months.

Private family arrangements have been made at this time.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Errinrunc Residents Council (cheques only please) 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](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

After a rapid decline in health, Anthony "Tony" Bauer passed away peacefully in the early hours of March 22, 2024, to the sound of music he loved with caring people by his side in his 99th year.

A celebration of Tony's life will take place on Sunday, June 23rd, 2024, from 1 to 4 pm at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg with tributes at 2:30pm.



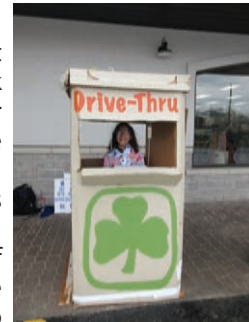
## Guiding Thanks You!

Our 1st Thornbury Guide/Pathfinder unit would like to extend our most sincere Thank You to our community for their support of our Cookie Drive Thru on Saturday Apr 28th in the Pharmasave parking lot.

Although the weather during our event was VERY wet, the girls were troopers and showed amazing enthusiasm! They did a great job of being visible to draw in customers when we had to re-locate our Drive Thru itself due to the wind. Although the new location was less visible, the girls rallied and kept going strong, waving signs and wearing our "Classic Cookie" costume. As leaders we'd like to thank our girls who showed up and were such a valuable asset. With their help we sold out of cookies and had to close up earlier than planned.

We would also like to thank Thornbury Pharmasave for allowing us to locate in their parking lot. It is such a wonderful location for this event. Due to our relocation, we'd also like to thank the patrons of the store that day that were impacted in any way by where we set up shop.

Altogether, our community deserves this huge "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts!



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## TREES by Alice Otrysko

I think that I shall never see

A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest

Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,

And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear

A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;

Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,

But only God can make a tree.

Joyce Kilmer 1913

Joyce personalizes a tree and attributes certain human elements in her reflection.

We forget that a tree is a living thing that grows, needs nourishment and oozes sap which "bleeds" when we drill into the wood. It has roots to enable it to pull up nutrients from the earth and needs the sun to live and flourish.

Many of us scream when we witness trees getting chopped down often needlessly.

Trees clean the air. Trees provide oxygen and take in carbon dioxide. Trees cool city and town streets. Children playing among trees are shielded from ultra-violet rays. Many trees provide us with food. Trees muffle noise. They provide habitats for wildlife. They are beautiful and beautify empty spaces. Trees promote healthy soils. They capture water. We can go on and on in listing the benefits of trees.

For me walking among trees or living with trees on my property, makes me happy and calmer.

We have a mini forest of cedars behind our deck. It's full of birds and since we put up a few bird houses, we see how happy the birds are nesting in them. It's also a place I go to and sit when I need to de-stress. Trees ease the mind during stressful times.

There are many disadvantages to cutting trees. Cutting destroys animal habitats, causes floods, limits much needed oxygen and many other things. If there were no trees the land would heat up and dry out and result in wildfires. The cutting of trees must be strictly controlled as trees are an important part of a sustainable future for all living things. Plant a tree and clean the air.



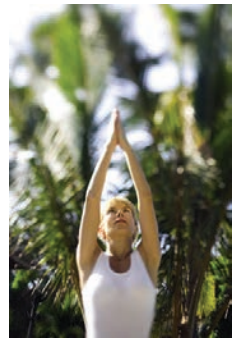
## TIPS Sivananda Yoga & Gentle Meridian Stretch Flow

If you're attending a yoga class, there are a few things to keep in mind to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience:

- Keep in mind that these classes are at different levels. Unless you have been practicing yoga regularly/recently it is recommended that you first join a beginner's class (Gentle Meridian Flow) for a warm up session. You cannot rush your body into yoga: however, patient consistent practice will do wonders to body, mind and spirit and prevent injuries.
  - It is recommended that you avoid eating (fruit/smoothie is fine) for at least 1-2 hours before class to avoid discomfort while practicing.
  - Additionally, it's best to avoid coffee for 2-3 hours before and after class, as yoga is meant to calm the mind while coffee can have the opposite effect. Water or herbal tea recommended for hydration.
  - For safety, wear non-skid socks or go barefoot.
- Follow these tips and you'll be set for a successful yoga practise

Cool, Slow and Meditative Yoga by Ahimsa

Mondays @ 2 pm., Inner Yogies, 53 Arthur St W Unit 2, Thornbury  
Classes are by donation; ahimsa1945@gmail.com



## Spy Cider House & Distillery's Much-Anticipated Cider Festival

Spy Cider House & Distillery is excited to host their inaugural cider festival. Saturday, June 22nd, 808108 Sideroad 24, Clarksburg. 12pm to 5pm

Imagine rolling hills, apple orchards, and cider pouring into glasses. Spy Cider House & Distillery's Cider Festival promises great cider and good vibes.

With over 13 cideries participating, offering a variety of flavours, there's something for everyone to enjoy. From crisp to robust, flavoured to dry, explore Ontario's finest ciders on Spy's grounds.

No festival is complete without delicious food. Enjoy food from chef Jonathan Gushue of The Gate, seafood from The Bivalve, vegan eats from Dee's Quiet Cafe, or casual bites from Larry & Lloyd's.

Entertainment? We've got you covered with music from Jolie Smith, Queen M, and Jerry Leger & The Situation from Four Winds Music Festival.

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# The Blue Mountains and Collingwood Kick Off Collaborative Multi-Use Recreation Feasibility Assessment

The Town of The Blue Mountains and Town of Collingwood are excited to announce the launch of their Joint Multi-Use Recreation Feasibility Assessment (MURFA), awarding the consulting contract to Colliers Project Leaders.

The Joint Assessment will assess the current and future recreational facility needs of residents from both communities and will also explore integrating library services into a multi-use model, as has proven effective in several municipalities across the province.

As part of the Assessment, the consulting team from Colliers will create a community consultation plan, research best practices, and use planning and forecasting tools to estimate future recreation needs. The study is expected to take eight months to complete and will provide both Councils with the information required to decide whether to further progress plans that could lead to major community investments.

"This study fits very nicely into our regional approach philosophy and shows that both communities are open to thinking outside of the box to find the best solutions for our residents," says Town of The Blue Mountains Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "I look forward to seeing the findings of the study and encourage all residents to get engaged and participate wholeheartedly."

Robust engagement with residents, community groups, local and provincial sports organizations, third-party recreation providers, and community space users is pivotal to gather the most complete data possible. Subscribe to the project pages below to be notified about confirmed public engagement opportunities, and to stay informed of the project background, objectives, progress, and outcomes.

[www.thebluemountains.ca/MURFA](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/MURFA)  
Background

Funding for individual feasibility studies was recommended through both Town of Collingwood's 2019 PRC Master Plan and The Blue Mountains' 2021 Leisure Activities Plan. The municipalities have both received Council approval and budget to work on a joint feasibility study to investigate a regional approach. Library Boards in Collingwood and The Blue Mountains also provided direction to review expansion and relocation feasibility, and with Council support, it was agreed to investigate in conjunction with the Joint Assessment as a measure of efficiency and timing opportunity.

Awarded through the Kinetic Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) platform, Colliers Project Leaders is Canada's largest real estate advisory and project management company.

For more information, please contact:  
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Director of Community Services,  
Ryan Gibbons,  
(519) 599-3131 ext. 281

## Who's What And Where: *By Robert Burcher*

Here's the yearly spring tradition from the Review to share with you. The new shops in our thriving Town.

Located at North Creek Resort in Craigeleith, The Indian Spice brings the rich flavours of India to The Blue Mountains!

The village of Thornbury remains quite stable but with some new owners for the coffee shop called Cranky Bear Cafe that is below the bike shop. Not cranky and not bears – just some charming young women! Just around that corner Mimosa on Bruce St. a women's clothing shop has arrived. Across the



street on the same corner of Louisa is the kitchen shop called Cuisine. C&G Solid Wood Furniture relocated to Hwy 26 across from Tim Hortons.

Open Court Tennis and Golf from Harbour Mews has moved to Squire John's at their Georgian Peaks location for the summer and Beam Light Studio will be moving into their space.

Jumping down to Highway 26 going west you can find Tom the Dreamer – a mattress/appliance store. At the other end of Thornbury, we now have Black Angus Meat as the last shop on the right as you leave Thornbury.

Clarksburg once again has had a makeover with a number of businesses opening mid June. What was the PJ Mart in years gone by will be a framing shop and art consultation business called Beyond Framing. A shop at the back of that same building with access from the Legion parking lot to be known as George's Garage Sale Store.

A new owner will continue to run the vintage clothing store with the addition of a music store on the left side shop called

Clarksburger/Mountain Music. On the north side of Marsh St. is a new store just called The Shop coming soon. Beside them is Skona Design – selling kitchens and closets and then too the Sewcial Quilter is next door and I don't think we have mentioned them before.



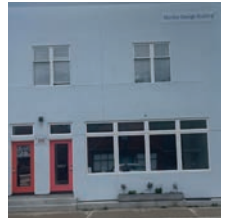
Sue Tupy has done an addition to her business of The Clark with a shop called Two Crows - fine art and gifts. Beside the Clark, will be the



Alexa Jackson Creative studio.

Still in Clarksburg on Clark Street in the building that was the creamery in ancient times is now Hunson Homes – home interior design elements.

So there you have it for another season of retail therapy!!





# Ontario Making Long-Term Care Investments in Simcoe-Grey

The Ontario government is investing in local long-term care homes in Simcoe-Grey, to help connect residents with complex needs like dementia and bariatric care to the right care in the right place, while also reducing avoidable emergency department visits and hospital stays.

"Our seniors deserve the support and care they've given others throughout their lives," says Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson. "Our government also knows the agencies and facilities tasked with caring for seniors require support. That's why this investment in long-term care homes is needed, necessary and will ultimately benefit seniors."

As part of the funding, 6 homes in Simcoe-Grey are receiving \$268,297.

Collingwood Nursing Home, Collingwood	\$117,969
Creedan Valley Community, Creemore	\$ 13,705
Simcoe Manor Home for the Aged, Beeton	\$ 18,060
Stayner Care Centre, Stayner	\$ 33,790
Sunset Manor Home for Senior Citizens, Collingwood	\$ 76,574
Errinrung Long Term Care Home, Thornbury	\$ 8,200

The funding will help long-term care homes purchase items such as IV equipment, bariatrics equipment bed support, bladder scanners, and ECGs. The funding even goes towards important everyday things like slip-proof floor mats, wrap around bed rails, and grab bars.

"Our government is continuing to take action to ensure long-term care residents across Ontario get the right care in the right place," said Stan Cho, Minister of Long-Term Care.

"This funding will expand specialized staffing, equipment and other services at homes across the province so long-term care residents with complex needs can connect to the care they need, when and where they need it."

Launched in 2022, the Local Priorities Fund invested \$20 million in 2022-23 to help long-term care homes purchase specialized equipment and train staff to provide more specialized care, so more homes can welcome residents who have complex needs but no longer require acute care in hospital. The fund also helped current residents who have new, or increasingly complex medical or specialized equipment needs which could not be previously accommodated in their long-term care home, helping to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions.

"Through the Local Priorities Fund, our government is continuing to ensure that Ontarians, at every stage of life, have access to the care and support they need, when they need it," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "This investment builds on the historic work our government is doing to provide people with the right care, in settings most convenient to them, whether in their community or in their home."

The Local Priorities Fund is part of a broader investment of over \$120 million in 2022-23 and complements the recently launched Equipment and Training Fund, which helps long-term care homes purchase more diagnostic equipment and train staff to better manage and treat residents' conditions that often lead to preventable hospital visits, such as urinary tract infections, falls, pneumonia and congestive heart failure.

## Investments to Increase Export Opportunities for Local Agriculture and Food businesses

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing over \$7 million in approved projects through the Grow Ontario Market Initiative. This Initiative is a five-year, \$12 million program, launched last year through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

Brian Saunderson MPP for Simcoe-Grey welcomes this announcement as it will help local agriculture and food businesses increase their sales in domestic and foreign markets. Below are the projects in Simcoe-Grey that have been approved to receive funding.

- Up to \$60,000, for Taltis Foods Inc., in Collingwood, to expand African product line in Canada.
- Up to \$34,092, for The Roadrunner Food Company, in Thornbury, to develop and execute product launch plan and digital marketing campaign.
- Up to \$60,000 for Georgian Bay Spirits Co., in Collingwood, to expand its market in Ontario with a new range of ready-to-drink and eco-friendly alcohol products.

"For many generations the agriculture sector has been the lifeblood of this area," says Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson. "Our government supports this important sector as entrepreneurs and their ingenuity leverage the natural bounty of the riding and share them throughout Ontario, Canada and beyond."

The Grow Ontario Market Initiative supports primary producers, food processors and industry organizations with cost-share funding to help them undertake market analysis and planning, new product development and marketing. Applicants can receive up to 50 per cent cost share for eligible costs, to a maximum of \$60,000 per business for producers and food and beverage processors, and up to \$125,000 for sector organizations.

"Our government is steadfast in our commitment to the goals set out in our Grow Ontario Strategy – including growing the province's agriculture and food exports by eight per cent annually," said Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "In its first year, the Grow Ontario Market Initiative is already making a difference for Ontario agriculture and food businesses by helping them to reach for new market opportunities."

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## Alphabet Soup: by Robert Burcher

It seems that the Castle Glen controversy has spawned an alphabet soup of initials all concerning the Escarpment. Now that we are in "Post Covid Times" many have a passionate interest in saving the Escarpment.



I have here a list of who everyone is and what they are doing. No matter what the political angle is that they are all working from the lofty purpose of their missions can only help to save our natural lands.

### NEC: Niagara Escarpment Commission

Set up in 1973 by the Provincial Government to put some planning restraints on the escarpment. Gravel pits were the big problem at the time. It was a widely unpopular with farmers and landowners. Over the years various governments have meddled with it making it a toothless organization.

### BMWT: Blue Mountain Watershed Trust

A citizen volunteer group originally formed to cleanup Collingwood Harbour. It expanded into taking care of all the creeks flowing into the harbour. Then with a strong base of supporters it took the fight to protecting wetlands and fighting the Big Quarry at Duntroon.

### BRWI: Beaver River Watershed Initiative:

Another volunteer group formed to clear the canoeing route on the Beaver River. Then the focus shifted to improving water quality to enhance the fishing. They mostly work now in the cold-water streams of the watershed. Except for last year when they installed a fish ladder on the Little Beaver River beside the Georgian Trail.

### ECA: Escarpment Corridor Alliance

This is the big new group in the neighbourhood. It started out protesting the Castle Glen development which came back to life like a tired zombie. It then adopted the Talisman Ski Resort development issue as part of its mandate. It has a plan to create a corridor of protected land along the high parts of the Escarpment from Blue Mountain Resort through Kolapore and over to the Beaver Valley. It swings a lot of weight in high places – like Queen's Park!

### PTLA: Protecting Talisman Land Association

This is a small Kimberley group fighting for other uses of Talisman Resort rather than a housing subdivision. They have hooked up with the ECA to create the corridor concept.

### BVST: Beaver Valley Stewardship Tourism

This is a visionary group of Grey County folks who are concerned that the Beaver Valley has been discovered and will come under intense development pressure.

### GEO Park:

An ambitious Tourism Plan to promote Georgian Bay area to the World for its rocks and minerals history. This includes the Niagara Escarpment and the 30,000 islands on the far side of the Bay. This organization has created GeoParks around the world.

### EBC: Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy

A land trust that is buying up random acreages on the escarpment to keep them natural in perpetuity. Most of the properties are inaccessible but they are starting to do some building and trail repairs on their lands especially in Meaford.

### BTF: Bruce Trail Foundation

The famous trail is buying up land that it passes through. This will protect the trail from re-routing as land owner agreements change due to land sales. Ultimately it will own the ideal trail route along the escarpment.

All of these groups are supported by volunteers. (Except the NEC) If you care – Google them and get involved.



Sunday May 26th was a great afternoon at Meaford Hall, when Meaford Rotary and Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary partnered in an afternoon tea. 72 guests were served. The event featured a hat and fascinator contest, silent auction and basket draw, which raised \$4,000.00 for My Friend's house. Our guest speaker, Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley spoke on Respectonomics and prepared a very moving poem, "The Tablecloth of Life".

The committee, Diane Anderson, Donna Penhale, Beth White, and chair Diana Bailey wish to thank everyone that supported this event. The event was well received by all in attendance.

## A New Concept for Aging Well using Kindness as a Currency has Arrived

Techie Nesters, a Community and Concierge Service designed to help you live in your own home longer, has recently launched in Canada. This virtual retirement community aims to revolutionize aging with kindness and connection, blending modern technology with the timeless values of compassion, camaraderie, and mutual support. Members help other members to live independently and joyfully in their own homes while remaining connected.

Members are all vetted and police-checked, agreeing to be both consumers and contributors once in the Nest. From looking after someone's pet to helping with household tasks or even driving to an appointment, kindness is the currency of care. This creates a sustainable and cost-effective way to be supported while providing purpose for the one supporting.

As a Member of Techie Nesters, you simply call your Compassion Concierge and let them know what help you need. They'll match you with someone who has raised their hand to help, without you needing to find it yourself.

Membership also includes tech support, a safety helpline, access to exclusive parties, and small groups. Join Techie Nesters where no one flies solo. 705-443-4379

## The Puppy Tutor

When do you start training? I have come across so many dogs that unfortunately lacked the training in their early life to turn them into delightful companions. A week after you bring the dog home is the ideal time to begin the training.

The Puppy Tutor, which I compiled from the various courses I have taken, and 17 years of caring for dogs is a system that works very well. However you need to be persistent, consistent and patient.

This gentle approach consists of three private sessions. There are written follow ups with each session so you can always refresh your training in the comfort of your home.

I will also call you by phone, at no extra cost, before your puppy arrives to answer any questions you may have and suggestions on how to prepare your residence before bringing the puppy home. All it takes is a phone call or text to start the conversation.


I am looking forward to meeting you and the new member of your family, Agnes Gordon.

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### Notice of Public Meeting Considering the Potential of 171 King Street Being Declared to be Surplus to the Town's Needs

June 25, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.  
Hybrid Format In-Person AND Virtual/Online  
Town Hall, Council Chambers  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

#### What is being proposed?

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to receive comments from the public regarding the potential declaration of the 171 King Street property to be surplus to the Town's needs specifically for the purposes of a competitive Request for Proposal process.

For more information, please review Staff Report FAF.24.060 entitled "Initiating the Public Consultation Process for the Potential Disposition of 171 King Street" available at the link below.

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=21528>

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on this matter 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!

Date of this Notice: May 15, 2024

In accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), The Corporation of The Blue Mountains wishes to inform the public that all information including opinions, presentations, reports, and documentation provided for or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record. This information may be posted to the Town's website and/or made available to the public upon request.

#### 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 June 21, 2024 will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to 519-599-7723, or emailed [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca).

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

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday June 18, 2024.

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

#### Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact one of the people listed below.

Shawn Everitt  
Chief Administrative Officer  
519-599-3131 ext. 226  
[severitt@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:severitt@thebluemountains.ca)

#### 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  
Tel: 519-599-3131 ext.232  
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### Notice of Watering Restrictions

June 1, 2024 - September 1, 2024

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to remind residents that Watering Restrictions are implemented annually from June 1 to September 1.

#### Stage 1 Water Use Restriction

- Residents may water between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m
- Properties with odd numbered addresses can water on odd numbered calendar days
- Properties with even numbered addresses can water on even numbered calendar days

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# Town of The Blue Mountains Participating in Bloomberg Philanthropies' Youth Climate Action Fund

The Town will receive \$50,000 USD to distribute microgrants to fund youth-led climate initiatives. From mobilizing tree-planting or public education campaigns to launching recycling or waste reduction initiatives to participating in mitigation planning or preparedness programs, efforts stemming from the new Youth Climate Action Fund will advance critical community goals such as meeting decarbonization commitments or reducing consumption-based emissions.

Kickstarted at the Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Innovation Studio at COP28, as a part of the Local Climate Action Summit, the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund will provide the cities with the tools, techniques, and supports to leverage innovation approaches that invite and foster robust youth collaboration in climate problem-solving and policymaking.

As part of the Youth Climate Action Fund, Mayor Andrea Matrosovs has launched an open call for new and ambitious climate efforts led by young people. These ideas may include:

- Youth-led awareness, education, research, and development initiatives, including: youth-led climate education programs; youth climate hackathons; youth-developed climate surveys and research; youth-informed clubs or curriculum; and youth-designed public art and awareness campaigns.
- Youth-driven climate mitigation and adaptation projects, including: youth-led community gardening, tree planting, reforestation, and urban farming campaigns; youth-managed recycling and waste reduction programs; and youth-produced climate resilience workshops and disaster preparedness programs.
- Co-governed youth climate action plans, including: partnerships between city leaders and youth groups to inform climate-related policy ideas, decisions, or actions or the formation of youth climate ambassadors or advisory boards.

Additional information regarding submission guidelines, eligibility criteria and funding details will be posted on the Town's webpage. Those interested in the Youth Climate Action Fund can also subscribe for project updates.

For more information, visit [Bloomberg.org](https://www.bloomberg.org), the Town's Youth Climate Action Fund webpage or contact: Nicholas Cloet, Sustainability Coordinator (519) 599-3131 ext. 235



Taking a shortcut along Bayview Street, June 5th, I came upon this scene. (Right behind Home Hardware). The owners were charging a battery in their garage overnight. It caught fire somehow. A passerby about 7:00 am saw the flames and alerted the people that their house was on fire! So, thankfully no injuries. *by Robert Burcher*



## Town of The Blue Mountains Public Appointments to The Town of The Blue Mountains

### Youth Climate Action Fund Project Team

The Town of The Blue Mountains is seeking applications, in the form of letters of interest, from members of the public to fill two vacancies on the Town of The Blue Mountains Youth Climate Action Fund Project Team.

The Youth Climate Action Fund Project Team is a 7 member Project Team. At this time, two members of the public are being sought.

The Project Team is currently comprised of:

- Mayor Andrea Matrosovs
- Councillor Gail Ardiel
- Councillor Alex Maxwell
- Sustainability Coordinator of the Town
- Communications and Economic Development Coordinator of the Town

Applicants are encouraged to include background information and any special qualifications or interests related to the appointment. Information regarding the Youth Climate Action Fund Project can be found at [Town of The Blue Mountains Participating in Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund](#)

[www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

NOTE: Applicants shall be qualified electors within the Town of The Blue Mountains. Representatives and/or organization members planning to apply for the YCAF funding are not eligible for appointment to the Youth Climate Action Fund Project Team. The selected applicants will be required to complete reference checks in advance of being appointed by Council.

**All Applications should be submitted no later than Friday, June 21, 2024, at 1:00 pm to:**

Town of The Blue Mountains  
Attention: Town Clerk, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, Ontario N0H 2P0  
[townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)

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



## Proclamation - CDKL5 Awareness Month 2024

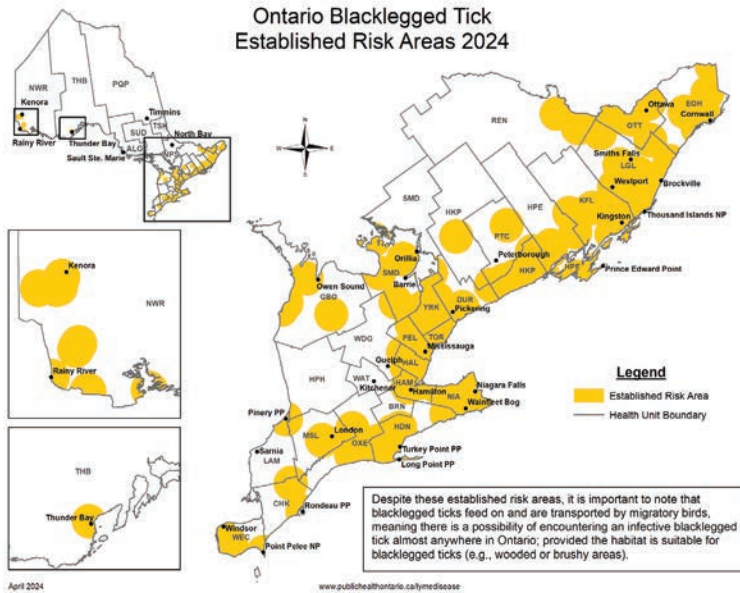
WHEREAS, CDKL5 Deficiency Disorder is a rare genetic disorder that is hallmarked by uncontrollable seizures beginning at 6 weeks of age, and neuro developmental delays which impact cognitive, motor, speech and visual function;

AND WHEREAS, as a result of increased awareness and fundraising by patient led organizations, CDKL5 now has an abundance of research happening around the world.

AND WHEREAS, acknowledgments and proclamations like ours today in the Town of Blue Mountains, contribute to that awareness and provide much needed support for families in Canada.

THEREFORE I, Andrea Matrosovs, Mayor of the Town of The Blue Mountains, do hereby proclaim the month of June as "CDKL5 Awareness Month" in the Town of The Blue Mountains.





## Additional 'Blacklegged Tick Established Risk Area' identified in Grey-Bruce

Grey Bruce Public Health encourages residents and visitors to take steps to prevent tick bites while outdoors, particularly in locations where ticks typically live, such as in or near wooded or bushy areas, tall grass, or piles of leaves.

This annual reminder, which follows the return of warmer weather in Grey-Bruce, coincides with the release of Public Health Ontario's 2024 Ontario Blacklegged Tick Established Risk Areas Map, formerly the Ontario Lyme Disease Map: Estimated Risk Areas.

"It's important to stress that these are estimated risk areas only and infective blacklegged ticks can be found pretty much anywhere in Ontario, especially if the habitat is ideal for these poppy-seed-sized arachnids. Because of this, people should take precautions to prevent tick bites whenever they're enjoying the outdoors. Preventing tick bites is the best way to prevent Lyme disease," says GBPH Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

**Lyme disease**, a relatively rare vector-borne illness in Canada, is caused by the bacterium *B. burgdoferi*, which blacklegged ticks can carry. People can get Lyme disease if an infective blacklegged tick bites and then feeds on them long enough to transmit the bacteria – in most cases, this takes at least 24 hours.

Not all blacklegged ticks carry the bacteria and not everyone who is bitten by an infective tick will develop signs and symptoms of Lyme disease.

In 2022, there were 1,490 cases of Lyme disease throughout Ontario, which represents a rate of 9.9 cases per 100,000 people.

Estimated risk areas are calculated as a 20-kilometre radius from the centre of a location where blacklegged ticks were found through drag sampling. The new estimated risk area in Grey-Bruce was established in response to the results of GBPH's 2023 tick surveillance.

- The best way to prevent Lyme disease is to avoid tick bites by:
- Using bug repellent containing DEET or Icaridin;
  - Wearing light-coloured clothing;
  - Tucking your shirt into pants, pants into socks, and wearing closed-toe shoes;
  - Walking on clear paths;
  - Using a sticky roll brush to remove ticks from clothing before getting into the car;
  - Showering or bathing shortly after being outdoors; and
  - Checking your full body, children, gear, and pets for ticks.

If bitten by a tick, remove it immediately. Information on how to remove and identify a tick can be found on Health Canada's Lyme Disease webpage

Early Lyme disease symptoms can include fever, headache, muscle/joint pain, fatigue, and a bull's-eye rash. Residents should consult a healthcare provider if experiencing these symptoms.

If caught early, Lyme disease can be effectively treated with antibiotics. Eligibility information for post-exposure prophylaxis to prevent Lyme disease is available here. GBPH follows up with all residents diagnosed with Lyme disease.

For More Information:  
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# Province Introduces New High School Graduation Requirements for a Stronger Ontario Diploma

TORONTO — The Ontario government is modernizing the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) requirements for the first time in 25 years, and launching consultations with parents, job creators, educators and stakeholders on what skills students need to be better prepared for life beyond the classroom through the reintroduction of modernized home economics education.

The province is introducing a suite of reforms to ensure Ontario's diploma embraces the back-to-basics agenda, including:

- A new financial literacy graduation requirement to ensure students exit Ontario's school system with both literacy and practical financial literacy skills.
- Consulting on important life skills and the return of home economics education.
- Ensuring new teachers hold basic competency in math. Teacher applicants to the Ontario College of Teachers must pass the Math Proficiency Test beginning in February 2025.
- For the first time in 13 years, a wholesale revitalization of guidance and career education to support students' understanding of local labour market needs and pathways to good careers.
- Up to \$14 million in 2024-25 to launch career coaching for Grade 9 and 10 students and to explore new opportunities into STEM and skilled trades.
- Return of the student exit survey to benchmark success and garner feedback on the impact of reforms with an emphasis on guidance.

Ontario will be introducing a **new financial literacy assessment** as a graduation requirement to ensure students have the skills and knowledge to create and manage a household budget, save for a home, learn to invest wisely, and protect themselves from financial fraud. Starting in 2025, students will be required to score 70 per cent or higher to meet the financial literacy graduation requirement in their Grade 10 math course. Furthermore, the province will standardize making EQAO Grade 9 Math scores 10 per cent or more of a student's final mark, a practice already used by the majority of teachers.

Students will also benefit from **modernized career education programming** in their schools with more exposure to the skilled trades and priority economic sectors. The government is investing up to \$14 million in 2024-25 for career coaching for Grade 9 and 10 students in the publicly funded education system. In partnership with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, this funding will also provide resources and tools to help at-risk youth, individuals in youth justice facilities, and students in other publicly funded educational settings outside of regular classrooms. Through shared agreements with school boards and other existing structures, this career coaching will help young people succeed and become positive members of their communities.

The government is also working with the Ontario College of Teachers to support aspiring guidance counsellors by revising Additional Qualification guidelines. New changes will update guidance counsellor qualifications and impose annual training to deliver meaningful value to students. School boards will be required to provide opportunities for guidance counsellors to keep current on labour market trends and work with local employers to support skilled young people to find career opportunities in the communities where they were raised.

Ontario will begin consultations this fall with parents and experts on what practical life skills students should learn in school to build a strong foundation that sets them up for success. This can include the mandatory inclusion of life skills like nutritious cooking, changing a tire, sewing a button, using first aid, personal responsibility and basic economics, all of which can prove valuable throughout a student's lifespan. This places an emphasis on personal development, decision-making and intrapersonal skills, all of which are in demand by employers across the economy.



## St. George's Plant Sale

On Saturday, June 1st, St George's Anglican Church held its annual Giant Plant Sale, with 2,065 donated plants/garden treasures from 51 donors. This was their largest plant sale yet! All plants were donated to the church. The largest donation was from Jean Northover and Joe MacDonald who donated an entire garden of well over 300 plants, and the smallest donation was one beautifully presented hosta from the granddaughter of one of St George's choir members. By comparison, 26 donors donated 1,175 plants for their sale in 2023.

This year's event involved a HUGE volunteer effort from a total of 56 volunteers before and during the sale days - a team of volunteers from St George's, four members of the Ardiel family, members of the 599 Garden Club, and from the broader community. Volunteers dug/transported plants for donors who couldn't; loaned their garden wagons/carts for plant intake and sale purposes; moved and set up 56 tables, 2 tents and signage; organized, watered, cared for and priced all 2065 plants/garden treasures; and ran a modest volunteer appreciation event. On the day of the sale, more volunteers managed the flow of traffic and people; provided gardening advice; and handled the checkout process.

On Saturday, June 1st, thanks to all the buyers, the team sold 1475 plants/garden treasures; by Wednesday after the sale, over 1700 plants/garden treasures were sold. Proceeds from the sale will be used for a variety of initiatives, including:

- Community meals for 30-35 local seniors every 2 weeks
  - Funding for Beaver Valley Outreach's programs and services
  - Financial support for over 100 locals in need
  - Grey Grannies' contributions to support grandchildren in Africa orphaned by AIDS
  - Funding for victims of the wars in Ukraine and Gaza
- Overall, it was a great day!!

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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 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.



### JUNE GARDEN TIPS – IT'S SUMMER!

- Summer is really here! Lots of sun and much needed rain. Get your annuals & veggies planted now. Add a little general-purpose fertilizer and water well.
- Fertilize perennials, roses, shrubs and vegetables using a balanced fertilizer - not the one for your lawn, it has too much nitrogen. Pull back the mulch (that should already be there) from the perennials. Dig the fertilizer in lightly around each plant (or, if you have it, well-rotted manure) and replace the mulch.
- Start cutting your lawn higher/longer and leave cuttings on the lawn as fertilizer.
- Prune spring blooming shrubs and trees (forsythia, lilac) after they have flowered.
- Prune evergreens and hedges now, not later in the summer.
- Finish removing all daffodil and tulip flower stems. Leave the leaves to mature and feed the bulb for next year's bloom. Only remove them when brown. Add a little bone meal around bulb clumps to promote bulb growth for next year.
- Stake or cage tomato plants, dahlias, gladiolas, peonies & delphinium plants.
- Thin vegetable seedlings and plant successive crops. (Plant a second crop as the first is maturing e.g., lettuce, spinach, radishes.)
- Seed flowering cabbage/kale into garden rows for later transplanting.
- Plant seeds of fast-growing flowers such as cosmos, marigold, calendula, etc.
- If desired, move houseplants outside to a protected area.
- Deadhead (cut off) faded blooms on plants such as petunia, rose, verbena, etc. This will promote continuous blooms & bushy plants for later in the summer/fall.
- Weed and water garden beds as needed.
- Add at least 2" mulch to suppress weed growth and hold in moisture.
- Cut back by a third, late bloomers such as mums and asters. This will make the plants bushier and give them a mounded shape and more blooms in the fall.
- Turn compost regularly and check moisture level, not too wet, not too dry, just right, like Goldilocks.
- Take cuttings of perennials, shrubs, roses, etc. for rooting, for next year.

# PLANT SALE

## Saturday, June 8, 2024

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**The Meaford Hospital Volunteer Gardeners** popular plant sale has an ironic twist this year. All the profits will be used to plant concrete. Usually the volunteers lovingly dig up plants from their own gardens and the hospital grounds to raise money for expenses. This year all proceeds will be donated to making a brand new wheel chair accessible patio in a garden sanctuary. This special garden is tucked in behind the hospital overlooking the ravine. It is just outside the palliative unit and the patient rooms. And is a refuge for all, with plantings in memory of beloved nurses and doctors. The years have taken their toll and now the patio is a mess. The patients, families, staff and gardeners all agree the need is there. But, financial constraints get in the way. To volunteer or for information email [meafordhospitalplantsale@gmail.com](mailto:meafordhospitalplantsale@gmail.com)

## BVAA BASEBALL MEMORIAL DAY

### Saturday June 8th, 2024

The BVAA Baseball Club's getting ready to host our Memorial Game Day. The day's planned with games from players 5-18 years old, and we're excited to share that the senior men's team - The Clarksburg Blues will also be playing.

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## Capital Gains Planning – New Capital Gains Inclusion Rate

In April, the federal government proposed changes to the capital gains inclusions rate. This change can impact various asset types, including non-registered investments, and real estate.

A capital gain is realized on the sale of investments and real estate when the sale price is above its adjusted cost base (ACB). Inclusion rate refers to what percentage of a gain is taxable.

### For individuals, the proposed inclusion rate for capital gains is:

- Up to \$250,000 in capital gains annually: Inclusion rate remains at 50%.
- Over \$250,000 in capital gains annually: Inclusion rate increases to 66.67%.

**For corporations and trusts the new rate applies to any capital gain.** There's been lots of discussions surrounding realizing capital gains before June 25, 2024 to take advantage of the existing effective tax rate.

Before making any decisions, it's essential to understand how these changes will affect your situation. For liquid investments, a cost-benefit analysis can be done to compare the present net value of selling now or in the future.

If you were already planning to sell an asset, you may consider doing so before June 25, 2024, as long as this aligns with your investment goals and isn't only a tax-driven decision.

Remember, for individuals, the first \$250,000 in capital gains *each year* remains at the current inclusion rate and the increase will not impact most Canadians. This will also apply for the period of June 25, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

For those in their golden years, and with significant non-registered investments or a second property, care should be taken to evaluate your options as the capital gains could be high if they are realized all at once.

If you are impacted by this change, be sure to talk to your tax and legal advisors and wealth planning team to help ensure you are taking advantage of the relevant opportunities.

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From the generosity of soil, life claims its roots, growth and harvest,

Such miracle returns to us with annual triumph, crowns our human tableau.

Yet on a misty morning, Nature's tears, dew like, moisten foliage with affection,

For these carry a message of hope, that as the plant draws its all from the soil,

So from our souls may we be the humble roots to a worldly miracle of peace.

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