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# All are invited to join the following Remembrance Day Ceremonies:

Wednesday November 6th at 6:45pm

Guides, Embers and Sparks Candlelit service at the Thornbury Cenotaph

**Monday November 11th at 10:45** – Remembrance Ceremony at Thornbury Cenotaph – Jack Acres Park

**Monday November 11th at 12:45** – Remembrance Ceremony at Ravenna Cenotaph

Please give generously to the Poppy campaign Oct. 25th- Nov. 11th

## **Through The Cold**

Under scud and umbrage of a November sky, clouds in phalanx ordered,

Do we not whisper for a breath of sun's caresses,

a glance of sheening blue?

And when in Nature's patience,

such light makes a halting entrance,

Ours is then free to release the melancholy,

reset our trust into the celestials,

Lay ourselves open to the miracle of seasons,

as Earth's own muses sing in metre.

We too reflect the season,

whether in cloud or dripping coverlet, sunshine, or wind,

Paint a portrait of kindling gently gathered

upon the hearth of our being,

Framed by our heart, the bastion of human soul,

wherein a memory self-ignites.

The memory splutters the splice of flame,

one licks the portal of grief and sorrow,

Reminds the agony of human strife,

how hostility must be the altar of difference,

Another flame licks victory into glory,

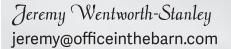
as though a worthy price for sacrifice.

Let Remembrance be the quench of unruly flames,

and dissolve the tribe of anger,

Yet with all our being to thank those that

laid life upon the cauldron of freedom won.





Frank Duyvelshoff, Charlie Tatham, OTF; MPP Brian Sanderson, Erna Scholz, Deborah Neilson, Rob Brown (photo by Robert Burcher)

# OTF Grant from the Ontario Government gives Marsh Street Community Centre a Lift

On Tuesday October 15, Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson was at Marsh Street Community Centre in Clarksburg to hear more about how the Resilient Communities Fund Grant from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) was used to develop fundraising capabilities and new sources of fundraising revenues after the pandemic, enabling it to continue to remain self-sufficient in providing community programs for years to come. While at the Centre, MPP Saunderson greeted the artists of the Marsh Street Artists, a group with a long history at the Marsh Street Centre.

The grant provided funding to help cover costs for the use of a donation management application, to pay staff to implement fundraising plans, and for updated materials to build awareness of the Centre's community programs including signage, newsletters, updated website, and media advertising in support of a major fundraising campaign targeted at the building improvement fund for the 97 year old building.

"The importance of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be overstated" said Erna Scholz, president of the Marsh Street Community Centre. "This grant allowed us to update and refresh much needed fundraising content and promotional materials, attract new business sponsors and raise awareness across a wider and more diverse audience about the importance of the Marsh Street Centre to the The Blue Mountains community".

For years the Marsh Street Community Centre has been the cultural heart of the community. The Centre is dedicated to the enrichment of the community's cultural life by providing space suitable for a wide variety of renters and gatherings for people of all ages and backgrounds. The centre is operated as a community based, non-profit, charitable organization and managed by dedicated volunteers. "Non-profit organizations across Ontario deliver programming that makes a difference," said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. "That's why funding that my ministry is providing through the OTF is so important. Our government wants to ensure that these programs and spaces remain the heart of communities across our province."

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested more than \$110M into 1,044 community projects and multi-sector partnerships. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit off.ca to learn more. www.marshstreetcentre.com

# ST. JAMES FAIRMOUNT ANGLICAN CHURCH

196759 Grey Rd 7 corner of Grey Rd 7 & Grey Rd 40 1st & 3rd Sunday 9am Holy Eucharist BCP 2nd & 4th Sunday 9am

Morning Prayer BCP
5th Sunday 4pm

Evensong BCP & Potluck Supper Rector Jeff Kischak, 519-770-7979

#### **INDOOR WALKING**

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

#### **BID EUCHRE**

Wednesday & Thursday 12:50-3:30pm; \$2 per day Small Hall, Beaver Valley Community Centre Lessons Available Bev 705-507-0563 or

#### **DROP-IN BRIDGE**

Dorothy 519-599-5044

Monday 1-3pm; \$2 p/p St. George's Anglican Church



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## The Blue Mountains Fire Department Reminds Residents to Fall Back and Check Alarms on November 3



The Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department would like to remind residents that clocks will fall back one hour at 1 a.m. on Sunday, November 3. When they change their clocks, the Blue Mountains Fire Department recommends that residents install new batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms require working batteries to function properly. Once a year, old batteries should be replaced with new batteries. Alarms provide an early warning in the event of an emergency, and The Blue Mountains Fire Department encourages residents to have an emergency plan to know what to do in the event of a fire. Working smoke alarms are required on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, it is recommended to also install smoke alarms inside all bedrooms.

If your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace, or attached garage, carbon monoxide alarms must be installed outside all sleeping areas.

Tampering with or removing the batteries from your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms is against the law. Failure to comply with the Fire Code can result in a ticket for \$360 or a fine of up to \$50,000.

To learn more, please visit:

www.thebluemountains.ca/fire-prevention. The Blue Mountains Fire Department Fire Prevention (519) 599-3131 ext. 105

### **FOR SALE**

1980 Honda Custom 900, Great condition Asking \$1000 Call Paul at Blackbird Pie Company, 519 599 6573 or at 705 444 2335



**SMART INDOOR CYCLING** 

# Come ride inside October-March

Smitty's Bike Shop 45 Bruce Street South THORNBURY





**Freed Hotels & Resorts** is introducing a new flagship condominium development at Blue Mountain Village: Freed Blue Mountain.

The five-storey development, designed by B+H Architects, will feature 196 upscale residential units ranging from 350 to 1,100 sq. ft., with over 18,000 sq. ft. of new retail space within the Blue Mountain Village community. The design blends sophisticated modern interiors by The Design Agency with high-end finishes from Restoration Hardware, offering a refined, resort-style lifestyle. Residents will enjoy premium amenities, including a rooftop pool with breathtaking views, a state-of-the-art fitness centre, and dedicated ski/snowboard lockers for the avid athlete.

The project officially goes on sale Saturday, November 16, 2024.

https://freedbluemountain.ca/



#### IN APPRECIATION

18 years ago I arrived in Thornbury from Milton where I volunteered and drove for the Red Cross for 3 years. Thank you for a warm community welcome.

Volunteering is one of the most rewarding pastimes you can have. I started when I was 10 in Midland at the YMCA. I have continued volunteering for numerous organizations BVO, Marsh Street Centre, the Library, Lions Club, Legion, Music in the Park, Churches and have continued to take anyone into my home if they need temporary help.

We have many new friends arriving in this community and I wish them the same warm

welcome. In December I will turn 90 and will be spending more time in my garden. Thankyou for an enjoyable 18 years and until our Lord takes me home I will still enjoy our little town.





**Seniors Matters Today** 

**Immunizations.** Concerned about getting immunization for Flu and for COVID 19? Currently, there are choices in our area. You must always have your health card to book an appointment or to get the flu or COVID 19 shot.

Most pharmacies are asking people to book online. To book for Flu or COVID 19 shots at Pharmasave in Thornbury

- · get your health card number.
- · go to pharmasave.com on your computer, tablet or phone
- · choose the Thornbury location

Don't have access to a computer/tablet/phone?

Ask one of the staff members at L. E. Shore Library, to help you book an online appointment for the pharmacy that you prefer.

After November 1st phone Pharmasave directly for an appointment (519 599 2719) or walk in to make an appointment.

Another option is the walk-in clinic for immunization, at the Blue Mountains Community Health Centre at 78 King St. E., (Hwy 26) Thornbury. Open for Flu & COVID 19 shots, Mon - Thurs 8am - 3pm

For pneumonia and RSV vaccines, you need to see your health care provider.

**B.V.O's Seniors Centre Without Walls** (SCWW) phone program is relaunching in November. It will be a seasonal program of activities and information. One of the first phone programs to return will be Meet The Pharmacist, with Pharmacist Shannon Fry, scheduled for Thursday, November 28th, at 11am Contact BVO for the new phone number for this and other activities.

(519 599 2577, ext. 6 OR scwwphone@bvo.ca)

**Seniors Information Programs** - Carly Munro is BVO's new Coordinator for its Seniors' information programs. Those include the phone program and New Territory4Seniors in person, information sessions, usually held in The Gallery of the L. E. Shore Library.

#### November's programs include:

**Winter Driving**, with Ministry of Transportation road safety expert Sean Wraight, The Gallery of L. E. Shore Library, on November 7th, from 1pm - 3pm

**Community Safety**, including Fraud Awareness & Prevention, with Collingwood & Blue Mountains O.P.P. Community Safety Officer, Trevor McKean, in The Gallery of L. E. Shore Library, on November 21st from 1pm - 3pm



# WEEKEND STAFF

#### NEEDED

We are looking for amazing individuals who:

- can work shifts on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the day and evenings for hockey games & tournaments
- hockey games & tournaments

  are looking for a part-time job
- have great customer service skills
   can belo prepare and serve food
- can help prepare and serve food
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- excited to work alongside and support EFL participants

The EFL Arena Cafe opens October 28 for lunch 11 am to 1 pm. The cafe is open on weekends starting October 26th for the Applekings Hockey games and tournaments.

> If you are looking for an awarding part-time job or volunteer experience, EFL would love for you to join their cafe team!

SEND RESUME & COVERING LETTER TO INFO@EVENTSFOR.LIFE

www.eventsfor.life

The EFL Cafe operates out of the Beaver Valley Community Centre Arena









# In Memoriam

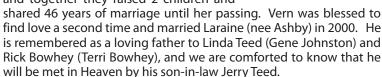
#### **VERNON FLOYD BOWHEY**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Vernon Floyd Bowhey on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at the age of 92.

Vern was born March 22nd, 1932 in Clarksburg to Floyd and Orel (nee Lougheed) Bowhey.

He was a loving older brother to Larry and was predeceased by two older siblings Leith and Thelma.

In 1951 Vern married his love Violet and together they raised 2 children and



He was a cherished Poppa to Melanie (Paul), Amy (Jeremy), Katelyn and Sarah (Mark) and great-grandpa to Zachary, Mikayla, Megan, Shae, Drew, Jack, Luke, Madison & Tessa. He will be fondly remembered by Laraine's kids Terry (Tracey) and Connie and their extended families.

Vern lived a full life. He was a member of the 10th line rifle club and Blue Ridge Sportsman Club for years. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and his kids and grandkids can remember his tales of the hunt camp and latest catches. He loved to take his 4-wheeler on the moose hunt and did that right until 2017. Anyone who knew Vern well knew that he was happiest outdoors and active.

Vern had a great sense of humour and he shared jokes and stories and played Euchre and bingo at the Meaford Long Term Care Home right up until his last days. Although we may share a tear, we are grateful for our time together and for 92 years well lived.

A funeral service will be conducted at the Meaford United Church on October 11, 2024 at 11 a.m. with visiting the hour prior. A private family service of committal and interment will take place at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Nursing Home Auxiliary "Activity Centre" (Cheques only please, this charity does not use Visa or Mastercard) 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

#### **ALICE MARY MARRITT**

October 6, 1923 – October 11, 2024

Mary Marritt (Capin), aged 101, passed away peacefully at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital on October 11, 2024.

Beloved wife of the late Gordon Marritt. Beloved mother to Michael and Angela (Rand). Loving sister to brother John (late Lois) Predeceased by brothers Ted, David (Helen), sisters Patricia (Butch), Doreen (Bill) and Audrey (Don). Cherished aunt of Nancy (Neil), Susan (Mike), Karen (Scott) Donna (Terry). Great Aunt to many nieces and nephews and Great Great Aunt to many nieces.



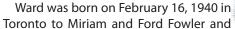
A service of remembrance was held at St. George's Anglican Church, Clarksburg ON, Wednesday, October 16th. Interment at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

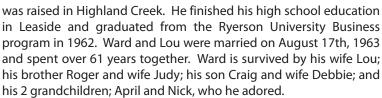
Donation in lieu of flowers to Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, Meaford Hospital Foundation and Georgian Triangle Humane Society would be greatly appreciated.

Friends may visit Mary's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com

#### **WARD FOWLER**

Ward Fowler passed peacefully while surrounded by family on Monday, September 30, 2024 at the Meaford Hospital. He fought a valiant battle against cancer and several illnesses over 6 years but decided that he couldn't wait any longer for the Maple Leaf's to win a Stanley Cup and that September 30th would be his final day on this earth.





Ward worked as a stock broker for Nesbitt Burns for over 30 years (including doing radio broadcasts on the market while in London). While living in London, Ward and Lou took up sailing and had a passion for Lake Huron and Georgian Bay sailing for many decades initially out of Bayfield and later out of Meaford and Wiarton.

Ward and Lou retired to Beaver Valley in 1997. They enjoyed hiking on the Bruce Trail and Ward worked diligently as a land steward and land ambassador for the Bruce Trail. Believe it or not, Ward was part of the chain saw gang for Bruce Trail and had the leg chaps to prove it! Ward and Lou acted as ambassadors to Beaver Valley Ski Club for many years.

In between all of those activities, Ward and Lou also enjoyed many bike and barge trips through Europe. They both loved the outdoors and spent many years sailing, biking, skiing and hiking (Ward tried golfing but never really 'took' to the sport) as well as traveling the world

Ward was a kind soul who always had a pleasing smile for those he met. He will be sorely missed by all and his kind demeanor and gentle way about him will live on forever.

A Celebration of Life is to occur in the near future, with details to be announced. As your expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers or other gifts, please donate to the great people at the Meaford Hospital who treated Ward so caringly throughout his struggles.

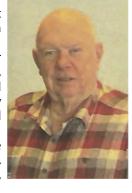
Donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation or the Bruce Trail Conservancy would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

#### W. WAYNE THOMPSON

Wayne passed away peacefully at Southbridge Care Home. Owen Sound on Monday, October 21, 2024, in his 77th year.

Loving husband of Donna (Lennox). Dear father of Lori Ardiel and children Matthew, Justin and James; and Scott (Melissa) and children Logan and Avery. Predeceased by his parents Carl and Fern Thompson and stepfather Ivan Park.

Cremation has taken place. A private gathering will be held at a later date. Inurnment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Georgian Bluffs.



As expressions of sympathy, donations may be made to Chapman House or Home & Community Support Services Grey-Bruce (Owen Sound Day Away). Arrangements entrusted to Grey Bruce Cremation and Burial Services, greybrucecremation.com.

#### **MAIZIE FULFORD**

Maizie Fulford (nee Armstrong) of Clarksburg passed away suddenly at Brightshores Hospital in Owen Sound with her family by her side on Thursday, October 10, 2024. at the age of 89. She was predeceased by her cherished husband Elmer in 2018. Maizie was very proud of her family, always keeping up to date with their activities and accomplishments. She was the loving mother of Marsha (Keith) Densmore of



Port Dover, Teresa (Brad) Oakley of Clarksburg, and Kevin (Ruth) of Clarksburg. She will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Amanda (Matt) MacEwen of Listowel, Darcey Havekes (Taylor Patterson) of London, Kyle (Debby) Oakley of Thornbury, Krista Oakley (Travis Polaniec) of Meaford, and great-grandchildren Georgia MacEwen, Davis MacEwen, Avery Oakley, Carter Oakley, and Jackson Polaniec. Dearly loved and missed by sister-in-law Shirley (Jim) Storey of St Catharines and nephew Darren Storey of Clarksburg. Fondly remembered by Ken and Jeanie Oakley.

Maizie was a fabulous cook and baker – tea biscuits and jam, Baked Alaska, Black Forest Cake, and of course the butter tarts and Christmas cookies and squares (that the kids secretly snacked on, taking them from the freezer). She enjoyed gardening, loved her walks (that included visits) around town when weather allowed, her frequent telephone conversations with family and friends, and most recently her Friday afternoon "tea-time" with the ladies. Maizie was a good friend - and when she believed in something strongly, she could also be quite firm in her convictions. She was very fortunate to have excellent neighbours who became good friends, and that looked out for her wellbeing. Maizie was blessed with good health, and as she aged was able to stay in her own home.

Cremation has taken place. In keeping with Maizie's wishes there will be no reception or service. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, CNIB Foundation, or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Grey Bruce Cremation and Burial Services, greybrucecremation.com.



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#### **MARTHA ANN SEAGRAM**

Martha Ann Seagram (nee O'Kell, formerly Simmonds) passed away suddenly on October 3rd at Owen Sound Hospital, in her 71st year. She is survived by her brother David, his wife Sue Gordon, nephew Patrick O'Kell and niece Katie (Colin Fall); as well as her two children, Kelly Seagram (Mitchel Kajiura), Sean Dinsmore (Cassidy) and her two grandsons, Rhodes and Myles Dinsmore. She was predeceased by her



father Joseph Reginald O'Kell, and mother Nancy Elizabeth Hay "Nan" Coristine (nee Hooper). She is also remembered by John G Seagram, Michael J Dinsmore, John D Simmonds, James L Brown and their families.

Martha attended Havergal College in Toronto, where she was born and raised. Martha's many travels inspired her love of Europe, especially France, as well as the Sans Souci area of Georgian Bay, and the out-islands of the Bahamas. She enjoyed skiing, was a confident boater, and cultivated a knowledge of standardbred and thoroughbred horse racing along with discernment in food, wine, and art. She created 'Sans Argent' on Victoria Sideroad, a beautiful small farm that was a cherished part of her children's formative years. Martha moved to the Lexington, Kentucky region and nurtured a social world with many friendships there.

A compulsive host, over her lifetime Martha brought together countless friends and strangers to enjoy good company around her table. Her children would like to extend their appreciation to Martha's neighbours in Thornbury for their generous assistance.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation or the St. George Anglican Church 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

#### JO-ANNE KARON LAWCOCK

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Jo-Anne, at the age of 56 on Oct 3rd 2024. Jo passed away peacefully in her sleep at her new home in St. Thomas where she lived with her son Christopher, and his partner Ashley Casburn and her beloved grandson Levi.

Jo-Anne was a loving mother to her son Christopher Brown, and adored her grandson Levi. She was a loving daughter to Ron and Lila Lawcock and an amazing sister to Susie Parliament (Nick Wood-



Gaines) and an entertaining Aunt to Brandon and Samantha.

She was born on June 29th 1968 in Hatfield South Yorkshire England and emigrated to Canada with her parents in July 1969. Her childhood was spent in the Hamlet of Baxter Ontario and she was well known in the small village.

In adulthood she spent time in Alliston Ontario and worked at Patton's Pharmacy as a Radio Shack. technician. She was well respected by her peers and by her customers for her quip "What do you want now?" Which was her standard greeting if she liked you.

Jo-Anne then moved to Thornbury where she met and fell in love with Steve Eberts. She worked at Pipers Tavern for many years and loved her patrons and co- workers as much as they loved her; once again if she liked you her greeting would be "what do you want now?" Her next job was at Foodland in the Deli department where once again if she liked you, you would get her standard greeting.

Jo-Anne was an intelligent charming and witty person and an avid reader she had an incredible ability to remember general knowledge trivia. Her passion for all creatures (except spiders) was unsurmountable. There was not a dog or cat in her neighbourhood that she didn't know.

We love you so much Jo, you will be deeply missed.

### 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 Inc. 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.

#### Things to do in your garden in - November 2024:

- While we did have some rain in October, I would suggest a little last-minute deep watering for trees and shrubs before the frost.
- Look for discounted bulbs on sale. Buy them and get them in the ground now. Your extra efforts will bloom in the spring.
- Remove annual plants from the garden and from pots or other containers. Dump plants and the soil onto your compost pile. Clean pots thoroughly and store them.
- There is an annual argument/discussion among gardeners as to whether you should cut back all your perennials, grasses etc., in the fall, or leave them long for "winter interest". Up here, most perennials are covered by 2+ feet of snow, so you can't see them anyway. With no fall clean-up, spring clean-up can be daunting. It can be delayed by wet weather, a late spring, or there can be an instant summer. That's why I am opting for a BIG FALL CLEAN-UP this year to get a jump on spring 2025. I'll leave a few tall perennials with seeds for the birds, but suit yourself.
- Dig up and bring in dahlia tubers, tuberous begonias and gladiola corms when the leaves turn yellow. Remove the soil and wash the tubers. Remove little cormlets from glad corms for more plants next year. Cure the tubers and corms for 2-3 weeks in warm dry place. Place in trays and cover

- with dry compost, peat moss, sand, or perlite. Store at +/- 5 C in a cold-cellar, or a slightly heated garage.
- Try potting up some spring bulbs like amaryllis and paperwhite narcissus and force them into bloom for Christmas and/or for late winter indoor colour. Different bulbs will require various lengths of cold storage in your refrigerator or cold cellar to flower, so read the product packaging carefully.
- Complete winterization procedures for plants and containers; drain hoses and clean all other garden equipment. To be a perfect gardener, sharpen your tools and put linseed oil on wood handles. Or paint the handles of small hand tools RED, so you won't lose them in the garden next spring.
- Protect young trees and shrubs from rodents by using wire collars or plastic protectors.
- Hill up your Hybrid Tea and Floribunda roses with 10+ inches of compost covering the stems, or use a metal or plastic "Rose Collar" and fill it with compost before the ground freezes.
- Create one or more Winter/Christmas urns using a variety of evergreen branches. Find branches with colorful berries, add red dogwood stems and dried hydrangea blossoms for a wonderful Christmas display.
- Check mulch levels in gardens. Pull mulch back 3" to 6" from around shrub and tree trunks to discourage rodents. Add more compost or leaves to beds if you have them. It provides winter homes for pollinators and other insects.
- Order seed catalogues for next spring.
- I usually recommend that you stock up on Triple-19 fertilizer now, so it is ready to put on your flower beds in March, right after the snow has melted. Call the Markdale Co-Op at 1-519-986-2031 to make sure they have it in stock, or buy some now to be sure you'll have it in March.



Alcohol Beverage Marketplace Now, every licensed convenience, grocery and big-box grocery store in Ontario is able to sell beer, cider, wine and ready-todrink alcoholic beverages if they choose to do so. The phased expansion began in the summer:

- 1. As of July 18, 2024, up to 450 grocery stores licensed to sell beer, cider or wine are able to sell ready-to-drink beverages, including in large pack sizes.
- 2. As of September 5, 2024, all eligible convenience stores are able to sell beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages.
- 3. As of October 31, 2024, all eligible grocery and big-box grocery stores are able to sell beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink beverages, including in large pack sizes.

The government will be conducting a targeted review of taxes, mark-ups and fees on beer, wine and alcohol beverages, with the aim of promoting a more competitive marketplace for producers and consumers. This review is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Providing a \$200 **taxpayer rebate** early next year, which would give immediate relief for Ontario families in the face of high interest rates and the federal carbon tax. This proposed \$200 taxpayer rebate would be sent to all eligible adults in Ontario who have filed their 2023 Income Tax and Benefit Return by December 31, 2024. Eligible families would receive an additional \$200 for each child under 18.

Proposing to further extend the temporary gas tax and fuel tax rate cuts so that the rate of tax on gasoline and fuel (diesel) would remain at 9 cents per litre until June 30, 2025. This would save Ontario households \$380, on average, over the three years since July 2022. This relief is especially important as the federal carbon tax is set to increase again on April 1, 2025.

Put patients before paperwork by **prohibiting sick notes** as evidence of entitlement to the three job-protected unpaid sickleave days.







### THANK YOU!

On behalf of the team at Events for Life,

I want to THANK the following community members for their recent support and generous donations. All the funds raised have gone directly to support our year-round program operation.

Thornbury Pharmasave raised \$900 at their pop-up BBQ
Thornbury Antique and Vintage Sale - \$1,000 from entrance proceeds
Yoga by the Bay - Deb and her clients raised over \$1200
Dave Dick & friends raised \$850 at the Corner Cafe and Grill

Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary & Meaford Rotary each donated \$1,000 which helped to transport all of the EFL participants to a Blue Jay game this fall!

A special thank you to the Lillypad Spa for the on-going use of their porch for a pop-up place to sell women's new or gently used clothing for \$25 and under- stop in to shop!

The Market on Marsh, Thornbury Home Hardware, Rocklyn General Store and Simply
Unique Gifts sell our cards, soups and seasonal gifts.

Our organization truly values people like you in our community who help us make a difference in the lives of our participants!

Barb Weeden - Executive Director Events for Life



# **LEST WE FORGET:**

**Lester Elwood Hoggard** 

On Saturday, December 12, 1942, during the Second World War, a fire destroyed the Knights of Columbus Hostel in St. John's Newfoundland where a dance was being held. It claimed 99 lives and remains the deadliest fire in St. John's history.

It was the custom on a Saturday night for local young folk and military service personnel stationed in the area to head to "Uncle Tim's Barn Dance", a stage production with singing, entertainment and dancing, that was held in the Knight's Hostel



Given its strategic location on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, there was a large military presence in St. John's from the outset of World War II. Thousands of military personnel were in the area, representing air forces, armies and navies. In addition to local men and women, personnel from several foreign countries passed through St. John's, as it was an important staging point for trans-Atlantic convoys. And during war years, St John's was a hotbed for enemy activity, through a variety of insidious means.

That fateful night, there was an estimated 350 to 500 people inside the K of C Hostel, most of whom were in the auditorium attending the dance. Residents of the nearby area who were not at the hostel were tuned into the local radio station VOCM to listen to the music. Suddenly, the listeners heard sounds of explosions, people screaming, and then, their radios went dead.

Within the Hall, chaos unfolded in the total darkness (the windows had been blacked out to avoid enemy detection). The fire, believed to have been started by an enemy agent who had run long strands of toilet paper throughout the wooden building and ignited it, engulfed the building within minutes. The doors had been barricaded. Some reports suggest that this was done by the arsonist prior to lighting the fire. Other reports say this was routinely done for the required "blackout". To make matters worse, the doors only swung inward, and not outward.

A total of 99 people died, 80 of them Canadian, British and American servicemen, and 19 civilians. Another 109 persons were critically injured.

Among the dead was a young man from Collingwood Township, 22-year-old Lester Elwood Hoggard. He was serving as a "aero engine mechanic" in the RCAF. He was off duty that night and so joined his comrades in what was to have been an evening of fun and entertainment.

Lester was one of four children born to Edgar and Esther (Stork) Hoggard of the Tenth Line Community. He and his siblings, Bruce, Alice, and Tom were raised on the Hoggard farm at the northwest

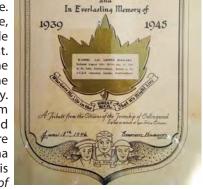


Monument erected to the memory of the airman, seamen, soldiers and civilians whose lives were lost in the Knights of Columbus Fire, December 12, 1942

corner of the 10<sup>th</sup> Concession and Sideroad 15/16.

He attended S.S. #5, (the Tenth Line School), Thornbury Continuation School, and helped on the family farm during his teen years. enlisted in August 1941 and, according to a short article in the Toronto Telegram following his death, he trained at Galt, Manning Depot, St. Thomas, and Moncton before he was deployed Newfoundland August 1942.

Lester's parents chose to have his remains buried in the R.C.A.F. Cemetery in Gander, Nfld. so he would remain alongside some of his comrades. In 1991, a monument was erected at the site of the St. John's fire. Lester's name appears there, along with the other 98 people who perished that fateful night. His name also appears on the Hoggard family gravestone in the Thornbury-Clarksburg Cemetery. Like the other young men from Collingwood Township, who died during WWI or WWII, his picture hangs on the wall in the Ravenna Township Hall. After the war, his family received a Certificate of



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*Tribute* from the "Citizens of the Township of Collingwood", signed by then Reeve, Emerson Brown.



Lester's mother received the "Silver Cross" pin, given to mothers of fallen soldiers. At various Remembrance Days held at Ravenna over the years, she laid a wreath on behalf of all

local mothers who had lost sons. Following her death, Lester's sister Alice, laid a wreath on behalf of the family. His niece Shirley (Hoggard) Foster of Thornbury remembers her Aunt Alice mentioning that their mother (Esther) "was never the same afterwards.... she closed up... and rarely spoke of him".

Eighty-two years later, we, his local community, remember and honour Lester Hoggard for the service he gave to our country and for the tragedy of his death at such a young age, and his family left to quietly grieve this great loss for the remainder of their lives.

Written by M. Elizabeth McKinlay, with assistance from Lester's niece Shirley (Hoggard) Foster

## **Host Families Needed!!**

For over 40 years the Thornbury - Clarksburg Rotary Club has hosted Youth Exchange Students from all over the world. Our current inbound student is from Italy. He is currently a student at GBCS. Enhance your family's cultural experience by becoming a host family! Please contact <a href="heatherofford77@gmail.com">heatherofford77@gmail.com</a> for more details. Interested in Becoming a Host Family?



Host families are a vital part of the Youth Exchange program. This cultural experience offers students an opportunity to live in another country and local families (couples, or individuals) the opportunity to learn about a new culture from a young leader. Hosting is a tremendous experience and often develops into a lifelong connection between a student and the family. Host families come in all shapes and sizes. They can be Rotarians or non-Rotarians, and may include young children, older children, or no children at all.

The Rotary program is distinctive because it is operated completely by volunteers from around the world. Our local club sends a student abroad for a year, and in turn, hosts an incoming student. Currently the Thornbury-Clarksburg Club is hosting a young man from Italy. He attends GBCS, speaks English very well, and has had a very successful start to his year long exchange!

The club is looking for more host families beginning in January for a duration of 12 to 16 weeks. If you would like to make a valuable contribution to a young person's life, as well as bring some added culture into your own home, please contact us!

For more information, please email our Youth Services Chair, Heather Walton at heatherofford 77@gmail.com.

# Coping With Covid by Alice Otrysko

Yes. I had!

I hadn't been feeling very well and symptoms resembled flu or a bad cold but nothing was improving. My ears were stuffed, breathing was heavy, exhaustion like I never had before.

I happened to have an appointment with my oncologist on the Friday but had to cancel it because I was just too sick to go. So he called me. Immediately his first response was: "Did you test for COVID?"

I thought COVID was finished and gone! I was vaccinated, 3 times when it was raging among us.

I did the test and it was positive and I screamed then phoned my GP and got a prescription for one of the most difficult treatments: PAXLOVID. 3 pills in the morning and 3 pills in the evening for 5 days.

I can't begin to tell you what a horrible treatment that was. You had to pretty much lie around and rest and drink, drink and drink lots of water to flush some of that metallic taste of the pills.

Resting is important and can't be helped because you just can't do much. I cooked as usual and got dressed each day and forced myself to carry out routines inside the house. I went out only to sit in my garden with Zack.

I shivered, I had a sore throat, headache, muscle aches and was very very tired.

COVID is caused by coronavirus SARS-COV2. It is spread by close contact. Vaccines provide strong protection but a person can still get COVID-10 with weaker symptoms.

I found that I didn't want to see anyone and I didn't venture out. Eventually, when the pills, were finished, I wore a mask and was very careful to keep my distance from others.

I'm over it now. I tested positive a week after finishing the meds but that's normal I am told.

It's out there together with colds and flus. Protect yourself and wash your hands all the time. I keep a sanitizer bottle in the car and use it every time I re enter having been among people.

I still don't feel perfect but that doesn't necessarily relate to covid. For me, the appetite was gone but I made sure to drink lots of

herbal tea and juices laced with ginger, honey and garlic.

The one thing I didn't do enough is rest. But, I did go to bed early and did sit outside when it was sunny.

My latest test was negative. I don't feel perfect since there are other factors at play but for now I don't have covid. Be careful.

Hopefully it will die off when the frosty weather comes.



## **Climate Action Update!**

Thanks to our wonderful community, we have been very active this Fall! The Official Launch of CANN's "Families Go Green For Blue" was held at the Library at the end of September. Over 20 families signed up to reduce their energy use at home! For just one minute each month, families can enter their monthly Kilowatt hours into our web site. The info is clearly available on the hydro bills. If you're interested in joining our community effort, please contact us for your unique ID number: canntbm@gmail.com



This October CANN and the BVO supported a youth led project to create a Tiny Forest at Beaver and Alice Streets. Funding from the Youth Climate Action Fund was provided by the Town. Thanks to all the students and residents who turned out to help plant!

#### **Coming up in November!**

- 1. Join us for Take A Hike Day November 17 (TBC)
- 2. Visit our table at the BVCS's Sugar Plum Fair Sat., Nov. 23, 11-3
- 3. Bring your Little Ones to our Library reading on Fri., Nov. 29, 11 am to 12pm

Email us for further info on our events: canntbm@gmail.com Insta: gogreen4blue www.gogreenforblue.ca Together, we can make a difference. One step at a time!



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## **BVCS Students Digging In Again!**

Helping nature is active at the school again this fall! It all began early in the year with a \$9,500 grant from Tree Canada. A focus was chosen to help establish more habitat and food for birds and insects. With natural habitats shrinking all around us, this schoolyard project hopes to show how we



can enhance the local ecosystem. Beneficial tree and shrub species were chosen, but students in a couple of classes added their ideas as well. As a result, the BVCS *Backyard Habitat Project* has emerged that integrates native plantings with pathways, sitting areas, and educational opportunities.

A local landscaping company was hired to plant seven 'keystone' trees such as Burr Oak, Freeman Maple and Common Hackberry. Around these trees which are crucial for providing shelter, nesting, and food were planted over 50 native shrubs that will also attract wildlife. Some of these species include Elderberry, Honeysuckle, Chokeberry, Dogwood, Nannyberry, Red Bud, and Ninebark. The flowers in the spring and fruit or berries later in the season will provide food for both insects and birds.

On October 10 about a hundred students in grades 2 to 5 took shovels to the freshly prepared soil beds and carefully planted the beneficial perennial bushes. Six classes came one after the other over the course of the day to help complete the planting. In teams of 3 or 4 they dug



the hole, installed the shrub, watered it, and added mulch that will provide nutrients as well as keep weeds at bay.



Besides adding new plants to the schoolyard, classes are also undertaking to enhance the habitat by adding some other features. A couple of classes are building, painting, and hanging a total of seven birdfeeders. A few others are building frames filled with natural materials such as pinecones, sticks, tubes, or bark to create 'insect hotels' that will provide shelter for bugs and

tiny critters. In the spring, bird nesting boxes and bird baths will be built and added as well.

The Backyard Habitat Project will take a year to be fully complete and many students will be involved in contributing. It provides a huge learning opportunity for understanding a local ecosystem, not just for the students, but for the surrounding community as well.

On top of the big grant to pay for most of the project, some local BVCS family businesses have also helped to provide a kickstart. Come take a look at this great team effort!





## **Guelph Musicfest returns to Grace United Church**

The members of the Festival Trio—violinist Sadie Fields (on tour from Belgium), cellist Paul Pulford (from New Brunswick) and pianist Ken Gee (director of Guelph Musicfest) return to Grace United Church Thornbury for two fun weekend concerts in November.

The concert on **Saturday November 9 at 3 pm** is called DOUBLE FOUR SEASONS.

This will be a remarkable concert, pairing Vivaldi's famous Four Seasons with the truly "cool" Four Seasons of Buenos Aires by Piazzolla. This is a chance to hear Sadie perform as the soloist in the Vivaldi in Canada after captivating European audiences with her performances there. It will feature an original arrangement of the orchestra music for piano and cello. The Piazzolla is arranged for piano trio and will have you rocking to the music. Not to be missed! Visit guelphmusicfest.ca/4seasons.html

The ROARING 20s comes to Grace United on **Sunday November 17 at 3 pm**. Sadie Fields and Ken Gee perform virtuoso arrangements by Jascha Heifetz of Gershwin hits from Porgy and Bess, and An American in Paris, plus Debussy's beautiful Violin Sonata, music by Rebecca Clarke, Lili Boulanger and more! Visit guelphmusicfest.ca/roaring20s.html

You can make it a DOUBLE DOUBLE by also coming to both concerts at a special series price. Tickets are available at the door but buy them online and get a link to watch the videos of the Guelph performances online, absolutely free! Call 519-993-7591 or visit guelphmusicfest.ca



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## The Grey Grannies (Grey & Simcoe West)

The Grey Grannies of the Stephen Lewis Foundation meet the first Monday of the month at Grace United Church, 140 Bruce Street South, Thornbury.

As members of the SLF Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, our goal is to raise funds which are sent to Africa to assist Grandmothers raising their grandchildren tragically orphaned by HIV and AIDS. The Grandmothers are now able to provide better nutrition and education for their grandchildren. Also, it is making a difference in educating

their communities on prevention of HIV and AIDS.

This Sisterhood in Canada, the UK, Australia and Africa celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the SLF by creating a 20th Anniversary Solidarity Quilt. The quilt pieces were made by women of all nations, brought to Canada, assembled and named "Nurturing Generations Under the



Canopy of Sisterhood". The quilt has travelled to cities across Canada and we are pleased to announce it, and an accompanying quilt, "No One Left Behind", will be on display at the L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce Street South, Thornbury on December 7th, 2024. An Original Art & Craft Sale (watercolour, acrylic, jewellery, etc.) will help to raise funds for our African Grandmothers. Join us December 7th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A speaker from the SLF will present at 11 a.m.

The Grey Grannies welcome new members and you don't have to be a Grandmother to join.



# Hello again, Town of Blue The Mountains, it's your friends at Events for Life!

It's time for your Youth Climate Action Fund update for the Month of October, man time flies! If you missed last months review let us catch you up! From September to December, Events for Life are learning about different climate topics and reporting back to you what we find out! This is all thanks to The Youth Climate Action Fund, the Town of Blue Mountains and Grey County.

October was garbage month. Our goal this month was to reduce waste at Events for Life and in our community! We held 2 community clean ups, collecting a total of 8 bags of garbage...WOO HOO! At the EFL centre we tracked the amount of garbage we produced in a week, 1 large garbage bag, then brainstormed how we can reduce that amount. In our photos you can see Austin and Torben after a garbage race. Cat, Julia, Darlene and



Jenny working together to fill their garbage bag and group photo from our pick up at the Thornbury Harbour.

What did we learn you ask? Well, most of all we learned that keeping our community clean is not only good for the environment, but it can be fun! We made the best of a gross job by making it into a fun activity. We played "I spy", we raced for the wrapper and we



competed to see who could collect the most. We also learned how to make a garbage free lunch with re-useable containers or bags and trying to buy garbage free snacks. By doing this we reduced our garbage production substantially!

What's next? We plan to take on Composting and Recycling in the month of November. We will learn how to recycle properly, what to compost and different ways of composting. We are excited to work with Anne-Marie from the Climate Action Now Network TBM to work on our recycling skills. We will also

be checking out 3 different methods of composting.

Get involved! Each month we are challenging youth to a climate action act. We send these out the first of the month via our social media accounts. There are 6, \$50 gift cards up for grabs to the lucky winners. So, if you or someone you know is between the age of 15-25 and wants to help make change check out our Facebook @Events for Life OR our Instagram @eflthornbury.

Once again, we would like to thank the Youth Climate action Fund, The Town of The Blue Mountains and Grey County for giving us this amazing opportunity! See you next month AND don't forget to pack your garbage free lunch!

Your friends at EFL.





# **Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Invites Feedback on Key Strategies**

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) is seeking public input on two important draft strategies: the Conservation Area Strategy and the Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy. These drafts are now available for comment **until November 8, 2024**. As required by the Conservation Authorities Act and O. Reg. 686/21, all Conservation Authorities across Ontario must develop and implement these strategies by December 31, 2024. On October 23, 2024, the GSCA Board of Directors approved the circulation of these drafts for public consultation.

#### **Conservation Area Strategy Overview:**

- The Conservation Area Strategy encouraged GSCA to take a big picture look at how land management tools work together across all GSCA properties. This strategy focuses on:
- Defining objectives for managing GSCA lands, following the example set by the Inglis Falls and Eugenia Falls Conservation Area Management Plans.
- Applying Risk Management Guideline land classifications (Land Use Types) to each property to best achieve the objectives for land management, aligning with necessary inspections to meet the needs of GSCA.
- Highlighting GSCA's role as the owner of the most publicly accessible land in the Grey Sauble Watershed, connecting natural heritage areas and linking with other public lands and trails.
- Establishing a process for regular monitoring of the Strategy, with a full review within a year of any new Strategic Plan.
- Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy Overview:
- The Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy provides a comprehensive summary of GSCA's programs, technical studies, and supporting information for program delivery. Key features include:
- Identifying risks which may limit effective delivery of programs and services and providing potential solutions to address these risks.
- Outlining a plan for regular reviews and stakeholder engagement to ensure the strategy remains effective and responsive to community needs.

Both strategies are integral to GSCA's mission to preserve natural areas and responsibly manage resources across the watershed. Learn about these strategies and share your feedback by November 8th. <a href="https://www.greysauble.on.ca/conservation-authorities-act-requirements">www.greysauble.on.ca/conservation-authorities-act-requirements</a>



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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Dated at the County of Grey this Wednesday, 9th day of October, 2024

# Public Meeting – Official Plan Amendment # 23 - Rural Permitted Uses and Development Policies

The Grey County Official Plan was approved by the province on June 6, 2019 and came into effect on June 7, 2019. In working with the existing policy framework, there are some policies in the County's Rural designation which have caused questions. The County is proposing some changes to the County's Rural permitted uses and development policies to clarify these policies via Official Plan Amendment (OPA) # 23. The purpose of OPA 23 would be to clarify the permitted uses and development policies in the County Official Plan's Rural designation. The effect of OPA 23 would be to:

- · Update permitted uses in the Rural designation,
- Change development policies in the Rural designation,
- · Update definitions related to the Rural permitted uses, and
- Change one Agricultural development policy which currently conflicts with the Aggregate Resource Area policies.

The above-noted policy changes, if approved, would apply across the County, and are not specific to any one piece of land. No changes are being made to the mapping in the County's Official Plan. OPA 23 does not impact existing planning applications which have already been submitted and are already in process. The County is inviting comments on proposed Official Plan Amendment # 23, either in writing (email / letter) or verbally at our public meeting on November 7, 2024.

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 1:00 P.M.
Please note this meeting will occur online via Zoom. The meeting can be accessed via Zoom link, phone-in, or livestreamed via the County's YouTube channel.

To register to speak at the meeting please contact planning@grey.ca or 548-877-0919.

#### Find a copy of the draft Official Plan Amendment # 23 online:

A copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment 23 and additional background information can be found on Grey County's website at <a href="https://www.grey.ca/OPA23"><u>www.grey.ca/OPA23</u></a>

A hard copy can also be viewed at the Grey County Administration Building (address below) during regular business hours. A key map has not been provided because Official Plan Amendment #23 covers rural areas throughout the County and is not proposing any mapping changes.

For information or to submit comments on this matter please contact the County of Grey at the contact information listed below.

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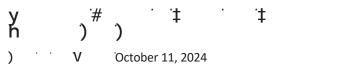


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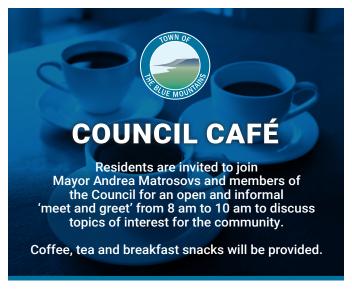
The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to inform residents of an upcoming change to municipal water and wastewater service billing dates.

Effective January 1, 2025, all payments for water and wastewater charges will be due 21 calendar days from the bill mailing date. This change will commence with the January bill, covering usage from November 1 to December 31. Water and wastewater bills will be mailed within 7 calendar days following the end of the billing period. This update aims to align due dates with the end of the month following the billing period.

Residents who utilize municipal water and wastewater services are kindly asked to adjust their payment schedules accordingly to avoid any late payment penalties. Pre-authorized payment plans are available for your convenience. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this transition. Our goal remains to provide excellent service and support to our community.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact: u " U " U
Utility Account Coordinator (519) 599-3131 ext. 223





#### **Meeting Dates**

NOV 27 2024

Ravenna

2025

Craigleith Heritage Depot MAR 2025

To be announced

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The Town of The Blue Mountains is inviting community organizations to apply for the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund.

This fund has an allocation of \$8,000 that will be split between the successful applications which demonstrate a clear goal of advancing environmental sustainability within the Town. There is a maximum of \$5,000 available for any single project, meaning the fund will have at least \$3,000 remaining for one or more smaller projects if the highest-scoring proposal receives \$5,000. To better support smaller projects, applicants no longer need to cover 80% of the project's value from other sources, with a minimum funding request of \$1,000.

Past recipients have included Georgian Bay Forever, Treetrust TBM, Thornbury Community Gardens, Beaver Valley Community School, Climate Action Now Network, and Beaver River Watershed Initiative. Their projects have included a wide range of project types including education programs, pilot projects, waste diversion initiatives, tree plantings, shoreline cleanups and public events, exemplifying how the Town and community organizations can work alongside one another to foster environmental sustainability and build community connections.

Interested community organizations wishing to apply must submit their application no later than December 2, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET. To learn more about the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund and to apply, please visit the project webpage.

For more information, please contact:



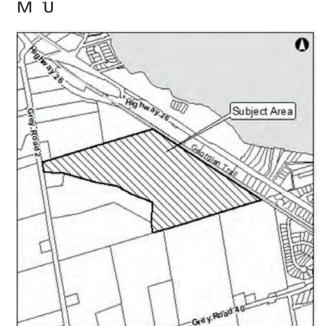
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The above-captioned applications have been received and deemed complete as of October 16, 2024. This proposal seeks approval to:

- Change the Official Plan designation of the subject lands from Rural, Hazard and Special Agriculture to Community Living Area, Hazard and Special Agriculture with site specific permissions for a maximum density of 39 units/HA resulting in a maximum of 376 rowhouse and back-to-back units;
- Rezone the lands from Rural, Hazard and Special Agriculture to:
  - Introduce 6 sets of site specific and relaxed zoning standards to apply to the corresponding units depending on type;
  - Introduce new standards for back-to-back and rowhouse units;
  - · Revise Hazard zone boundaries; and
  - Assign Open Space zoning to proposed park and amenity space
- Subdivide and create lots for each of the proposed 376 rowhouse and back-to-back units and create private roads, a stormwater management facility, park or amenity areas and two hazard land blocks;
- Create a common elements condominium excluding hazard lands;
- Remove significant woodlands from the portion of the lands proposed for development.

The effect of the proposed Subdivision and Condominium applications would also allow for either or both of a land lease and/or a freehold common element condominium on the subject lands.



No decision will be made at the public meeting. The Public Meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. You may also speak at the meeting or submit written comments. Information from the public will help Council in their decision-making process, so make sure to have your say!

Any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments either in support or in opposition to the proposed amendment.

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‡ # — You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council you must make a written request to the Town Clerk.

7 , Senior Planner, Town of The Blue Mountains h (519) 599-3131 ext. 283 or Toll Free (888) 258-6867 -

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Written comments received by November 22, 2024, will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting and will be included as part of the public record.

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Written comments may be sent to the County:

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† # — 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

Contact the Town Clerk to pre-register:

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- # 519-599-3131 extension 232
- 7 (519) 599-7723

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

Providing comments in person or in writing before a decision is made impacts your rights of appeal and/or ability to be involved in future appeal proceedings.

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Our website contains background studies, reports, plans and drawings. They are available for viewing or download at www.thebluemountains.ca/hindsbrook, www.grey.ca, or scan the QR code below:

Or visit Planning Services, at Town Hall during regular office hours, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or contact the planner for this file.







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and priority setting. Topics in the survey include:

- ✓ Service delivery
- Customer service
- Town-owned infrastructure

- ✓ Leadership
- Communications
- Financial management



**Survey closes November 23, 2024.** Paper copies are available upon request by calling (519) 599-3131 ext. 282 or through pickup at Town Hall and The Blue Mountains Public Li brary.

Scan the code to complete the survey or visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/survey



# **Thornbury** Turkev Trot

Runners walkers of every age and stage enjoyed the annual Thornbury Turkey Trot on Saturday October 12th in support of the Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club. The event attracted over 850 participants, and is a major fundraiser for the Club.

**Proceeds** from the annual event

supports the many needs of the local community along with a variety of international aid projects. This year the race is also supporting the revitalization of Moreau Park in Thornbury which in partnership with the Town of The Blue Mountains will upgrade a number of the facilities.

Perfect fall running weather rolled in for the opening ceremonies. The free kids run was a huge success with just over 200 energy filled children running with parents in tow around the fields of Moreau Park. Lots of smiles as they crossed the finish line to receive their awards.

With music pumping, donning roasted turkey hats, runners and walkers got their gobble on to run/walk the 5K, 10K or Half Marathon routes through the fall colours of the Beaver Valley.

The Thanksgiving run has become a destination fall event with guests from all over the province enjoying the region's specular scenery. The competitive running crowd brought in some impressive results while many families enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving dinner stroll.

The Rotary Club of Thornbury Clarksburg gives thanks to our community and race sponsors for supporting this event..

On deck is the Club's "Kindness At Play" Gala on November 9th, in support of Moreau Park.

Tickets and donation information can be found at www.tcrotary.ca.

#### **Congratulations to our Overall Winners!**

#### **Half Marathon**

1stM Ben Beardsall, Guelph, 1:21:48 1stF Stephanie Zammit, Orangeville, 1:40:08 Joshua Jackson, Mississauga, 1:26:27 2ndM 2ndF Mikaela Brewer, Barrie, 1:45:27 3rdM David Sumner, Collingwood, 1:28:52

3rdF Victoria Meil, Ludwigshafen am Rein, 1:46:37

#### 10Km

Eric Hong, Collingwood, 36:49 1stM Megan Crocker, Sudbury, 37:55 1stF 2ndM Patrick Stieber, Owen Sound, 37:29 Tracy Greig, Owen Sound, 42:01 2ndF 3rdM Rob Gowan, Owen Sound, 37:53 3rdF Andrea Hong, Thornbury, 44:28

5Km

1stM Jordan Cascagnette, Collingwood, 17:09 1stF Sarah Hill, Watertown MA USA, 21:13 2ndM Aidan Whelan, Toronto, 18:15 2ndF Rebecca Westley, Mississauga, 22:29 Kevin Connell, Blue Mountains, 19:23 3rdM 3rdF Melissa Putt, Toronto, 22:22











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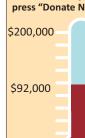








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### MPP Brian Saunderson meets with Cideries

MPP Brian Saunderson hosted a round-table discussion with representatives from four Simcoe-Grey cider manufacturers.

The Cider industry is a growing and vibrant part of Simcoe-Grey's economy. It employs hundreds, while attracting national and international attention to the region. However, despite the popularity in cider products, the industry is facing many headwinds such as taxation, availability and municipal cooperation.

#### Taxation is an issue that is getting the most attention.

Ontario Craft Cider is at a distinct disadvantage compared to all other categories in the beverage alcohol sector because it is grouped into the Ontario Wine Act, which has stagnated its growth. The industry wants fair taxation. Currently, a can of cider, which retails for approximately \$3.35 a can, similar retail to a can of Ontario Craft beer, is taxed the same as an import bottle of wine versus being taxed the same as a VQA bottle of wine and receiving the taxation benefits that a VQA wine receives under the Ontario Wine Act. Ontario ciders are 100% Ontario made and the money stays in the province. When the LCBO brings in imports, 50% of the money leaves the country.

Some local producers also feel that municipal bylaws are restricting their growth in the agri-tourism field. Currently in The

Take a moment this Remembrance Day to pause, reflect and say thank you.

BRIAN SAUNDERSON
MPP, Simcoe-Grey

Blue Mountains, only 2% of a property can be used for buildings. In a four-season destination, a building is essential for agri-tourism, to be used as a gathering area for events and rentals. There are also hurdles regarding the selling of food.

"On behalf of the Ontario Craft Cider Association, we thank MPP Saunderson for his participation in the industry roundtable and ongoing dedication to our industry. We have received positive feedback from the members who were able to attend," said Lynn Sullivan, Marketing Director, DrinkON Apples

Last month, the Ontario government announced it was investing up to \$6 million in the Ontario Craft Cider Marketing Fund over the next six years to help provincial craft cideries market their products to more consumers and stimulate growth across the sector.

"Our government is supporting Ontario cideries in reaching more local consumers with their incredible, world-renowned products," said Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. "We recognize the industry's great potential for growth, and this investment is just one way we are ensuring its success, now and in the future."

With over 60 craft cideries across the province, this investment will:

- Stimulate long-term growth in Ontario's craft cider sector
- Enhance consumer awareness of Ontario craft cider products
- Accelerate the ability of our cideries to take advantage of new market opportunities

The Ontario government's <u>Small Cidery Program</u> also helps cideries grow and increase the scale of their operations, with grants of up to \$220,000 to hire more staff and purchase new state-of-the-art equipment.

These investments support the province's <u>Grow Ontario</u> <u>Strategy</u> goals of increasing the consumption and production of local food and growing Ontario's food and beverage exports. The strategy is creating jobs and opportunities in communities across the province, while attracting new investments in our economy.

The Ontario Craft Cider Association is also receiving up to \$89,200 to expand the DrinkON Apples Certification, which will help more consumers identify apple cider products made with 100 per cent Ontario apples.

"It is so important we expand access and increase awareness among domestic and international consumers of cider," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "Ontario's cider is world-class, and I am so pleased to support this strategic initiative. Ontarians can be confident when they are choosing Ontario craft cider, they are making the right choice."



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## Georgian Shores Fall Classic Hockey Tournament November 8, 9, 10

This tournament has 24 teams across three age groups (U11, U13, U15) and runs from Friday at 11am to Sunday at 5pm in both Thornbury and Meaford Arenas. Held

annually around Remembrance Day we promote this special day with the teams and always try to involve our local Legions.

This year our teams have special Remembrance Day themed hockey jerseys that have been generously sponsored by Hewgill Electric, the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club and the Beaver Valley Royal Canadian Legion.



# Exhibit Opening: Natural Inspiration Saturday, November 9, 2pm - 4pm

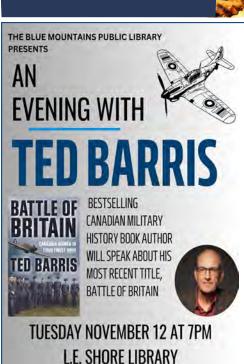
The Gallery at L.E. Shore presents its November exhibition – Natural Inspiration – with Eden Remme Watt, Margaret Cora Schmor, Merryn Edgar, Rebecca Remme and Sandra Remme. These five accomplished artists have come together to show a wealth of work

inspired by the beauty of the Georgian Bay region and beyond. Oil and acrylic painting, large scale photography, mixed media collage, mosaics and printmaking are some of the techniques employed by these artists. From realism to impressionism to abstraction, each artist brings their unique vision to the show. Join us to connect with the artists and fellow art enthusiasts as we unveil this remarkable collection. Show runs through November.

Contact: Franz Phone: 519 599 3681











# **Coming up in November!**

- 1. Join us for Take A Hike Day Nov 17 -tbc
- 2. Visit our table at the BVCS's Sugar Plum Fair Sat., Nov. 23, 11-3
- 3. Bring your Little Ones to our Library reading on Fri., Nov. 29, 11 am to 12pm

Email us for further info on our events:

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## **Christmas in The Gallery** A Cozy Holiday Market

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The Gallery at L.E. Shore Library

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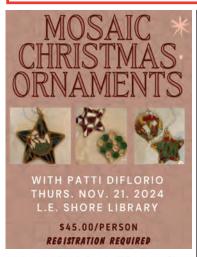


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Annual General Meeting of the Beaver River Watershed Initiative (BRWI) will be held November 23rd at 10am - Noon at Kimberley Hall, 235309 Grey Road 13, Kimberley

We welcome BRWI members and non members to attend our AGM to learn about the current BRWI activities and elect our management team members. Your attendance will help support the Beaver River Watershed Initiative and our mission.

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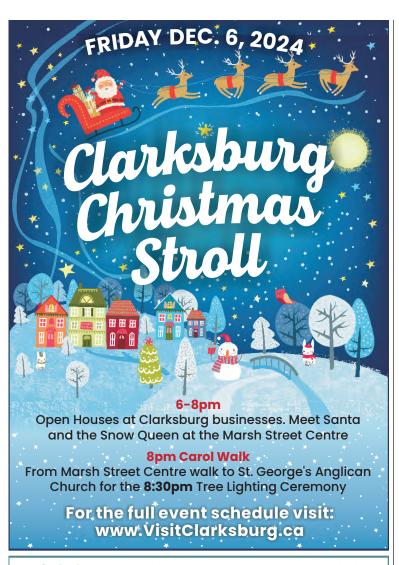


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## **Implications of Interest Rates Cuts**

After three consecutive 0.25% rate cuts the Bank of Canada cut rates by 0.5% in October.

CIBC analyst's recent forecast are predicting another possible 1.5% drop in interest rates over the next 8 months. This potential decrease could significantly impact our local economy and personal finances.

For homeowners and prospective buyers, lower interest rates could mean more affordable mortgages and increased construction of houses potentially stimulating our real estate market. Local businesses might benefit from reduced borrowing costs, encouraging investment and growth. Consumers may see lower costs on various loans, potentially freeing up disposable income.

Ontario has seen a decline in per capita spending of over 10%, lower interest rates and less debt payments could reverse this trend.

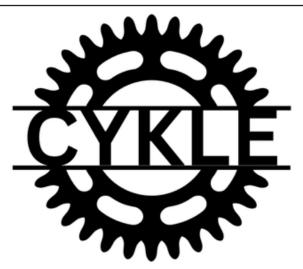
However, while this forecast appears promising for borrowers, it presents challenges for savers. Those relying on interest-bearing instruments may see reduced returns as rates decline.

Investors may consider revisiting the purpose of cash and GIC's in their portfolios. You want enough to support your overall financial strategies but not so much that it limits the return needed to reach your long term goals.

Please give me a call if you would like to assess how these potential rate changes might impact your financial goals and explore strategies to make the most of the current economic landscape.

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