



Beaver Valley Virtual Fall Fair 2021 Celebrating our 149 3/4 Anniversary

The Beaver Valley Agricultural Society is trying something new this year. Due to Covid restrictions the annual fall fair will be held as a virtual event September 10th and 11th. Many of the fair's favourite activities such as the antique tractors, baking, photography classes and chicken Bingo have been transformed into activities that can be done at home, submitted to www.beavervalleyfallfair.ca website, on Facebook and Instagram and will be displayed on fair day.

Did you try something new during Covid? Did you plant a covid garden, try a new recipe or hobby, get a new pet? What made your kids happy, what was a typical covid day for you? Did you grow a weird shaped vegetable? Tell us by submitting pictures, video clips, or through short stories or poems.

Get a head start by downloading your Roadside Bingo card, organizing your multigenerational family for a video clip during harvesting, bake a multicolored cake or decorate cupcakes, and set up a Roadside display featuring the fair. You can star in your own feature film, design a "Staycation" poster, or play a trivia game featuring Fair Queen's and Ambassadors hosted by L.E. Shore Library.



Events For Life participant's art will be featured and for sale at the L.E. Shore Gallery August 31 to October 3

Kin Canada Reaches Record-Breaking \$50 Million In Cumulative Donations To Cystic Fibrosis Canada

At Kin Canada's Annual General Meeting, Cystic Fibrosis Canada President Kelly Grover announced to members that Kin Canada has raised an incredible \$50,000,000 over the duration of the Cystic Fibrosis Canada-Kin Canada partnership. This is the largest cumulative donation in Cystic Fibrosis Canada's 60-year history.

With the partnership dating back to 1964, the all-Canadian service organization Kin Canada is Cystic Fibrosis Canada's longest standing partner. Over the years, Kin Canada club members have contributed to the partnership in several ways, including donating and raising funds through events such as the Walk to Make CF History, organizing community fundraisers, helping local Cystic Fibrosis Canada chapters, advocating for access to life-changing medications, and more, all while spending countless hours volunteering to enrich their local communities. The challenges presented by the global pandemic didn't dampen the dedication of Kin Canada in its support the cystic fibrosis (CF) community. Over the past two years many clubs and members stepped up their contributions, donating more than they ever have before because they knew that the CF community in Canada needed their help.

The support from Kin Canada has had a tremendous impact on the lives of thousands of Canadians living with cystic fibrosis. Donations help to fund breakthrough research, treatments, quality clinical care, expanding resources and support available to the Canadian cystic fibrosis community and Cystic Fibrosis Canada's work advocating for access to medications. Most recently, this included closing the gap in access to the life-changing medicine Trikafta.

A driving force of these incredible milestones is the Kin-CF Canada Liaison Committee.

The committee consists of District Service Directors from all eight Kin Districts, the National Service Director and the Kin-CF Chair. This dedicated committee leads the CF Canada fundraising efforts for Kin Canada and, continues to work with their Districts to spread awareness about cystic fibrosis in their communities, all while raising funds for CF Canada towards the goal of a cure.

Lisa Burechails, Thornbury, has recently been appointed Chair of the Kin-CF Liaison Committee. Lisa is a member of the local Beaver Valley Kinettes who meet twice a month for fun, fellowship and fundraising. For more information, contact Lisa at kinlisawb@outlook.com

There are over 400 Kin Canada clubs and 6000 members across Canada. Since 1920, Kinsmen, Kinettes, and Kin have invested over 1 billion dollars in Canadian communities. For more information about getting involved, see www.kincanada.ca



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Current Situation: Day 524 The province is in Step Three

Follow the 3 W's – Wash hands frequently, Watch distance (ideally 6ft), and Wear face covering correctly, and the 2 A's - Avoid Crowds and Arrange for outdoor activities instead of indoors whenever possible.

Testing and case counts reported as of 23:59 hrs, August 30, 2021:
All data is preliminary and subject to change. Future situation reports will be updated accordingly.

- 0 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce;
- 2249 confirmed cases
2209 resolved cases
- 14 active cases
- 49 active high-risk contacts
- 4 confirmed local active case(s) hospitalized in Grey Bruce
+1 local active case transferred to hospitals outside of Grey-Bruce
- 14 deaths in Grey Bruce
+1 death related to a Grey Bruce resident that acquired the infection and was treated outside of Grey Bruce
+7 deaths related to Grey Bruce residents that acquired the infection in Grey Bruce however passed away outside of Grey Bruce
- 118 cases reported in health care workers; reports health care workers living in Grey Bruce and working both in and outside Grey Bruce

Vaccines -

1900 COVID-19 vaccines given in the past 7 days
225,192 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered in Grey/Bruce
Dr. Ian Arra, MD MSc FRCPC ACPM ABPM
Grey Bruce Health Unit, 101 17th Street East, Owen Sound
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DISCUSSION GROUP

Type I Diabetic would like to connect with other Medtronic Pump users. To dialogue about the process, innovations and Issues in daily life with high low Blood Sugars. To connect email the Review at info@visitblue.ca or call 519-599-3345



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THE BLUE MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Exhibit Launch: Events for Life; A Look Around

September 1 | L.E. Shore Gallery & Online

Events for Life, a local day program for adults with special needs, looks forward to showcasing their art work and photography that celebrates nature and the world around us. Exhibit runs August 31 to October 3, 2021.



Adventures in Digital Arts: Youth

September 11 | 10:00am | L.E. Shore Gallery | Registration Required

The Blue Mountains Creator Space and BMPL present a digital arts workshop for youth ages 8-13 years old. Learn photography, editing, and how to cartoon. Limited numbers, so sign up while you can!

Shale Oil Talk and Walk

September 18 | 1:00pm | Craigeleith Heritage Depot | Registration Required

Imagine a Shale Oil Industry right here in The Blue Mountains! Join Curator Andrea Wilson on a guided walk as she shares with you the story of the fossil fuel industry in Craigeleith from 1858-1860. Bring your all weather gear, this tour runs rain or shine.



Town Hall

September 22 | 4:30pm | L.E. Shore, Front Lawn | Registration Required

The BMPL Board will be holding our 3rd Town Hall. At this meeting the Strategic Planning working group will present the Strategic Planning Process and discuss recommendations for where and how to gather community feedback during the pandemic. Registration is required to arrange seating for physical distancing and contact tracing.



Virtual Tour and DIY with The Meaford Refillery

September 25 | 10:00am | BMPL YouTube

Live a more sustainable lifestyle. Join the Library for a virtual tour of The Meaford Refillery, meet the staff, and learn about plastic-free living. Pick up a 'Take & Make' kit at BMPL and learn to create your own refill container using recycled goods.

Birds of Ontario

September 30 | 7:00pm | BMPL YouTube

A new presentation from David T. Chapman will premiere on the BMPL YouTube Channel. Learn about local birds with an expert bird watcher.



Seniors Exercise

Mondays | 10:00am
Facebook



Digital Book Club

Thursdays | 1:00pm
Facebook

Teen Group

Sept 9 | 5:00pm
L.E. Shore

Museum From Home

Mondays | 12:30pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

Outdoor Story Time

Fridays | 11:00am
L.E. Shore Lawn



Dorothy Crysler Bird Club

Sept 18 | 9:30am
Zoom



Kids Clubhouse

Tuesdays | 4:00pm
Zoom

Favourite Fossils

Fridays | 5:00pm
CHD Facebook & Twitter

TwAG

Sept 23 | 4:00pm
L.E. Shore

Wired Wednesday

Wednesdays | 1:00pm
Facebook & YouTube



Trivia Game Night

Fridays | 7:00pm
Facebook



Debt Solutions

Sept 29 | 6:00pm
Zoom

Bedtime Story Time

Wednesdays | 7:00pm
Facebook & YouTube

For more information or to register for events visit the **Event Calendar** on our website. www.TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca



"Roving Librarian" Join the Conversation

BMPL started hitting the road with our newest mini-series "Roving Librarian". Throughout the course of the next few months, our Manager of Community Engagement, Mary, will be out in the community with the goal of having as many community conversations as possible. We want to hear from you as we prepare for the future of your GLAM. If you see Mary in the blue BMPL shirt make sure to say "hi" and stop for a chat. Also, watch our Community Consultation webpage for more opportunities to participate in our 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Study.



Follow us on social media!



Third Dose Vaccine in High-Risk Congregate Settings and for Certain Immunocompromised Patients

The Grey Bruce Health Unit is working with partners to deliver 3rd dose COVID-19 vaccine to those living in high-risk congregate settings including Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes.

A third dose of vaccine will re-invigorate the individual's immune response. Evidence shows that residents who live in long-term care homes are at a greater risk of infection due to living in a congregate setting and significant waning of the immune response after several months after receiving two COVID-19 vaccine doses compared to the general population. Administering a third dose to residents of high-risk congregate settings can help boost their immune response for improved protection against COVID-19. Third doses will be offered to these individuals within the home. The third dose can be administered at a minimum of five months following their second dose. Providing the 3rd dose in early September, in these congregate settings, will also ensure the recommended minimum four-week interval between receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and the seasonal flu vaccine rolling out this fall.

Following the direction of the Provincial government, the Grey Bruce Health Unit is working with partners to deliver 3rd dose COVID-19 vaccine to transplant recipients, patients with hematological cancers on active treatments, and recipients of an anti-CD20 agent.

These individuals may have a decreased immune response to COVID-19 vaccines compared to the general population, and may face increased risk of breakthrough infection for those who have already received two doses. The third dose is based on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts and will be provided to:

- Transplant recipients (including solid organ transplant and hematopoietic stem cell transplants)
- Patients with hematological cancers (examples include lymphoma, myeloma, leukemia) on active treatment (chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy) for malignant hematologic disorders
- Recipients of an anti-CD20 agent (e.g. rituximab, ocrelizumab, ofatumumab)

A third dose will help to provide individuals in these groups with an improved immune response. Individuals in these groups are eligible to receive their third dose at a minimum of eight weeks following their second dose and will be contacted by their health care provider such as their primary care provider, specialist, or their hospital specialty program. Individuals unable to receive the vaccine from their providers can ask for a form from them indicating the patient's eligibility. The form can be taken to participating physicians, who will administer the vaccine. Immunocompromised clients who are unable to access a third-dose vaccine from their healthcare provider may attend any of the vaccine clinics hosted by the Grey Bruce Health Unit. No appointment is necessary. Clients must be eligible in the categories described above and must provide the written provincial documentation signed by their physician,

including the physician's CPSO number. No other document or attestation will be accepted. For a list of locations and times of clinics visit the Grey Bruce Health Unit Vaccine Clinic Schedule. 519-376-9420 or 1-800-263-3456 ext. 1269

www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca

Working Toward A New Normal

THORNBURY JAZZWORKS is excited being able to offer the first JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY concert in the Fall 2021 Series on Friday September 24, 2021. Further concerts are planned for October and November 2021 and details will be announced shortly.

Covid19 restrictions limit the maximum occupancy in the Gallery room to 25 persons, which obligated TJW to change the normal performance formula. Two performances, one at 5:30pm and one at 8:00pm, both without intermission, will make it financially possible to produce the concert.

All Grey Bruce Health Unit Covid19 requirements, such as hand sanitation, vaccinations, wearing masks and social distancing will be followed.

For this show, TJW is delighted to have one of Canada's foremost Jazz musicians back again. Russ Little, accompanied by Andy Harasymcuk on guitar and Jack McFadden on double bass, will illustrate his musical brilliance and artistry as only he can. There are a few tickets left on a first come, first served basis. E-mail reservation requests to thornburyjazz@gmail.com. Thanks to all those Jazz fans who have already signed up. Music is food for the soul, be kind to yourself and enjoy Jazz at its best.

In Memoriam



ELIZABETH 'BETTY' CLEMENT

Elizabeth "Betty" Clement, formerly Betty Skippen (nee Halliday), passed away Monday, August 23, 2021 at Lee Manor in Owen Sound in her 90th year. She was the beloved mother of Douglas Skippen and his wife Debbie and Elaine Colavecchia.

Betty was the loving grandmother of Darcy Skippen, Angelo Colavecchia and Kaila Colavecchia. Betty is survived by sisters Helen Weirmeir and Mary Gannon. She was predeceased by husbands Clifford Skippen and Hal Clement, her son Alan Skippen, son-in-law Gino Colavecchia, and by her parents Charles and Margaret Halliday.

Our 'Butter Tart Queen' of the Beaver Valley will be forever missed. She is now at rest, with her Lord, Jesus Christ. A private family funeral service will be held at the Ferguson Funeral Home in Meaford, with interment following at Temple Hill Cemetery. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Markdale Hospital and the Canadian Cancer Society 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



GEORGE ARTHUR HARRISON WRIGHT

George Wright of Thornbury passed away peacefully in hospital on Monday, August 9, 2021. George was born to Cecil and Elizabeth (nee Harrison) Wright on June 18, 1950 in Pointe-Claire, QC. After George graduated from Lindsay Place High School he attended MacDonald College at McGill, where he earned

his Bachelor Degree in Agriculture Economics. George retired after 40 years working as an international trade specialist in both the Diplomatic Service and the private sector. Outside of the office George loved to ski, cycle, golf and travel. He is survived by his wife, Pat, with whom he just celebrated 45 years of marriage, his two children, Meghan Dukes and Andrew Wright, their spouses Justin and Katie, and two grandsons, Hudson and Teddy. He is also survived by his sister Nancy McLean (Hon. Justice Hugh McLean) as well as countless nieces, nephews, grandnieces & grandnephews. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date. As your expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Dancing with Parkinson's Canada, where the core mission is to bring patients with Parkinson Disease out of isolation and into an artistic community where they can dance and connect with others. Donations 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



HELEN RUTH LOUGHEED

Helen Lougheed (nee Connor) of Thornbury Ontario passed away at the Meaford General Hospital following a sudden health event on Sunday August 22, 2021 at the age of 96.

Born in Oshawa, she was the daughter of the late John and Amy (nee Lawrence) Connor. Helen was predeceased by her loving husband Frank in 2018.

She was predeceased by her sisters Rose Lougheed (nee Connor), Mary Mann (nee Connor) and brother George. Helen was also predeceased by her many brothers and sisters-in-law.

Helen will be dearly missed by her son Peter and daughter Carol as well as by her daughter-in-law Ann (nee Donahoe) and granddaughter Lindsay and grandson Peter Jr Lougheed. She will also be missed by her many beloved nieces and nephews.

Though born in Oshawa, Helen's family returned to the area as her father was needed to help run the family farm on the northwest corner of County Road 40 and Beaver Valley Road 13. She went to the school in Clarksburg on Hillcrest Drive and then the Thornbury Continuation School for high school. The latter is where she met Frank. They became sweethearts but Helen's family moved back to Oshawa during the war after their farm was sold following the death of her grandfather. Helen then graduated from the Oshawa Business College in 1943 and took on a bookkeeping job at a firm in Toronto. However, in 1949, though they had been separated by distance for many years, she married Frank and moved back to Thornbury. Frank often said she left a good opportunity in Toronto to move up here and live with him in poverty. But that was not the case and they were married for 69 loving years. Helen worked part time as a bookkeeper for several businesses in the area including Clarksburg Contractors and Skippen Transport.

Helen was a very quiet, shy soul. She was never heard to complain about anything. Though the years brought on the usual painful ailments, when asked how she was feeling, she would always reply "Oh I am fine". She was a devoted mother. In 1958 Helen and Frank adopted Peter and in 1962 they adopted Carol. Helen was lovingly committed to looking after her children until the day she died. In younger years Mom enjoyed ice skating, curling, walks, bike rides, and knitting. To the end she was a voracious reader. We feel she's doing all this again. Rest in peace Mom!

She was a humble person and like her husband Frank, shunned any sort of limelight or attention. In light of this, and in accordance with her wishes there will be a simple family service as she is interred at the Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery.

The care our mother Helen received from the nurses at the Meaford General Hospital was overwhelming. There is no way to adequately state how grateful we will forever be to them. Their compassionate, skillful and professional care over the course of Mom's four day stay will never be forgotten. They carefully guarded Helen's dignity, while providing care for her and her family. You are very special people. If so desired, and as an expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca

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Ontario to Require Proof of Vaccination in Select Settings

To further protect Ontarians as the province continues to confront the Delta-driven fourth wave of the COVID-19, the government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, will require people to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status to access certain businesses and settings starting September 22, 2021. Requiring proof of vaccination in these settings reduces risk and is an important step to encourage every last eligible Ontarian to get their shot, which is critical to protecting the province's hospital capacity, while also supporting businesses with the tools they need to keep customers safe, stay open and minimize disruptions.

"As the world continues its fight against the Delta variant, our government will never waver in our commitment to do what's necessary to keep people safe, protect our hospitals and minimize disruptions to businesses," said Premier Ford. "Based on the latest evidence and best advice, COVID-19 vaccine certificates give us the best chance to slow the spread of this virus while helping us to avoid further lockdowns. If you haven't received your first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, please do so today."

As of September 22, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination along with photo ID to access certain public settings and facilities. This approach focuses on higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn and includes:

- Restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout);
- Nightclubs (including outdoor areas of the establishment);
- Meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres;
- Facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities with the exception of youth recreational sport;
- Sporting events;
- Casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments;
- Concerts, music festivals, theatres and cinemas;
- Strip clubs, bathhouses and sex clubs;
- Racing venues (e.g., horse racing).

These mandatory requirements would not apply to outdoor settings where the risk of transmission is lower, including patios, with the exception of outdoor nightclub spaces given the risk associated with the setting. In addition, these requirements will not apply to settings where people receive medical care, food from grocery stores, medical supplies and the like. Aligned with public health measures currently in place, indoor masking policies will continue to remain in place.

Individuals who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry with a doctor's note until recognized medical exemptions can be integrated as part of a digital vaccine certificate. Children who are 11 years of age and younger and unable to be vaccinated will also be exempted from these requirements.

For the period between September 22 and October 12, 2021, it is intended that people attending wedding or funeral receptions at meeting or event spaces will be able to provide a negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test from no more than 48 hours before the event as an alternative to proof of vaccination. These rapid antigen tests would have to be privately purchased.

Ontario will develop and provide additional tools to improve user experience, efficiency and business supports in the coming weeks, including establishing alternative tools for people with no email, health card or ID. The government will work to support implementation of vaccine certificates for Indigenous communities whether or not they have opted to enter their data into COVaxON, while maintaining Indigenous data governance, control, access and possession principles. Ontarians currently have access to a paper or PDF vaccine receipt that includes all relevant information to prove that they are fully vaccinated.

As of September 22, Ontarians will be required to show their vaccine receipt when entering designated settings along with another piece of photo identification, such as a driver's licence or health card. This is similar initial implementation approach announced in British Columbia.

Ontario will also introduce an enhanced digital vaccine receipt that features a QR code, which is safe, more secure and with you wherever you go. This digital vaccine receipt can be kept on a phone and easily used to show that you've been vaccinated if you need to. In addition, the province will launch a new app to make it easier and more convenient for businesses and organizations to read and verify that a digital vaccine receipt is valid, while protecting your privacy.

As the 2021-22 school year begins, it is critical to keep Ontario schools safe and students learning in-person. The province will work with trusted public health units to use the existing COVaxON system to safely and securely confirm the vaccination status of students. The province is committed to keeping parents informed about how their child's COVID-19 vaccine information and enrollment data is being used to keep schools safe. This will equip local public health units with the information they need to ensure rapid case and contact management if required to limit disruptions in the event of cases or outbreaks and keep kids in class.

"We are already seeing a rise in the number of cases of COVID-19 as we head into the fall," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "As we enter the last mile push to increase vaccination rates, the introduction of a vaccine certificate is an important step to give people the tools to limit further spread of the virus so that we can ensure the safety of all Ontarians while keeping the province open and operational."

"Combining the use of a QR code with a trusted, made in Ontario verifier app will help support the province's health measures," said Kaleed Rasheed, Associate Minister of Digital Government. "These tools will provide a simpler, faster, and better way to prove vaccination status that is both convenient and secure – while also supporting businesses with an easy validation process."



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Ontario Reinstating Renewal Requirements for Driver's Licences, Licence Plate Stickers and Health Cards

The Ontario government is reinstating renewal requirements for driver's licences, licence plate stickers, Ontario Photo Cards, Ontario health cards, and other products that would have expired on or after March 1, 2020, but were extended to provide immediate relief to Ontarians during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those needing to renew their provincial documents are encouraged to use ServiceOntario's convenient and easy-to-use online option.

To ensure everyone has enough time to renew, Ontario has extended the renewal deadlines for most driver's licences, licence plate stickers, and Ontario Photo Cards and health cards until February 28, 2022.

Heavy commercial vehicle owners will need to renew their vehicle validations by December 31, 2021. Novice licence holders (class G1, G2, M1 or M2) will have until December 31, 2022, to requalify for or upgrade their novice driver's licence. People who have not renewed their products during the Extended Validity period will be required to pay the fee for previous years, in addition to the current year renewal fee.

To make it easier for people to renew their driver's licences online, Ontario has temporarily waived requirements for people to renew their driver's licences in person, including those for senior drivers. Eligible drivers can renew their driver's licence online at ServiceOntario.ca, including those aged 80 and over.

For a complete list of renewal deadlines, please visit

[Ontario.ca/RenewalDeadlines](https://www.ontario.ca/RenewalDeadlines)

As part of the government's commitment to developing convenient and accessible services for Ontarians, ServiceOntario

now offers more than 40 services online. To reduce wait times, we are encouraging all eligible Ontarians to skip the line and easily and quickly renew products online. Products will be mailed directly with an ability to print proof of renewal.

If you need to visit in-person, enhanced health and safety measures are in place at ServiceOntario centres. More than 40 ServiceOntario centres offer appointment booking to reduce wait times and ensure speedy service. You can book an appointment in advance by visiting [Ontario.ca/Appointment](https://www.ontario.ca/Appointment).

QUICK FACTS

- In March 2020, the government acted quickly to extend the validity of driver's licences, licence plate stickers and Ontario Photo Cards and health cards to reduce the need for people to visit a ServiceOntario centre, prevent the spread of COVID-19, and provide relief for Ontarians.
- To renew your driver's licence online and have the products mailed directly to you, please visit [ServiceOntario.ca/DriversLicence](https://www.ontario.ca/DriversLicence).
- To renew your licence plate stickers online and have the products mailed directly to you, please visit [ServiceOntario.ca/PlateSticker](https://www.ontario.ca/PlateSticker).
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- If you need a road test to maintain, upgrade or renew your driver's licence, please visit [DriveTest.ca](https://www.drivetest.ca), the only official channel for booking a road test.
- You should never give your driver's licence to a third party or an unknown website and DriveTest will never charge you an additional fee to book or reschedule a road test. All eligible accessible parking permits with expiry dates between March 17, 2020, and February 28, 2022, must be renewed before March 1, 2022.



Register for a Seniors Centre Without Walls session:
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Seniors Centre Without Walls

September 2021

Speaker Info	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BereavementGroup - Open for members, small group, confidential, professional leader, Phone BVO to register			1 10 am – Cyber Security Confidentiality, protect against scams, et. 2pm Chair Exercise & Stretching – You Tube, Mel Scott	2 11am Meet the Candidate – to be arranged	3
Angela Yensen Grey Bruce Community Legal Clinic	6 10:30am Check-in & Chat	7 11am Meet the Candidate To be arranged 2pm BINGO!	8 11am – Age Friendly Survey – review & submit to County Committee 2pm Chair Exercise & Stretching– You Tube, Mel Scott	9 2pm Name That Tune – Ann D., SCWW volunteer	10 11am Powers of Attorney - Angela Yensen 2pm Trivia, Ann G., SCWW volunteer
Shannon Fry, Pharmacist/Owner Sandra Hong, Alzheimer GB, Dir. Of Education	13 10:30am Check-in & Chat 2pm Myths and Misconceptions about Dementia - Sandra Hong	14 2pm BINGO with Eileen G.	15 11am Talk with the Master Gardener - John Hetherington 2pm Chair Exercise & Stretching– You Tube, Mel Scott	16 11 am Meet the Candidate – to be arranged	17 11am Shannon Fry, Pharmacist
John Hetherington, Master Gardener	20 10:30am Check-in & Chat	21 2pm BINGO!	22 2pm Chair Exercise & Stretching - You Tube, Mel Scott	23 2pm Name That Tune – Ann D, SCWW volunteer	24 11am Trivia ,Ann G. SCWW volunteer
	27 10:30am Check-in & Chat	28 2pm BINGO!	29 2pm Chair Exercise & Stretching – You Tube, Mel Scott	30 11am All about Wills and Executors – Angela Yensen	



Robert Burcher, Local Historian, To Lead A Historical Trail Hike

Join us on September 18th, 2021 in celebration of our grand opening of the Trout Hollow Reserve in Meaford. Trout Hollow is a reserve of ecological and historical significance, generously donated to us by the Knight Family for EBC to continue its permanent conservation.

From 10am to 2pm join us on FREE guided hikes of our reserves focused on birds, plants and history of Trout Hollow. We will also be announcing the winners of the Trout Hollow photography, artwork, short story contest.

There will be light refreshments and snacks provided at the community hall within a 10-15 minute walk (1.5 km) from the reserve. Food and drink will be available throughout the day from 10am-4pm, so if you choose to skip a hike, you can go and relax/socialize at the community hall.

We will be offering EBC shuttles to those who need assistance getting between the community hall and our reserve.

If you would like to attend any of the free guided hikes below, please register. Linda Reader for EBC lreader@everus.ca 519-924-3715; Robert Burcher burcherphoto@gmail.com 519-599-6195

10am -11am - Birds of Trout Hollow. Guided walk led by Beth Anne Currie (Chair of the Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory)

11am-12pm - Plants of Trout Hollow. Guided walk led by Barbara Palmer, a local botanical expert.

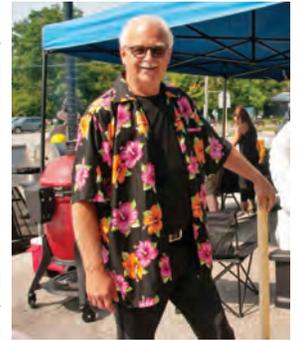
12.30pm-2pm - History of Trout Hollow. Robert is a local historian and author of 'My Summer of Glorious Freedom: John Muir Saunters Around Southern Ontario in the Summer of 1864'

After the hikes, drinks and snacks will continue to be available at the community hall until 3.30pm.



BVO FUNDRAISER by Robert Burcher

A summer tradition now – the Clear Choice Pools and Spas fundraiser for local good works. This year \$2,000 was donated to the Community Garden, which is now supervised by Beaver Valley Outreach. The garden on the grounds of the arena is a great source of community connection for many people and this year the extra produce is going to the BVO's good food boxes. Thanks to Preston Owen of Clear Choice, Foodland of Thornbury, Good Family Farms (Meaford) and Grey Heron Nursery (Meaford) for their donations to the cause.



Thank you Green Thumbs

The Meaford Hospital Volunteer Gardeners would like to thank all the happy gardeners who made their plant sale on Saturday a terrific success. Over 500 plus plants were hauled to the Hospital, all repotted from the gardens of the volunteers who turned Meaford Hospital's grounds into a healing space. The plant sale is how they pay for it. And a special thank you to Grey Heron Garden Centre for their contribution to the sale, and their unwavering support.



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Town of The Blue Mountains Notice of Public Meeting

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

Property Location: 150 Delphi Lane, Con 5 PT Lot 26

Public Meeting: September 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm

(Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams)

What is being proposed?

The Town of The Blue Mountains has received and deemed a complete application for a site-specific zoning by-law amendment. The purpose of the application is to consider a request to rezone the subject lands so that a new single detached residential dwelling, along with accessory uses, builds and structures can be constructed. Approximately 10 meters will be conveyed to the Town for consistent connectivity of the Georgian Trail. The effect of the application is to rezone the subject lands from the Development 'D' zone to the Residential 'R1-1' zone.

Public Meeting Information

To help limit the spread of COVID-19, this Public Meeting will be held in a virtual (online) format. You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk in advance of the Public Meeting. Written comments will be circulated to Council. Comments received at least one (1) business day in advance of the Public Meeting (by September 19, 2021 by 10am) will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter at the Virtual Public Meeting is encouraged to pre-register early, and no later than five (5) business days in advance of the Meeting (by September 15, 2021 10am). For those without a computer, a dial-in number is available. Contact the Town Clerk to pre-register at townclerk@thebluemountains.ca or by calling the Town at 519-599-3131 extension 232.

Where do I find more information?

For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact Planning Services at the Town of The Blue Mountains at 519-599-3131 extension 248 or planningservices@thebluemountains.ca. You may also visit Planning Services at Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Details of this proposed amendment are also posted to the Town Website. You may also request a copy of the full public notice and view any application materials.

2021 Grants and Donations Program

The Town of The Blue Mountains Council is pleased to announce that the Application for the 2021 Grants and Donations Program is now available online at www.thebluemountains.ca/grants-donations-program.cfm

We welcome not-for-profit organizations servicing The Blue Mountains to request funding or subsidization of Town owned facility space through this process. The deadline for applications is Friday, September 10, 2021.

The Grants and Donations Committee will make recommendations to Council on October 1, 2021 and Council will consider the recommendation of the Grants and Donations Committee on October 18, 2021.

For further information, please contact the Administrative Assistant for Finance and IT Services at finance@thebluemountains.ca or 519-599-3131 extension 227.

Environmental Sustainability Fund

The Town invites community organizations to apply for the Environmental Sustainability Fund. This fund has an allocation of \$5,000 that will be split between the successful applications that demonstrate a clear goal of advancing environmental sustainability within the community. To learn more, visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/environmental-sustainability-fund.cfm

Town of The Blue Mountains Public Appointments to Town Committees 2018 – 2022

The Town of The Blue Mountains are seeking applications, in the form of letters of interest, from members of the public for appointment to the Community Communications Advisory Committee. The committee appointment runs concurrent with the term of Council, being 2018 - 2022:

Community Communications Advisory Committee:

- 7 member Committee, 6 Committee members have been appointed.
- 1 public member being sought

Applicants are encouraged to include background information and any special qualifications or interest related to the Committee. Additional information regarding the Community Communications Advisory Committee can be found in the Terms of Reference documents available on the Town's website: Community Communications Advisory Committee Terms of Reference. **All Applications should be submitted no later than Friday, October 1, 2021 1:00 pm to:**

Town of The Blue Mountains,
Attention: Town Clerk, 32 Mill St., Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0
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.

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Environmental Sustainability Fund

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APPLICATION AT:

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100+ Women Who Care South Georgian Triangle Help Hope Haven Riding Centre

Located at the top of the Beaver Valley, Hope Haven Therapeutic Riding Centre is a specialized equestrian facility that offers adaptive riding, horsemanship, hippotherapy, therapeutic recreation programs and Special Olympics Equestrian. The equine-based programs benefit individuals with Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, seizure and genetic disorders, mental health challenges, ADHD, anxiety, and depression among others.

The mental and physical isolation caused by the pandemic has been especially challenging for children and young adults with disabilities who thrive on the structure and routine of these programs. The demand for adaptive riding and therapeutic programs has grown beyond current capacity, and the need to add more lessons to meet this need became a key priority when Hope Haven re-opened their facility in June.

100+ Women Who Care Southern Georgian Triangle chose Hope Haven Therapeutic Riding Centre as the recipient of their donations in the May 27th meeting. These funds which totalled \$18,000 will cover the cost of an additional part-time riding instructor enabling Hope Haven to add 500 lessons in 2021/2022 to meet the needs.

This remarkable community of women meets quarterly to help charitable organizations in who are in immediate need of significant funding that will help those living in our community. To become a member and join in contributing to local charities, visit www.100womensouthgeorgiantriangle.com Next VIRTUAL MEETING set for Thursday, September 30, 2021 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Hope Haven Therapeutic Riding Centre www.hopehavencentre.org
Barb Sheperd, Development Officer, 519-986-1247



left to right Patrick, Rohan, Tom and Ilia

Three Thornbury residents receive Red Cross Rescuer Awards - submitted by Lynn, Samantha & Jeff Horlor

Thornbury resident **Tom Horlor** was mountain biking in the Loree Forrest in the Town of Blue Mountains on August 21st, 2019. He came out of the forest at the top of the escarpment and proceeded down the mountain. Lynn & Samantha were at yoga at the top and watched him descend the first portion of the hill. He continued down towards the bottom out of sight of us. Somewhere towards the bottom Tom lost control of the bike.

Hiking the hill that same night were **Patrick Egan**, his 15 year old son **Rohan Egan** and friend **Ilia Damianov**. They had completed their descent of the hill and were just chatting at the bottom when they heard a noise. As they looked up the hill they saw Tom airborne, separated from his bicycle which was flipping end over end down the hill. They waited a few moments and when Tom did not rise, Patrick and Rohan started to run up the hill. Ilia remained at the bottom and called 911.

Rohan was the first to reach Tom and reported to his Dad that Tom was face down unconscious, bleeding and having difficulty breathing. Patrick having been a lifeguard in his youth as well as a ski patrol was quick to respond. Patrick then made a follow up call to 911 to advise that Tom's injuries were life threatening and that an emergency helicopter to a trauma hospital would be required. Patrick and Rohan then stayed with Tom awaiting emergency personnel, reassuring Tom, though he was unconscious, that help was on the way. Ilia stayed at the bottom to wait and direct the paramedics as Tom could not be seen from the bottom.

Tom was taken to Collingwood hospital and then air ambulated to Saint Michael's hospital in Toronto. In simple terms he suffered a fractured spine, multiple brain hemorrhages, broken ribs and a punctured lung. He was in a coma for 9 days, had surgery to fuse his spine with steel rods. He spent a total of 3 1/2 months in three different hospitals, spending the last eight weeks at Toronto Rehabilitation Institute in the Acquired Brain Injury Program. On December 6th, 2019 he was released and utilized local services to support his recovery from our home in Thornbury.

Our family can't even begin to express how grateful we are that these three individuals were there at that specific time and that they acted with such bravery. If they had not been there, we would have found Tom eventually and we truly believe it would have been too late. It is our opinion that they collectively saved his life. They are our heroes.

The family submitted this story to the Red Cross and nominated the three rescuers for the Red Cross Rescue Award. Due to COVID delay, on August 15th we finally were able to present Patrick, Rohan and Ilia with their awards.

Accepting applications now!!



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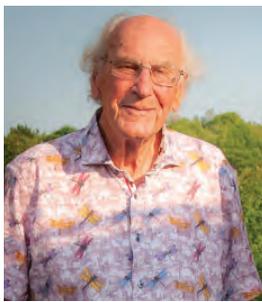


Dr. Sabrina Saunders
CEO



Mary Dodge
Manager of Community Engagement

For More Information: www.TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca/Community-Consultation.cfm

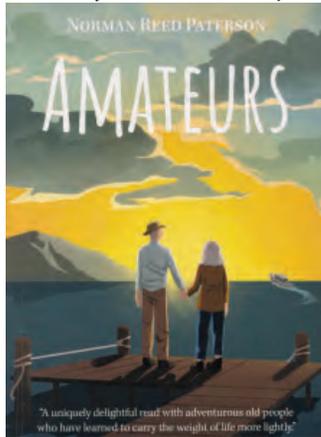


AMATEURS

Norm Paterson has done it again. After vowing to never write another book (after his third), he has pulled a bunny out of the hat and recently surprised us with Amateurs. Another book by any author is a good thing, but when the author is 94 years old you have to be amazed. Like his two previous novels, this one is set locally.

This time in a very thinly disguised seniors' home in Collingwood during the Covid crisis. When a "murder on the Georgian Trail" is discovered, you are immediately drawn into the plot. Then with clever deductions Edward "the amateur" protagonist immerses himself in the investigation that the police can't seem to unravel.

A female accomplice from the seniors home gets involved in more ways than one, and adds her perspective to the search for clues. Get the book and take an afternoon under a shady tree to watch Norm Paterson spin a devious local tale of intrigue and passion that happens in our own backyard and out on the Great Lakes! Copies available at Jessica's Books and Gifts, Thornbury.



Bruce Osborne receives recognition for 65 years of participating in Remembrance Day services with his trumpet from Shawn McKinlay, BV Legion.

We would also like to thank Bruce for the work he does in lighting the tree by his house on Bruce Street South for Christmas. The best lit tree for miles.



CN Railroader Barry Tatchell with EFL staff and Board members

CN Railroader Gives Back to Community

Events for Life was beyond grateful to receive a generous donation of \$5,000 from CN Rail.

CN has a "Railroaders in the Community" program to recognize both active and retired CN employees' efforts in volunteering. As part of this program CN donates money to charities based on the number of hours the employee's volunteer. Events for Life has been receiving regular donations for the time **Barry Tatchell** has been volunteering at Events for Life. Barry's name was chosen as one of the winners of "CN In Your Community Day" raffle with a donation prize of \$5,000.00 to Events For Life.

Barry retired in 2012 after 40 years of service with CN Rail. Prior to retiring, Barry volunteered as a ski instructor with Ontario Track 3, a charity that enables children and youth with disabilities to discover their potential and confidence on the slopes skiing or snowboarding. After moving to The Town of the Blue Mountains in 2018, Barry and his wife Heike were looking into different ways to volunteer in their new community and found Events for Life was right down their alley. EFL is in Thornbury and provides day programs for individuals with special needs including social, recreation and healthy living skills. EFL wants to thank both Barry and Heike for giving so much of their time and positive energy, especially throughout this pandemic.

If you would like to donate or become a volunteer with EFL, please go the website www.eventsfor.life

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Can Tabs for WheelChairs by Robert Burcher

Robert LeClair, (and Grace) honorary members of the local Lions Club shows off bags of pop can tabs that have been collected for a charity drive. The bags will be donated to the Participation Lodge where they are redeemed for cash - based on weight and the money then used to buy the electric wheelchairs needed by some of the handicapped folk at that institution. Apparently, there are close to 400 lbs of tabs collected. Well done!

It takes a lot of tabs to buy a wheelchair - estimated at 9,500 lbs.

Recipes for Life

by Judy Keeler

This is the perfect time and place to share 'recipes for life' and we invite you, the reader to do the same. Recipes for life are food for thought.



Speaking of libraries, did you know that Andrew Carnegie built many libraries in Ontario? Carnegie may have been a robber baron, but he was dedicated to the public library. Any community, any small town could approach Mr. Carnegie to build a library for them. Hand written requests were received by Mr. Carnegie's assistant and then passed on to the man himself. Mr. Carnegie would build a library as long as the community could maintain operating expenses. Hence

there are classic Carnegie libraries in Port Hope, Bracebridge, in Yorkville in Toronto and Annette St. in the Junction and many more. There is a book about these Carnegie libraries that you can find, guess where? The library. I got my first library card when I was ten, yet I constantly meet people that have never set foot in a library and it's free.

Carnegie was by most accounts a despicable man, but he was a philanthropist. You don't have to be rich to be a philanthropist. You can be as poor as a church mouse and still donate your time. You can lend a hand to someone who needs help, you can volunteer, give things away. You don't have to be rich to be a philanthropist. You just have to see opportunity as if you were, and grab it. Please share your recipes jkeeler2323@gmail.com Judy Keeler Writing Services

Library Strategic Plan Study for 2022-2026

Community Consultation, Farmer's Market, 30 Mill St, Thornbury Sunday, September 5th and 19th, 11am - 2pm

The Blue Mountains Public Library will be participating in the Thornbury Farmer's Market. Check out their booth to learn more about BMPL's Strategic Planning Process, and a chance to win coupons to local Blue Mountains businesses! Have a chat with one of their librarians and let them know what you want to see in the future of your GLAM! Don't forget to bring the kiddos! BMPL's tent will have a colouring station and live story times with their librarians.

Contact: Mary 519-599-3681 ext. 146

Email: BMPLConsultation@TheBlueMountains.ca

BMPL Town Hall, L.E. Shore Library

Wednesday, September 22nd, 4:30pm - 6:30pm

The Blue Mountains Public Library's Board will be holding their 3rd Town Hall. At this meeting the Strategic Planning working group (Laurey Gilles, Vice Chair; Sabrina Saunders, CEO; and Mary Dodge, Manager of Community Engagement) will present BMPL's Strategic Planning Process and discuss recommendations the community would like to bring forward for where and how to gather community feedback during the pandemic. Registration is required to arrange seating for physical distancing and contact tracing. Please register by household bubble. This event is planned for outside. Masks and physical distancing will be required. In the event of inclement weather, BMPL's Town Hall will be relocated into The Gallery at L.E. Shore and available seating will be based on GBHU physical distancing requirements at that time. Register on BMPL's Event Calendar. Contact: Dr. Sabrina Saunders, CEO, 519-599-3681 ext. 148

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ROYAL LEPAGE LOCATIONS NORTH BROKERAGE

On August 13, 2021, Tree Trust TBM held another tree-care event and celebration at the

Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery. The focus of the event was a very special 100+ year old maple tree -- the fourth tree cared for as a result of donations contributed to Tree Trust TBM.

Many TBM residents had written to Tree Trust to nominate this particular tree and share stories about the role it has played in childhood adventures and lovely morning walks, so it was no surprise that more than 60 people attended this event.

Past president Colin Clarke of the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary, a sponsor of Tree Trust TBM, kicked off the proceedings, highlighting how support of Tree Trust helps meet one of Rotary's official goals: Protecting the environment, by supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources and advance ecological sustainability. Colin also introduced Elizabeth Kennedy, Rotary's new president, who introduced their unique and timely "Our Community Runs on Kindness" campaign.

Those in attendance were also treated to some tree-science talk by Tobias Effinger of Arboreal Tree Care, including an open Q&A. The aerial climbing feats and skilled pruning by the Arboreal team was, as always, a highlight of the event.

Betty Muise, lead volunteer for Tree Trust TBM, thanked Rotary, town staff, town council, and the many individual donors and interested residents for supporting the conservation tree-care work and the recently announced establishment of a local, native tree nursery.

TBM Councillor Andrea Matrasovs commented on how Tree Trust TBM demonstrates what can be done when citizens, service groups, skilled professionals, town staff and Council work together.

Planning is now underway for another Tree Trust tree and details will be available soon. Stay tuned!

Tree Trust TBM is a local charitable organization that collects and applies donated funds to look after older legacy trees in our community. Check out www.treetrust.ca (TBM community page) for more information or to get involved.

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Good Samaritan Story

by Robert Burcher
In these days of horrible news and tensions from Covid I want to tell you about a "good news – a good Samaritan story". If you remember your Bible stories from when you were a kid, you would know that in that parable a good person (but of the wrong faith) stopped to help a stranger on the side of the road.

So, as it goes I am working this summer in a house reno project and one of the incredible carpenters on the job is from Brazil. Rafael landed here in the Blue Mountains because he discovered a love for snowboarding. He has told me how hard it is for a Latino to break into our community. Discrimination in housing, micro-aggressions many times in a week such has being called a thief and suspicion from the police.

Recently as he was driving to Collingwood to pick up supplies, he saw a cyclist sprawled on the road with fellow cyclists tending to the victim. He stopped and since he was driving a van was able to load up the rider and take him for help. The stunning thing is that Rafael is a high-end bike rider and in the van was his \$7,000 road bike, a "Specialized Roubaix" if you need to know details! The injured rider and friends were totally in awe of the bike. In the discussion on the way to the hospital it turned out that the injured rider was a personal trainer from Wasaga Beach and his friends were musicians. Rafael who had been looking for a personal trainer ended up finding his trainer! Also, Rafael who is an accomplished musician found some new guys to jam with.

And the moral of the story is?



Pickle Ball

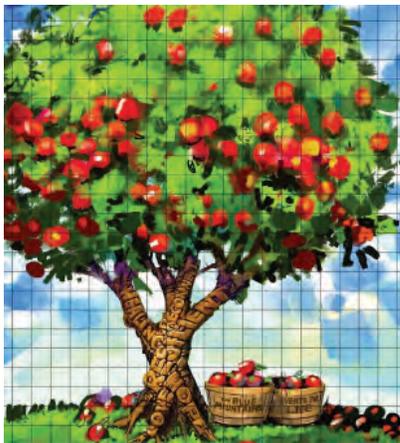
by Robert Burcher
After two years of controversy for a location for new courts, Pickleball has landed at the Tomahawk Recreation Facility. In this location and with incredible new courts the game has just taken off. Most often perceived as an "old folk's game" (akin to shuffleboard) I had my mind changed recently when I observed the Kids Camp in full operation. Arriving at 8:30 am I was aghast to see a huge bunch of kids – yes KIDS up at that hour laughing, screaming, and smashing the ball back and forth with wild abandon. Not a digital device in sight!

Harry Stevens a local aficionado and his wife Rosemarie organized the camp to get kids involved. With help from regional volunteers they have created a wonderful camp.

There is a belief that eventually this sport which has the allure of tennis but the gracious speed of badminton will be added to the Olympics. The key is that the ball that has holes punched in it like those backyard golf practice balls. It still bounces and all of that, but the air resistance slows it down. You wouldn't know that though by the way the kids played it. Get out and try it before the kids take the game over and clog the courts.



Spencer Whitton with the gear.



Participate in the Community Mural Project

In partnership with Events for Life (EFL), the Town of The Blue Mountains would like to invite you to participate in the Community Mural project.

Through collaboration with the Mural Mosaic group, the Community Mural project aims to bring the community together and celebrate the resiliency of The Blue Mountains through challenging times.

To participate and to secure your tile on line, please visit:

www.muralmosaic.com/bluemountains
or call Events for Life 519-270-2268

Once your participation is confirmed, you can select either a blue or green background to paint on any square material.

Create your own unique design. Once your artwork is complete, you will be asked to submit a photo of your creation digitally, with your final artistic design being combined by the Mural Mosaic group to create the final mural.

The finished mural will be 8 feet wide by 8 feet tall and will feature the artwork of approximately 400 members of the community. Samples for blue/green tiles are shown on the right.



Riding to Fight Kid's Cancer

Garth Baron has been cycling in August for the Sick Kids Foundation. He has logged in at 1,112 km and raised over \$4,000 to date.

To support Garth and this charity www.GreatCycleChallenge.ca and search for his name under participant or call the Review to make a donation. 519-599-3345

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 \$1 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



September 2021:

- Trim back perennials like Daylilies and Iris. Divide them as needed. Make sure it is a cool, cloudy day to divide and replant, or pot up for your neighbors or fall plant exchanges.
- Fall is the ideal time to divide and plant Iris, Daylilies, Peonies and many other perennials. Share extra plants with neighbors.
- Buy and plant spring flowering bulbs. Your efforts will be rewarded next spring. Check out Botanus on line @ www.botanus.com. Add a little bonemeal fertilizer or special bulb food to the bottom of the planting hole. Water well after planting to start root growth.
- Take a critical look at your garden. Then fill in any gaps that may have developed with new perennials, shrubs and/or evergreens. They will get a huge head start over plants planted next spring.
- Bring in house plants when the evenings start to cool down. First give them a thorough spray with insecticidal soap so that there are no unwanted hitchhikers coming into your home.
- With cool nights and hoped for fall rains, it's the ideal time for lawn repair. Dig out weeds, add clean, weed-free topsoil and re-seed. Water as required
- Fertilize lawns with root-building "Fall Fertilizer" with a low first number (nitrogen) and a high third number (potash).
- Don't use the lawn fertilizer you have left over from the spring, probably with a high first number (nitrogen). Save it for next spring.

It's been first, a dry summer and then lots of rain, so water perennials, shrubs, evergreens and trees deeply. Dig a little test hole, say 14"-16" deep. Check moisture levels at that depth. If the bottom of the hole is dry, water weekly until frost.

Talk directly to the Master Gardener about gardening in the fall on BVO's Seniors Centre Without Walls Sept 15, 11 am to noon. CALL IN Phone number 1 866 279 1594, code 167599#. This number and code work for ALL SCWW programs/sessions.

Regenerative Farming *by Robert Burcher*

C.A.N.N. which stands for the local Climate Action Now Network took a tour to the Roseview Farm of Ravenna to hear how Rosemary Mesley has rejuvenated a tired old farm using the process called Regenerative Farming. Using the age-old practices of crop rotation; cover crops for rehabilitation; zero-till planting; and the use of wind breaks have all proved beneficial. Her efforts were applauded by the group as they witnessed a healthy serene farmstead of lush grasses that feed her aging horses. A recent CBC article describes how a farm in western Canada using this process has been able to survive the brutal drought of this summer. Just another aspect for the CANN group to know as they try to find ways to ease our climate issues.

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Candidates

Conservative Terry Dowdall, is seeking re-election
Christian Heritage Party candidate Ken Stouffer
Green Party of Canada candidate Nick Clayton
Liberal Party candidate Bren Munro
People's Party candidate Adam Minatel

Vote on election day

Vote at your assigned polling station on election day, Monday, September 20, 2021. Polls will be open 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Vote on advance polling days

Vote at your assigned polling station from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on:
Friday, September 10; Saturday, September 11;
Sunday, September 12; Monday, September 13.

Vote by Mail

To vote by mail, apply online or at any Elections Canada office across Canada. Don't wait – deadlines apply. You must apply before Tuesday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. You will vote using the special ballot process.

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Terry Dowdall has represented Simcoe-Grey as its Member of Parliament since October 2019. Through his 18 years of municipal government, Terry has served as mayor, deputy mayor and councillor for the township of Essa. Additionally, he served as a Simcoe County councillor for 15 years and was elected as Deputy Warden for the County in 2014 and in 2016.

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Quick Facts

- Individuals can provide proof of immunization by downloading or printing their vaccine receipt from the provincial booking portal, or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900.
- Ontarians who received their first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine out of province should contact their local public health unit to record their information and receive proper documentation.
- The province will continue to work with the federal government to ensure the integration and interoperability with a national vaccine passport for the purposes of international travel.
- The government is continuing its last mile strategy to reach eligible individuals who have yet to receive a first or second dose.
- To protect vulnerable patients and staff in settings where the risk of contracting and transmitting COVID-19 and the Delta variant is higher, the government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health is pausing the province's exit from the Roadmap to Reopen and providing third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to vulnerable populations.
- The CMOH is also making COVID-19 vaccination policies mandatory in higher-risk settings.
- COVID-19 vaccines are currently available at over 3,150 locations across the province, including more than 2,500 pharmacies and more than 650 mass immunization clinics, hospitals, primary care settings and pop up and mobile clinics.
- A key component of Ontario's last mile strategy is getting vaccines to people, wherever they are located.

Federal Statutory Holiday: September 30th

The Government of Canada is committed to reconciliation and ensuring that the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools is never forgotten and recently passed legislation to make September 30th a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. In June, Ottawa declared it a federal statutory holiday that is meant to give public servants an opportunity to recognize the legacy of residential schools.

The designated paid holiday for federal employees also addresses one of the 94 calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission: "We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process."

The date was chosen because it is the time of year that children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

Since 2013, Sept. 30 has been observed as Orange Shirt Day across the country — a day, created by residential school survivor Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, on which Canadians wear orange shirts to commemorate the Indigenous children who were taken from their homes and placed in residential schools. As spokesperson for the Reunion group leading up to the events, Phyllis tells her story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.

orangeshirtday.org

100 Debates on the Environment for Simcoe -Grey Federal Candidates 2021

The debate will be held via Zoom, from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8th
Registration is available through EventBrite:
www.eventbrite.ca/e/debate-on-the-environment-tickets-168798459737

This is one of 100 Debates on the Environment <https://www.100debates.ca/debates>, being held across Canada co-ordinated by GreenPAC, a non-partisan non-profit organization that works to build environmental leadership in politics. The Collingwood Climate Action Team, the Wasaga Beach Climate Action Team, New Tecumseth Climate Action and the Blue Mountains Climate Action Now Network are working together to organize this event.

Given the constraints imposed by the tight timeline for the election and with early voting beginning on September 10th, this date will allow Simcoe-Grey constituents to view both the local Debate on the Environment and the televised Federal Leaders' English Language Debate the next day on September 9th. Following the format for the national debate, only the local candidates from the four main political parties are invited to participate, i.e., Conservatives, Greens, Liberals and the New Democratic Party. A non-partisan moderator will ask questions which the candidates will be sent in advance, as well as some questions which participants can submit when registering for the event.

Climate change is widespread, rapid, and intensifying according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report released in early August. Canada is experiencing droughts, forest fires, heat waves, snow loss and other extreme weather making the environment a top voting issue. This is a debate about all the reasons why the environment must be front and centre in any government's plan for post-pandemic economic recovery, national healing and reconciliation.



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