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Tree Trust sustains our biggest and best urban trees. We raise funds to hire arborists who keep the trees healthy and extend their lifespans through measures such as pruning, fertilizing and insect control. And we plant at least two saplings for every Tree Trust tree.

On Friday, August 23rd, Tree Trust TBM hosted a Tree Care event to honor a stunning American Sycamore. This majestic tree, a rarity in our region, is more commonly found in the Carolinian forests and extending down into Texas. Impressive in size, it's estimated to be around 80 years old.

Known for their rapid growth and excellent carbon sequestration capabilities, American Sycamores are a valuable addition to the landscape. They are particularly noteworthy as they can thrive in conditions similar to those preferred by our native ash species, which have been decimated by the emerald ash borer.

This makes the American Sycamore a promising candidate for our upcoming tree nursery as we assist in their migration northward.

The origins of this magnificent tree remain a mystery, adding to its allure and significance. Thanks to the dedicated care from Arboreal Tree Care, the story of this American Sycamore will continue to unfold and thrive for many years to come.

Tree Trust TBM extends its gratitude to all the donors who made this tree care possible, the supporters who attended the event and to Arboreal Tree Care for their expertise and continued support.

If you discover a unique tree on public property, please let us know! We would love to hear about it. Email us at <u>programs@treetrust.ca</u>

# Town of The Blue Mountains Hires Monica Quinlan as Director of Corporate and Financial Services

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce Monica Quinlan as its new Director of Corporate and Financial Services, beginning September 3, 2024.

As Director, Monica will be responsible for all activities related to the Corporate and Financial Services Department, including financial planning, accounting, purchasing, risk management and information technology. Monica will also be responsible and accountable for all the duties of the Treasurer in accordance with the Municipal Act and Town policies.

Most recently, Monica was the Director of Finance / Treasurer for the Town of Collingwood, where she oversaw budget management, financial reporting and audit processes. Her experience spans more than two decades across roles in municipal government and the automotive industry.

"I am delighted to welcome Monica to The Blue Mountains, and I look forward to the positive impact she'll bring," says Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt. "Her expertise and leadership will be invaluable in her role. As we look forward to achieving our strategic goals as a municipality, I know our financial future is in great hands."

Monica moved to the Georgian Bay area in 2010 with her husband and four children, embracing the community's vibrant spirit and natural beauty. An active member of the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Foundation Board, she is deeply committed to giving back to her community and supporting local initiatives.

Monica holds a CPA, CMA designation and an Honours Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Accounting and Labour Studies. Her skill set includes expertise in financial software, strategic planning and team development.

For more information, contact: Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer Town of The Blue Mountains (519) 599-3131 ext. 234

#### **Cenotaph Enhancement**



Two additional monuments were unveiled at the town cenotaph during the annual Royal Canadian Legion District E Drumhead Service, hosted by our Beaver Valley Branch on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The new monuments, honouring members of all branches of the Canadian Forces and First Responders, were installed at a cost of \$32,800.00. +HST. The funds were raised through grants from Veterans Affairs Canada (\$9,266) and The National Wall of Remembrance (\$5,000) and from a community fundraising campaign.

Community fundraising, of private, corporate and institutional donations, raised \$23,894 and special thanks are due to 'The 26ers' for a major contribution, and to St George's Anglican Church for donating the proceeds of the annual fish fry and for

extensive support of the project.

Surplus funds will be applied to ongoing maintenance of the cenotaph. Individual donors will be listed on plaques to be installed in the cenotaph park, unless anonymity was requested. Fortunately, although allowable, we did not need to use funds from the Poppy Trust so these will be fully available to support veterans.

A big thank you, from RCL Branch 281 Beaver Valley to all who contributed.





#### It's Harvest Time.

Large Farm Machines especially Combines are using TOBM roads. They are very large and

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**INDOOR WALKING** at the 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 Bey 705-507-0563 or Dorothy 519-599-5044

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

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#### **BEAVER VALLEY FALL FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9am Centre open to accept registrations and entries

12pm Centre closes for entries 1pm Judging begins on entries

6pm Fair grounds open

Beer Garden and Food Trucks

Official Opening Fall Fair President and Mayor Matrosovs Senior and Junior Ambassador Competition results

Viewing of Fair Exhibits

7pm Classic Championship Wrestling Show, Meet and Greets

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

10am Fair grounds open

10am Pet Show; All day Petting Zoo Antique Tractor Display Inflatable Obstacle Course

Mini Excavator Challenge

Balloons by Roxanne & Facepainting

Micro Excavator Challenge Grey Egr Guard Combat Demo

Touch a Truck

10:30am Active K9 Performance Team

11am Beer Garden Opens

11:30am Ronno – Children's Entertainer 12pm Draft Horse Demonstration Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

1pm Live Music – The Thirsty Boys with the Ruthven Sisters

Apple Peeling Competition Active K9 Performance Team

**Light Horse Show** 

1:30pm Ronno – Children's Entertainer 3pm Active K9 Performance Team Ronno – Children's Entertainer

4pm Pick up of Entries/Exhibits
5:30pm Roast Beef Dinner / Beer Garden
5-8pm Live Music – The Sherri Jackson Band

#### **Music Together**

Pianist Christopher Burton, organist Norman Reintamm, both well-known in our community, and special guest cellist Aare Tammesalu, visiting all the way from Estonia, are gearing up to present a musical collaboration between Grace United Church and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Thornbury. In addition to great and familiar works by Johann Sebastian Bach, César Franck, and Johannes Brahms, the joint recital will feature the Canadian premiere of "Estonian Dances for cello and organ" by Dorothy de Val.

Everyone is invited to come and share "Music Together" on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:30 PM at Grace United Church, 140 Bruce St. S., Thornbury. There is no set admission fee. Simply come to the event and pay what you can.

This concert is presented in conjunction with Georgian Bay Concert Choir.



#### Niguiar's Latin Fitness Class

Wednesdays starting Sept 18 (8 weeks) 10am-11am, St. George's Church, 166 Russell Street East, Clarksburg Drop-in's Welcome \$20; 8 weeks \$140 niguiar@yahoo.ca 902-488-3475

Seniors Matters Today – Keeping Healthy

Maintaining **good eye health** as we age is important and can help prevent vision problems. Here are some important things to keep in mind. Make regular eye exams part of your routine: Schedule comprehensive eye exams with your ophthalmologist every one to two years, especially after the age of 65. In Ontario, an eye examination every 18 months is covered. Exams can detect early signs of age-related eye diseases like macular degeneration and glaucoma and detect vision changes.

Protect your eyes from the sun: Just like your skin, eyes need protection from the sun's harmful UV rays. Wear sunglasses that block UVA and UVB rays whenever you're outdoors, even on cloudy days.

- Eat well: Eating a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and omega-3 fatty acids can contribute to good eye health.
- Quit smoking: Smoking significantly increases the risk of developing age-related macular degeneration and cataracts.
- Limit screen time: While staying connected digitally is important, excessive screen time can contribute to eye strain.
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle: Regular exercise, getting enough sleep, and managing stress can all contribute to good eye health.
- Know your family history: Certain eye diseases can be hereditary.
   Talk to your doctor about your family history and any potential risks
- Early detection and treatment are key for managing eye problems.
   Talk to your healthcare provider about any concerns you might have. (from McMaster University Optimal Aging site –full article at https://www.mcmasteroptimalaging.org/

**SHINGLES** Vaccination—Older adults are one of the groups that are most likely to get shingles. Two-thirds of shingles cases in Canada happen to people over 50 years old. The severity of shingles and its complications increase with age. Age is the most important risk factor. The vaccine reduces your chance of getting the virus by more than 50%, depending on your age, and better protects you from severe infection and complications.

There is a vaccine and the 2 dose Shingrix vaccine is now publicly funded. At this time "individuals born from 1949 to 1953 who missed the opportunity to receive the publicly funded shingles vaccine are eligible to receive Shingrix® and complete the 2-dose series by December 31, 2024."

To qualify for the free Shingrix® vaccine series, you must:

- be aged 65 to 70 years old
- have not received any publicly funded shingles vaccine or have previously paid for a dose of the Zostavax<sup>®</sup> II vaccine

Talk with your primary health care provider about Shingles and vaccinations. (fromwww.ontario.ca/page/shingles-vaccine)



Anyone who has served in the military including WWII, Korea, SDA, Militia/Reserve Forces, RCMP, still serving and dependents

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#### In Memoriam

#### MARGARET HELEN ELDERGILL

Margaret Helen Eldergill, cherished mother, grand-mother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on August 30, 2024, at the age of 85. Born on April 7, 1939, in Southend-on-Sea, England, Margaret was the beloved daughter of Douglas and Catherine



White and sister to David, Reg and Liz.

Margaret's journey took her from the shores of England to the classrooms of academia, where she graduated from the University of Exeter with an honours degree in Mathematics. Her passion for education led her to a teaching career in both England and Switzerland. At the age of 25, she embraced a new adventure by emigrating to Canada, where she would make a lasting impact in her adopted home.

In 2000, Margaret retired to Thornbury, Ontario, a place she embraced with open arms. Her life was a testament to her vibrant spirit and boundless enthusiasm. Margaret was deeply involved in her community and church, where she was an avid member of the St. George's Anglican Church choir and the Sweet Adelines. Her love of music was matched only by her devotion to community service, which included volunteering at the local library.

Margaret's passion for the outdoors was evident in her membership with the Bruce Trail Hiking Club, and she remained active in various racquet sports, from badminton to pickleball. Her zest for life was only surpassed by her love for her family, which was the cornerstone of her world.

Margaret is survived by her sister Liz, her children lan (Carri-Lynne), Peter (Liz), and Susan (Jeff), and her nephews and nieces Rebbie, Stan, David and Catherine. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren Annika, Hayden, Quinn, Anara, JT, and Savannah, who will carry forward the warmth and joy she brought into their lives. She is also fondly remembered by her extended family and many friends.

Her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her, and her legacy of love, service, and joy will be cherished forever.

A memorial service celebrating Margaret's life will be held on Friday September 20th at 3:00pm 2024, at St. George's Anglican Church, 166 Russell St. East, Clarksburg. Friends and family are invited to join in remembering a remarkable woman whose kindness, energy, and love will be dearly missed.

As your expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Owen Sound or Meaford Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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#### BARBARA JEAN BRYANS BURNS

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our beloved Barb (Barbie) – loving mother, wife, sister, niece, aunt, friend and soon to be grandmother. Barb passed away suddenly in her home in the Blue Mountains on August 7, 2024. She was born in Seaforth, ON July 15, 1952, to loving parents Dr. William Russel Bryans and Helena Elizabeth (Drager) Bryans and was the youngest sister to Keith, Franklin and Phyllis (Bryans) Armitage. Barbie grew up in Seaforth as an energetic, fun-loving girl with a passion for riding horses, playing various sports, spending time with friends and spent summers in her local pool lifeguarding. She was cherished in her community for



her zest for life and caring attitude towards all. Barb was an active member of Girl Guides throughout high school and proudly achieved her Gold Cord.

She enjoyed many adventures sailing with her brother Franklin and his family around Georgian Bay. She loved to spend time travelling with her sister Phyllis and her family.

Barb attained her bachelors' degree at McMaster University and later attended Simon Fraser University for her teaching certificate. She taught special education and home economics in various locations across Canada including Haida Gwaii, Lutherwood, Waterloo and Mississauga. She also taught for 3 years in Bermuda. Her joyous energy and thoughtful care brought on a special bond with each student and created a lasting impact in many of their lives.

Barb met Dr. Larry Burns on the ski slopes of Blue Mountain in 1989 and the two married in July 1993. Barb acted as a loving friend and support to Larry's son Ryan and to his daughter Danielle who passed in a boating accident on August 4, 1991. Barb and Larry lived in Mississauga, then moved to Blue Mountain in 1999 where Larry continued his dentistry career, practicing in Meaford. Barb and Larry were delighted to welcome their daughter Renata in 1995 who was raised with compassion and a sense of adventure. After Renata graduated from the University of Waterloo, Barb and Larry supported her enthusiastically in her career as a helicopter pilot.

Her strong passion for her community brought her to volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society for many years, organizing events and fundraising.

Barb enjoyed spending winter weekends skiing with her family and friends out of Toronto Ski Club at Blue Mountain. Her summers were often spent at the family cottage on the Severn River where she enjoyed boating, rowing, swimming and stargazing.

Her adventurous spirit and pure soul will never be forgotten. She will forever be in our hearts, and we will continue to spread the joy she brought to us all.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to the Canadian Heart & Stroke Foundation. A celebration of life will be held at the Toronto Ski Club at 1 p.m. on Saturday September 7, 2024. Arrangements entrusted to Fawcett Funeral Home Collingwood Chapel.

#### **ERIC ROBERT SKEOCH**

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Eric Robert Skeoch, who died suddenly on August 4th, 2024, at the age of 84.

Eric will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Judy and his sons, Robert and David (Julie), his grandchildren, Rachel and Amy, brother Alan (Marjorie), sister-in-law Pam Favager, his nephews Kevin and Andy (Julie), as well as his great nieces and nephew.

Eric was a much-loved principal at North Toronto Collegiate, retiring with Judy to a farm on top of Blue Mountain. He enjoyed the outdoor life and travelling though always looked forward

to returning home to the farm and his beautiful barn where his creative talents in woodworking and gardening began.

His many friends and neighbours relied on barn treasures which Eric was always happy to share accompanied with a funny story on how he acquired the array of gadgets and tools.

His love of the outdoors included skiing, which he enjoyed up to his 83rd year.

Eric was a dog lover for most of his life, but more recently a couple of barn cats, Coco and Harry gave him great joy.

Our family would like to give thanks to the staff at Princess Margaret and Collingwood General and Marine Hospital for the care given to Eric during his illness.

A celebration of Eric's Life took place at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg on Sunday, September 1, 2024.

Eric, we will really miss your witty sense of humour and wonderful stories. We will love and miss you always and forever.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Princess Margaret Hospital, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital or Doctors Without Borders, would be gratefully appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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#### Celebrating 40 Years of Service

The Thornbury/Beaver Valley Lions Club would like to thank the following volunteers, donors, providers and supporters for our recent Anniversary celebration held at the Marsh Street Centre - on the patio!

The event was well attended, the BBQ food was great, as was the music entertainment with the Thirsty Boys. The donation only receipts were generous, the 50/50 a success, and the beer, wine and shooters were well served and appreciated.

A special thank you to our District A9 Zone chairpersons Katie and Tom Gillespie who attended to present a 40 year chevron to our only active Charter Member, Lion Bob Leclair, 93 years young (and still working for a living.)

We would like to acknowledge the following:

Grand View Farms, Independent Grocers, Thornbury Foodland, Cranberry Golf Club, Blue Mountain Golf Club, Side Launch Brewers, Thornbury Cidery, Georgian Peaks Club, Town of The Blue Mountains, The Review, Thornbury Home Hardware, Mike Scarbossa, (Washington Caps), Brenda and Preston, Thornbury Clear Choice, (Apple Hockey jersey), Fred Harrison (Blue Jays tickets), Sarah Harpel, (Bartender), Sherry Kerst and Brenda Prentice, (BBQ Cooks extraordinaire), Joan Gaudet, (50/50), Tim Bristow and Mike Dougall for putting this all together. And a special thank you to all the Lions and supporters who attended to make it a very enjoyable event.

Thank You all!

Respectfully, Lion Tom Kennedy on behalf of our President Lion Marlyn Haigh.

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#### **Grocery Shopping** Alice Otrysko

Do you like it? It has to be done. It's not something I look forward to but we do it every two weeks which lessens the pain of more frequent trips. Of course, if we run out of something in the meantime, it's quick.

We shop carefully and discriminatively since prices have gone up as transportation prices are higher.

There is a method to our shopping. We take two carts, one for my husband and one for me. He does the non edibles . Things like cleaning items, pharma, toiletries, etc. are done in one cart. I do the food

Moving along it is important to check the prices and choose wisely. I'm not that good at price comparison as I tend to get the shopping over with, but I do pretty well. A list is essential.

The idea is to start at the perishables and using your shopping list, pick the best looking produce and definitely place it in the plastic bags they provide. That keeps the item clean and fresh.

I then move up and down the aisles constantly referring to my shopping list.

When finished we meet up and then the worst part is going for check out and packing the stuff in reusable bags. The trunk of my car is full of bags. I hate that. When we used plastic bags, I had a bin in the house to keep them in and we used these plastic bags for a variety of purposes. I miss them and the occasional time we do come across a plastic bag, we save it as if it was a treasure.



Now it comes to the part I absolutely hate: the unpacking from the car. The bags are lugged into the kitchen, placed on the counter and then it's my job to sort and put away. The fridge quickly gets full as does the freezer but we have a pantry and that makes putting away not that bad. When the freezer of the main fridge gets full quickly, the box freezer downstairs is for items not needed immediately.

I buy according to menus I have planned and try to cook for at least 2 days at a time. Those items are kept within easy reach.

Careful planning of menus is an important thing to do. It eases the shopping chore but also saves money as you don't often have to run out and buy without planning.

Cooking at home is healthier and less expensive. I try to make healthy meals and one thing that does save on shopping and money is a veg garden. My vegetable garden is small as we have little space but it produces well. I grow only vegetables that take up little space: lettuce, onions, beans, cucumbers and herbs.

We have to eat. We have to shop for food. Unless you are very wealthy and have a chef, that onerous task is left up to you. Those who have a mate to help shop are lucky. Grocery shopping is hard work. I don't relish it but like many other things in life, wise planning can ease the pain. Have fun. I still prefer it to shopping for clothes.





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#### Pride in Being a Church Lady

One activity that means a lot to me as a new "Church Lady" is working towards recognition of Grace United Church in Thornbury as a congregation that is welcoming to all people regardless of their gender identity and sexual preference.

The rainbow represents people who do not identify or express themselves uniquely as a heterosexual male or female. The typical alphabet is 2SLGBTQIA+ (2-Spirited, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex/Inquiring and Asexual and others).

It was heartwarming during Pride Month to see the growing joy and support for all that is rainbow. But we still have a long way to go. What do we need to do to see and respect every person who is 2SLGTQIA+? What do we know about their lives and struggles? Why is it so hard to respect every person and be joyful about who they love and their gender identity?

These are tough questions, and a lot of people would rather not deal with them. The consequence, however, is that people who are 2SLGBTQIA+ hide who they are, do not feel welcome, and avoid the places where they are not free to live who they are. Grace United Church is seeking to address this injustice.

Official designation as an Affirming Church would means that we are publicly, explicitly and intentionally welcoming of 2SLGBTQIA+. It requires a process of education, discernment as well as open minds and hearts to address the type of questions mentioned above. As a Christian church, it also requires an understanding of Christ's teachings. To this end, Grace United Church is featuring a movie called "1946 The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture". We invite the community to view it and join us in a conversation about what it means. The documentary presents the history of the use of the word "homosexual" in the bible and the complexity of translations over centuries. Please join us on Friday September 20 at 7 p.m., free admission and refreshments, Grace United Church Thornbury



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Jan 1, to Dec 31, 2023

Balance in Branch Poppy Trust Funds

 as of January 1, 2023
 \$19,677.96

 Income from Campaign and all other sources
 \$19,539.53

 Sub Total
 \$39,217.49

Campaign Expenses and

Youth Education Program \$3,339.51

Donations to Veteran Causes \$6,000.00

Total Expenses & Donations \$9,339.51

Closing Balance as of Dec. 31/2023 \$29,877.98



Lawn Signs available, in advance of poppy campaign \$20. Get yours at the Legion, Wed or Fri 3-7pm 204 Marsh Street, Clarksburg

#### Why Delaying CPP is a Smart Move

About a quarter of the Town of The Blue Mountains' population is between 60 and 70 and is eligible for the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), but is there a right age to start receiving it?

Deciding when to start is a complex decision with significant financial implications. The timing affects not only your CPP benefits but also other aspects of your financial plan, such as Old Age Security (OAS), taxes, and investments. Once you start receiving CPP, the decision is irreversible, so careful planning is essential.

Starting CPP early, at age 60, reduces the CPP benefit by 0.6% per month before age 65, totaling a 36% decrease. Conversely, starting CPP later, after 65, increases the monthly CPP payment by 0.7%, or 8.4% annually. If CPP benefits are started at age 70, the CPP benefit is increased by 42%. But, starting CPP later could also mean potentially missing out on payments.

The "break-even" age where you receive the same amount of CPP benefit compared to starting five years later is around 74, if you start at 60; and at age 82 if you delay until 70, compared to starting at 65. The life expectancy of someone aged 65 in Canada is 84.

Historically, the typical advice was to take CPP early, often at age 60, due to immediate financial needs or concerns about not living long enough to benefit from delayed payments. However, if you pass away early, financial concerns are less pressing. The real risk lies in living longer than expected without sufficient resources. Delaying CPP helps mitigate this risk by ensuring a larger income stream that lasts for life.

Despite the advantages of delaying, 90% of Canadians claim their benefits by age 65, and less than 1% take their CPP at age 70. This is often due to a lack of awareness and traditional financial planning norms.

The CPP decision should consider personal circumstances, such as health, life expectancy, and your overall financial plan. If you have sufficient savings, using them as a bridge to delay CPP can be advantageous. Additionally, factors like potential OAS clawbacks, investment returns, and tax implications should be weighed.

It's important to establish a strategy that reflects your unique needs. Talk to your wealth planning team to help ensure you are taking advantage of all the relevant options.

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### Bystanders Save Woman From Sinking Car In Meaford Harbour



At 6:00 pm, on July 29, 2024, 911 received a report of a vehicle that had accidently driven into the Meaford harbour and was submerged in water.

Fortunately for the driver, four instructors from the Georgian Bay Sailing School, who happened to be on site planning their year-end program and a bystander quickly went to help. One person called 911, a second grabbed a hammer, a third got the life ring and they dove into the water to help get her out of the car. After breaking the back window Ilian was able to pull her from the car and within a few minutes of the car going in the harbour they were able to pull the driver from the car and bring her to safety. No doubt this quick and heroic action saved her life.

The young people appreciated their emergency training through the sailing school. Thank you to Griffin Dauphinee, Kyle Gilas, Ilian Halbertsma, Nathan Brand and Rebecca Vail (not in photo) for your quick thinking and bravery!

The 78-year-old driver was observed by EMS with no injuries.

#### Acorn Montessori School

After 18 years in Thornbury, they are thrilled to reopen in September after closing during the pandemic. Under the direction of Katarina Boström, this classroom, dedicated to children 2-6 years of age, has remained in Errinrung Residence with the full range of learning materials waiting for the children's return. Welcome back.

#### Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund is a charitable public foundation with donations being held in an endowed fund. The principle is invested and future earnings will be shared with community projects in The Blue Mountains.





#### Thank You to Local Volunteers of The 599 Garden Club

Each year a dedicated group of volunteers sort and plant the flowerbeds and boxes throughout the town.

Members include Davina Kerr and Kris Wichman, co-chairs; Jackie Stewart, Penny Jerred, Nancy Hart, Anna Aagaard, Nancy Ardiel, Linda Ardiel,



Maryanne Collins Williams, Maggie Maybe, Linda Leone, Louise Lamont, Sandy McMaster, Anna McKenna, Nancy McLarty, Marion Humphries, Sue Novoty, Nancy Harrison, Aileen Kemerer, Eunice VanWert, Carol and John Hethrington.

# Girl Guides

Local Girl Guides celebrated their Advancement for girls moving Guiding levels in June. The Sparks, Embers, Guides and Pathfinders were treated to a BBQ at Sun Resorts, Grey Road 2. Thank you to Sun Resort Manager Debbie Knott and staff for the use of their recreation facility and amenities.

The Advancement ceremony was attended by families of those moving units. This year, it was only Sparks and Embers but there were a lot of them. Guider Valarie Crowe officiated their advancement with assistance from Guiders Wenona Hammond, Barbara Loucks and Beverley Phillips. Once the ceremony was concluded, badges were handed out.

The Guides and Pathfinders next received their badges earned in the latter part of the year and special awards were handed out by Guiders Shirley Woolner and Marianna Reid.

Thanks go out to every Guider who has volunteered their time and talents for the girls this year. We do need new volunteers to work with the girls. Please consider joining us a Guider! Units are now accepting girls for the coming year which begins September 18th. Registration is done online. If you would like information, please call 519-599-3968.

Sparks (5-6) and Embers (7-8) formerly called Brownies, will be meeting at the Baptist Church in Thornbury on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Guides (9-11) and Pathfinders (12-14) will be meeting at the Beaver Valley Community School on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm <a href="https://www.girlguides.ca">https://www.girlguides.ca</a>



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#### **Hey Blue Mountains Families!**

Want to do more to help protect this beautiful corner of our planet? Join CANN's FAMILIES GO GREEN FOR BLUE Fall Program. It's free. And empowering!

Through focus groups held earlier this year,

families from across our municipality told CANN that they're ready and eager to play a bigger part in protecting our Town's environment. But good intentions can feel over-whelming and time consuming to put into action. Some moms expressed doubt about how their families could make a difference when the problems of climate change seem so enormous.

So we started *FAMILIES GO GREEN FOR BLUE* this spring by introducing CANN's community-based *Naturalize Your Yard* program. Over 40 families signed up and many sent in photos of their successes. And we **DID** make a difference!

We know that many hands make light work. Joining others and participating in a community-based effort to reduce carbon pollution makes the task less daunting.

Now, CANN is launching our *FAMILIES GO GREEN FOR BLUE* Fall Program. Join us:

#### Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:30 - 4:00 pm. L.E. Shore Memorial Library in Thornbury

Bring your whole family to our fantastic gathering and celebrate your efforts! You will:

- Learn cool facts about carbon pollution and how to curb it
- Discover ONE easy action to reduce your carbon footprint and save money!
- Share your ideas and green hacks with other families
- Activities for the whole family
   Join our community effort to make our Town of The Blue
   Mountains a greener place

**Email us** at canntbm@gmail.com to let us know you're coming Bring your reusable bottle or cup, and enjoy locally made treats. **Email us** to join in our community-wide effort and get further information

**Come visit** our table at the FALL FAIR – September 6/7<sup>th</sup>. Learn about our program and pick up a tree!

#### Together, Small Steps Lead to Big Changes!



#### The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



#### September 2024:

- Trim back perennials like Daylilies and Iris. My mother always cut
  the iris fans up one side and down the other into a perfect V. But
  she was a picky gardener. Divide them as needed. Make sure it's a
  cool, cloudy day to divide and replant, or to pot up plants for your
  neighbours, or for fall plant sales or exchanges.
- Fall is the ideal time to divide and plant Iris, Daylilies, Peonies and many other perennials. Share extra plants with neighbours. To see my YouTube video on dividing and potting up plants click on - https:youtu.be/KmTTyGNoRB4, but don't laugh at the old man grunting and groaning, as he divides up his perennials.
- Buy and plant spring-flowering bulbs. Your efforts will be handsomely rewarded next spring. Check out the website www. bulbsrus.com for good deals. Dig the hole a little deeper than the specified depth & add some water to the bottom of the hole, then some soil, then a little bonemeal fertilizer or special bulb food. 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. Keep the planted area moist.
- Fertilize lawns with root-building "Fall Fertilizer" with a low first number (Nitrogen) and high second and third numbers (Phosphorus & Potash). Don't use the lawn fertilizer you have left over from the spring, probably with a high first number (Nitrogen). Save it for early next spring.
- Even with the rain we have had this summer, deep down it is probably still dry. Dig a little test hole, say 14"-16" deep. Check the moisture levels at that depth. If the bottom of the hole is dry, water your gardens weekly and deeply until frost. Buy a soaker end and put it on the end of your hose. Then put it in the middle of your relatively flat garden beds and let the water seep slowly in.



#### **Ontario Students Going Back-to-Basics with Fewer Distractions This Fall**

Province limiting cellphone use in class, banning vaping and rolling out more modernized curriculum

CALEDON — The Ontario government is investing \$47.5 million to support safe and healthy learning, along with implementing the most comprehensive plan in Canada to restrict student use of cellphones and ban vaping in schools. By removing distractions, students can focus their attention on academic achievement, which will include modernized courses in business and career studies, and technological education.

"With their constant stream of notifications and pings, it's no surprise to anyone that cellphones constantly grab our attention. This is why it was necessary to restrict cellphones in the classroom and enable students to restore focus on learning so they can achieve better academic outcomes," said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education. "This school year is shaping up to be the first in years without the threat of pandemic disruptions or negotiations with teachers' unions. We're excited for the year ahead where students can look forward to uninterrupted learning, extra-curriculars and a back-to-basics, modernized curriculum that will set them up for success."

The new provincewide measures are taking effect on September 1, 2024 to directly counter the alarming rise of vaping and cellphone distractions in schools. The new rules will help combat the negative impact mobile devices, social media and vaping are having on academic achievement, mental health and physical well-being.

The government is investing \$47.5 million to support the implementation of the new rules, including:

- \$15 million to support the expansion of programs that offer direct supports for students who are at risk of substance use and addictive behaviours
- \$1 million to School Mental Health Ontario to develop webinars and resources for parents and students to learn how to talk about the adverse effects of vaping and excessive cellphone usage
- \$1.5 million for school boards to work with their parent involvement committees to enable parents and community partners to run grassroots campaigns to deter vaping and cellphone distractions

Further, as announced in Budget 2024, \$30 million to school boards for vape detectors and other security upgrades in schools

"By banning vaping in schools, our government is setting students up for success and prioritizing their health and well-being inside and outside the classroom," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP for Dufferin-Caledon. "We are also reminding parents to keep their kids up to date on all routine vaccinations this school year to ensure our schools and communities remain safe for everyone."

Beginning this fall, there will be a new graduation requirement and several new courses for Grade 9 and 10 students as the government continues to modernize the curriculum:

- Grade 9 students will be required to earn a Grade 9 or 10 Technological Education credit as part of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. These courses will allow students to explore and apply fundamental technological concepts as well as the engineering design process.
- Two experiential courses in Business Studies for students in Grades 9 and 10 will help students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset, learn the importance of taking initiative, find creative solutions to issues as well as learn how to start and run a business.
- For Grade 10 students, mandatory learning on mental health literacy has been expanded in the Career Studies course. Students will learn how to recognize the signs of being overwhelmed as well as where to find help locally when

The government has also made a historic \$16 billion investment to support school construction, renewal and improvement over 10 years. Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested more than \$3.6 billion in capital construction projects in education, including 139 new schools, 109 additions and renovations to existing facilities, creating more than 98,000 student spaces and over 8,000 new licensed child care spaces.

Visit Ontario.ca/SchoolRules for more information.

The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023, which received Royal Assent in June 2023, ensures the province's public education system focuses on what matters most: important life-long skills, like reading, writing and math.



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#### **Meeting Dates**

SEPT 27 2024

Beaver Valley Community Centre NOV 27 2024

Ravenna

JAN 9 2025 MAR 2025

Craigleith Heritage Depot To be announced

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#### Notice of Public Meeting: Establishment of a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) By-law and a Municipal Accommodation Tax Reserve Fund

Date of this Notice: August 20, 2024

September 10, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online Town Hall, Council Chambers 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

#### What is being proposed?

The Town of The Blue Mountains Council is considering the implementation of Municipal Accommodation Tax.

Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) is a tax levied on the purchase of transient accommodations within a municipality. The tax can only be applied to the purchase of accommodation and does not apply to incidental fees and charges unrelated to the purchase of accommodation, such as room service, laundry services, parking, etc.

The funds collected through the tax are used to promote tourism and to support tourism-related activities and projects. MAT is governed by Provincial O. Reg. 435/17: Transient Accommodation Tax. The regulation outlines the rules and procedures for the collection and remittance of the tax.

The Draft By-law that will be presented during the public meeting includes details related to the implementation date, tax rate, and collection from applicable accommodation providers, including exemptions and penalties. The By-law has been developed in accordance with provincial regulations and is consistent with other municipalities in Ontario.

To view the proposed by-law, read recent staff reports or learn more about Municipal Accommodation Tax, please visit www.thebluemountains.ca/MAT

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on this matter has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing Staff Report FAF.24.067 and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

#### How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting.

Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

#### How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by **9:00 a.m.**Friday September 6, 2024 will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to 519-599-7723, or emailed townclerk@thebluemountains.ca.

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

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by **Tuesday September 3, 2024.** 

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

#### Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON Fax: 519-599-7723 townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

#### Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Tim Hendry, Manager of Communications and Economic Development; PH: (519) 599-3131 ext. 282; or communications@thebluemountains.ca Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information provided for, or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record, including resident deputations. This information may be posted on the Town's website. and/or made available to the public upon request. This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable and upon request.



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#### Notice of Public Open House and Public Meeting: Official Plan 5 Year Review

Public Open House: September 23, 2024, 3:00pm to 5:00 pm Town Hall, Council Chambers 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

Public Meeting:
October 1, 2024 at 9:30am
Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

#### What is being proposed?

The Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains will be considering a new Draft Official Plan as part of the 5 year Official Plan review. The Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan describes Town Council's policies on how land in the community should be used and helps to ensure that future planning and development will meet the needs of the community. An Official Plan deals with issues such as where housing, employment, agricultural, industrial and commercial uses should be located; what services such as roads, sewers and parks will be needed to support growth; and the way in which parts of the community will grow or be protected.

The Official Plan 5 year review was completed over two Phases. Phase 1 revisions were previously presented to Council through a similar Public Open House and Public Meeting process in 2022. Phase 2 is now complete and a Draft Official Plan that consolidates the work of Phase 1 and Phase 2 is available in Track Changes and a Clean Version for review and public comment.

The Town of The Blue Mountains is looking for public input on the proposed Draft Official Plan. The Public Open House is an opportunity to ask questions and have general discussions with the Town and its consultants on the proposed revisions. The Public Meeting is held in front of Council to receive your written and verbal comments on the planned changes.

#### **Public Meeting Information**

This Public Meeting will be held in-person and 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. All written comments are circulated to Council for their consideration. Comments

received by September 27th will be summarized and read by the Town Clerk at the Meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter at the Virtual Public Meeting is encouraged to pre-register early, and no later than September 24th at 9:00am. For those without a computer, a dial-in number is available.

Anyone wishing to simply view the Public Meeting can do so from the Council Meeting Live Stream section on the Town website.

Written comments can be received by the Town Clerk by email at: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca or by regular mail: Town Clerk, Town Hall, 32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury ON, NOH 2P0

Contact the Town Clerk to pre-register for the virtual meeting at: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca or by calling the Town at 519-599-3131 extension 232 or by Fax: (519) 599-7723

#### What happens at a Public Meeting?

The public meeting is your chance to hear more about the Official Plan 5 Year Review and make your views about it known. You may 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 in-person or virtual Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments either in support or in opposition to the proposed amendments.

#### Where do I find more information about the proposal?

Visit the Official Plan project page on the Town Website: www.tbmblueprint.ca for additional information and regular updates. You may also visit us in Planning Services, at Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or contact the Planner at the contact information below.

#### When will a decision be made?

A decision on this proposal has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Public Meeting.

#### Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing if you wish to receive a notice of any decision of Council on this proposal.

Questions? Want more information? Ask the Planner!

Shawn Postma, Manager of Community Planning; PH: (519) 599-3131 ext. 249 or or Toll Free (888) 258-6867

Email: OPReview@thebluemountains.ca

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#### Notice of Public Meeting: Proposed Telecommunications Tower

Date of this Notice: August 15, 2024 Property Location: 495928 Grey Road 2

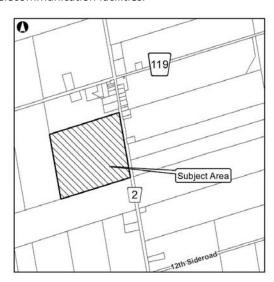
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 9:30am Hybrid Format In-Person AND Virtual/Online Town Hall, Council Chambers 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

#### What is being proposed?

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

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

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



#### Where do I find more information about the proposal?

Our website contains background studies, reports, plans, and drawings. They are available for viewing or download at thebluemountains.ca/rogerstelecom.

You can also scan the QR code.

Or come visit us in Planning Services, Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm or contact the planner for this file.

#### What happens at a 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 proposal.

#### Where do I submit my comments?

Your written comments may be sent to the Town Clerk by mail or in person:

32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury, ON, NOH 2P0

Fax: 519.599.7723

Email: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

#### When will a decision be made?

A decision on this proposal has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Public Meeting. After reviewing the application and any comments received, Town staff will bring a recommendation on this project to a future council meeting. You must make a request in writing if you wish to receive a notice of any decision of Council on this proposal.

#### **Town Contact**

Name, Adam Farr

Email: planning@thebluemountains.ca

Phone: 519.599.3131 ext.263

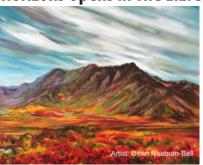
#### **Applicant Contact**

Victoria McKay, Rogers Communications Inc. -Contractor Email: j mckay@rogers.com

#### A Note about information you may submit to the Town:

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#### Horizons Opens in The L.E. Shore Gallery



Whether it's a farmer's field stretching into the distance or the shimmering waters of Georgian Bay... Five painters, Embacher, Michelle Languedoc Fleming, Brian Fray, Dean Raeburn-Bell and Paula Rivers have all been captivated and inspired by this beautiful area and have come together to share their visions.



#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY SEPT. 6TH, 2024 6:00 PM

Marsh Street Community Centre members are invited to attend our AGM.

Attend the meeting in the auditorium at 6:00 pm, then join us after on our patio for drinks and a BBQ.

If you are not registered as a member and would like to join, please visit:

www.marshstreetcentre.com/membership-plan or email us at info@marshstreetcentre.com

We're seeking 3 additional board members.

Interested?

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#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Get ready for Canada's most exhilarating hiking event with a musical twist! On Saturday, September 7th, hit the 5 km trail through the Village and up the Mountain, where four main stages and 18 amazing artists await. Discover live music hidden in nature's embrace. with jaw-dropping views of Georgian Bay and the Mountain as your backdrop. It's a day of adventure, music, and awe-inspiring views.

For more information, visit www.bluemountainvillage.ca





**BEAVER VALLEY FALL FAIR** 

# EEF DINN

**Beaver Valley Community Centre** Sat. Sept. 7, 5:30pm

Adults \$25; 5-11 \$10; under 5 - n/c Call 519-599-3345 for tickets or Tickets available at the Fair Info Booth Friday and Saturday, Sept 6 & 7



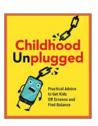




**CHILDHOOD UNPLUGGED:** PRACTICAL ADVICE TO **GET KIDS OFF SCREENS** AND FIND BALANCE

Thursday September 12 at 6pm L.E. Shore Library











L.E. Shore Library | 173 Bruce Street, South TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca | 519-599-3681 libraryprograms@thebluemountains.ca

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**SATURDAY SEPT 14** 

#### **ART FAIRE 11-4PM**

A VIBRANT SHOWCASE OF ART INSIDE THE MARSH STREET CENTRE, OUTSIDE AT THE SHED GREENSPACE, AND AT OUR LOCAL ART GALLERIES

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14 AT 2PM L.E. SHORE LIBRARY

PLEASE RSVP ONLINE

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Tuesday September 17th; 5:00-8:00pm

Side Launch Brewing Company 200 Mountain Rd. Unit 1, Collingwood

AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENING OF STORYTELLING, CULINARY DELIGHTS, TALENTED BAND AND HOPE.

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









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

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#### **Tuesday September 17th**

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







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

#### FRIDAY.

#### SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

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

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

Thank-you for your support!



















#### **MOVIE NIGHT**



Friday Sept 20

REFRESHMENTS **FREE ADMISSION** 

#### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE**









#### Saturday September 28

from 9:00 to 12:00 Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack. **FBM** Repair Café Go Green for a better Blue!

Grace United Church, 148 Bruce St. S. Thornbury repaircafethebluemountains.ca

## WAWAHTE

STORIES OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS

Join us in honouring the children who never returned home and the survivors of the residential school system on National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

#### On September 30th, at 3pm, L.E. Shore Library will be viewing Wawahte.

This hour-long film documentary is a powerful and accessible presentation combining archival images with elements from the Wawahte audiobook. To register call 519-599-3681ext.149/outreach@thebluemountains.ca

# JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY INTHE GALLERY - L.E. SHORE HEMORIAL LIBRARY - THORNBURY

FRIDAY SEPT 27, 2024 - 7:30PM

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**ADMISSION \$30** Purchase tickets by email - thornburyjazz@gmail.com or at these locations

Thornbury Pharmasave, 45 Arthur St. W., Thornbury Gabriele Photography, 133 Hurontario St., Collingwood



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Tickets: \$20 for dinner (incl. dessert) Time: 6pm

> \$10 for kids 5-12yrs Kids under 5yrs eat free

Contact for more information: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 519 599 6645

E-mail: stpaulsthornbury@gmail.com

#### Luminous Watercolours- The Gallery at L.E. Shore Oct 4 - Oct 31 Meet the artists and enjoy some snacks and refreshments on Saturday Oct 5; 2-4pm



Karyn Sturtridge

Tania Klimaski-Hoffman



**CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE** 

On Sunday, October 6th, 8am-noon we're inviting residents of all ages in the Blue Mountains/Collingwood area to join us at Blue Mountain Village to run or walk either 1k or 5k, in support of the breast cancer cause. Registration is now open for this impactful event, and participants can choose to fundraise individually or on a team. cancer.ca/en/get-involved/our-events/cibc-run-for-the-cure



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# FARMS VENDORS









### WWW.EXPLOREBLUE.CA/OPENFIELDS

Join the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority at Eugenia Falls for our annual celebration of the Bruce Trail, Saturday October 6th All are welcome!

A very special thankyou to Grey Sauble Conservation Authority for partnering with us and waiving the usual parking fees for all attendees.

10am–3pm: Visit the Bruce Trail and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority tents for information about the Bruce Trail and Grey Sauble Conservation

10am: Meet a hike leader for a leisurely 3km hike for great views of the Eugenia Falls and Cuckoo Valley. Wear sturdy footwear.

1pm: Choose between a leisurely 2km family-friendly hike with on trail activities or a 3km leisurely hike with views of the falls and Cuckoo Valley. Wear sturdy footwear. Please note that pre-registration is recommended but not necessary.

https://beavervalleybrucetrail.org/





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Rotary Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg invite you to join us November 9th for an evening of glamour and good times at the Georgian Peaks Club.





Dust off your fancy dancing shoes for the 3rd annual Kindness Gala! Mingle, dine, dance, and potentially unlock an exciting prize cage with kindness "keys". Proceeds from this special evening will benefit the Rotary's community initiative, Moreau Park... Kindness at Play! Tickets are \$199. For more information and tickets please go to:







\$80 PER TICKET myescarpment.ca/summit



# The Scent

Summer, summer, wherefore art thou? The days of length, the early dawns, have taken flight, unseemly so, The frenetic relay of summer's baton passed to autumn is twin to life's frenzy. Azure skies retreat, hints of a crispy breeze alert our senses, mists swirl by twirl.

The harvest of grains is the portrait to nature's grace, fruit and veggie abound,

Fields shorn of their generous fleece await the till and plough of farming faith, Grasses flecked with ochre and shadow cease the vigour of growth,

For Creation resets her dress code to match the new season at the gate.

Thus the tree, framed with greenery of foliage, paints leaves to crimson,

And with maternal grace releases her shaking leaf to flutter to Mother Earth.

To our lives we may make comparison, as change and falling are the daily court,

When a season smiles, then frowns, fills the sap of life, then exhausts our breath.

This autumnal passage reveals the cause for hope and trust, disclaims our pain, For a fallen leaf accedes to hugs of gravity, the lofty foliage now humble soil, Yet Nature's scroll exclaims our comfort of truth: the Tree of Life is forever!

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#### **Call for Grant Applications**

Community Foundation Grey Bruce invites charities and nonprofit organizations across Grey and Bruce counties to submit grant applications for Fall Community Grants before September 15, 2024.

Projects must benefit the community in one of the following categories: health and wellness, arts and culture, education and lifelong learning, living standards and housing, the environment, and community connections; areas identified to create healthy communities in the Foundation's Vital Signs® reports.

Eligible non-profits may request up to \$3,000 to support their local projects. Organizations can access the online application form, assessment criteria, and full Vital Signs reports on our website. It is advised that applicants confirm the eligibility of their project by contacting Maryann Almas, Grants Co-ordinator at the Foundation office at 519-371-7203. www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com

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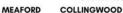


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